



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

March 6, 2014

Parks Operations Building

2529 High Country Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Chuck Thompson
Kamie Long
Richard Edwards
Shirley Nilsen
Teddy Hildebrandt

Special Guest:

Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney
Chris Martinez, Quick Temps

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor
Jessica Dennison, Parks Sr Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Richard Edwards asked to have the wording on Item 6 fixed. Mr. Edwards moved to approve the February 7, 2014 Forestry Board Minutes. Teddy Hildebrandt seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Item 3: Clarifying Workers Compensation

Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney clarified the importance of workers compensation for tree companies and that it is a State law that has always been in effect. The only change is the City of Grand Junction has now made it apparent in our ordinance. Chris Martinez from Quick Temps asked for clarification as to what type of work is acceptable for their employees who are doing temp work for tree companies, since they do not have a City Forestry License. Tom Ziola stated according to the current city ordinance, they could not touch any part of tree, or do anything to a tree. The Forestry Board all agreed that their goals are to; make sure someone onsite knows what they are doing, and have everyone

working onsite be covered by workers compensation. Mrs. Beard will consult with the City Attorney, John Shaver and look into trying to change the verbiage in the City ordinance.

Item 4: Arbor Day 2014 Planning

Arbor Day Posters are due March 21. Forestry Advisory Board members will go through and pick the top posters on March 24 at 1:00. Parks and Recreation employees will vote for their favorite posters and determine the overall Grand Valley winner.

The Forestry Board discussed activities for Southwest Arborfest:

- Seedling Tree Giveaway:
Coordinators: Tom Ziola, Jessica Dennison and Forestry Staff
Details: Giveaway will start at 10:00 at the Lincoln Park Barn.
- Tree Climbing:
Coordinators: Teddy Hildebrandt, Chuck Thompson, Tom Ziola, and forestry staff
Details: Event time 12:00-4:00. Kids under 12 years old will have the opportunity to climb a tree. Teddy, Chuck and Tom will locate two trees for climbing area.
- Win A Tree Contest:
Coordinators: Jessica Dennison and Tom Ziola
Details: Guess the circumference and height of the spruce tree near the barn. The City will donate a tree to the winner.
- Tree Carver:
Coordinators: Teddy and Kelly Hildebrandt and Tom Ziola
Details: Kelly Hildebrandt, from Hildebrandt Tree Tech. will be doing live tree carving at the event. A perimeter fence will be put up around his station.
- Scavenger Hunt: The Forestry Advisory Board agreed to postpone having a scavenger hunt to a later year.
- Pine Cone Race:
Coordinators: Kamie Long, Shirley Nilsen, Richard Edwards and a couple volunteer Master Gardeners.
Details: Race will be categorized by age; under 7, 8-12, and 13 +. Pete Ashmen will MC the race. Tom Ziola will ask Emily Wright, Recreation Coordinator, if the winners could have free recreation passes. After the race, the Arbor Day Student Poster Contest winner will be announced.
- Free Tree Care Services:
Coordinators: Jessica Dennison and Tom Ziola
Details: Jessica Dennison sent letters to all Licensed Tree Care Providers asking to donate volunteer work to those in need. Tom Ziola will also make a personal call to each company to try and find volunteers. Teddy Hildebrandt, T4Tree Services, stated he will volunteer work. A nomination station will be set up at Southwest Arborfest.
- Other Details: Jessica will make large informational signs for each event and throughout the park.

Item 5: Forestry Training Manual Updates

Each Board Member was assigned a section in the Forestry License Training Manual to make sure each test question is addressed in the manual, and to discuss any changes/updates at the next meeting:

- Biology- Shirley (14 questions)

- Tree ID, Selection, Safety, Climbing- Chuck (11 questions)
- Pruning- Kamie (18 questions)
- Health, Abiotic and Biotic and Soils- Teddy (13 questions)
- Matching section- Rich (16 questions)

Each Board Member made several changes to each section and will send changes to Kamie Long to compile. Kamie Long asked the Board to continue making changes and corrections to the manual and test. Mrs. Long reviewed previous tests and made a spread sheet of the most missed which helped find areas where test questions need to be made clearer.

Item 6: Western Slope Tree Care Workshop/ Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference

Kamie Long stated Whitney Crenshaw will be able to speak for the Conference and Thursdays work for him. Tom Ziola stated he would like Whitney to talk about diseases and insects. Insects to include: flea weevils, elm scale, emerald ash bores, aphids, E. mites, pink wilt nematode. Diseases to include: canker, wet wood, powdery mildew, pine, fire blight, anthracnose. Mr. Ziola stated Michael Kuhns could possibly talk about pruning as well as tree drought, and tree selection/tree diversity.

A subcommittee will meet on the side to continue planning for the event. Richard Edwards and Chuck Thompson would like to be part of the subcommittee.

Tom Ziola and Jessica Dennison looked into pricing at Two Rivers Convention Center. If the Conference is held there, the admittance cost will have to go up.

Item 7: New Business

Kamie Long stated that the Yard of the Month Contest is around the corner and monthly prizes need to be rounded up. Teddy Hildebrandt, T4 Tree Services, will donate \$100 worth of fertilizer application or pest control. Shirley Nilsen suggested asking local nurseries to donate. Mrs. Long will contact Bookcliff Gardens and Mt. Garfield Nursery. Mr. Ziola will contact Chelsea Nursery, Meadow Lark, and Valley Grown.

Item 8: Adjourn

Kamie Long reiterated the next meeting date of April 4, and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Chuck Thompson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Dennison