



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

May 2, 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
Elizabeth Neubauer
Kamie Long
Richard Edwards
Shirley Nilsen
Teddy Hildebrandt

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor
Jessica Dennison, Parks Sr Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Richard Edwards moved to approve the March 6, 2014 Forestry Board Minutes. Chuck Thompson seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: Welcome Elizabeth Neubauer

Kamie Long welcomed and introduced new Forestry Advisory Board member; Elizabeth Neubauer. Elizabeth Neubauer gave a brief background of her career in the green industry and stated that trees are close to her heart and is excited to be part of the Board. Welcome aboard Elizabeth!

Item 4: Arbor Day Follow Up

Tom Ziola stated Arbor Day was a huge success. The City of Grand Junction gave away 1500 trees, rulers, and pencils to School District 51 students who participated in the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Mr. Ziola stated due to the amount of administrative work that goes behind organizing the contest, he recommends limiting the contest to 5th grade only, and having online registration to reduce the number of emails. Kamie Long suggested using a paper application for teachers to register. Elizabeth Neubauer

and Mrs. Long stated they would be glad to help organize posters, or help with registration next year. The Forestry Advisory Board agreed they would like to keep the contest open to all grades, but limit the number of participants with first come, first serve, and to come up with a better way to register. Mr. Ziola stated CPC Solutions is looking into sponsoring the State Poster Contest by providing art pads. A spring snow crab tree, and plaque was placed by the tennis courts at Canyon View Park to honor and recognize the overall Grand Valley Poster Contest winner; Sophia Feghali, 4th grader of Holy Family Catholic School. Ms. Feghali was also recognized at a City Council meeting on April 16, 2014.

The Forestry Advisory Board discussed each event at Southwest Arborfest (SWAF). Chuck Thompson stated it was nice having people help harness the kids for the Tree Climbing Area. Mrs. Long estimated 108 kids climbed a tree that day. Mr. Thompson stated there is room for one more belay. Mrs. Long stated the Pine Cone Race had a lot of kid participants, but recommends not having the event next year, as there were a lot of upset kids who had a hard time keeping their pine cone on their spoon. Teddy Hildebrandt stated Kelly Hildebrandt from Hildebrandt Tree Tech. had a blast doing live carving demonstrations. Mr. Ziola stated the City of Grand Junction gave away 500 seedling trees for the Tree Seedling Giveaway. A large tree was given to the winner of Win a Tree Contest, for guessing the closest tree height, canopy width, and diameter of the trunk. Eight applications for the Tree Care Assistance Program were received at SWAF. The Forestry Advisory Board selected six potential candidates to receive tree work from Alpine Tree Services, T4 Tree Services, A Cut Above Tree Service, High Country Tree Service, and AJ & G Tree Service, who in combined, donated 48 hours of tree service.

Item 5: Forestry Training Manual Updates

Kamie Long stated the Forestry Training Manual is coming along great. Mrs. Long stated the soil section and tree and shrub identification section needs updated. Elizabeth Neubauer will review and update the plant growth section. Chuck Thompson will create a quiz for the safety section. Mrs. Long will email the Board the latest version for everyone to review.

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

The Forestry Advisory Board is in the process of asking local companies to sponsor the Workshop to help lower the admittance cost. Sponsors will have the opportunity to set up a booth at the event, and co-sponsor a break. The Board assigned members as followed to ask for donations:

Tom Ziola : All Seasons Rental

Teddy Hildebrandt : Ewing, and Western Implement

Richard Edwards : Grand Junction Pipe

Chuck Thompson, Alpine Tree Services will donate \$250

Kamie Long stated Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) will give \$400 for the workshop. The workshop will be at Two Rivers Convention Center. Tom Ziola stated Teddy Hildebrandt, Chuck Thompson, and the City of Grand Junction Forestry Crew will do a live climbing demonstration in the conference room. Shirley Nilsen suggested having Kurt Thompson, a speaker at ProGreen, talk about irrigation. Mr. Ziola stated to contact Linda Friesen, Parks Maxicom Equipment Operator for more details.

Richard Edwards asked about receiving Certified Educations Unit's (CEU's) for Commercial Pesticide Applicators. Mrs. Long stated she will organized International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) CEU's. Mrs. Nilsen said to receive CEU's for Planet Certified Landscape Technician (CLT) you will need to fill

out a form and mail it to Planet. Mrs. Long stated attendee's will be able to sign up for the conference using the online registration at the CTC store.

Item 7: New Business

Kamie Long stated the Yard of the Month Contest is here and monthly prizes need to be rounded up. Teddy Hildebrandt, T4 Tree Services, will donate \$100 worth of fertilizer application or pest control. Chelsea Nursery and Mt. Garfield have donated gift certificates for a monthly prize. Elizabeth Neubauer will ask Meadowlark Nursery, and Tom Ziola will ask Valley Grown Nursery to donate a gift certificate. Richard Edwards will be the Yard of the Month judge for May, and Ms. Neubauer will tag along with him to learn the ropes.

Item 8: Adjourn

Kamie Long reiterated the next meeting date of June 13, and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Elizabeth Neubauer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dennison