



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

June 13, 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 May 2, 2014 Forestry Advisory Board Minutes. Elizabeth Neubauer seconded the motion to approve.

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

Item 3: Yard of the Month

Richard Edwards, Elizabeth Neubauer and two other volunteers judged eight yards to select May's Yard of the Month winner. The May winner is Jenny Schreiner of 3659 N 15th Street and will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Chelsea Nursery. Each board member was assigned to be a judge, and gift certificates were assigned for each month as followed: June: Elizabeth Neubauer/T4 Trees Gift certificate, July: Teddy Hildebrandt/Valley Grown Nursery certificate, August: Shirley Nilsen/Mt. Garfield Nursery certificate, September: Chuck Thompson/Ms. Neubauer will contact Meadow Lark for certificate.

Ms. Neubauer stated Colorado State University (CSU) Master Gardener's may have volunteers to help judge Yard of the Month. Richard Edwards also suggested asking the current Yard of the Month winner to judge the following month

Item 4: Forestry Training Manual Updates

Richard Edwards expanded the soil section, and general tree care section of the training manual. Mr. Edwards also made suggestions to the Additional Resources section. Elizabeth Neubauer will review and update the plant growth section. Chuck Thompson will create a quiz for the safety section. Kamie Long stated the goal will be to have the Forestry Training Manual and License Test completed by December for the Western Slope Tree Care Workshop.

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

Michael Kunz, Extension Forestry Specialist at Utah State University, has confirmed he is available to speak at the Western Slope Tree Care Workshop at a reduced cost. Tom Ziola stated a flight might be a more convenient way for Mr. Kunz to travel. Jessica Dennison will look into prices for flights.

The Forestry Board decided to offer co-sponsorship breaks at \$250, and full break sponsorships at \$500, to help supplement the costs for attendees. Richard Edwards and Kamie Long wrote up a Donation Request Letter to give to each possible sponsor. Mr. Ziola stated Global Machinery will possibly donate \$500. Teddy Hildebrandt stated Ewing might also donate, and has not heard from Western Implement. Mr. Edwards has not heard from Grand Junction Pipe. T4 Tree Services and Alpine Tree Services will each donate \$500 and will be full break sponsors.

Kamie Long stated an irrigation speaker is still needed for the conference. The speaker will be given two sessions to talk; one of them will be a break out session. Mrs. Long stated Carl Wilson, Colorado State University Extension in Denver, has retired, and did not have any references for anyone to speak on irrigation. Shirley Nilsen stated she has received, and will look into references given by Linda Friesen, Parks Maxicom/Irrigation Operator. Vince Urbina, Colorado State Forest Service is also working on finding a speaker. The Forestry Advisory Board mentioned Ram Khalsa or Artith from CSU to possibly contact to speak at the event.

Kamie Long asked the Forestry Advisory Board to brainstorm titles for the conference, and to decide on one by the next Forestry Advisory Board meeting. A few titles were mentioned: "Give 'Em a Drink" and "Trees and Drought". Jessica Dennison will send out "Save the Dates" in July.

Item 7: New Business

Richard mentioned there are quite a few class "C" companies that are not licensed, and at what point do you begin enforcing? Mr. Edwards went on to say that the issue may be lack of knowledge about City Ordinances and suggested handing out a "Did You Know" postcard to landscape companies. Mr. Edwards will create a postcard for the Forestry Board to handout. Elizabeth Neubauer stated Migrant Services in Fruita would be able to translate the postcard in Spanish. Kamie Long stated Landscapes West handed out a list of local landscape companies. Mrs. Long suggested splitting the list out for the Forestry Advisory Board to contact, informing them about the City Ordinances in regards to trees. Mr. Ziola thanked the Forestry Advisory Board for bringing companies out of compliance to his attention.

Teddy Hildebrandt asked the Forestry Board, if someone is a Certified Pesticide Applicator, and are applying for a class “B” spraying license only, would they need to take the Forestry License test. Tom Ziola stated he would check with legal and the Parks Department Team. The Forestry Advisory Board suggested renaming the class “C” title from spraying, to Pesticide Applicator License since anyone who is contract spraying, has to have a pesticide applicator license.

Mr. Ziola thanked Alpine Tree Services for their tree climbing training for City Forestry employees. Mr. Ziola went on to state that CIRSA put on a webinar for Emerald Ash Bore, Hazard Tree Risk Assessment. Mr. Ziola stated forestry crews are busy cleaning up fallen trees and limbs due to the high winds that went through Grand Junction over the weekend.

Item 8: Adjourn

The Forestry Board changed the next meeting date to be held on Tuesday, July 1 at Main Street Bagels. Kamie Long asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Teddy Hildebrandt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dennison