



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

August 1, 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

City Council Member

Marty Chazen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Richard Edwards moved to approve the July 1, 2014 Forestry Advisory Board Minutes. Chuck Thompson seconded the motion to approve.

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

Item 3: Yard of the Month

Teddy Hildebrandt and two other volunteers judged ten yards to select July's Yard of the Month winner. The July winner is Ben McKinstry of 731 Egret Circle and will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Valley Grown Nursery. Marty Chazen, and Shirley Nilsen will judge in August.

Item 4: Forestry Training Manual Updates/ Forestry Licenses

There are no further updates on the Forestry Training Manual. Richard Edwards contacted a couple unlicensed tree care providers encouraging them to get licensed. Jessica Dennison found a few other companies that need to be notified about City Forestry Licensing Policies.

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

Vince Urbina, Colorado State Forest Service contacted Perry Cabot, PhD Extension Agent at Orchard Mesa Research Station, and Greg Litus, Manager at Orchard Mesa Research Station. One of them should be available to speak about irrigation for the workshop. Kamie Long stated Mr. Cabot/Mr. Litus will need five to six bullet points to talk about. Richard Edwards suggested a topic about the issues of bubblers on newly planted trees. Shirley Nilsen suggested a topic about gallons per minute and what is required for trees. Tom Ziola stated he would like to contact Michael Kuhns, Extension Forestry Specialist at Utah State University, to discuss talking points for “Trees and Drought,” before an agenda is set for the irrigation speaker. Mrs. Long stated that the Large Tree Care group (Chuck Thompson, Teddy Hildebrandt, Kamie Long, and Tom Ziola) will need to meet soon to discuss topics and create an agenda for their session.

Kamie Long is setting up Certified Arborist and Municipal Arborist exams, as well as Certified Education Units (CEU’s) through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). Elizabeth Neubauer will set up CEU’s through the Associated Landscaped Contractors of Colorado (ALCC), and for Commercial Pesticide Applicators. Ms. Neubauer will have the Colorado Department of Agriculture post the event on their website calendar. Save the Dates for the workshop will be mailed out today.

Item 7: New Business

Jessica Dennison invited the Forestry Advisory Board to take part of the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) listening tour which will be held on August 7, from 4:30 – 7:30 pm at the Mesa County Workforce located at 512 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction. GOCO has provided Mesa County over \$32.5 million in lottery revenues for outdoor recreation and land conservation, and they would like the Forestry Board to help set GOCO’s priorities for the next five years.

Kamie Long has been hired by the City of Grand Junction to continue inventorying city right-of-way trees. The City of Grand Junction Forestry and Information Technology (IT) Divisions are working diligently on setting up Lucity, the City’s asset management and work order database, as well as Inframaps, field maps to maintain the current inventory and set up a work order, inspection system. Lucity is able to calculate tree value, help prioritize tasks, and keep a history of tree work for each city tree. Tom Ziola stated his goal is to have the core of the City inventoried, and work our way out. It will take many years to complete due to limits of city personnel and budget restraints.

Item 8: Adjourn

Kamie Long reiterated the next meeting date of September 5,2014, 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 5 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dennison