



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board
Minutes
“Unofficial Meeting”*

*September 5, 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

Shirley Nilsen

City Council Member

Marty Chazen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor

Item 2: Approve Minutes

No quorum to approve August's minutes.

Item 3: Yard of the Month

Shirley Nilsen, Marcia Hudson, Marty Chazen and his wife judged 12 yards to select August's Yard of the Month (YOM) which was, 2661 Aster Court the home of Tyne and Joy Bush. Mrs. Nilsen will contact the Bushes and invite them to the September 17 City Council Meeting. Mrs. Nilsen will present the plaque and a \$50.00 gift certificate from Mt. Garfield Greenhouse & Nursery at the meeting. Tom Ziola will not be able to attend as he, and his Forestry crew will be attending a chainsaw training in Montrose. Mrs. Nilsen commented that one of the homeowners came out and was inquiring why we were stopped and looking at the yard so long. Kamie Long suggested that we start putting the "Your home has been nominated for yard of the month" door hangers on the doors again. Tom Ziola indicated that he was at someone's home and they still have the door hanger they received displayed at their home.

Item 4: Street Tree Inventory

Kamie Long has completed the street tree inventory for this year. A total of 14,700 trees were inventoried for a value of 3.4 million dollars. David Hood at the City of Grand Junction's GIS

Department has all the shape files. The inventory includes the number of trees, their values, species, size and location of the home's landscape. The value is determined by a formula determined by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). Elms alone are valued at 1.2 million. The City has been planting Frontier elm and Acolade elm and they seem to do well in the valley. David Gordon has set traps in many locations throughout the City to determine if the Emerald Ash Bore has arrived.

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

Kamie Long indicated that it is time to buckle down on organizing the workshop and putting together an agenda.

- Kamie Long needs a description from Mike Kuhns in order to apply for Continuing Education Units (CEU's) from ISA.
- The City of Grand Junction Tree Licensing and ISA Certification testing will be in the same rooms
- Mrs. Long will meet with the two Irrigation speakers from Colorado State University (CSU) Extension office and make a determination on who will be the best speaker

Item 7: New Business

- The "Did You Know" forestry license windshield inserts have been approved the City Attorney to place in the driver side door window.
- Jessica Dennison and Randy Coleman are attending a Lucity conference to learn more about the tree inventory software
- Received an e-mail from Lorie Gregor to take down the Arbor Day posters on September 29th.
- A new Legend Enstrom's sculpture will be dedicated on September 26th and will be located in front of Las Maranis at 7th and Main.
- On September 26 ,North Ave from 1st street to 12th street, will be renovated with fresh granite, curbing repair and replacement, light pole painting, irrigation installation and trees planted in the center islands. It is an enormous project that will be completed in 12 hours. Marty Chazen expressed that the North Avenue businesses will be pleased and they are in the process of forming a business committee similar to the downtown development committee.

Item 8: Adjourn

Kamie Long reiterated the next meeting date of October 3,2014.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Nilsen