



***Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board
Minutes***

January 9, 2015

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
Teddy Hildebrandt

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Teddy Hildebrandt moved to approve the November 7, 2014 Forestry Board Minutes. Chuck Thompson seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 3: Elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Forestry Advisory Board unanimously voted to reelect Kamie Long as Chairperson, and Shirley Nilsen as Vice-Chairperson.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

Item 4: City of Grand Junction Forestry Update

Tom Ziola stated the Parks Department hired James Elkins as a full time equipment operator for the Forestry Division. The Forestry Division crew lead position is still in the process of being filled. This position will mainly focus on insect and disease.

Item 5: Forestry License Training Manual

Kamie Long asked the Forestry Advisory Board to read over the training manual for the final review. Please bring all your suggestions to the next meeting on Thursday, February 5.

Item 6: Planning for Arbor Day and Yard of the Month

Tom Ziola gave Kamie Long seeds from the State Champion Dawn Redwood tree located here in Grand Junction, to begin growing seedling trees at the Fort Collins Nursery for the City of Grand Junction's Arbor Day Program.

Board members began discussing 2015 Southwest Arbor Fest and decided to move forward with having a Kids Tree Climbing area, Guess the Height and Width of a Tree, Tree Seedling Giveaway, as well as a kids activity. Shirley Nilsen will contact Lowe's on kids building bird houses at the event.

The 2015 Arbor Day Student Poster Contest will be open to K-5th grade students of local School District 51 schools. Flyers will need to be sent out to schools informing them of the program. Tom Ziola will contact CPC Solutions, as well as Peczuh for bids on Arbor Day poster pads of paper. Jessica Dennison suggested only providing a single pad of paper to each class, versus each student to save on costs. Shirley Nilsen stated someone will need to contact the School District about protective laws on displaying student's names on the winning posters at City Hall.

The Forestry Advisory Board will be going on their eighth year for Yard of the Month. Each board member will be assigned one month to organize, judge yards, interview winners, as well as write an article for the Daily Sentinel.

May: Richard Edwards

June: Chuck Thompson

July: Teddy Hildebrandt

August: Shirley Nilsen

September: Elizabeth Neaubauer

Forestry Advisory Board will contact sponsors to give a \$25-\$50 donation for each monthly winner.

Shirley Nilsen: Home Depot and Lowes

Tom Ziola: Bookcliff Gardens

Chuck Thompson: Murdoch's

Teddy Hildebrandt: T4 Tree Service will sponsor a month.

Thank You letters need to be written to last year's sponsors.

Item 7: New Business

Chuck Thompson suggested the goal of the Forestry Board this year should be to build relationships between local tree care companies and the City of Grand Junction and Forestry Board, by having a "Day in the Park". It would be an opportunity to come together, share ideas, and have a BBQ. The Forestry Advisory Board all agreed to the idea of a BBQ, and to also provide classes to these companies throughout the year. April 23, 2015 is the first scheduled "Evening in the Park", starting at 5:00 PM.

Item 8: Adjorn

Kamie Long reiterated the next meeting date of **Thursday** February 5, 2015 and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Shirley Nilsen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dennison