



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

February 5, 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 8:12 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Chuck Thompson
Richard Edwards
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Tom Ziola moved to revise the January 9, 2015 Forestry Board Minutes Item 6 3rd paragraph to read: The Forestry Advisory Board will be going on their 5th year for Yard of the Month. Teddy Hildebrandt made a motion to accept the revised minutes and it was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Item 3: Update from the City Forestry Division:

- Tom Ziola explained that the Jessica Denison's Parks Administrative Assistant position had not yet been filled but will hopefully be by the March meeting
- Tom also announced that he will be taking a Plant Health Care Crew Lead position and still be there to support the Forestry Board and help with Arbor Day events. His position will be open internally and will be filled by the end of the month
- Parks has been working on the Horizon Drive irrigation and vegetation project.
- Canyon View Park has received a donation for new playground equipment
- Los Colonias project is in progress with a new restroom/shelter and parking lots. It will have a native arboretum, and the Forestry Board may be involved in this portion of the project

- Thirty Five trees are being planted on the Parkway near Doug Jones Sawmill
- The 2015 Tree Diversity Conference is scheduled for March 6 at the Denver Botanical Gardens
- The Tree Care provider licensing process is going well, four companies are scheduled to be tested next week

Item 4: Yard of the Month

- Was any one successful in obtaining donations? No, Kamie with send a donation request letter to Murdock's to ChuckThompson

Item 5: Tree Care License Training Manual

- A state employee thoroughly reviewed the manual and had many good suggestions that Kamie discussed and incorporated into the document
- Please review the document again

Item 5: Arbor Day

- Tom Ziola will contact CPC Solutions and Precision Printing to obtain a price for printing of the pads for the poster contest.
- A cover sheet will be printed and given to the schools with the pads – one sheet per student
- A kid's activity like a coloring contest was discussed and having Rec Bucks for prizes again
- Kamie Long will check on other kids activities
- Tom has ordered 1,500 trees for the event
- Teddy **Hildebrant** suggested that for the older kids ages 12 – 18 we include a throw bag activity He will request a donation from the Grand Junction Rock Climbing Center for this activity
- The winning posters will be displayed in the Central Mesa County Library this spring
- Shirley Nilsen will do research on how to properly disinfect hard hats for the tree climb

Item 6: New Business

- Rich Edwards will check with ALCC and see if they would be interested in attending the April 23rd Relationship Building barbecue.
- The Board may want to start working on an Existing Tree Ordinance about construction tree preservation

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on March 5th at 8:00 a.m. Rich Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Thompson seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Nilsen