



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

March 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 8:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Chuck Thompson
Richard Edwards
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen
Elizabeth Neubauer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Rich Edwards moved to accept the February 5, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Emily McCauley.

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

Item 3: Update from the City Forestry Division:

- Tom Ziola explained that Shirley Nilsen has been helping with Arbor Day by asking Karen Peterson to create the invitation, and contacting schools and School District No. 51 to post the invitation on their website. We have approximately 1300 students that will be working on Posters for the Arbor Day Poster contest. Richard Edwards has been a big help by delivering invitations and posters to the schools.
- Shirley Nilsen is also working with the City's GIS Department to develop GIS maps that will show the electrical outlets on Main Street and Colorado for downtown events and holiday lighting.
- The Parks Supervisor Position to replace the Forestry/Horticulture Supervisor has been delayed because another Supervisor Position was opened. Which pushed back Tom Ziola's transfer to

the Forestry Crew Leader position. Tom plans to remain active with the Forestry Board and support where ever he is able.

- Parks has been working on the Horizon Drive irrigation and vegetation project for the new roundabouts going in this fall.
- Canyon View Park has received a donation for new playground equipment and the existing playground equipment at Canyon View may be setup at Los Colonias park.
- Independence Academy has started construction on their new school on the Matchett property
- The Parks Maintenance crews are compiling an independent audit by inventorying all the irrigation delivery systems in each park for quality operation and watering efficiency. Each system will be rated and prioritized with recommended improvements.
- The Parks Senior Administration position has closed and HR received 135 applications. Interviews will take place on Thursday March 12. Equipment Operator Ryan Dennison has accepted a position in Craig, Colorado and he and Jessica will be moving in the near future.
- Forestry Board members discussed and identified poor tree trimming performed by businesses in the City
- Companies successfully passing the Forestry Board Licensing test are being posted on the City's website by Judith Rice
- Tom Ziola, Kamie Long and several City Forestry employees will be attending the Tree Diversity workshop tomorrow at the Denver Botanical Gardens.

Item 4 Tree Care License Training Manual

- The Tree Care License Training Manual has a couple more revisions and should be updated by the April Forestry Board meeting.

Item 5: Arbor Day

- Shirley reported that the hard hats for the Tree climbing activity can be disinfected by spraying with Lysol and wiping out with a paper towel
- Tom reported that Precision Printing created the pads of poster paper for the Arbor Day poster contest, and pens, pencils and 2100 seedling trees will be given out for the celebration
- Approximately 1300 students will be participating in the contest and a large location like Lincoln Park Barn will make it easier for judging
- Tom Ziola reserved the Lincoln Park Barn for judging from 9-12 am on March 24
- Elizabeth McCauley offered to ask college students to help setup tables at the Barns
- Grand Valley Climbing wall will be donating passes for the SWAF bag throw contest
- Kamie shared ideas for another Kids activity and the Board was very excited to select a Hand Tree activity, we will need glue sticks, crayons, construction paper
- Emily offered to ask a couple artists if they would paint the trunk of the tree
- Shirley or the new Administration Assistant will have a spreadsheet of the schools and grades participating so we can keep track of the names of the winners
- Tom will purchase the root beer as prizes
- Shirley will check with Tina Ross in Rec to see if we can borrow scissors and small table and chairs
- Kamie would like to have a name a tree contest also, and it was suggested to incorporate this into the height and width of a tree contest

Item 6: New Business

- Rich Edwards has spoken with ALCC and wanted to know if it would be ok to invite suppliers as well to the April 23rd Meet and Greet
- Tom has reserved the Elm Shelter in Lincoln Park for the evening

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on April 8 at 8:00 a.m. Rich Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth McCauley seconded it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Nilsen