



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

April 8, 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, Shirley Nilsen at 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long (Conference Call)
Chuck Thompson
Richard Edwards
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen

Board Members Absent:

Elizabeth Neubauer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Forestry Crew Leader
Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor
Darcy Austin, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Rich Edwards moved to accept the March 6, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Item 3: Update from the City Forestry Division:

- Richard Edwards asked about the status at Las Colonia's and Randy Coleman stated that they are currently working on the restrooms and Tom Ziola noted that they are also completing other 1st Phase stages such as the parking lot and native arboretum.
- Parks crews are working on spraying trees, getting all Parks water turned on and wrapping up all stumps. Also noted the four openings for full time Equipment Operators and an opening for Forestry Crew Lead.

- The Grand Opening for the new playground at Canyon View Park is planned for May 9, 2015. Any playground equipment that is still in good shape will go to Las Colonia's Park. Carlson Memorial will be making the entrance sign for the new playground.
- Rich Edwards inquired if any of the tree companies had been invited to the Meet and Greet scheduled for April 23rd. It was decided by the group to postpone the Meet and Greet to a later date

Item 4: Forestry Test

- "Do it All" Tree Service out of De Beque took the test recently and passed with 94%.
- Tom Ziola stated that there is someone pruning around Sportsman's Warehouse that isn't licensed and isn't doing quality work.
- Randy Coleman stated that having the ½ sheet "Did You Know" available all the time is difficult, it might be better if they were business card size so that they are always on you. Also posting that notice in the classifieds near the list of tree care providers.
- Chuck Thompson mentioned that it is difficult to find the tree provider list on our website and Randy Coleman stated that he will be working to update the forestry section of the site. Shirley Nilsen said we could also do "We are glad you asked", which is a portion of the City Website. Tom Ziola and Chuck Thompson also said we could try Free Press and/or Thrifty Nickel.

Item 5: Arbor Day

- Shirley Nilsen showed the winning poster, who was Isabella Pairier a 4th grader from Independence Academy. We have five schools ready to sign up for their Arbor Day Presentation. The school is moving over to the Matchett Park property and it was discussed if the tree could be put there but with construction it is best for it to go somewhere else. The mother wants it to be at Lincoln Park. All school presentations will be April 13th – 17th and we will have trees and pencils (as available) for all schools. Times/Dates were set up with staff and board members.
- Round group discussion on events and prizes for Southwest Arbor Festival. Also discussed when and where everyone is needed for the event. (Event was subsequently canceled due to weather)
- Teddy Hildebrandt asked about the donations for tree care that we did last year but with the lack of time implementing it would be difficult.

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on May 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin