



GRAND JUNCTION FORESTRY ADVISORY



BOARD MINUTES

Grand Junction Parks Maintenance Facility
Lincoln Park

December 1, 2000

Called to order by Vince Urbina at 8:00 am.

Roll Call:

Board Members present: Vince Urbina
 David Hoefler
 Steve Gerow

Parks Dept. Staff Present: Mike Vendegna

Non Board Members Present: None

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

October 6th meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

ITEM 2: REPORT FROM CITY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:

1. Mike reported that 80% of November, the entire forestry crew and three members of the horticulture crew have been inspecting and installing Christmas lights on Main Street, City Hall, Visitor Convention Bureau, Parks Administrative Office, Two Rivers Convention Center and 12th and North Ave.
2. We are still waiting for the new chipper, tree spade and sweeper to be delivered.
3. The entire Forestry Crew and most of the Parks Department Crews will be attending the Progreen Expo, January 2nd to the 5th.

4. The Forestry Division has a new full time equipment operator position approved for 2001. Advertisements and interviews will be scheduled for mid December and the person is scheduled to start January 2, 2001.

ITEM 3: OLD BUSINESS:

WESTERN SLOPE TREE CARE WORK SHOP, WRAP-UP

The workshop was held on November 9th at Two Rivers Convention Center and Mike reported it was a huge success. The evaluations received by attendees, (85) out of (122), were all very positive. Speakers did an excellent job and the information was technical yet easy to understand. The facility was the best ever and the feed back was again very positive. Vince asked if anyone had ideas for next years program? Dave suggested fertilizing, small tree pruning and a discussion regarding the champion tree program and the champion trees of Grand Junction. Dave felt the only negative aspect of the workshop was the fact that only three out of the eleven-licensed tree trimmers in Grand Junction attended this year's workshop. He suggested we try to find incentives to get all the licensed trimmers to next year's program. Steve suggested he would talk to not only the licensed trimmers, but also the nursery people now, and at the time of next year's workshop. He would also ask them for their ideas for workshop topics. Vince suggested we book Two Rivers as soon as possible due to the remodel to take place next year. Mike said he would take care of setting up the 2001 program. Mike also suggested we look at having a program regarding shrub care at the workshop. Vince thought that was a good idea but we should not branch out to roses, that is Curt Swifts expertise. All agreed and Steve suggested board members think about topics and we discuss it at the next meeting, all agreed.

BOARD MEMBER TERMS AND ADDRESS UP-DATE

Mike said he received a memorandum from the City Clerks office regarding the board members terms for Dave and Steve. Dave said he had received the same letter and has already responded. Steve said he would deal with the matter as soon as possible.

BOARD MEMBER NAME TAGS

Mike gave each member a new forestry board nametag. Nametags are blue with white lettering.

ITEM 4:NEW BUSINESS:

NEWS PAPER ARTICLES, PUBLIC AWARENESS INFORMATION

Dave stated he has contacted the Daily Sentinel regarding a once a month article related to trees and tree maintenance. The Daily Sentinel does not want a monthly article but would welcome feature articles about every three months. Dave suggested a seasonally related article that would give tree care tips related to that time of year. Also the 100 year old tree search, Ash boor insect problems, etc. Mike suggested Arbor Day, Western Slope Tree Care Workshop, etc. Dave suggested working closely with Curtis Swift and his articles. Also having articles printed in each issue of City lights. Maybe titled "City Trees". Mike said he would contact Kristin Win.

5TH STREET TREES

Dave asked if the strip of landscaping in front of library property along 5th Street, North of Grand Avenue was in city right-of-way. If so, are we going to plant trees there? Mike said he didn't know but he would look into it and have a report for the next board meeting.

GOOD JOB VINEYARD CHURCH

Dave reported that he was impressed with the landscaping at the new Canyon View Vineyard Church. Not only was the landscape design done very well but the choice of trees and shrubs were excellent. He suggested the board write a letter to the church commending them on a job well done. Vince thought it was an excellent idea. Dave volunteered to write the letter. Mike and Vince said that would be great and thank you.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Dave showed the board a book he got in Fort Collins called "The Simple Act of Planting a Tree" The book is distributed by the Colorado State Forest Service. He stated it is an excellent reference guide for Forestry Boards and Forestry Divisions. It also shows ways of organizing incentives to have licensed tree care professionals attend workshops. Mike thought the book would be excellent for the board and the forestry division to have and he would like to buy one. Vince said he would see if he could get one for Grand Junction.

GRAND JUNCITON ARBORETUM

Dave said he has taken off some time for organizing the arboretum and would like to get back to it. He asked if anything has been done to this point. Mike stated nothing has. Dave said he would contact Shawn Cooper and would like to develop a list of requirements and desired trees for an Arboretum. Both Mike and Vince said that would be an excellent idea and they will help any way possible.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 am

Respectfully submitted

Mike Vendegna
Grand Junction Parks Department
Forestry Maintenance Supervisor

