



GRAND JUNCTION FORESTRY ADVISORY



BOARD MINUTES

Grand Junction Parks Maintenance Facility
Lincoln Park

February 2, 2001

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

Roll Call:

Board Members present: Vince Urbina
 David Hoefler
 Steve Gerow
 Mitch Elliot

Parks Dept. Staff Present: Tom Ziola
 David Bullen

Non Board Members Present: Jim Matthews

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

December 1, 2001 meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

ITEM 2: REPORT FROM CITY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:

1. Tom reported that Christmas lights on Main Street are scheduled to stay on until after February 14th. DDA has requested that the trunk wrapped trees remain on all year long. Mike is still investigating that possibility.
2. 2001 Street Tree Planting. Tom Ziola and Bubba Bullen are updating the tree inventory of the annexed areas, developing a planting list of all areas and contacting homeowners.

3. We are ahead of last year in regards to tree removals. Street trees are almost complete. Park, Golf Course and Cemetery removals are scheduled to begin as soon as possible.

4. The new chipper, tree spade and sweeper have been delivered. We were given a 10” and not the 9” chipper we ordered due to a factory problem. Good deal for us.
5. The entire Forestry Crew and most of the Parks Department Crews attended the Progreen Expo, January 2nd to the 5th. Many of the crewmembers received green school certificates.
6. The Forestry Division has a new full time equipment operator, Dan Wiedrich. Dan interviewed well and was offered the position, in-which he accepted and started January 2, 2001.

ITEM 3: OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD MEMBER TERMS AND ADDRESS UP-DATE

Mike has received a memorandum from the City Clerks office regarding the board members terms that are due to expire for Dave and Steve. He has requested that Steve sign the letter he has written regarding his reappointment. Also that Vince sign the letter regarding his recommendation to have Steve re-appointed. Both members signed the letters. Members reviewed the address sheet and made necessary changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tom stated that Mike requested the board elect officers at this meeting. Dave Hoefer nominated Vince for board chair. Steve second, all approved. Steve volunteered for the vice-chair position. Dave nominated him, Mitch second and all approved. As stated by Chair Vince Urbina, he will remain as Forestry Board Chair and Steve Gerow will replace Dave Hoefer as Vice-Chair.

GOOD JOB VINEYARD CHURCH

At the December 1st meeting 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 had written a letter to the church commending them on a job well done and had sent the letter to Mike and Vince for editing and approval. He asked if anything had been done with the letter. Vince said that the letter had been put on Forestry Board letterhead, Vicki designed and printed board letterhead, and it has been mailed. Dave thanks everyone involved.

LICENSED TREE TRIMMERS

Jim requested an up dated list of licensed tree trimmers. Tom said he would past his request on to Mike.

ARBOR DAY 2001

Tom reported the dates for Arborfest 2001 would be April 19th for the school program and April 21st for the citywide adult program. Trees have been ordered from Palisade Greenhouse. These will be the best trees we have ever had. Vince asked if there was an established program yet. Tom said to the best of his knowledge there wasn't one but he was sure Mike would take care of that. Vince suspects Mike will, he usually does it all, but the Forestry Board needs to be more involved and help. He stated we know what works so let's not re-create the wheel. Dave suggested that in the future we plant Western White Pine. Mitch stated he will volunteer himself and his Mesa State crew to assist anyway possible. Vince thought that removing a tree and planting a new tree has worked well in the past. Bubba said there are 89 trees in the city nursery to be removed and we could transplant one of these. Tom Ziola stated the one problem so far is that Arborfest and Southwest Fest falls on the same day. He said Mike thought it may be a good idea to combine the two on Main Street and still have the program at the Lincoln Park barn only a smaller vision. The entire board thought that was a good idea. Dave suggested that we have a small tree pruning demonstration and get potted trees to prune. Steve said he would supply the trees. Bubba suggested that Dave Hoefers "kids be trees" exercise was valuable in the past and he would recommend we have Dave do it again. It is a good way to break up the program and keep the kids from being so restless. Dave said he would be happy to. Vince stated he feels the Mayor should attend to read the proclamation. He also feels the Council should be more supportive. He will discuss it with Mike and develop a plan to have as many Council members and the City Manager at "Arborfest 2001"

Possible program ideas, reading of the proclamation, Mitch and his crew to conduct the spray program, Small tree planting demonstration. Mike does his thing with the kids in the beginning to get them pumped up and thinking about trees. Vince suggested we move on and discuss this at the next meeting with Mike, all approved.

ITEM 4:NEW BUSINESS:

COLORADO TREE COALITION

Dave reported to the board that the Colorado Tree Coalition has a Select Tree Evaluation Program. The purpose of the program is to help evaluate the ability of new and underutilized trees to grow and survive in Colorado and to educate program cooperators and others about the growth and performance characteristics of select trees. They are selling trees for \$65.00 each in-groups of there per selected site. The trees selected for the program this year are Shumard Oak, Chinkapin Oak and White Spruce. Dave suggested the city apply. There are only five sites

selected each year and Grand Junction would be an excellent program site. Tom said he thought this was an excellent idea and he would give the information to Mike.

TREES AROUND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Dave suggested the city consider planting trees around the perimeter of the Police and Fire department buildings between 6th and 7th and Ute and Pitkin. Steve suggested the Forestry Board write a letter. Dave said he would and Tom said he would pass this information on to Mike.

QUESTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL:

Jim suggested that the Forestry Board develops a list of questions and presents them to the candidates for the city council posts in the upcoming election. He feels this would be a good way to get the candidates attention that the forestry board exists and how they feel about urban forestry. Jim requested the board gives this idea some thought, Tom passes the information on to Mike and we discuss it at the next meeting. He also suggested if the board likes the idea, they jot down some ideas and he would be willing to compile the information and carry the ball. Vince said thank you Jim; this is a good idea.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 am

Respectfully submitted

Mike Vendegna
Grand Junction Parks Department
Forestry Maintenance Supervisor



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FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA***

*GRAND JUNCTION PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY
LINCOLN PARK*

March 2, 2001

8:00am.

ITEM 1: Approval of minutes from last meeting:

February 2, 2001 meeting

ITEM 2: Report from City Forestry Department:

ITEM 3: Old Business:

1. Arbor Day 2001
2. CTC Select Tree Evaluation Program

ITEM 4: New Business

1. ISA - Certified Arborist Test

If you have any questions please contact Chair - Vince Urbina, 248-7325 or
Mike Vendegna, 254-3849

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor