



***FORESTRY ADVISORY  
BOARD MINUTES***

**March 4, 2005**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Urbina at 8:00 a.m.**

Roll Call

Board Members present: Vince Urbina  
Dutch Afman  
David Gave  
Ian Gray

Board Members Absent: None

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests: Kamie Long, Colorado State Forest Service  
Steve Gerow

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Vince Urbina brought to the board's attention that the time the February 4<sup>th</sup> Forestry Board meeting was adjourned is stated as 1:25 and should have been 9:20. Ian Gray moved that the minutes shall stand corrected, Dave Gave second, all approved.

Vince Urbina moved to approve the February 4, 2005 Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board minutes as corrected.

Motion adopted by the Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 4 No 0

### **Item 3: Report from City Forestry Department**

1. Mike Vendegna reported to the board that Tim Wilkerson has been hired to fill the vacated full time equipment operator position for the horticulture division.
2. Mr. Vendegna reported that planning for tree planting 2005 is under way. Crews are working on a tree availability list.
3. Mr. Vendegna distributed to board members copies of the month end reports he submits to his supervisor each month. Mr. Vendegna stated this is an attempt to keep the board members more informed as to what the three divisions under his supervision are doing.
4. A huge planting project is under way at West Lake Skate Park. An anticipated 30 trees will be transplanted from the city nursery and 15 to 25 trees will be purchased.
5. Mr. Vendegna stated additional planting projects for the month of April will be tree planting at Wingate Park and North Avenue Islands. Tree, shrub and flower planting at the front entrance to Lincoln Park off 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. Mr. Vendegna reported that the full time tree watering program is underway. A seasonal employee has been hired to water 2” to 5” diameter trees from March to the end of October.
7. Mr. Vendegna reported he anticipates 6 new planting beds and the new cremation garden landscaping to be completed in 2005 at the city cemeteries.

### **Item 4: Arbor Day - 2005:**

Mike Vendegna reiterated to the board that Arbor Day 2005 will be April 14<sup>th</sup> student program and South West Arborfest will be April 16. Mr. Vendegna said that the invitations have been sent to all the area schools. Mr. Vendegna was pleased to announce that Palisade Green House was once again growing over 4,000 seedling trees to be handed out to all attendees while supplies last. Many of the seeds for the trees to be distributed were collected from mature trees throughout the city by the forestry crews. Mr. Vendegna reported that forestry crew member Kory Jones has begun planning and preparing his idea to build a large tree in the barn at the edge of the stage from ground up to about 10 feet. Dan Wiedrich would then become “Elmer the Elm tree” and teach the attendees how important trees are. There will be various elements of vandalism to the tree and Elmer will let everyone know how bad this is. It would take some creativity but the forestry crew members feel it can be done.

### **Item 5: Review of City of Grand Junction Ordinance chapter 40 vegetation:**

Chairman Vince Urbina opened discussion regarding the vegetation ordinance review by asking board members if they had an opportunity to review sections 40, 26 – 27 – 28 – 29 and 51. Mr. Urbina suggested the board review and discuss each of the above stated sections and mark any changes and recommendations into the final recommendations to the ordinance.

- **Section 40 – 26.** No changes suggested
- **Section 40 – 27.** Mr. Urbina stated that to his knowledge the forestry board does not have written rules of procedure. Such as term limits, electing of officers, meeting dates, attendance, timely meetings, etc. Dutch Afman suggested the board look into Roberts Rules of order. Mr. Urbina agreed with Mr. Afman and stated there has to be rules of order for some of the other volunteer boards within the city. It may be possible the forestry board could review those and adapt them to meet the needs of the forestry board.

Mike Vendegna said he would investigate both the Roberts Rules of order and other board's rules of procedure. Mr. Urbina requested Mr. Vendegna will have sample rules for the board to review at the next forestry board meeting. Mr. Vendegna stated he will do his best but please understand Arbor Day is right around the corner and time becomes an issue. Mr. Urbina said the next two meetings will be fine.

- **Section 40 – 28.** Ian Gray recommended that there should be a sub-section of 40 – 28 that would allow the board to impose fines to tree care companies that were not adhering to industry standards. Mike Vendegna stated that the board must adopt pruning standards that companies must follow. Vince Urbina stated that adopting standards is one of the goals on the ordinance review process. Mr. Urbina also stated that the board will review the test and testing procedure that is currently in place. Brief discussion took place and all agreed.
- **Section 40 – 29** No Changes suggested.
- **Section 40 – 51** No Changes suggested

Mr. Urbina asked for any additional comments or discussion regarding the reviewed sections, none took place. Mr. Urbina asked that board members review the next five sections for review at the next board meeting April 8, 2005.

#### **Item 5: New State Forester**

Vince Urbina introduced to the board Kamie Long the newest member of the western slope Colorado State Forest Service. Ms. Long is from the Golden area and is now the Forester assigned to Grand Junction and the Western Slope.

#### **Item 6: Adjourn**

Chairman Urbina requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dutch Afman moved and Ian Gray seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vendegna  
Grand Junction Parks Department – Forestry Maintenance Supervisor