



***FORESTRY ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES***

June 3, 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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

No minutes available

Item 3: Report from City Forestry Department

Due to time constraints there was no report given.

Item 4: 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, 57 – 58 – 59 – 60 and 61. Mr. Urbina suggested the board review and discuss each of the above stated sections and Mike Vendegna will make notes as to any changes and recommendations into the final recommendations to the ordinance.

- **Section 40 – 57.** No changes suggested
- **Section 40 – 58.**
 - 40 – 58 (a) Definition.** No changes suggested.
 - 40 – 58 (b) Duty of owner to maintain.** Mr. Urbina stated this section, brings to his mind a great deal of concern. Mr. Urbina asked who enforces this section – city code enforcement or the forestry division. Mike Vendegna stated the forestry division maintains the trees within right-of-way and code enforcement will work with the property owner as to weed problems, etc. Mr. Urbina suggested this section be revisited when the board begins to rewrite the ordinance. Mr. Vendegna agreed and said he will discuss this matter with code enforcement.
 - 40 – 58 (c) Trees,** no change to this section. Mr. Urbina asked if there was a list of approved trees to be planted. Mr. Vendegna stated there is a list available through the city planning department and the forestry division’s brochure *“Homeowner’s Guide for choosing the best tree to plant along our city street”* is used as a guide for choosing the right tree for the right location. Mr. Vendegna suggested the board assist the forestry division in developing an official list in conjunction with the ordinance review. Dutch Afman agreed.
 - 40 – 58 (d) Hard surfacing,** Mr. Urbina questioned this section even be in the vegetation section of ordinances. Mr. Vendegna stated this section is important due to the great deal of median landscaping, detached walks and areas that home owners associations are to maintain and there is no consistency as to how these areas should be landscaped. Mr. Urbina recommended the board keep the heading hard surfacing but refer to an appendix of established landscape specifications. Mr. Urbina feels it is a great deal easier to change an appendix than the ordinance.
 - 40 – 58 (e) Minimum open area around trees.** Mr. Urbina suggested that due to industry standards changing on what seems like a daily basis, that the board conduct research as to what is acceptable and at that time make changes to this section.
 - 40 – 58 (f) Compliance with other provisions.** Mr. Urbina suggested this section refer to the landscape specifications and list of specifications as stated by code enforcement.
 - 40 – 58 (g) Appeal.** No changes suggested.

Note: Mr. Urbina had to leave at this time and asked vice chair Dutch Afman and the rest of the board to continue.

- **Section 40 – 59 (a) & (b)** No changes suggested.
- **Section 40 – 60** Mr. Afman stated it would be very difficult to enforce this section. Mr. Vendegna agreed it would be next to impossible. Ian Gray suggested this section be rewritten to include a reference to future standards that the board will be adopting as a part of this review process. Mr. Vendegna feels that even the heading should be changed to include all types of equipment use, transportation of infested debris, safety requirements as per the adopted standards.

- **Section 40 – 61** Ian Gray stated that this section should be evaluated and he has presented the board with a list of suggestions. Mike Vendegna agreed and feels this section is the most important within the entire ordinance. Mr. Vendegna suggested this section warrants discussion with the entire board. Dutch Afman asked for a motion that discussion regarding this section stop at this time and be will not be resumed until there is a full board at the meeting.

Dave Gave motioned that discussion of this section take place only when there is a full board. Ian Gray second, all approved.

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

Item 5: Adjourn

Vice Chairman Afman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Gave 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