



***FORESTRY ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES***

July 8, 2005

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chairman Afman at 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Dutch Afman
David Gave
Ian Gray
Mike Heinz

Board Members Absent: Vince Urbina

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests:

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Ian Gray moved to approve the April 8th – May 6th and June 3rd, 2005 Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board minutes, Mike Heinz second.

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

Item 3: Report from City Forestry Department

Mike Heinz stated that he appreciated the month end reports Mike Vendegna provided to the board. He feels it saves time at board meetings and helps board members stay apprised of forestry division activities.

Report from City Forestry Department continued:

1. Mike Vendegna reported to the board that Tom Ziola, Dan Wiedrich, Kory Jones and Willie Berg removed one of the largest trees in the Grand Valley. The tree was located at the Riverside Beltway offices on River Road. The trees root system had failed and the tree fell into another tree. It was a difficult task but the crew was amazing. Dutch Afman stated he watched this crew in action and agreed with Mr. Vendegna it was amazing.
2. CPRA fall conference will be coming to Grand Junction on September 27th to the 30th. Mike Vendegna stated he has been asked by the Director of the Parks Department to put together a one day maintenance seminar. This session will be held on September 27th from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. The focus of the program will be on the complete landscape. Designing the maintenance friendly landscape, turf maintenance, diagnosing problems and drip irrigation.
3. Mike Vendegna reported the forestry and horticulture divisions assisted with Ride the Rockies June 17th, 18th and 19th. A great deal of employee hours were spent on Main Street and at Grand Junction High School.
4. Mr. Vendegna stated he is in the process of developing the 2006 – 2007 budgets for the forestry, horticulture and cemetery divisions and will report to the board as areas of the budget are complete.

Item 4: Review of City of Grand Junction Ordinance chapter 40 vegetation:

Vice Chairman Dutch Afman recommended to the board that due to Chairman Vince Urbina not being at the meeting the ordinance review is postponed until there is a full board in attendance. Ian Gray agreed with Mr. Afman and feels this section is a must to be evaluated with a full board. Mike Vendegna agreed and feels this section is vitally important and needs everyone's opinion. Mr. Afman asked for a motion that discussion regarding this section stop at this time and will not be resumed until there is a full board at the meeting. Ian Gray agreed and moved to postpone ordinance discussion. Mike Heinz second.

Item 5: Western Slope Tree Care Workshop 2005

Mike Vendegna reported that the agenda for the 2005 workshop is in place and most of the speakers have been confirmed. Mike Kunz has been scheduled to be the instructor of the first half of the program. He will cover tree selection, fertilizing, trees and turf, etc. Mr. Vendegna said Dennis Hill with Bookcliff Gardens is scheduled for an hour and a half class in the afternoon discussing shrub pruning, selection and care. Mr. Vendegna stated he would like to have an hour program on insects and Vince Urbina will discuss the Champion Tree program. Mr. Vendegna said he will report further information as it becomes available.

Item 6: Next Forestry Board Meeting

As the discussion took place as to the next forestry board meeting a conclusion was made that August 5th would not work for any of the board members. Dutch Afman suggested the board schedule a special meeting in July for the sole purpose of discussing the ordinance sections (40 – 61). July 22, 2005 was agreed upon and Mike Vendegna said he will contact Vince Urbina to confirm that date will work for him. Mr. Vendegna will also send out a letter to all board members confirming July 22nd. Mr. Afman asked for a motion to cancel the August 5th meeting, hold a special meeting on July 22nd and resume regular meetings on September 2, 2005. Ian Gray motioned David Gave second.

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

Item 7: 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