



***FORESTRY ADVISORY  
BOARD MINUTES***

**November 4, 2005**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Vince Urbina at 8:10 a.m.**

Roll Call

Board Members present: Dutch Afman  
David Gave  
Ian Gray

Board Members Absent: Vince Urbina  
Mike Heinz

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests:

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

David Gave moved to approve the September 2, 2005 Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board minutes, Ian Gray second.

Motion adopted by the Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 3 No 0

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

1. Mike Vendegna reported to the board that the CPRA fall conference, September 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, was a true success. The feed back and returned program evaluations of the maintenance track in conjunction with the recreation seminars was excellent.

**Report from City Forestry Department continued:**

2. Mike Vendegna reported that he and forestry division crew members Ernie Valencia, Allen Lundy, Kory Jones and Tom Ziola attended the ISA – RMC annual conference from September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> in Fort Collins. They all felt the conference was excellent.
3. Mr. Vendegna stated he completed the 2006 – 2007 budgets for the forestry, horticulture and cemetery divisions and has presented said budgets to the budget review team. The feed back looks positive as to operating and equipment expenditures but not favorable for new position requests.
4. Mr. Vendegna reported the Holiday light inspection and installation is under way. Mr. Vendegna anticipates most of the month of November will be spent on Christmas lighting installation.
5. Mr. Vendegna reported that he has completed the bids for a new aerial lift truck, has turned the bid request into fleet operations and hopes the new truck will be ordered by the first of the year.
6. Mr. Vendegna stated that 39 trees will be transplanted from the city nursery to various parks and at the city cemeteries. Also the forestry division will be relocating trees from 1555 Independent and 25 Road to 28 Road detention pond to assist the Riverside Parkway project.

**Item 4: Western Slope Tree Care Workshop 2005**

Mike Vendegna reported that workshop preparations are well underway. Dr. Michael Kuhns, Utah State University, has been scheduled to be the instructor of the first half of the program. He will cover tree selection, planting, and direction pruning. David Whiting, Colorado State University, will be discussing the complete diagnosis process and the ins and outs of using mulch. Dennis Hill with Bookcliff Gardens is scheduled for an hour class in the afternoon discussing shrub pruning, selection and care. Bob Hammon will present what insects will be a concern in 2006. Vince Urbina will be the host for the day. Mr. Vendegna stated he feels the program will be as good as past years and is excited to hear what new information will be presented. Mr. Vendegna also reported the brochures are complete and mailed out and Two Rivers Convention Center is reserved.

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

Dutch Afman opened discussion of the ordinance review by asking Mike Vendegna where the process stands to date. Ian Gray asked if the review was ready to go to the City Attorney's office. Mr. Vendegna stated that as per John Shaver's direction the next step is to make suggestions for his review and begin holding public meetings. Mr. Afman suggested that the ordinance review process be briefly presented at the Western Slope Tree Care Workshop. This would let trimmers and those interested in the ordinance review in attendance at the workshop know this process is underway. Mr. Gray suggested the board select two or three dates for public meetings and announce those at the workshop. Mr. Vendegna said he will adjust the workshop agenda to accommodate enough time to announce the ordinance review. Mr. Vendegna also stated he would send letters inviting all licensed tree trimmers to the workshop and will include in the letter that the ordinance review will be announced at that time.

**Item 6: New Business:**

Mike Vendegna reported to the board that he was contacted by City Clerk Stephanie Tuin requesting the forestry board develop and adopt bylaws. Mr. Vendegna presented the board with sample bylaws that Mrs. Tuin had sent him and also a copy of existing bylaws used by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Vendegna requested that the board members present review the examples and give him any suggestions and recommendations they may have. Mr. Vendegna also stated he will send copies of the examples to absent board members Vince Urbina, and Mike Heinz. Mr. Vendegna requested that discussion of the bylaws take place at the next forestry board meeting. Dutch Afman agreed with Mr. Vendegna regarding this process and asked for a motion to proceed with adopting bylaws. David Gave motioned that the board proceed as Mr. Vendegna stated, Ian Gray second.

Motion adopted by the Forestry Advisory Board:    Yes 3                    No 0

**Item 7: Next Forestry Board Meeting**

Dutch Afman asked board members if there were any conflicts with the next scheduled meeting December 2, 2005. There were no conflicts. David Gave moved to meet on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ian Gray second.

Motion adopted by the Forestry Advisory Board:    Yes 3                    No 0

**Item 7: Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Afman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Gave moved and Ian Gray second. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vendegna  
Grand Junction Parks Department – Forestry Maintenance Supervisor