



***FORESTRY ADVISORY  
BOARD MINUTES***

**December 2, 2005**

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

Roll Call

Board Members present: Vince Urbina  
David Gave  
Ian Gray  
Mike Heinz

Board Members Absent: Dutch Afman

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests: Kamie Long

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Ian Gray moved to approve the November 4, 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**

1. Mike Vendegna reported that Christmas light inspection and installation has taken at least 80% of the month of November. Lighting installation is complete and crews will be assisting with the parade of lights December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Report from City Forestry Department continued:**

2. Mr. Vendegna reported that tree transplanting has begun. An estimated 60 trees will be transplanted from the city nursery to designated parks and facilities. Also 23 trees acquired as part of the Riverside Parkway project at 1555 Independent will be placed at the 28 Road detention pond and at the City Cemeteries.
3. 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.
4. Mr. Vendegna stated that tree removal has begun. There are by far, fewer than in years past, he anticipates being completed by the end of January 2006.
5. Mr. Vendegna stated that Tom Davis and Tim Wilkerson will be attending the annual Turf Grass Conference in Denver December 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.
6. Mr. Vendegna reported that forestry crews took inventory of all "Welcome to Grand Junction" banners and installation brackets for banners installed on Horizon Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, North Avenue, Lincoln Park and on Main Street. The number and size of banners, the distance from street level to bottom of installation bracket and the distance from pole to back of curb was inventoried.

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

Mike Vendegna reported that workshop preparations are 95% complete and just the final details are left. Mr. Vendegna stated there are 120 registrations to date. 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 directional 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. Mr. Vendegna stated he hopes that all the commercial trimmers that were invited will attend. Harford's Trees, Trees R Us and some of Asplundh Tree Expert trimmers are registered. Vince Urbina 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. Mike Heinz and Ian Gray strongly agreed and suggested there be a sign up sheet for those interested. Mr. Vendegna stated that dates for the public meetings will be presented at a later date. All board members agreed this is the approach that should be taken.

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

Vince Urbina opened discussion of the ordinance review by asking Mike Vendegna where the process stands to date. Mr. Vendegna stated he needed to contact John Shaver and seek his direction as to the next step. Mr. Vendegna stated that with workshop preparations as well as his daily duties, he has not connected with Mr. Shaver at this time.

**Item 6: New Business:**

Vince Urbina asked those in attendance to please turn to the sample bylaws they received by Mike Vendegna. Mr. Urbina stated the forestry board has never had bylaws in the 11 years he has been a board member and he feels this process fits well with the ordinance review currently underway. Mr. Urbina asked everyone to look at the ordinance section 40 – 28. This section stated the purpose of the forestry board. Mr. Urbina recommended that this section be inserted into the bylaws as the purpose of the board. Ian Gray asked if any recommended changes have been made to this section. Mr. Vendegna stated yes and this section will be used after approved through the ordinance review. Each section of the sample bylaws were reviewed, board members made suggestions and recommendations as Mr. Vendegna took notes. This review included the number of board members, term limits, election of officers, secretary to the board, etc. Mr. Vendegna stated that the suggested bylaws will be incorporated using the sample bylaws to develop official forestry board bylaws. Mr. Vendegna also stated he will contact the city clerk’s office as to the proper procedures to follow.

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

**Item 7: Next Forestry Board Meeting**

Vince Urbina asked board members if there were any conflicts with the next scheduled meeting January 3, 2006. There were no conflicts. David Gave moved to meet on January 3, 2006 Ian Gray second.

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

**Item 8: Adjourn**

Chairman Urbina 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