



***FORESTRY ADVISORY  
BOARD MINUTES***

**March 3, 2006**

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

Roll Call

Board Members present: Vince Urbina  
Dutch Afman  
David Gave  
Mike Heinz

Board Members Absent: Ian Gray

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests: Kamie Long  
Steve Gerow  
Peggy Vaughn

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Dutch Afman moved the minutes from the February 3, 2006 meeting be approved as written.  
Dave Gave second.

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

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

1. Mike Vendegna reported that the new tree inventory in conjunction with the city's current GIS mapping system is under way and going very well. 19 parks have been inventoried and nine of those are complete on the mapping system.

### **Report from City Forestry Department - continued**

Mr. Vendegna stated the Parks Department is in the process of purchasing a data base system, GBA, to process the collected data. Dutch Afman requested that when the system is in place Mr. Vendegna give a demonstration to the board.

2. Mr. Vendegna reported that planning for the 2006 street tree planting program is under way. Bubba Bullen Forestry Crew Leader has taken the lead in developing a brochure titled The City of Grand Junction Street Tree Planting Guide. He did an excellent job. The brochure gives complete details as to how the program works. 175 trees have been purchased and a trip to the front range is scheduled to purchase trees not available in Grand Junction.
3. Mr. Vendegna reported that tree removals are complete for 2006.
4. Mr. Vendegna passed out an updated forestry board member list and the monthly reports for the forestry, horticulture and cemetery divisions.

### **Item 4: Arborfest and South West / Arbor Fest:**

Mike Vendegna stated that the planning is well underway for Arborfest on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> and South West Arborfest on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Vendegna stated that at the April 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting the proclamation will be read proclaiming April 20<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day for the city of Grand Junction. Mr. Vendegna invited the board members to attend.

Mr. Vendegna introduced Peggy Vaughn from the Audubon Society who is helping to design and implement this year's student program. Discussion took place as to the program content. Mrs. Vaughn handed to each board member a list of four possible interactive ideas that may fit well with the activities of Arborfest.

- Home Sweet Home
- Trees as Habitats
- Every Tree for Itself
- Planting and understanding the tree rings of life.

Ms. Vaughn said that each station can be adapted to fit our needs and she would bring as many volunteers necessary to run each station. Mike Heinz stated this proposal would work very well with the student program, Dutch Afman and Ian Gray strongly agreed. Ms. Vaughn said the Society would love to participate in both the Thursday, and Saturday programs. She foresees more hands on activities during the student program and an informational both on Saturday. Mr. Vendegna said Elmer the Elm tree will be back for a second year. The theme of the program will be showing how important trees are to people as well as animals. Mr. Vendegna stated there would be 10 minute segments from guest speakers showing attendees how much we need trees for life. Mrs. Vaughn agreed with what Mr. Vendegna and said the goal of the program is excellent. Vince Urbina thought the ideas sound excellent and asked the board if everyone agreed.

**Item 5: Forestry Board bylaw discussion:**

Mike Vendegna passed out to board members copies of bylaws he developed. Mr. Vendegna stated he used the sample bylaws he received from the city attorney's office and notes he received from board members. Mr. Vendegna stated that after the board approves the recommended bylaws they will be sent to the City Clerks office, the City Attorneys office, and the City Council for approval. Vince Urbina suggested that each board member review the bylaws, make suggestions and discuss them at the next board meeting.

Dutch Afman moved that the board take Mr. Urbina's suggestion. Dave Gave second.

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

**Item 6: Next Forestry Board Meeting**

Vince Urbina asked board members if there were any conflicts with the next scheduled meeting April 7, 2006. David Gave moved to meet on April 7, 2006, Dutch Afman second.

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

**Item 9: Adjourn**

Chairman Urbina requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dutch Afman moved and Dave Gave 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