



***FORESTRY ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES***

April 14, 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
 Ian Gray
 Mike Heinz

Board Members Absent:

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests:

Item 2: Approve Minutes

No minutes available

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 and first fifteen parks are complete. The tree inventory will include, identification by species, the diameter, height and condition will be determined as well as a cost factor for each tree. Mr. Vendegna stated this has been a dream of the forestry division for a very long time.

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2. Mr. Vendegna reported that street tree planting for 2006 is under way. 175 trees have been purchased and a trip to the front range is scheduled to purchase trees not available in Grand Junction.
3. In conjunction with tree planting the forestry division has purchased 85 bare root trees from a company in California. The goal is for the forestry division to grow trees that are becoming harder and harder to find, such as Mulberry, London Plane etc. Mr. Vendegna stated Vince Urbina has been a true asset in assisting forestry crews with the process of planting bare root stock. Thanks Vince.
4. Mr. Vendegna passed out a new list of licensed tree trimmers and forestry – horticulture- and cemetery division month end reports.
5. Mr. Vendegna reported that the forestry division has taken over the huge task of rose care at the city cemetery. The division will be trimming, spraying, and placing bark mulch around the base of over 2800 roses.

Item 4: Arborfest and South West / Arbor Fest:

Mike Vendegna stated Arborfest will be held on Thursday April 20th and South West Arborfest will be on Saturday April 22nd and planning is well underway. Mr. Vendegna passed out brochures for both events and invited the board members to attend. Mr. Vendegna stated he anticipates both events to be huge successes and wants to thank Larry Manchester for all his hard work organizing the South West Fest events and stated Mr. Manchester is truly excellent to work with. Mr. Vendegna invited all boards members to attend the April 19th City Council meeting at which time the proclamation will be read and trees will be given to the Council members. 2600 trees have been purchased as handouts for both events. Mr. Vendegna reported that Mrs. Golden's class from Pomona Elementary School will be assisting with the program. Some of her students will have a speaking part using hand puppets. The division of Wildlife has agreed to have Stan the Ranger and Mother Bear be apart of the program also. The out door programs will consist of hands on programs for the students. Mr. Vendegna stated though he is a little nervous, he feels both events should be very positive for the community.

Item 5: Forestry Board bylaw discussion:

Vince Urbina asked the board if everyone has read the tentative bylaws sent to them after the last meeting. Mr. Urbina suggested the board review the bylaws starting from the top and read each section. Suggested changes were requested as follows;

- Dutch Afman requested the title be changed to make it stand out more on the page.
- Mr. Afman requested that in line one of article – 1 (A) reviewing body is changed to italic and bold.

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- Mr. Afman requested that *in addition* be added to line four of article – 1 (A).
- Vince Urbina requested in article – 2 (B) Nursery person be change to *Nursery Professional*.
- Mr. Urbina requested in article – 2 (B) that *a complete term expires in November* be added.
- Mr. Urbina requested in article – 5 (A) second line the word director be changed to *board member*.
- Mr. Urbina requested in article – 5 (C) that the board member will be contacted in writing.

There were no other changes requested. Mr. Urbina requested that Mike Vendegna make the suggested changes and present the revised bylaws to the board at the next meeting and then for the next step of approval.

Item 6: Next Forestry Board Meeting

Vince Urbina asked board members if there were any conflicts with the next scheduled meeting May 5, 2006. Mr. Urbina stated he will not be able to attend the May 5th meeting and requested the meeting take place without him. David Gave moved to meet on May 5, 2006 Dutch Afman second.

Motion adopted by the Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 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 acclimation.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vendegna
Grand Junction Parks Department – Forestry Maintenance Supervisor