



***FORESTRY ADVISORY
BOARD MINUTES***

May 5, 2006

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chair Dutch Afman 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: Kamie Long

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Dutch Afman moved to accept the minutes from the March 3 & April 14, 2006 meetings. Dave Gave second.

Motion adopted by the Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 3 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.
2. Mr. Vendegna reported that the street tree planting for 2006 is under way and all most complete. Over 200 trees have been planted to date.
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.

Report from City Forestry Department - continued

4. 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.
5. Mr. Vendegna reported that the forestry and horticulture divisions will be assisting the cemetery division with preparations for the Memorial Day holiday.

Item 4: Arborfest and South West / Arbor Fest:

Mike Vendegna stated Arborfest, held on Thursday April 20th and South West Arborfest, held on Saturday April 22nd were a huge success. Mr. Vendegna stated he had some reservations about the set and the program but everyone worked as a team to provide an excellent program. Mr. Vendegna stated the attendance for April 20th was well over 400 students and 75 adults. Mr. Vendegna reported that Mrs. Golden's class from Pomona Elementary School assisted with the program and did an excellent job. Some of her students had speaking parts using hand puppets and some sang a song at the end of the indoor program. The division of Wildlife was a true asset to the program. Stan the Ranger and Mother Bear were excellent and the wildlife outdoor program was one of the best ever. The other outdoor programs were very good and consisted of tree planting, Tree ring discussion, and every tree for it's self. Mr. Vendegna stated the overall feedback was very positive with a one major suggestion. Make the indoor program shorter and create more time for the hands on stations in the park. Mr. Vendegna stated the Saturday program was equally successful. Over 2600 trees were given away and attendance was will over 5,000.

Item 5: Forestry Board bylaw discussion:

Dutch Afman asked the board if everyone has read the tentative bylaws sent to them. Mr. Vendegna stated the bylaw each member has is the updated version that has all the changes suggested from the last meeting. Mr. Afman requested the board go through each item and compare these bylaws to the changes requested as stated in the last meetings minutes. After a brief review Dave Gave moved that the bylaws be accepted and sent to the City Attorneys' and City Clerks offices for review. Ian Gray second.

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

Item 9: Adjourn

Vice chairman Afman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ian Gray moved and Dave Gave second. The meeting was adjourned by acclimation.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vendegna
Grand Junction Parks Department – Forestry Maintenance Supervisor