



***FORESTRY ADVISORY  
BOARD MINUTES***

**June 2, 2006**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chair Dutch Afman at 8:10 a.m.**

Roll Call

Board Members present: Vince Urbina  
Dutch Afman  
Ian Gray  
Mike Heinz

Board Members Absent: Dave Gave

Forestry Division Staff Present: Mike Vendegna, Forestry Supervisor

Guests:

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Dutch Afman moved to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2006 meeting. Mike Heinz 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 completed. The entire stock of trees has been planted. Trees are being purchased for planting throughout the summer in parks and for memorial trees.
3. Mr. Vendegna reported that Forestry and Horticulture crew members assisted with the early morning clean up each day of the Junior Collage World Series. Crews began at 3:00 am at the stadium and then worked their regularly scheduled work shift after clean up was complete.

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

4. Mr. Vendegna reported that the forestry and horticulture divisions assisted the cemetery division with preparations for the Memorial Day holiday and everything went very well.
5. Mr. Vendegna reported that the Cemetery division hosted an informational "What Does the Cemetery Do" luncheon for the City Council, City Manager, as well as Forestry and Horticulture Divisions. The intent of the luncheon was to give a heart felt thank you to the Forestry and Horticulture Divisions for all their help and to provide insight as to what it takes to prepare for Memorial Day.
6. Mr. Vendegna report that with the special events completed, Arbor Day and Memorial Day and the street tree planting program, the Forestry crews are back to general tree maintenance such as trimming, spraying, etc.

### **Item 4: Forestry Board bylaw discussion:**

Mike Vendegna stated that he has sent a copy of the proposed bylaws to the City Attorneys' and City Clerks' offices for review. City Attorney John Shaver called Mr. Vendegna stating he will review the ordinance as soon as his schedule permits. Mr. Vendegna stated he found Mr. Shaver to be extremely helpful as always.

### **Item 5: Update, Grand Junction Vegetation Ordinance:**

Vince Urbina requested an update if any progress that has been made in the review process of the vegetation ordinance. Mike Vendegna reported that he has received an electronic version of the ordinance from the City Clerks office. He is in the process of comparing that version to the version the Forestry Board reviewed and is in the process of entering the suggested changes made by the Forestry Board. Mr. Vendegna hopes to have a draft completed within the next two months.

### **Item 6: Western Slope Tree Care Work Shop 2006:**

Mike Vendegna stated he had some good news and some bad news. The bad news is there will not be a Western Slope Tree Care Work Shop in 2006. The good news is the Forestry Division will be putting all its efforts in assisting the Colorado State University Cooperative Extension with the 2007 Landscapes West. Mr. Urbina stated he and Mr. Vendegna were approached by Dr. Curtis Swift with the idea pursuing Dr. Gilman as the featured speaker for Landscapes West in 2007. Discussions took place as to the over all program, Dr. Gilman's topics and how the city and Colorado State Forest Service could help. Mr. Vendegna stated that Dr. Gilman was the leading expert regarding trees and tree maintenance. Mr. Urbina, Dr. Curtis, Mr. Vendegna and members of the Forestry Division attended a conference in Fort Collins in which Dr. Gilman spoke and he was excellent. At that time it was brought up to bring Dr. Gilman to Grand Junction. Mr. Vendegna requested the support of the Forestry Board to cancel the Western Slope Tree Care Work Shop in 2006 and support Landscapes West and Dr. Gilman in February 2007. The Forestry Division would send a letter and a Landscapes West agenda to all those on the Forestry Divisions mailing list. The entire 3 days of the Landscapes West program will focus on trees and tree maintenance and Dr. Gilman will present the entire day on Friday. Mr. Urbina stated this was a good decision and asked for a motion for Mr. Vendegna's proposal. Dutch Afman motioned to support Mr. Vendegna's proposal to cancel the 2006 Western Slope Tree Care Work Shop and support 2007 Landscapes West. Mike Heinz second.

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

**Item 7: Oak Scale**

Mr. Urbina reported to the Board of an insect that was brought to his attention in a meeting in Denver. Oak Scale. Mr. Urbina stated that this scale is present on Oak trees in the Grand Junction area and can be treated similar to other scale.

**Item 8: Resignation form the Board.**

Dutch Afman stated that with deep regret he was resigning his position on the Grand Junction Forestry Board. Mr. Afman stated he is resigning his position for health reasons. Mr. Afman said he truly enjoyed his time on the Forestry Board and serving with each of the Board members. Vince Urbina stated Mr. Afman will be missed and thanked him so much for his hard work, help and support. All the board members reiterated Mr. Urbina sentiments. Thank You Dutch.

**Item 9: Adjourn**

Chairman Urbina requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ian Gray moved and Mike Heinz seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vendegna  
Grand Junction Parks Department – Forestry Maintenance Supervisor