



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory
Board Minutes*

April 11th, 2008

**Welcome and Introduction of Forestry Board and Forestry Division:
Not a formal meeting!**

Board Members Present: David Gave
Molly Pierce
Bob Johnston

Parks Dept. Staff Present: Mike Vendegna
Tom Ziola
Randy Coleman
Ernie Valencia
Garrett Sudduth

ArborFest Student Program:

Mike stated that so far there are 638 students signed up for the ArborFest Student Program. There will be a 15 minute play production along with 4 stations which will take place outside in Lincoln Park.

Station 1A: "Kids Corner," (15 minutes long) will be an open station where kids can check out different booths, play games etc... Station 1B: "Al, Pals and Forest Friend," (15 minutes long) will be a station on how to correctly plant trees. Station 2: "BLM Firefighters," (half hour long) will have BLM trucks, Smokey the Bear and much more. Station 3: "Tools Rule," (half hour long) will have all the forestry equipment, and will go through the cycle of a tree from planting to removing.

Mike stated that each station will have their own P.A. system as well as their own personal timer to keep track of the time and keep each group flowing as smooth as possible. Mike also stated that each student will receive a seedling tree as well as bookmarks, pencils and stickers.

Southwest ArborFest:

Mike Vendegna stated that the Southwest ArborFest will be on Saturday, April 19th from 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM. Set up crews will be there at 8:00 and will start giving away trees as soon as people start showing up. Al Lundy will run the "Touch A Truck" where people can check out the Forestry High Ranger.

Eagle Rim Tree Planting:

Mike Vendegna stated that the Eagle Rim tree planting will be on April 12th at 8:00. The Forestry Division will be planting 10 trees.

Report from City Forestry Division:

1. 160 trees have been ordered for spring planting. Tree planting will be underway in April.
2. Huge changes are already happening at Crown Point Cemetery. The huge cottonwoods have been removed, 4 1/2" ornamentals have been planted and eventually there will be fencing, irrigation, turf, etc...
3. A new facility at the cemetery is in the works. Construction should start in 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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