



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory  
Board Minutes*

*June 13th, 2008*

**Welcome and Introduction of Forestry Board and Forestry Division:**

Board Members Present: David Gave  
Molly Pierce  
Kamie Long  
Bob Johnston

Parks Dept. Staff Present: Mike Vendegna

Guest: Vince Urbina, Colorado State Forest Service

**Approve Minutes**

Dave Gave moved to approve the January 11, 2008 minutes. Mike Heinz seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

**Report from Vince Urbina, Colorado State Forest Service:**

Vince Urbina, the Assistant Staff Forester for the Colorado State Forest Service, stated that the Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference will be held in Grand Junction on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Two Rivers Convention Center. The theme this year will be the "Benefits of Trees." Mr. Urbina stated that the Conference may dive into topics such as "Good Insects" as well as taking a Tree Tour near Downtown Grand Junction. Mike Vendegna stated that the new Colorado Ave. would be a great location for a Tree Tour due to the fact that the City is experimenting with different and new trees. With the efforts of the State Forest Service along with the City of Grand Junction, an agenda will be set and

brochures will be sent throughout Colorado and Eastern Utah for the 2008 conference!

**Report from City Forestry Division:**

1. The Forestry Division has planted over 260 trees so far this year. Planting will still take into an effect until all trees are gone from the City nursery.
2. Forestry Crews are diving full force into trimming and tree removals.
3. The Horticulture Division is continually taking over new areas. The Grand Opening for the Riverside Parkway is on August 12<sup>th</sup> 2008.
4. Planning for the Western Slope Tree Care Workshop is underway. Mike Vendegna stated that a possible theme will be “Back to the Basics,” which will cover topics such as the “correct way to plant and trim” as well as landscape design using 7<sup>th</sup> St. as an example of what *not* to do.

**Changes within the Parks and Recreation Department:**

Mike Vendegna stated that the Parks and Recreation Director, Joe Stevens will be moving out of town to Louisville, Colorado. Mr. Steven’s last day with the City of Grand Junction will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Don Hobbs, the assistant Director for the Parks and Recreation will be transferred over into City Finance. Interviews for Interim Parks and Recreation Director will be held as soon as possible and will serve as Director until a permanent Director is hired on (which may not be until the end of the year).

**Old Business:**

Dave Gave stated that he’d like everyone to glance through the bylaws, review them and possibly discuss them during the next meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Dave Gave reiterated the next meeting date of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Kamie Long seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Norman  
Grand Junction Parks Department  
Administrative Assistant