



*Grand Junction Forestry Advisory
Board Minutes*

July 11th, 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: Marc Mancuso
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Item 1: Approve Minutes

Kamie Long moved to approve the June 13th 2008 minutes. Bob Johnston seconded the motion.

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

Item 2: Introduction of Marc Mancuso, Interim Forestry Supervisor:

A lot of change has been taking place at the Parks and Recreation Department! Joe Stevens the Parks and Recreation Director currently moved to Louisville Colorado opening the opportunity for someone to fill in his position until a new Director is hired on. Mike Vendegna, the Forestry Supervisor was promoted to fill in as the Interim Parks and Recreation Director leaving his position as the Forestry/ Horticulture/ Cemetery Supervisor open. Marc Mancuso the Crew Leader at Suplezio Field/Stocker Stadium was promoted to fill in for Mike Vendegna. These positions will be held until January 1st 2009 till which all promotions will go back to their previous position. Marc Mancuso has taken on a variety of roles within the City of Grand Junction. He previously served as the

Supervisor at Two Rivers Convention Center for Building Maintenance Setup. He was also a seasonal employee with the Forestry Division.

Item 3: Old Business:

Riverside Parkway

Marc Mancuso stated that the Riverside Parkway Grand Opening will be on August 15th. Bob Johnston suggested taking a bus tour on the Riverside Parkway to help give the Forestry Board more of an understanding as to what responsibilities/ area will be laid upon the Forestry and Horticulture Divisions. Marc Mancuso stated that he will try to compile a list of information for the Forestry Board.

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference will be held on September 12th at Two Rivers Convention Center. Marc Mancuso agreed to send Kamie Long and Vince Urbina price quotes per attendee. Vince Urbina with the Colorado State Forest Service has set up an agenda consisting of the following speakers and topics:

Dr. Curtis Swift: *“Testing Trees- The Mesa County Arboretum”*

Mike Vendegna: *“Putting the Best Trees Downtown”*

Ingrid Aguayo: *“The Good Tree Insects”*

Vince Urbina: *“Trees are Still the Answer for Downtown GJ”*

Grand Junction Downtown Tree Tour

Item 4: New Business:

Forestry Board Attendance

According to the Bylaws Article 5, section C, “A member of the Board that is unable to attend meetings or has missed 3 consecutive meetings may be asked, in writing, to resign from the Board.” Currently Mike Heinz and Steve Gerow have missed four consecutive meetings this year. Discussion was brought up as to why they have been missing meetings, if they are still interested in attending as well as the importance of their attendance.

Kamie Long motioned to write a letter to Mr. Heinz and Mr. Gerow asking them if they are still interested in taking part of the Board, stressing how important their attendance is, as well as forewarning them that if attendance is still an issue they may be asked to resign from the Board. Bob Johnston seconded the motion.

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

Gold’s Gym Trees

Kamie Long stated that the contractors who landscaped Gold’s Gym left the burlap wrap on the trees and is concerned that they may die to improper planting. Mrs. Long stated that it is important to find out who the contractors are as well as making sure they are licensed through the City and that they are aware of proper

planting techniques. Marc Mancuso stated that he would look into trying to find out who the contractors are as well as investigating if they are licensed or not.

Adjourn:

Dave Gave reiterated the next meeting date of July 11th, 2008 and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Bob Johnston seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Norman
Grand Junction Parks Department
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