



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*October 3, 2008*

**Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Chair David Gave at 8:00 p.m.**

### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

David Gave  
Molly Pierce  
Kamie Long  
Bob Johnston  
Mike Heinz  
Steve Gerow

Guest:

Vince Urbina, Colorado State Forest Service

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Marc Mancuso, Interim Forestry Supervisor  
Jessica Norman, Administrative Assistant

### **Item 1: Approve Minutes**

Dave Gave moved to approve the August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Forestry Board Minutes. Bob Johnston seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

### **Item 2: Update from the City Forestry Division**

#### **Director's Position**

Marc Mancuso stated that Rob Schoeber has been hired on as the new Director for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Schoeber is from Cody Wyoming and has 17 years of experience in Parks and Recreation. Mr. Mancuso stated that Mr. Schoeber plans to meet with every full time employee for one on one meeting. Kamie Long suggested inviting Mr. Schoeber to the next Forestry Board meeting. Marc Mancuso stated he would look into having him attend a meeting.

#### **Riverside Parkway**

Marc Mancuso handed out a Riverside Parkway Fact Sheet (please see attachment). Mr. Mancuso stated that the Parkway is now fully under the care of the Horticulture and Forestry Divisions. The Parkway was not planned to be released to the Parks Department until November 2008. Mr. Mancuso stated there have been several issues that have arose since the take-over. High slopes cause water to flow downhill causing excess water in areas and leaving some areas dry. Steve Gerow stated that the

Parkway along with the other City properties is a lot to maintain. Mr. Gerow asked if the department will be allocating more personnel to help maintain all of the new land acquired. Mr. Mancuso stated that the plan is to first assess everything for a year and then possibly ask for more personnel.

**Item 3: Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference**

Vince Urbina stated that there was great feedback from the conference. Attendees stated that the speakers this year were great, great food, great town, BIG success! Mr. Urbina stated that there were 61 attendees which is a lot more from last year's 15 attendee's in Aspen Colorado. Great Job Vince!

**Item 4: 2008 Western Slope Tree Care Workshop**

Marc Mancuso stated that the Workshop's theme this year is "Back to the Basic's." The event will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Two Rivers Convention Center. Topic's being considered are: planting, insect control, turf, work & chemical safety, landscape specifications etc... Mr. Mancuso stated that 3 x 5 "reminder" cards will be sent out to remind everyone for the upcoming event as well as asking for feedback on suggested topic's and speakers. Mr. Mancuso stated that he would discuss the feedback at the next meeting. Mr. Mancuso asked for the board's thoughts and ideas as to other topic's that should be considered. Mike Heinz stated that proper planting would be a topic that should be addressed. Mr. Heinz stated that he see's improper planting being done all the time (planting too close and under power lines etc...) Bob Johnston suggested having Dennis Hill from Bookcliff Gardens speak at the conference.

**Item 5: Old Business**

**Gold's Gym**

Marc Mancuso stated that he had spoken with Earthwise Irrigation & Landscape Construction, the company of whom was contracted out for the Gold's Gym Landscaping. Mr. Mancuso stated that he had spoke with the manager of Earthwise and showed him pictures of the trees at Gold's. The manager was very thankful for letting him be aware of the situation and addressed the issue.

**Crown Point Cemetery**

Dave Gave asked what the status was on the Crown Point Cemetery improvements. Marc Mancuso stated that a new fence has been put up, roads have been redone, and new trees have been planted. Mr. Mancuso stated that the biggest issue facing them is water, irrigation and prairie dogs.

**Item 5: Adjourn:**

Dave Gave reiterated the next meeting date of November 7th, 2008 and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Mike Heinz seconded the motion.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Norman  
Grand Junction Parks Department  
Administrative Assistant