



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

June 5, 2015

*Parks Operations Building
2529 High Country Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501*

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long at 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Chuck Thompson
Richard Edwards
Shirley Nilsen
Elizabeth Neubauer
Teddy Hildebrandt

Assistant City Attorney:

Jamie Beard

City Project Inspector:

Tim Patty

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor
Darcy Austin, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Rich Edwards moved to accept the May 19, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Item 3: Meet with Cynthia Underwood

Cynthia Underwood gave a synopsis of her letter and remarked on the letter from Curtis Swift. The Board asked questions regarding the property, tree, etc. Cynthia Underwood would like the Board to consider changing the wording of Code: 8.32.070 Removal of dead trees (for full Code please see attachment), by adding the wording “any “condition” that exists making it dangerous to life, limb, and property”. New photos were presented that indicated there was now a crack in the tree. The Board

thanked Cynthia Underwood for coming and stated they would discuss and have Jamie Beard email her the Board's decision. The Board would recommend that the tree be evaluated by a Certified Arborist or a "TRAQ" Assessor and if there is no structural defect beyond the co-dominant limb on the tree it would be recommended to have it cabled/braced. Jamie Beard and Randy Coleman will get together too potentially "modify" the Code but will have to be approved through City Council.

Item 3: Tim Patty: Traffic Control & Public Right of Way Permits

- Asplundh Tree Service does a significant amount of work in the Right of Way but always has traffic control and safety gear in place and there have not been any complaints from traffic control companies or residents regarding Asplundh doing their own traffic control or how they conduct themselves.
- Current minimum standard for licensed tree care providers to work in the Right of Way is to have traffic control done by a traffic control company, whether the work is being done in a cul-de-sac or on 12th and North Avenue.
- The Board discussed changing permit requirements for licensed tree care providers, possibly breaking it up by "color coded" map based off population and density of the streets (already determined by the City), with different requirements for small neighborhood areas, mid-level traffic areas and extremely busy traffic areas. Something readily available to all licensed tree care providers to research before they start the job and a part of the training that all licensed tree care providers would be required to do. (Attached is Public Works Construction within the Public Right of Way Permit). There would need to be a basic permit that comes with getting your license and two additional tiers, one for verifying whether a permit is required and another tier for areas where a permit is needed.
- Minimally all licensed tree care providers should have signs and cones when doing any work in the right of way, for the safety of citizens (which is approximately 80-90% of all work done).
- The Board will wait to hear back from Jamie Beard and Randy Coleman; with a hopeful deadline of this year so that we can offer the training this winter prior to the beginning of 2016 when all licensed foresters will be renewing their license.

Item 4: New Business

- The Board would like to potentially move the monthly board meeting to the second Thursday of the month on a regular basis.
- Dean Ward Spraying, Tree Monster and Black Star are company's working within the City limits that need to come in for a license.
- The Sycamore trees in the Valley have Anthracnose due to the wet weather this spring. However other trees are suffering from the dry winter because the root systems of the tree's aren't getting the water that they need to survive.

Item 5: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on July 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin