



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

August 7, 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 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Chuck Thompson
Richard Edwards
Shirley Nilsen
Teddy Hildebrandt

Board Member Absent:

Elizabeth Neubauer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Rich Edwards moved to accept the June 5, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Teddy Hildebrandt.

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

Item 3: License Update

The Board discussed putting some procedures in place for “bad pruning” and Randy Coleman stated that education to homeowners and further educating the licensed tree care providers is the first step. Giving homeowners more education will probably mean less bad work would be done by licensed trimmers (we don’t want to act as the BBB). There could also be some additional information on pruning on the forestry website and add a link to CSU Extension (making the links larger and/or in a different color so that they stand out). Also provide some information in the training manual. The Board could also get information out by having a booth at workshops, such as the Landscape Workshop in March 2016.

Item 4: Yard of the Month

The July winners were Jan & Michael Petersen at 718 Pacific Drive. Teddy Hildebrandt will contact them regarding their prize, \$100 gift card from T4 Tree Service. Kami will ask Elizabeth McCauley about a gift card for a Master Gardner “House call”.

Item 5: Forestry Update

Randy Coleman thanked Teddy Hildebrandt and the Boy Scouts for volunteering to re-stain the posts at Lincoln Park. Randy discussed the issue of “healthy tree” removal (please see attached) and needing to educate the public on the value of trees in our community. The letter will be given to Jamie Beard to look over and approve. Randy discussed the possibility of charging a percentage or flat fee for the removal of a healthy tree. If possible replace all trees with a “suitable” replacement tree instead of leaving open space. Randy Coleman will let the Board know more after Jamie Beard in Legal has looked over the application.

Richard Edwards moved to have the Board accept the \$25 increase to Forestry Licenses, making them now \$75 annually. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Item 6: New Business

Randy Coleman stated there would be a chemical representative coming on Tuesday and he would email everyone the information in case they are interested in attending.

Kamie Long stated that she is working on the tree inventory and is currently working south of Grand Avenue.

The Board needs to do an addendum to the basic minimum safety traffic standards in our manual. This should list more specific what is required to have with you, such as 1st Aid kit, triangles, fire extinguisher, signs, etc. Discuss at the next Board meeting after doing some research on Asplundh Tree Service and OSHA requirements. Offer a class in October and a longer class in December on Pruning practices and safety. Have a breakfast theme and email all licensed tree care providers to let them know about this and any additional trainings that we might offer. The Board agreed on October 15th at 8:00 a.m. at Lincoln Park Oak Shelter for this Pruning/Safety training.

Item 7: Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin