



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

October 12, 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

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Rich Edwards moved to accept the August 7, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Elizabeth Neubauer.

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

Item 3: Discuss Pruning/Safety with Tim Patty

Randy Coleman stated that Tim Patty isn't at the meeting because there is further discussion needed with Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney regarding what they want to enforce and when it's appropriate to pull permits. Some discussion on work being done in neighborhoods and in the right-of-way could be included with the license as part of the increased fee. There is no time table on this but Jamie Beard is aware that we would like to offer training this winter.

Item 3: City of Grand Junction Forestry Update

Regarding bad work being done by Licensed Tree Care Providers Randy Coleman stated that instead of one on one conversations with them we send out a letter and require the provider to take a training so they are aware of what the City's standards are. Would like the tree care companies to see the fee as reasonable and see that with the increased fee they get more opportunities (possibly quarterly) to attend trainings. Working with Jamie Beard on the possibility of requiring a training class prior to doing any more work in the City if we received a complaint regarding the tree care provider and leaving fact sheets with homeowners regarding tree topping, etc. so they understand proper care of trees.

Item 3: New Business

It is the responsibility of homeowners to water the right-of-way trees and when planting new tree's the City requires that they have an automated irrigation system already in place. For established trees in the right-of-way that seem to be in danger flyers are left for the homeowners regarding responsible tree ownership and watering.

Teddy Hildebrandt and Chuck Thompson have both put in their renewal applications to remain on the Forestry Board. Richard Edwards, whose term expires November 2015, will not renew for another term.

Time to start thinking about Arbor Day and begin to modify numbers, look for what trees we want, collect seeds and get them to the Nursery. Would like to find some unusual trees and see how they survive in Grand Junction, maybe some Tupelos or Iron Wood. Last year we gave 1,500 seedlings to children at the schools, should the Board proceed the same way or change the way we run this.

Landscape West is doing a community training in March 2016; Randy Coleman will speak with them about having a room at Two Rivers and partnering with them. Also put on winter training in the Hospitality Suite with some work on trees done at Lincoln Park, around the week of December 7.

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on November 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Main Street Bagels

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin