



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

December 10, 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 8:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Chuck Thompson
Shirley Nilsen
Teddy Hildebrandt
Elizabeth Neubauer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Kamie Long moved to accept the November 9, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson. Elizabeth Neubauer was not present for this approval.

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

Item 3: Stephanie Tuin – Bylaws

The Board had a discussion of Code vs. Bylaws; some of the discussion was as follows:

- Wording changing regarding having a requirement for a State Forester to be on the Board.
- Discussion of doing up to two alternates or having a five member or seven members Board.
- Change wording of bylaws to “shall meet monthly as determined by the Board.”
- Add in “ethical conduct”, included in many other Board’s bylaws.
- Part of the Code states that “the City can step in for pest threat”, this needs to be further defined. Check to see what is designated by the USDA on pests. Elizabeth Neubauer will look for the “USDA Red List” on pests and bring back to the Board in January.

- From 8.32.030 of the Code remove “shrubs, plants, vines, logs and other type of plant material”.
- Based on ISA Standards look for better wording for the section of the Code that discusses “high risk trees or a tree with imminent risk”. Stephanie Tuin and Randy Coleman will meet to discuss the changes to the Tree Ordinances.

The Board will read over the bylaws and discuss at the January 2016 Board Meeting. Once the Board feels that the bylaws and code sync and are accurate, Stephanie Tuin will take before Council with a Board Representative for final approval. Stephanie Tuin will attend the January 2016 meeting to discuss any further changes.

Item 4: Arbor Day 2016

- Get with Jeannie Smith at SD51 to post information for the photo contest on the “Teacher Page”.
- The Board has decided to do just 5th Grade this year, supplying each 5th grader with a pad of paper including a cover page and 5 sheets of paper (Darcy Austin will look into fee’s for this).
- Shirley Nilsen and Darcy Austin will meet this month to discuss the processes from last year and bring that back to the Board in January 2016.
- Elizabeth Neubauer and Callie Osborn to meet about getting information out to the community on Facebook.

Item 5: Forestry Update

- The Front Range is requiring ISA Testing for their forestry license, which is set by TCIA Safety Standards. Rather than offering (or duplicating) something that is already out there maybe that is the better direction. It would need to be supported by the Director, Superintendent and City Council and then would take 12-18 months for everyone to get their certifications.
- The Forestry Department is going to be contracting out spraying in an effort to complete the tree inventory or make a big dent this winter.

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on January 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at Parks Operations

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin