



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

January 7, 2016

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 8:02 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 December 10, 2105 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Shirley Nilsen. Chuck Thompson was not present for this approval.

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

Item 3: Stephanie Tuin – By-laws & Codes

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

- Remove “Advisory” from the title as this Board is more of an “Authoritative” Board.
- Once the By-laws are approved by City Council the Board can make changes as long as it doesn’t change the Board’s “powers”.
- The reason the Board suggested “up to two alternate board members” was to raise the number of quorum. Stephanie Tuin stated that it would just need to be addressed with Council.

- The Board would also like to reword Codes 2.36.030 and 8.32.110. Once a decision has been made on the wording it can be brought before City Council, either with the By-laws or at another time.
- Discussion on requiring ISA Certification for all Class “A” Licenses, City test for Class “B” and eliminating the license for Class “C” as that is already mandated by the Federal Government (Class “C” could still be on the list of licensed providers if they pay the fee and are spraying trees.) Licensed tree care providers who have been approved for 15 or more years would be “grandfathered” in, as proof of being licensed for that long already proves professionalism.
- ISA Certification does require CEU’s and these could be offered at an annual meeting. Also Kamie Long could proctor the test at the annual meeting for those needing to get their certification.
- Add to the by-laws, under Article 1, Section A wording of “The Board may engage in community outreach and education in the area of trees in the urban forest”.
- Change Article 5, Section A to say “annually” rather than “March”.
- Add to Article 6, Section A that “term served as an alternate does not impact a Boards ability to serve two full terms”.
- Change Article 8, Section A to read “at place designated by the Board” and add in “regular meetings may be canceled at the discretion of the Board”.
- Stephanie Tuin will bring back by-laws on January 20th at 8:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Neubauer moved that we will post notice of meetings on the exterior door of the Parks Operations office 24 hours prior to the meetings. Motion was seconded by Teddy Hildebrandt.

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

Item 4: Arbor Day 2016

- Looking for sponsors for the notepads and seedlings.
- Randy Coleman is going to work with HOA’s to do a community planting of BareRoot branch trees in open areas or right-of-ways. There will be an application requesting name, contact information, where to plant and space that they have. We will order 50 trees and can accept multiple applications depending on the number of trees needed per HOA. These trees would be maintained by the HOA. We could also involve the community to come out and help plant the trees.
- We will get into further detail about Arbor Day on January 20, 2016.

Item 5: Chapter 8

- 8.32.010, Section B add wording to the effect that the homeowner can pay a contractor to do work on a City tree as long as they are made aware that they can have the work done by the City for free. If they don’t want to wait on the list the contractor can do the work on the trees.
- 8.32.020 mentions an “official list”, once we have located this list we need to determine if it includes shrubs and vines.
- 8.32.030 add wording “at the owners expense”.
- 8.32.060 add wording of “following pruning standards and no topping of private or public trees for any reason including installation of infrastructure such as solar panels”.

- 8.32.100 remove the wording about misdemeanor and add information about disease.
- 8.32.140, Section B change “communicable” to “transferable”.

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at Parks Operations

Teddy Hildebrandt moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin