



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

February 4, 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 8:06 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
Tom Ziola, Forestry Crew Lead
Callie Osborn, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Marketing

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Elizabeth Neubauer moved to accept the January 20, 2106 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Item 3 : Arbor Day 2016

- Tom Ziola will get in contact with CMU Outdoor Program to see if they would like to have a booth at the event.
- Callie Osborn will work on the marketing piece with “agenda of activities” to hand out and get with KAFM on participating in their once a month gardening show to advertise for the event (as well as other social media).
- Forestry team could put together some information to hand out on proper potting, with examples of protection for the trees from animals, trimmers, etc. Also include information on proper mulching, how to make a berm and how to stake.

- Bring pamphlets on the Lincoln Park Arboretum and assist people with how to use their cell phones to check out the QR codes by each tree around the Arboretum.
- The Community Planting of 50 Bare Root Trees will need volunteers. Speak with the Sustainability Council at CMU and see if this could be their community service project for the year. Also Boy Scouts, Master Gardener or the Horticulture Group out of the Workforce Center would be other possibilities.
- Tom Ziola will be contacting possible donors who would be recognized at the event.
- Darcy Austin will resend information to all SD51 schools for interest in the poster contest.

Item 4: Forestry Update

- Randy Coleman discussed the idea of issuing citations and how it would be enforced. Currently we don't have the ability to issue citations but will check with Jamie Beard on how to proceed and update the Board.
- There is a Tree Diversity Conference at the Denver Botanical Gardens on March 3, 2016. It is \$75 and that includes all programming and lunch.
- Currently all crews are on snow removal and Forestry will be heading to the ProGreen Expo next week.
- Elizabeth Neubauer stated she will present some changes for Yard of the Month at the next Board meeting.

Item 5: New Business

Teddy Hildebrandt stated that ISA elected him to be on the committee for the tree climbing competition (which is usually held in Denver), but he would like to see it be held in Grand Junction this year. Denver has approximately 30 climbers every year and you need about 3 volunteers for each climber (approximately 90) and 6 bucket trucks (City, Alpine, T4 and see if Asplundh would like to sponsor the event). The event is to be at one location (park) and normally consists of 5 "trees or stations", with one big tree for the Master Climb. The event would be in September 2016. Teddy Hildebrandt will meet with Tom Ziola and Randy Coleman at Hawthorne Park today at 1:00 p.m. to see if this will be a good location. Hawthorne Park has a large Honey Locust that could work really well for the Master Climb. Denver would send about 20 volunteers and could work with Master Gardener and the City for other volunteers.

Item 6: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at Parks Operations

Elizabeth Neubauer moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Teddy Hildebrandt.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin