



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*March 8, 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 8:04 a.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long  
Chuck Thompson  
Shirley Nilsen  
Teddy Hildebrandt  
Elizabeth Neubauer  
Susan Carter

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

### **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Elizabeth Neubauer moved to accept the February 22, 2106 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Susan Carter.

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

### **Item 3 : Arbor Day 2016**

- 821 children received notepads for the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Posters will be picked up on March 18, 2016.
- There is over 60 hours of donated tree work to help those in need in our community.
- Randy Coleman stated that he is working on getting a grant with Xcel for \$6,000 to help cover the expenses of the community tree planting but found out if we are the recipients it would be for Arbor Day of 2017.
- Randy Coleman is going to order some additional seedlings to give out during the Arbor Day event.

- A release form for the tree climbing and bag tossing will need to be available at the event, there were approximately 200-300 children that participated in 2014.

#### **Item 4: Forestry Update**

- Randy Coleman stated that the Diversity Conference was good and promoted good thought.
- We will need to begin work on the Tree Care Workshop, what facility and presenters would we like. Randy Coleman stated he would like to make it open to a wider audience by contacting SD51, City of Delta, Montrose and Fruita and see what they are interested in and what would be beneficial for their crews. Possible do it in early December or late January 2017. Possibly work a partnership with Landscape West and broaden the focus of the event. Formal discussion will happen after Arbor Day.
- On March 14<sup>th</sup> City Council will approve the By-Laws for the Forestry Board.
- Elizabeth Neubauer is working on the Yard of the Month. She would like to limit each month to 8 yards and they can only be nominated every 2 years so we don't continue duplicating yards. Also would like to change the name, not sure what it would be but some ideas were: Landscape of the Month, Good Neighbor of the Month or Smart Yards of the Valley. We would involve Callie in the advertising of the program. Also look at changing the judging criteria, not so much on "how pretty" but more on what is good landscaping for the area. Still beautification but also proper/sustainable yards. It would be great to get D.R.I.P. involved in the program.

#### **Item 5: New Business**

N/A

#### **Item 6: Adjourn**

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on March 24, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at Parks Operations

Elizabeth Neubauer moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Austin