



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

May 12, 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 8:07 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Elizabeth Neubauer
Chuck Thompson
Teddy Hildebrandt

Board Members Absent:

Susan Carter
Shirley Nilsen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Elizabeth Neubauer moved to accept the April 7, 2106 Forestry Board meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Teddy Hildebrandt.

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

Item 3: Wrap Up Arbor Day

- The Board signed Thank You cards for sponsors, tree care providers, GV Climbing Gym, etc.
- The Board discussed moving our Arbor Day event to downtown and splitting it off from the SWAF event at Lincoln Park. Involve entities such as DRIP, Planning Department (energy efficiency), Xcel Energy. Also include some type of documentary films at the Avalon and involves Elmer the “Giving Tree”. Also do on a different date than SWAF to really individualize each event.

- Check with Emily Krause on contacts with “Earth Day Booths” from the past, such as REI, Colorado National Monument, Tamarisk Coalition, Sustainability Council at CMU, etc.

Item 4 : Smart Yard – Elizabeth Neubauer

- Elizabeth showed the board the new forms, logo, etc for “Smart Yard” replacing “Yard of the Month”. Elizabeth will meet with Callie in marketing this week about marketing the new program and has done some radio spots on it as well. Put together a small flyer to leave at nurseries around the valley and have a new yard sign put together for it.

Item 4 : Community Member request to eradicate all Elm Trees

- A community member would like to see what it would take to eradicate Elm trees as their seeds blow all over and produce “volunteer trees”. Randy Coleman believes this might be something to send to CDA and what the procedure is to define it as a “weed”. The member of the community may attend June’s board meeting.

Item 5: Forestry Update

- Randy discussed doing the Landscape West Conference in conjunction with the Tree Care Workshop but will need to discuss it further when Susan Carter is in attendance.
- Randy Coleman also stated that we would do a small conference in December up in the Hospitality Suite for the licensed tree care providers.
- Parks crews are working on North Avenue from 12th – 23rd and so far everything is on schedule.
- Teddy Hildebrandt stated that Tom Ziola and he were working on the tree climbing competition that is happening in Grand Junction this July. Hoping to discuss using some rooms on the CMU campus for a discounted rate. Spoke with REI about putting up a banner a couple of weeks ahead of the competition. They will keep the board updated on the progress of the event.
- Kamie Long stated that the board needs to break up the list of licensed tree care providers that donated time to the Tree Care Assistance Program to see if they will extend their hours to year round rather than just right now due to the fact that we only had 1 application. Do more advertising on social media and our website to pull in some more applications if the companies agree to extend.

Item 6: New Business

N/A

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on June 2, 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: 4 Yes 0 No

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin