



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*July 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, Shirley Nilsen at 8:06 a.m.**

#### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Susan Carter  
Chuck Thompson  
Mollie Higginbotham  
Teddy Hildebrandt  
Shirley Nilsen  
Elizabeth Neubauer

Board Members Absent

Kamie Long

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Randy Coleman, Parks Supervisor

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

Teddy Hildebrandt made a motion to accept the June 2, 2016 Forestry Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Neubauer.

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

### **Item 3: Tree Climbing Competition:**

- 1) Teddy Hildebrandt would like suggestions on how to promote the ISA Tree Climbing competition
  - Susan Carter suggested the free Daily Sentinel Calendar, email the Master Gardeners, and contact Erin McEntyre who writes a garden topic article for the Sentinel
  - Elizabeth suggested going to the KAFM.org website
  - Randy Coleman will contact Callie in Parks and Recreation to put on face book and twitter

- Randy will have the trees trimmed at Lincoln Park before the competition
- 2) Teddy explained that this is the first time the ISA Rocky Chapter has decided to hold the Tree Climbing Competition in Grand Junction.
- The event is scheduled for July 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - This event is drawing more competitors than in past years. There are 37 registered participants plus eight additional participants on the waiting list.
  - The event includes five main climbing events, kid's climbing, food, other vendors and great prizes.

Volunteers: **Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. all the judges will meet at Tom Ziola's house for information and dinner.

**Friday, July 22** setup 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 23** volunteers will received T-shirts and assignments

**Item 3: New Forestry Board Member – Mollie Higginbotham:**

- The new alternate for the Forestry Board was introduced, Mollie Higginbotham. She joins the Forestry Board with a wealth of experience.

**Item 4: Update from the City Forestry Division:**

- Randy Coleman informed the Board of a citizen's request to update the Forestry Bylaws.
- The Forestry Division has been receiving calls from citizens regarding aphids, cottonwood trees (cotton), elm seeds and elm volunteers.
- Forestry has been busy writing citations for Forestry City Code violations.
- The B-3 ordinance needs to be reviewed and revised in the near future.
- Forestry's bucket truck is still in need of repair.
- Two of Forestry's employees are off work due to injuries.
- One of the seasonal employees has been hired full time at Presigo. Leaving the Forestry Division shorthanded.

**Item 5: Smart Yard**

- Elizabeth reported that the Smart Yard selected was green, lush, has a lawn and trees, but was extremely water efficient.

**Item 5: New Business**

- Susan Carter and CSU Master Gardners have been receiving calls on elms; therefore she brought a handout regarding elms. Randy will review the handout. There was discussion regarding how to provide elm seed control training to the public.
- Randy spoke with the City Attorney and her recommendation is to wait until the tree inventory is complete before any further action is taken regarding elm trees.
- Randy has also received an email from a citizen who will be attending the August Forestry Board meeting to discuss elm seeds.

- Susan Carter offered to update the City of Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Tree and Shrub Guide, and will be creating a Xeric Guide.
- Susan Carter is in need of volunteers for the Arboretum and would like suggestions on how to obtain volunteers. The members provided ideas and input.
- Susan Carter put together a tour of the CSU gardens and Betty Ford Garden. Master Gardners and City Horticulture employees are planning to attend it on Sunday, July 10 and Monday, July 11.

**Item 7: Adjourn**

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Neubauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Thompson seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Nilsen  
Mollie Higginbotham