



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

August 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 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Elizabeth Neubauer made a motion to accept the July 7, 2016 Forestry Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Neubauer.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Item 3: Tree Climbing Competition:

- Teddy Hildebrandt stated that the event had a great turn out. The Master's Challenge took about 20 minutes and each climber had to tag 3 bells.
- The North American Chapter will be October of this year and the International Climbing Competition will be in August 2017.
- Inspired a lot of the Forestry Crew's to want to learn to climb and compete.

Item 4: Smart Yard with Elizabeth Neubauer:

- Winner for last month was Asset Engineering, LLC, located at 1007 S. 7th Street.
- Judges are lined up for next month and 6 yards have been nominated.

Item 5: Update from the City Forestry Division:

- All Forestry Crews now have blue tooth in their helmets so they can speak to each other even when working up in the bucket truck or with a chainsaw.
- The intern who worked on the tree inventory is done for the season and back in Michigan.
- All crews now have tablets and get work requests in “real time”.
- Forestry License “B” for spraying is already regulated by the Department of Agriculture but will still have them receive a license, especially when working on City tree’s but there won’t be a fee associated with it.
- Still unable to get with SoilTec on getting a forestry license, have tried to locate contact information for them but have been unable to get to.

Item 6: New Business

- Randy Coleman would like to offer the opportunity to get certification at an upcoming training that we provide for licensed tree care providers. He would like to offer this training for free at the Hospitality Suite (or Lincoln Park Barn) and bring in a speaker like Dan West or Ian Grey but would like the material to be specific to the western slope and the issues that we are facing here.
- Some things Board Members mentioned would be: Black Scale on Pinyon’s, European Elm Scale, Elm Flea Weevil, and Crown Boar. Also what effects local bugs, such as anthracnose, are having on the fruit trees, specifically here on the Western Slope of Colorado.
- Teddy Hildebrandt stated that he could offer a “safety training” and hands on aerial rescue. He could bring information from TCI on the types of accidents that are happening.
- It was discussed that we could do some training on how to properly prune and also a section on “customer relations/diplomacy” on working with citizens and explaining things properly about pruning and how to diplomatically tell a citizen that maybe the work they want done is bad for the tree and why.
- Teddy Hildebrandt will talk with some of the climbers from the Tree Climbing Competition about coming to speak at the event as well.
- Possible date for this training could be December 8th. If we do a lot of “hands on” training the board may consider using the Lincoln Park Barn instead of the Hospitality Suite.

Item 7: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on August 25th at 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Neubauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Thompson seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin