



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*August 25, 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  
Shirley Nilsen  
Kamie Long

Board Members Absent:

Elizabeth Neubauer  
Teddy Hildebrandt

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

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

Mollie Higginbotham made a motion to accept the August 4, 2016 Forestry Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson. (Shirley Nilsen absent for approval)

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

### **Item 3: Training for Licensed Tree Care Providers**

- December 8, 2016 at the Lincoln Park Barn
- Susan Carter has a mobile speaker system she can bring and Randy Coleman will talk to Two Rivers about using a curtain
- At training go over correct pruning, maintenance and overwatering, work safety and signage (OSHA), City "Role", Pests/Disease's. Regarding pruning what to do and not to do such as lion tailing, over pruning the top, reduction cuts vs tipping, codominant limbs

and how to diagnosis pests. Explain why certain things are better business practices. Short blurb on how to get a pesticide license. Bring in Dan West to do a compare/contrast.

- Susan will get with Carole from Boulder to see if she would be interested in coming out and speaking about pests that affect the Western Slope.
- Check with Teddy Hildebrandt to see if he or someone he knows would be interested in doing something on safety, someone who has the certifications.
- Kamie Long will offer the Certification Test in the Hospitality Suite on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Would like to include a lot of “hands on” activities throughout the training

#### **Item 4: Ordinances**

- Met with Trent Prall, Jamie Beard and Stephanie Tuin
- We can rewrite them from scratch but would be a good idea to create a table that shows what the ordinance is now, what’s changing and why.
- Hoping to get it condensed and easier to read and then reconvene with the same group and include the Director of Planning. Once the group has reconvened they will bring the ordinances back before the board.
- Make sure the licensed tree care providers understand them and understand what the City’s role is in the Urban Forest.
- Talk to Planning Committee about offering a training

#### **Item 5: Update from the City Forestry Division:**

- Two companies that need to come get their license is Miller’s and SoilTec
- SmartYard will be presented to Council on September 14<sup>th</sup>, Randy Coleman will attend.
- Trees are going in on North Avenue in the next few days and we are two weeks away from doing medians
- Possible partnership with “The Rooted Gypsy” to have space in their greenhouse. Just an experiment to see if it will work the annuals/perennials that are moved in/out of downtown.
- Tree Plant sale on October 8<sup>th</sup> per Susan Carter
- Susan Carter discussed the possibility of doing a “Garden Tour” next year

#### **Item 7: Adjourn**

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Susan Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mollie Higginbotham seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darcy Austin