



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

December 1, 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 8:06 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Susan Carter made a motion to accept the November 3, 2016 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Teddy Hildebrandt.

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

Item 3: Update on Ordinance Process

- Randy Coleman is hoping to have these before City Council by the Spring 2017.
- City Attorney will still need to look them over before then and Specs/Standards will tie into these new Ordinance's.
- Start leaving "How to properly water" flyers at resident's house's where City tree's appear to be uncared for. Next meeting, we will discuss adding a flyer into the City of Grand Junction water bills.

Item 4: Update on New Forestry Board Member

- Josh Umberger with Landscape Center put in an application. We will also bring applications to the Tree Care Workshop to see if we have anyone else who might be interested.

Item 5: Tree Care Workshop

- Elizabeth Neubauer will work the registration table and handing out lunch vouchers.
- We currently have 83 people signed up for the workshop and over 50% of Licensed Tree Care Providers in the City.
- Randy Coleman will be showing “Trees in Trouble” during his initial speech at the start of the workshop and will try to break into small groups for pruning ornamentals (pending weather).

Item 6: Forestry Update

- Randy Coleman stated that he is applying for a CTC Grant, which would be in conjunction with Las Colonias and planting approximately 100 trees. Several other grants are due this week and would work together with one or multiple community tree planting programs.
- Possible Film Festival in late April or early May.

Item 7: New Business

- Some of the tree care assistance application were discussed and Teddy offered to take care of Maria Peters application. Randy Coleman is trying to come up with a way that this program can be “funded” rather than fully a “donated time” program. Really feel it is a good program and would like to see my licensed tree care providers get involved.
- The Board discussed the possibility of all tree care providers taking the ISA Test to become licensed arborists but Randy Coleman stated that he is not comfortable doing that here but maybe offering a discount for those who are ISA Certified. Possibly charge those that aren’t ISA Certified a \$10 processing fee and those that aren’t pay a larger fee each year to receive their City of Grand Junction Forestry License. Several cities have similar programs like that.
- Discuss the need to work on more marketing for the Forestry Department, help people to become more aware of certifications.

Item 8: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on February 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Neubauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Carter seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin