



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

January 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 8:10 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Susan Carter
Mollie Higginbotham
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

Teddy Hildebrandt made a motion to accept the December 1, 2016 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Neubauer. Susan Carter was absent from the vote.

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

Item 3: Update on Ordinance Process

- Randy Coleman is working on Specs/Standards which will tie into these new Ordinance's.
- Teddy Hildebrandt found a few grammatical errors and had a question about ROW tree's and private companies working on them. Randy stated that they would still be able to but would need to contact the Forestry Department so we could keep an accurate inventory on all ROW tree's.

Item 4: Public Relations

- The Board discussed what is coming up this year including the Community Tree Planting and Arbor Day (getting additional companies involved in the tree climbing, etc.) Continue with

seedling giveaway at Lincoln Park SWAF and the Annual Poster Contest. The Board will continue to do Smart Yard with Darcy Austin taking on all the “administrative” duties that go along with that. The Board can collaborate events with CSU Extension.

- Randy Coleman would like to be able to offer some type of “Film Festival” to get our ideas out to the community and spread the word about the Urban Forest to this community. Make it an educational event that is free to licensed tree care providers.
- The Board would also like to continue the free “Tree Care Workshop” to continue building a relationship with our licensed tree care providers. Would also like to look into “Urban Forestry Meetings” that they offer on the front range. Hoping to do something similar on the Western Slope, creating a networking program, building up the comradery between all the licensed tree care providers. Develop the Western Slope into a “tree community” were providers interact with one another.
- Randy Coleman would like to discuss having a Jamboree, with possible grant funding, and include a barbeque and interaction with providers sometime between May – June.

Item 5: Forestry Update

- Randy Coleman stated that he received a \$6,000 grant for the “Community Tree Planting” Project at Las Colonias through CTC and Excel Energy. Would also like to consider doing a planting by “the wash” at Canyon View with native trees such as Canyon Maple or Box Elders, but this may need to be the project for 2018.
- Would like to consider building a database to get a better direction on what the licensed tree care providers would like to participate in. Send out a letter and then follow up and discuss with Board what the interest seems to be.
- We will include a flyer to the community about the value of trees in the community and resources with pictures that catches the reader’s attention.
- Currently we have only 3 members on our Forestry Crew (and no plant care person with Tom Ziola out) and no budget to manage pest issues.

Item 6: New Business

- Vince will be coming in to discuss the “Community Forestry Conference” taking place on September 14, 2017. Can discuss with him what assistance he will need from the Board.

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 10:08 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin