



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

March 2, 2017

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 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Susan Carter
Mollie Higginbotham
Kamie Long
Chuck Thompson
Josh Umberger
Justin Drissel

Absent Board Member:

Teddy Hildebrandt

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

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

Guest:

Mayor – Phyllis Norris
Sierra Club – Kathy Slaughter

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Susan Carter made a motion to accept the February 2, 2017 Forestry Board Minutes. The motion was seconded by Chuck Thompson.

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

Item 3: Arbor Day 2017 – April 22, 2017

- Kathy Slaughter with Sierra Club discussed her plans for Earth Day. Starting with a “march” at Noon that would end at Lincoln Park around 1:00 p.m. and hoping to have some nature activities by the playground. Would like to do ten speakers at the Lincoln Park Barn and will email the

information to Randy Coleman once she has guarantee's on who will be attending. Phyllis Norris stated that Hannah Holmes with CMU Water Center might also be a good speaker for the event and mentioned that Bonsai is a new zip line company in town and that it might be good to meet with PRAB (Parks and Recreation Advisory Board) about having one at Lincoln Park. Susan Carter stated that she would reach out to the CMU Outdoor Program to see if they would be interested in participating in anyway.

- Justin Drissel stated that he would like to assist and potentially staff the climbing tree's and mentioned that we could have a "Challenge Tree" and "Basic Climbing Tree" instead of just one climbing tree.
- The Board decided to eliminate the Hand Tree and the Throw Bag Tree due to minimum participation. We will still have the "Guess the Tree" and will pick a tree for that after the April Board meeting. Kamie and Susan will be assisting Randy with a presentation for folks to watch prior to receiving their 1-inch caliber tree's.

Item 4: Marketing and SmartYard

- Randy Coleman is working with Lewis Agency Advertising on a new board logo, looking for a more "big picture vision" about environment and conservation. The Lewis Agency has offered to come up with a theme and logo pro-bono. Randy is looking for a logo that draws people in, a "brand awareness" and more about the community. Some examples of possible themes would be Rooted in the Grand Valley, Urban Canopy or Grand Valley Roots.
- The following is a list of who has SmartYard for 2017:
May: Randy Coleman June: Mollie Higginbotham July: Susan Carter
August: Justin Drissel September: Josh Umberger
- Darcy Austin will get back in contact with Grand Junction Sentinel and Kamie Long will get in contact with Elizabeth to get yard sign and door hangers.

Item 5: Forestry Update

- Crews are working on building a shade shelter and a 12x20 "experimental" greenhouse in the yard.

Item 6: New Business

- Susan Carter stated that she is now an official Certified Arborist.
- DRIP has monthly talks at Ute Water with multiple topics.
- Demonstration Day with CSU will be on June 3, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and there will be no charge for booths.

Item 8: Adjourn

The next Forestry Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Mollie Higginbotham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Thompson seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Austin

