



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

October 2, 2009

Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Dave Gave at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dave Gave
 Steve Gerow
 Bob Johnston
 Molly Pierce
 Kamie Long

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Tom Ziola, Forestry Supervisor

Item 1: Approve Minutes

Dave Gave moved to approve the September 4, 2009 Forestry Board Minutes. Bob Johnston seconded the motion.

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

Item 2: Update from the City Forestry Division

Tom Ziola discussed upcoming projects for Forestry Crews. Such projects including Canyon View, moving forward with the Departments reorganization, development of the I-70 B Corridor, Dr. Curtis Swift and Tony Koshi's Turf Program catered to city crews in house.

A discussion followed about the Arbor Day Poster Contest and how we should go about implementing the program. Kamie Long stated that she would talk with Donna Davis, a CSFS employee who is the State coordinator to find out. Saturday's Arbor Fest program and tree give away will be scaled back due to the cost of seedling trees and other concerns. It was suggested to plant a tree in honor of the winner of the areas (District 51) poster contest winner. The City of Grand Junction would plant a tree at the school of the winner with a plaque honoring them.

Item 3: Landscape Specifications/Approved Planting List Discussion

The Forestry Board discussed turf irrigation issues including winter watering. Dave Gave asked about the recommended tree list. Steve Gerow had checked with Chelsea Nursery and the County which is in the process of updating their standards. Tom Ziola stated that he will contact Gregg Linza from Mesa County and Shawn Cooper from the City of Grand Junction to share with them

the Forestry Board information and see where they are at. Kamie Long stated that she would like to have the description of tree selection be more basic. Mrs. Long asked Steve Gerow what Chelsea Gardens had thought of the “Approved Planting List.” Mr. Gerow stated that they had no real comments and felt they were fine with it. Tom Ziola asked the Forestry Board to look over the cover letter, watering, basic terms for selection and come prepared with feedback and corrections.

Item 4: New Business

The Forestry Board discussed the status of board members as many of their terms expire at the end of October. Mollie Pierce will not be returning. Steve Gerow will return and Bob Johnston must apply for a fall term position on the Forestry Board. The City Clerk office wants to know what the Forestry Board is looking for in a Board Member such as skills, expertise etc... She needs to know by October 16th to go to City Council. Dave Gave will draft a letter to the City Clerk’s office. The Forestry Board discussed that they would like to see people who will be active on the Board, commit to duties, anyone who cares for and is excited about trees, open minded and has a passion and desire to serve on the Forestry Board.

Item 5: Adjourn:

Dave Gave reiterated the next meeting date of November 6, and asked for further discussion before adjourning the meeting. Kamie Long seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ziola
Grand Junction Parks Department
Forestry Supervisor