



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

January 11, 2013

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:

Kamie Long
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen
Steve Watson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Service Representative

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Steve Watson moved to approve the December 14, 2012 Forestry Board Minutes. Shirley Nilsen seconded the motion to approve.

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

Item 4: Forestry Board Terms/New Members

Tom Ziola stated that interviews were done of the three applicants. Teddy Hildebrandt said that he was interviewed and reappointed. Tom Ziola listed the three applicants as Chuck Thompson, Rich Edwards, and Carl Hochmuth

Item 3: 2013 Arbor Day Program Discussion:

Kamie Long presented and outline for Arbor Day. Kamie stated that Shirley Nilsen and she would be drafting a letter to Lowe's and Home Depot following the meeting.

Teddy Hildebrandt presented a draft of the letter to tree care providers regarding the raffle. Shirley Nilsen asked if the service would only be for Grand Junction residents. The board agreed to include the

whole Grand Valley. Teddy Hildebrandt volunteered to estimate the hours each raffle winner job would take and delegate to each business. Tom Ziola stated that he would get the okay for the raffle from his supervisors. Kamie Long asked that the letter is written so that it comes from the Forestry Board and suggested that the deadline to commit be March 20. Kamie proposed the goal of sending the letter before the next board meeting. Tricia Rothwell asked how people will be determined to be less fortunate. The Board agreed that it would have to be on the honor system. Tricia Rothwell said she would find out when posters were going out so that tree care providers who volunteered their services could be recognized. Steve Watson asked how people could enter if they couldn't attend Arbor Day. Teddy suggested that another person could nominate them. Tom Ziola said he would check if the City would be able to donate services. Kamie Long suggested the letter go out by the end of the month.

In regards to the Arbor Day Poster Contest Tom Ziola stated that CPC Solutions will be providing 500 poster paper pads. Kamie Long said she would email CPC the picture of the 2012 winning poster. Kamie Long stated that the pads need updated dates, the directions need to be turned, and that the Arboretum and Southwest Arborfest needs to be added. Tricia Rothwell will email the teachers.

Steve Watson asked how you become a Tree City. Kamie Long said you have to spend at least \$2 per capita on trees, have a proclamation, a Forestry Board and a tree ordinance. Kamie also mentioned that you get the Growth Award if you increase your spending. Kamie stated that the tree inventory between 1st and 12th Street and North Avenue and Pitkin is worth \$6.4 million. Tom Ziola added that the staff got a Trimble handheld GPS to do inventory and that tree value needs to be added to the existing inventory. Tom mentioned that there is a Siberian Elm worth \$20,000 at 12th and Gunnison.

Kamie Long then reiterated what has been decided, and what still needed to be done for Arbor Day and who would do it:

- Tom will give the list of the seedlings to Kamie to do display pictures
- The raffle would be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the seedling give away
- Teddy will ask Ryan Gibb to do a presentation on the Arboretum
- Kamie will ask for participation from the Master Gardeners
- Tricia and Tom will ask Traci Wieland what she would like promoted about the new Lincoln Park playground
- Tom will ask Randy Coleman to do a carving demo and check with Dave Roper about any issues
- Kamie and Vince Urbina will do a pruning presentation then demo.
- Tom will invite Desert Vista Garden Club to participate
- Shirley stated that Ray Rickert could bring a falcon but birds are molting that time of year so they cannot fly. Shirley stated that the Audubon Society is excited to participate.
- Tom talked to Nature's Educators who stated they could do presentations for \$800/day. Tom stated we should find someone local first

Kamie Long then summarized the sessions: Arboretum tour, pruning, wildlife, tree climbing, carving, tree selection, and roses

Tom Ziola reported that Dave Roper is okay with the tree climbing demo; he just wants to see the gear first. Tom suggested using the Ash tree by Gunnison and having both kids and adults be able to climb. Teddy Hildebrandt stated the demo should be 2 hours, perhaps 11:00 – 1:00. Tom said there should be 6 ropes. Teddy added there should also be 2 spotters per climber.

Kamie Long then mentioned that pesticides will not be one of the sessions. Tom Ziola also decided then that the playground demo will not be one of the sessions. Kamie added that the final 2:00 session would be on tree selection.

Shirley Nilsen added that we need to advertise the event better. Tom Ziola said he would set a meeting with Emily Wright. Steve Watson said we should get flyers to CSU Extension. Tom added that we could get flyers to nurseries too, and ask Dennis Hill to write about it in the Sentinel newspaper.

Item 5: New Business

Tom Ziola mentioned that Ryan Dennison and Brian Wrich are now certified Arborists. Tom also stated that 5 staff members will be going to the Pro Green training.

Item 6: Adjourn

Teddy Hildebrandt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Nilsen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Rothwell