



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

December 14, 2012

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:

Kamie Long
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor
Darcy Austin, Leisure Service Representative
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Service Representative

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Shirley Nilsen moved to approve the November 1, 2012 Forestry Board Minutes. Kamie Long seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 3 No 0

Item 3: Welcome and introduce Tricia Rothwell and Darcy Austin:

Tom Ziola welcomed and introduced Tricia and Darcy who will be filling in for Jessica Dennison while she is on maternity leave.

Item 4: Western Slope Tree Care Workshop Overview

Tom Ziola stated the workshop was successful with 114 attendees and 5 ½ CEU's offered. Shirley Nilsen stated that the Hospitality Suite was a good venue. Teddy Hildebrandt agreed that the venue was good but said that having to cap the attendance was a drawback. Kamie Long also agreed the venue was good because of the arboretum and trees for the tree climbing demonstration.

Item 5: Arbor Day 2013 Program Discussion

Tom Ziola stated that Arbor Day will be April 20, 2013 and is the 30th anniversary as a Tree City. Tom suggested using the Barn for basic classes and wildlife presentations (using real birds, not stuffed). Kamie Long stated the focus needs to return to trees, not just chili and beer. Shirley Nilsen will contact Kathleen Tadvick with the Audubon Society in February. Teddy Hildebrandt proposed the idea of asking tree companies to donate tree service that can be raffled off. Perhaps if you attend a class you would be entered in the raffle. The raffle ticket could include an email address so that we could email before and after pictures. Tom Ziola also suggested that arboretum tours and a tree climbing demo be activities. Kamie Long raised the concern of liability if the public is allowed to participate in the tree climbing.

Kamie Long summarized the ideas for Arbor Day: Tree sculpting, climbing, pruning, fruit trees, Arboretum (grand opening), birds, kid's crafts and a parkour demonstration. Kamie suggested classes on the hour starting at 9:00 a.m. and offering the last one at 2:00 p.m. (six classes). Tom Ziola will check with Traci Wieland regarding a playground demo. Tom also stated that 1,500 seedlings are ordered.

Kamie Long then assigned tasks. Teddy will follow up on the raffle; draft a letter my next board meeting. Shirley will call the Audubon Society. Tricia will locate pine cones for crafts. Kamie will contact the National Forester and look into canning. Darcy will contact Defy Gravity about a Parkour demonstration. Kamie will also draft letters to Lowe's and Home Depot for donations.

Item 6: Forestry Board Terms

Tom Ziola stated that three applications have been turned in.

Item 7: New Business

There was no new business.

Item 8: Adjourn

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

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 3 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Rothwell