



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

February 8, 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 8:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen
Richard Edwards
Carl Hochmuth

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Parks Supervisor
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Service Representative

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Teddy Hildebrandt moved to approve the January 11, 2013 Forestry Board Minutes. Shirley Nilsen seconded the motion to approve.

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

Item 3: 2013 Welcome/Introduce New Board Members:

Tom Ziola introduced Rich Edwards and Carl Hochmuth and welcomed them to the Board. Rich Edwards stated he has been in Grand Junction since 1980 and was the owner of R.E. Landscape Services. Carl Hochmuth said he has been in Grand Junction since 1965. He has been on the JUCO Committee for 37 years and has been a Master Gardner for 17 years. Kamie Long, Teddy Hildebrandt, Shirley Nilsen, Tricia Rothwell, and Tom Ziola each introduced themselves.

Item 4: Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Kamie Long stated that she would like to continue as Board Chair but wanted to postpone the election until a full board was present. Carl Hochmuth moved to postpone the election. Rich Edwards seconded the motion to postpone the election.

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

Item 5: Discuss March Meeting Date

Tom Ziola mentioned that he will be gone March 1 and 8, 2013. The Board decided to keep the meeting next month on March 1, 2013.

Item 6: 2013 Arbor Day Program Discussion

Kamie Long summarized what Southwest Arborfest (SWAF) was for the new members. Kamie then handed out the working outline for the event. Kamie Long also explained the Colorado Tree Coalition Poster Contest and showed the pads of paper that the participating students receive. Kamie explained that the Board would vote for the best ones and that 5th grade local winners go to the State competition. The overall winner for the Valley gets a tree planted and a plaque placed. Tom Ziola then handed out the SWAF timeline and explained that we will do a grand opening and dedication at 10:00 a.m. Tom Ziola explained the Arboretum, how the trees were selected, and what Ryan Gibb did on the project. Tom Ziola showed an example of the Arboretum plaques and demonstrated how the phone numbers and QR codes work.

Tom Ziola then explained that it has been 30 years that Grand Junction has been a Tree City. Because of this honor we want to do more classes and provide more information at Southwest Arborfest. Tom Ziola invited the Board members to come to the festival and hand out trees and answer questions. Tom Ziola also mentioned that the Forestry Department will go to each school that participates in the poster contest, hand out seedlings, give a presentation, and announce the winners.

Kamie Long then went through the timeline. Tom Ziola stated that there will be a walk-through on February 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Lincoln Park to discuss logistics. Tom Ziola added that Xcel donated \$2,000 and would like to have a booth and do an electric demonstration. Tom also said that there would be a wood carving demonstration all day. Teddy Hildebrandt then said that his father would like to donate a couple of benches. Tom Ziola replied that he would ask the Lincoln Park Renovation committee. Shirley Nilsen described the idea of wildlife in trees. Shirley is arranging to have birds at the festival. Shirley Nilsen also mentioned that she will contact Lowe's on Monday regarding a donation. Tricia Rothwell suggested doing crafts at a shelter. Teddy Hildebrandt said that Ryan Gibb had questions about what kind of presentation we were looking for. The Board consensus was to not have any PowerPoints. Teddy Hildebrandt agreed that 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. would be a good time for the tree climbing presentation and demonstration. Kamie Long then invited Carl Hochmuth and Rich Edwards to help with the pruning demonstration. Kamie Long said the proclamation will be read by the Mayor at 10:00 a.m. Tom Ziola added that we will apply for a national award. Tom stated that we won National Arbor Day Awards in 1997 and 2005.

Shirley Nilsen departed at 8:50 a.m.

Kamie Long then summarized the tasks and who would accomplish them. Kamie Long will get the Master Gardeners to help. Tom Ziola will talk at the Tree Planting Demonstration. Tricia Rothwell will send out the letters for tree care donations and email the schools that the art pads were available. Kamie Long and Shirley Nilsen will solicit Lowe's for donations. Tom Ziola and Tricia Rothwell will look into ideas and prices for freebies.

Teddy Hildebrandt departed at 9:15 a.m.

Kamie Long explained Yard of the Month to the new members. Kamie stated that one Board member per month would be responsible for judging and presenting. Tom Ziola shared that the Sentinel will again be doing the printing for us.

Kamie Long and Tom Ziola then concluded by encouraging the Board to give ideas and input; and again invited the members to do school presentations and help with Southwest Arborfest.

Item 7: New Business

There was no new business.

Item 8: Adjourn

Carl Hochmuth motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rich Edwards seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Rothwell