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Forestry Advisory Board Agenda

2529 High Country Court - Conference Room

August 1, 2023
8:30 AM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes from July Meeting

Public Comments

New Business

Update from Education Committee

Farmer's Market Schedule and Planning

Real Estate Tri-Fold

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference - October 12

Aerial Rescue Scheduling

Other Items to Discuss

Forestry Updates

Private Ash Sign-Ups 377 (up from 331)

137 trees treated (up from 70) with 97 pending work orders (up from 76)

Pruning Work Requests Fluctuating around 15 - 25 (crews completing at a rate similar to incoming requests)

If you have questions please contact Chair, Kamie Long at 970-248-7325 or Robert Davis, City Forester at 970-254-3825.

Completed Work Orders - January 1 through July 25

2023 = 205
2022 = 98
2021 = 272

Chapter 8 Discussion

Rescheduling Next Forestry Board Meeting

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date

Reschedule Next Meeting - Rob out of office for Tree Appraisal Workshop

Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board
Minutes
July 6, 2023

Roll Call

Board Members Present:	Joseph Chandler Bill Cooper Mollie Higginbotham Brandon Kanwischer Vince Urbina
Board Members Absent:	Dan Komlo Kamie Long
City Council Liaison:	Cody Kennedy
City Staff Present:	Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space Tanya Marchun, Senior Administrative Assistant Jason Martinez, Administrative Support

Meeting called to order by Vince Urbina at 8:32 am.

Approve Minutes
Vince Urbina made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mollie Higginbotham and carried unanimously.

Public Comment - NONE

New Business
Farmers Market
Tanya advised Board she had profiled the Board's presence at Farmers Markets during a radio interview. Materials for booth located at Recreation Office. Materials include a binder, file box with printed materials, schwag, etc. Booth staffing schedule review. DDA will need to be advised should booth not be staffed on a date. Next Education Subcommittee meeting scheduled for July 13, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

Forestry Updates
EAB

Emerald ash borer located in Carbondale and Littleton. EAB first identified in 2001 in the Detroit, Michigan area. The aggressive pest has since moved through the Midwest and beyond. In Colorado, the pest was first identified in Boulder in 2013. It is likely the pest will arrive in Grand Junction. As the city has already begun treatments and injections, the city's course of action will likely not change. Ken, Rob, and Tanya will discuss marketing and educational materials to present to the public. Suggestion from Cody Kennedy to utilize Sara Spaulding as a marketing resource. Vince Urbina emphasized the importance of making constant and good information available. Rob Davis believes some confusion may arise about the difference in the types of bugs targeting ash trees. Focused marketing may be necessary so a targeted audience can be reached. Board suggestion that long-term effects of treatments are unknown.

Trainings/Conferences
Colorado Intermountain Forestry Council meeting scheduled for July 19, 2023. Western Colorado Community Forestry working toward scheduling a new conference. Last conference held in Grand Junction in 2019. An aerial rescue training being considered for November.

Pruning Requests
27 requests currently in the Lucity system. One bucket truck out of service. Working on tree raising and clearance issues now.

Right of Way Trees
Discussion of right of way tree care responsibilities. Adjoining property owner responsible for watering. Forestry Board previously adopted and approved a street tree list. The City of Denver employed a landscape architect that developed an approved street tree list. Rob utilized the list when developing the City of Grand Junction list. Chapter 8.32.030 mandates code enforcement could be directed to conduct inspections and issue citations. Chapter 8.32.050 discusses duties to replace trees. A new draft being written to be more specific on this area of the code. Rob suggested Board members review the code and make notes on areas of the code that might require updates.

New Business
The Board is appreciative of the relationship it has with the City Council. The Board feels the City Council Liaison plays at important role. The Board feels the City Council Liaison might be able to review Chapter 8 of the municipal code with the Council when discussing possible updates.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned by acclamation 9:57 A.M. Joseph Chandler 1st and Mollie Higginbotham 2nd.

Next Forestry Advisory Board Meeting -

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support