



Forestry Advisory Board Agenda

2529 High Country Court - Conference Room

**January 4, 2024
8:30 AM**

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of December Meeting

Forestry Updates

Tree Removal focus through February

52 removals completed as of 1/2/24

New Business

Chair and Vice-chair appointments for 2024

Vince Urbina Memorial

Arbor Day 2024

Commercial Landscapes

Code enforcement compliance

Zoning code landscape regulations - tree maintenance standards

Education Committee Updates

Turf Removal and Tree Roots (from Susan Carter's program)

Tree Information Tri-Fold

Review templates from Jason Martinez

Updated blurbs / short sections for tri-fold topics

Forestry Website

Review of Chapter 8

Forestry Rules and Regulations

Other items to discuss

Public Comments

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date

February 1, 2024 - 8:30am



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

December 7, 2023

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Joseph Chandler
Bill Cooper
Mollie Higginbotham
Brandon Kanwischer
Dan Komlo

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Chandler

City Council Liaison:

Cody Kennedy

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support

Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 8:30 am.

Approve Minutes

Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes from November. The motion was seconded by Mollie Higginbotham with addendum to correct spelling error.

Vince Urbina

Parks and Recreation Department selected Vince as the “2023 Community Champion”. A plaque will be presented to Vince’s family. Kerry Graves inquired if Gayle would be interested in attending this year’s volunteer dinner. A tree located at Hawthorne Park was planted earlier recognizing Vince as 2017 Arborist of the Year. Randy Coleman suggested planting a grove of trees at Hawthorne Park with the idea of reaching out to various entities and inquiring if they would like to contribute to the grove. The thought being including various entities would demonstrate the outreach Vince had. Kamie suggested Vince might appreciate a teaching or learning area. Suggestion made to rename a component of the Lincoln Park Arboretum in Vince’s honor. Suggestion made to place a memorial bench at Kindred Reserve, which would provide a quiet atmosphere. Matchett Park would be an ideal place for a type of memorial. Including an event recognizing Vince during Arbor Day celebrations would be another ideal opportunity to commemorate Vince’s contributions. Organizations and entities outside of the area could be invited to participate in a commemoration event. Kamie will contact Gayle to inquire if the family would like to be involved in the planning of a memorial(s). The Board suggested moving forward possibly at the beginning of the year with filling Vince’s seat on the Board and selecting a new Vice President.

City Turf Removal Program

Flier produced by the City of Colorado Springs to serve as base with customization to Grand Junction needs.

Forestry Updates

Main Street Arboretum

Installation of markers is a slow process. Markers are being riveted onto bases. Welded marker holders are being fabricated for use in raised beds. Suggestion to add some concrete to the beds to anchor the markers. Vendor suggested sign boards would take eight to ten weeks to complete. Three signs will be installed along Main Street. One sign near the end of the 200 block, second at N 5th St planter, third in 700 block. Suggestion made to consider adding store names to the online map to aid in location identification. Signs are 2 ft by 3 ft. Tour is interactive and phone driven and accessible using a QR code. Cody Kennedy feels Visit GJ and DDA would be good advocates for the promotion of the arboretum. Suggestion to add a QR code to each base.

Emerson Skate Park

A 36" tree spade was purchased the city. The spade is a Bobcat attachment. Crews attempted to use the attachment and the skid plate broke off. Bobcat of the Rockies was able to order a replacement part and their mechanic was able to replace the part. Additional diagonal parking spaces will be added along S 10th Street.

Tree Removals

250 have been identified as removal eligible. Removals have begun and will continue through March. Most trees scheduled are ash.

Tree Service License Renewals

Jason will assist in contacting tree service companies with information on 2024 renewals.

Tree City USA

Application submitted to state representative. DDA has requested Tree City USA signs get placed downtown.

Adjourn

Next Forestry Sub Committee Meeting – December 13, 2023, 8:30 AM.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Martinez, Administrative Support