



Forestry Advisory Board Agenda

2529 High Country Court - Conference Room

**January 9, 2025
9:00 AM**

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes from December Meeting

Public Comments

New Business

Sustainability Letter of Support - Jenny Nitzky

Chapter 8 update - Jamie Beard CAO

Workers Compensation

Tree Protection Violations

PHC on Licensed List

Tree Seedling Survey Update

SWAF Sponsorships

Other items to discuss

Forestry Updates

Removal Season

Nursery Stock Orders

New for 2025

Contracted Services Increasing

IRA Grant and Contracts

Chipeta Elementary Arbor Day Program

Library Presentation

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date

February 6 - 8:30am



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

December 5, 2024

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Scott Beilfuss
Joseph Chandler
Bill Cooper
Dan Komlo
Kamie Long
Earl Perry
Tanya Travis

Board Members Absent:

Mollie Freilicher

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space
Jamie Beard, Assistant City Attorney
Sarah Kennedy, Communications Specialist
Allison Little Administrative Specialist

Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 8:32AM.

Approval of the November Minutes

Tanya Travis made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Komlo and were accepted by acclamation.

Introductions

Earl Perry introduced himself to the board. He joined the board to bring his practical experience and help talk about practical and feasible ideas and not just pie in the sky ideas. The rest of the board introduced themselves to Earl.

Public Comments – None

New Business

Chapter 8 Update

Jamie talked with the board about changes to chapter 8. She has presented a draft copy for the board to review. There is new legislation – Senate Bill 5 – regarding non-functional turf which will have an impact on this code. Moving forward, there will be no turf in parking lots, medians, and street rights of way. It doesn't affect residences, but it does affect commercial properties. There is only one place in the code that addresses turf. Generally cities can be more restrictive than the state. Currently discussions have centered around following the law as is.

Continuing discussion about the code included working up separate rules and regulations that include definitions (such as Critical Root Zone, lists of trees approved for planting, etc). The board reviewed the code to make sure that Critical Root Zone is the language used (rather than under tree canopy) so that it can be covered in the definitions.

January Meeting

The board moved the January meeting to the 9th at 9am.

Licensing Requirements

The Board discussed whether to add auto insurance requirements to the licensing requirements. Historically as auto insurance has been required by the state an auto insurance requirement has not been called out as part of the license. Jamie suggests she evaluate the insurance and bring information back to the board before a decision is made.

Earl shared that for a starting company you assessment and safety rating can make the workers compensation insurance cost prohibitive. He also shared that he didn't really understand his liability in that situation either. Earl suggests specifically advising the companies who are using waivers at this point of the change. Board members wondered if a change should be made to the level of insurance required. Jamie will learn some more about how changes to the level of insurance required will change the cost to a company.

PHC on Licensed List

The board talked about licensed spray company list on our website. Bill shared that multiple times this year he's run into someone licensed for Rangeland doing significant harm to trees. The homeowner hired what they thought was a licensed spray applicator but they are licensed incorrectly. The board suggested including information on the Licensed Tree Care list about what licenses are used for Tree Spraying and defining all (or the most common) the license types.

Tree Seedling Survey Update

In the interest of time the Seedling Survey update was tabled.

SWAF Sponsorships

Sarah Kennedy shared that the title sponsors for Southwest Arborfest 2025 are SavATree and Alpine Bank. Waste Management is sponsoring at a different, though significant level and there is one other large opportunity left.

The board complimented City staff on the lights. They look awesome.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation.

Next Meeting – January 9, 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist