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## **Forestry Advisory Board Agenda**

**2529 High Country Court - Conference Room**

**July 11, 2025  
8:30 AM**

### **Call to Order**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes from June Meeting

Approve Minutes from May Meeting

### **Public Comments**

### **New Business**

Review First Night of Farmer's Market

IRA Grant Update

Chapter 8 Update

Forestry Regulations

Other Items to Discuss

### **Forestry Updates**

Pruning Updates

Ash Injections - Over 500 Trees; Addition of 9 - 12" size class

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting Date**

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





## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes*

*June 5, 2025*

### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Joseph Chandler  
Bill Cooper  
Mollie Freilicher  
Kamie Long  
Tanya Travis

Board Members Absent:

Robert Ballard  
Dan Komlo  
Earl Perry

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space  
Allison Little Administrative Specialist

**Meeting called to order by Kamie Long at 8:36 AM.**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Due to a technical error, the approval of the minutes is tabled until July.

### **Public Comments – Tom Ziola – Licensed Contractor Day of Service**

Tom Ziola talked with the board about Sherwood Park. In 1994 he was part of a program where the Rotary Club planted 75 trees in honor of their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He notices that most of those trees have been raised for mowing, but not pruned. He suggests a “day of service” by the licensed tree care providers to perform some pro bono pruning in the park as an opportunity for tree care providers to give back. He suggests the off-season because that time is slower for most of the companies. Tom offers to coordinate this effort, and knows many of the neighbors of the park who might also volunteer.

Board members wondered if these were trees on our radar. Staff lean towards other areas, such as the cemetery where staff have concentrated a lot of effort this year. Rob thinks one of the bigger lifts will be coordinating the tree care services and getting them to show up for free. Rob always wants to ensure that the quality of work meets the department’s standard. There is the risk of companies sending their newest arborist whose quality of work is not up to the standards of the department.

Rob wonders what time of year would be best. Tom suggests late winter, early spring, perhaps February. The board recognizes this as an opportunity to get the companies together, build relationships, and have the board support these efforts. Mollie Freilicher shared that on the east coast a practice like this is very common. The Parks and Recreation Director has expressed concern about an event of this nature turning into a bunch of advertising for private companies in the park. Tom will do some fact finding with the licensed tree care companies and come back to the board with more information.

### **Officer Nominations**

Tanya Travis nominated Kamie Long for chair. Bill Cooper is also nominated for Chair. Kamie Long nominates Mollie Freilicher for vice chair, Bill Cooper nominates Dan Komlo for vice chair. Voting will be conducted via email to Rob Davis.

### **July Meeting Date**

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the July meeting is rescheduled to Friday, July 11 at 8:30am.

### **Subcommittee Meeting**

The committee will talk over items for Market on Main and will meet on Friday 6/27 at 8:30am.

### **Arbor Day Metrics**

This year's program raised \$11,680 through sponsorships and silent auctions helping to offset the \$11,822 cost for seedlings and silent auction trees. The urban wood had an average sale price of \$43, with 42% of sales generated from the buy it now price. The tree auction had an average sale price of \$87, with a high selling tree at \$225 and a low selling tree at \$25. The median sale price was \$75. The highest priced trees were magnolias and the lowest was a zelkova.

### **Market on Main**

Board members wondered about resources that could be available, even electronic, for the table. They suggested highlighting the Main Street Arboretum at the table with a QR code and a map.

### **Contractor Planting Training and Flyer – Tabled**

### **Chapter 8 Subcommittee – Tabled**

Rob shared that a final draft from City Attorney's office should be available soon. The next topic to tackle would be the Forestry Regulations which are not part of the code but would still be adopted by Council. Rules and regulations cover how the standards apply, what does licensing mean, and line out standards for safety, pruning, removal, tree protection, best management practices, etc.

### **Forestry Updates**

Rob shared that the Cedar Court tree has been removed. Staff are entering pruning season. Rob also advised the board that the Library program highlighting the State of Trees in the City, scheduled for May 31 will be rescheduled.

### **New Business**

Board members wondered about updates on IRA funding. IRA money is available at least through the end of September when the Federal fiscal year ends.

### **The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 9:59am**

**Next Meeting – July 11, 8:30 am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist



## *Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes – May 1, 2025*

### Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Scott Beilfuss  
Bill Cooper  
Mollie Freilicher  
Dan Komlo  
Kamie Long  
Earl Perry  
Tanya Travis

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Chandler

City Staff Present:

Rob Davis, Parks Supervisor, Forestry and Open Space  
Sarah Kennedy, Communications Specialist  
Allison Little Administrative Specialist

Guests Present

W J Gavin

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

### **Approval of the April Minutes**

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

### **Public Comments – 300 Cedar Ct.**

Mr. Gavin and Rob Davis have been discussing removal of this tree for quite some time. Mr. Gavin shared that the ground cover is all artificial turf (because the area is heavily shaded and natural grass is hard to grow). Board members are in support of removal with intent to replace, though planting would be delayed until at least Fall of 2025. Bill Cooper made a motion to remove the tree at 300 Cedar Ct with the intent to replace with another street tree. The motion was seconded by Earl Perry and carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Tree Seedling Delivery Program Review**

Rob shared with the board that sign up for seedling delivery was far slower than in previous years. Sarah shared that the marketing was the same and included, for the first time, a radio spot sponsored by Alpine Bank. There were a lot of routes (with a smaller number of stops) this year due to the number of volunteers. Some board members felt that the program should be discontinued. Others felt that it is a good outreach program and should continue. Board members talked about the positive response from the survey and that driving the desire to continue and the fact that delivery targets City residents specifically. They wondered about an additional pick-up time at the library where the delivery lift would be eliminated. Rob shared with the board that he would prefer to either keep the current model or go to Arbor Day only (rather than create a new alternative). Board members wondered about lessening the load by giving less choices (so less time has to be spent on assignment). Board members were in

support of continuing the delivery but offering only the choice between ornamental or shade. Arbor Day would continue to offer a wide variety of species for in person pick up.

The school program at Chipeta went well. The kids liked the climbing portion and more tree-related activities for kids to cycle through when they finish early will be beneficial.

In 2026 board members prefer to end Arbor activities at 1pm instead of 2pm. Day of seedlings ran out at 12:30, and the last auction was the least well attended. Board members provided feedback about layout, large tree auction, seedling give away, planting demo, urban wood, and equipment placement. Board members suggested allowing booths for licensed contractors free of charge, but requiring financial sponsorship to bring equipment. Board members suggested using equipment at 12<sup>th</sup> and Gunnison to advertise as well as in the west Barn parking lot. Board members were really pleased with the event and all these suggested improvements will just make it better. Board members appreciated all the staff efforts to make a successful Arbor Day event.

### **Pruning Training**

The board does want to offer pruning training at SWAF next year. Rob and Bill will coordinate early to make sure it is well marketed and included in next year's event.

### **Farmer's Market**

Sarah signed the board up for the same spot at the Farmer's Market this summer. There is another board meeting before the first market so the board will discuss at the June meeting.

### **Chapter 8 Subcommittee Meeting - May 22.**

Once the board is finished revising Chapter 8, the board would like to spend sub committee time to revise bylaws (to potentially include having a member of the extension office as a permanent member, similar to having the state forest service permanently represented) and have farmer's market discussions.

### **Contractor Planting Training and Flyer - tabled**

### **Other Items to Discuss**

#### **Forestry Updates**

Staff are working to finish up spring planting.

The next Chapter 8 subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 22 at 9am.

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 10:27am.

#### **Next Meeting**

Subcommittee – May 22, 9am

Regular Meeting - June 5, 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Ali Little, Administrative Specialist