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Forestry Advisory Board Agenda

2529 High Country Court - Conference Room

November 6, 2025

8:30 AM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes from October Meeting

Public Comments

New Business

Licensing; code language allowing period of exemption with loss of licensee

Japanese Beetle Volunteers

Forestry Board Bylaw Update

Forestry Regulations Updates

ANSI A300

Scheduling follow up meeting

Chapter 8 Draft

Other items to discuss

Forestry Updates

Holiday lights

Bare root plantings

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

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date

December 4, 8:30 -10am; Park Operations Office



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

October 3, 2025

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Bill Cooper - present
Mollie Freilicher - present
Earl Perry - present
Tanya Travis - present
Robert Ballard - present

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Chandler
Kamie Long
Dan Komlo

Guests Present:

Joshua Jenkins, Tree Climber Services

City Staff Present:

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

Meeting called to order by Mollie Freilicher at 8:30 AM.

Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Tanya Travis and the minutes were accepted by acclamation.

Public Comments

Josh Jenkins has come in to talk to the Board. Rob spoke with him yesterday and suggested that the questions he has would be best answered by the board.

Mr. Jenkins is owner of Tree Climber Services and has been in town since April of Last year. He worked for a number of tree companies before starting this company. The ISA certification that he was operating under was an employee who left. He has 5 employees. He is scheduled to sit for the test in January. He is comfortable with half the items on the sample test and half he is working to become proficient. Not being able to work in the City right now will cripple this company, and he is working to earn as much as he can now to carry his business through the slower season. He is an owner, but not a majority owner. He is requesting a grace period to allow him to continue working through out the rest of this year until he can take the test. Rob offered clarification that the renewals happen in January and the first list of the new year is posted in the first of February.

Mr. Jenkins shared that he does have two city jobs scheduled for next week and is willing to share the addresses of those jobs so that the City could have some oversight into the kind of work that is being done. He estimates he currently performs about 35% of his work inside City limits. Mr. Jenkins advised the board that he is rearranging his off season work so that he has time to study and invest in passing

the test. Board members wondered why he is approaching the board now. At renewal in 2025 Mr. Jenkins indicated he would be testing. Ali Little made a note in the spreadsheet and indicated that Josh should send his number and/or successful result. The number was never sent. This gap in licensing requirements was not followed up on until late August.

Forestry Board Applications

There were not a lot of open positions Joe Candler's term has been renewed and he will continue.

Market on Main Recap; Notes for 2026

Board members commented that the new location seemed to catch people in the flow of traffic less organically. Board members suggested having more attention grabbers to draw people at the table (trees) and would like a meeting to go through all the handouts to make sure everything is relevant. A tabletop trifold display will be a helpful addition. As predicted, the swag is super popular. Board members suggested setting up the table differently so that it invites people under the tent as opposed to separating people from the folks at the table.

Cameron Walters

Sarah Kennedy introduced Cameron Walters who will be taking over as the communications specialist. He works for the City Communication Office with a focus on Parks and Recreation. He invited the board to send pictures.

Western Colorado Urban Forestry Conference

Mollie Freilicher shared that the conference is October 16 at the Western Campus, there is an internationally renowned speaker attending, Dr. John Ball. CEUs available, and a very reasonable registration rate.

Trees Across Colorado

There is a program through the Colorado Tree Coalition called Trees Across Colorado started by Gertie Grant. The program had #7 trees for a reduced price (less than the current City tree contract). It's a great program to increase diversity, and Rob is hoping to use these trees as part of the Arbor Day Silent Auction program.

ISA Certified Tree Climber Practical 12/8/25

The City is hosting this class in town in December. Being a Certified Tree Climber is a secondary credential to a Certified Arborist. Rob is hoping to get a lot of folks, beyond City staff, signed up to achieve this credential.

The State Forest Service is putting on an Arborist School named in honor of Vince Urbina. It's designed to prepare you for the Arborist exam. It is Fridays in October 8 – 4 and it is virtual.

Japanese Beetle Outreach

Mesa County is looking for volunteers to help with outreach (door knocking) about Japanese Beetle mitigation efforts. The beetle count is up from last year and they have been trapped in widespread locations throughout the valley. Mesa County is looking to continue paying for treatments in the 2026 treatment zones.

