

Salida Tree Board

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A town without trees isn't fit for a dog!

Tree Board Meeting September 10, 2013

Members Present: Kevin Crowley, Kathryn Hardgrave, Marilyn Moore, Bob Salmi

Sidewalks and Trees: A contractor will begin slicing sidewalks **not** heaved by trees on streets E through H where they are heaved ¼" to 2 ½" and bring them back to a 1:8 grade. Throughout the city, where the sidewalks have been heaved by tree roots, the affected slabs will be removed. Marilyn and Kathryn will evaluate the trees, beginning with 3rd to 10th on H Street. They will designate which of the 178 trees are candidates for removal and which trees are in good shape and will require either root cutting or that the city get an easement from the homeowner to reroute the sidewalk. With the slabs are removed, Marilyn and Kathryn can look at the root structure and recommend root pruning or re-routing. (As a CSFS employee, Kathryn will have to charge \$48/hr for her time.) Where the slabs are removed, the hole will be temporarily filled in with concrete fines or gravel.

Replacement Trees: Homeowners who have a city street tree removed will be offered an opportunity to adopt a replacement smaller, ornamental tree species for the city right-of-way, or a large shade tree species for their front yard. The cost to the homeowner for adopting a tree in the ROW would be the standard \$50 and the cost to the city would be about \$250 - \$300. The shade tree species would be purchased from the Colorado Tree Coalition at a cost of \$45 plus transport and will be made available to all homeowners in the city, not just those who have a tree removed. The homeowners will be asked to reimburse the tree board for the cost to purchase and transport, and also to plant if they opt not to plant the tree themselves.

Budget: Jan is asking the tree board to submit a budget separate from the public works budget. The board agreed to request \$40,000 for removals or pruning throughout the city, \$6,000 for adopted replacement trees in the ROWs (20 trees), and \$3000 for the adopt-a-tree program for new trees in the ROWs that do not replace a tree removed. Planting shade trees in front yards will be budget neutral. Tree board will request \$10,000 to finish pruning the trees in Riverside - cottonwoods, elms, and the willows on the east side of the park that were not pruned this year, especially the huge willow with all the dead wood that overhangs the sidewalk by the climbing wall.

Pruning Alpine Park: Bob still has \$5000 in his budget that can be used to prune the trees in Alpine Park. Kevin and Marilyn will put together a RFP for the work to be done this fall.

Downtown Trees: The empty grates have been replanted, and the city will be watering them twice a week. Colorado Mountain Realty between 1st and Sackett has requested a tree. When the

bills come in for the downtown planting so far, we will see if there is money to fulfill that request. There is a grate available and there would be no cost to cut the concrete.

Riverside Trees: Several of the new trees are looking like they are getting over-watered. Public works has cut back on the watering, but Kevin will check to see if the affected trees are getting water from more than one head. The hawthorn in the planter in the rock wall east of the climbing wall needs to be hand-watered. It likely has not been getting any water at all.

Alpine Memorial Tree: Clark Roberts has asked to plant a 'Sensation' boxelder in Alpine Park in memory of his mother. Clark and Marilyn met with Michael Yerman to site the tree, with the expectation that the tree will be planted soon.

Pruning Workshop: On October 5, the BV tree board will present a workshop on tree pruning. The program is aimed at homeowners and will include presentations by Vince Urbina, CSFS Community Forester, Gary Ludwig, Pleasant Avenue Nursery, Angie Jensen, Terra Firma Nursery, and Jed Selby, South Main.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 8, 8 am, Café Dawn