

Salida Tree Board

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

TREE BOARD MEETING October 8, 2013

Members Present: Kevin Crowley, Jill Flodstrom, Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore

Sidewalks: Kevin reported that public works got two bids - \$9,200 and \$176,000 – to replace the 161 heaved sidewalk slabs throughout the city with crusher rock. The bid to replace the sidewalk at Alpine Park along 4th Street was \$24,000. He suggested that public works could hire several workers to do the work in house for considerably less expense. Kathryn and Marilyn looked at the sidewalks on H Street, and they thought that in several instances, the sidewalk could be leveled by raising the sunken slab next to the slab adjacent to the tree. Kevin, Jill and Marilyn will look at those spots.

Trusties Work Program: The trusties program has been shut down, so Kevin now has lost 100 hours of workers a week, which will considerably affect how much he can accomplish with grounds and maintenance.

Shade Tree Program: Tree board continued the discussion of purchasing balled and burlapped shade tree species from the Colorado Tree Coalition. Homeowners could purchase the 1-1 ½ inch caliper trees from tree board at our cost (\$45 per tree plus cost to transport) and plant them in their irrigated front yards. The trees would have to be picked up in Colorado Springs on a date in April not yet specified, and homeowners could pick them up at public works. There is a minimum order of 20 trees due December 15. Would we have 20 homeowners who would apply for a tree? Could we share an order with BV? Would we inspect sites to see if they are appropriate for a large shade tree? Would we supply tree rings? Jake will contact BV, and Jake and Jill will get a brief article in the Mountain Mail to gauge interest in the program. We need to consider, too, whether the shade tree program might have a negative impact on the Adopt-a-Tree program.

Pruning at Alpine: Kevin understood that there was \$5,000 available for sidewalk replacement at Alpine Park, not for pruning as was stated in last month's minutes. He will check on this, and if there is money for pruning, get a RFP out immediately.

BV Pruning Workshop: The workshop is tentatively rescheduled for November 2.

Emerald Ash Borer: Kathryn reported that the insect has been found in Boulder and may be heading our way via firewood or infested nursery stock.

CTC Grant: Kathryn asked if we want to consider applying for a Colorado Tree Coalition grant of up to \$2000 with a required \$2000 match. To defray part of the cost of a GIS tree inventory? To monitor for emerald ash borer? The grants require an educational component in any project they support which is difficult to come up with.

Cooperative Expenditure Report: We have not yet received a request for the report from the Colorado State Forest Service. Kathryn will check with Vince Urbina.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, November 12, 8 AM, Café Dawn