

Salida Tree Board

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

TREE BOARD MEETING

November 12, 2013

Members Present: Jill Flodstrom, Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

Trees vs. Sidewalks: Kathryn and Marilyn surveyed D, E, F and G Streets and evaluated trees that were heaving sidewalks. They identified 13 trees that are candidates for removal. The remaining 44 trees are worth saving if possible. When the heaved slabs are removed, we will have a better idea of which trees would need to have heaving roots severed. In walking these blocks we saw a number of instances where large roots on existing trees had been severed and the sidewalk replaced with no apparent negative effect on the tree. Bob does not yet have a time-line on removing the slabs and getting road-base gravel down.

Winter Watering: Letters were mailed out to homeowners who adopted trees in the last three years reminding them to water their new trees monthly during the winter and early spring. Bob will remind his crew that all the new trees downtown and in the parks also will require monthly watering.

Alpine Park Pruning: Bob will check and see if in fact he still has \$5000 left in his budget that can be used for pruning in Alpine to remove dead limbs. Marilyn has put together suggested pruning specifications for the park and sent them to Kevin. Kathryn commented that the "whiskers" need to be left as much as possible. She will review the suggested specifications.

Tree City USA: Marilyn is working on the Tree City USA application, which the Arbor Day Foundation wants to have submitted electronically. This takes about three times as long as a paper application. The application requires submitting a work plan for the year, and Kathryn suggested that we should work on that at the December meeting. We might want to include treating elms for soft scale and monitoring for emerald ash borer in the work plan.

Shade Tree Program: Jake and Jill have drafted an article for the Mountain Mail asking Salida citizens to let tree board know if they would be interested in purchasing a balled and burlapped shade tree species to be planted in their front yard next spring. Cost to purchase a 1 ½" caliper tree would be \$80 and planting would be the purchaser's responsibility or a qualified planter would be recommended. At the December meeting we will discuss the level of interest and whether to pursue the program. A minimum of 20 trees must be ordered from Trees Across Colorado by December 15 with trees to be picked up next spring. Jake did not hear back from BV if they would be interested in going in on the program.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 10, 8 am, Café Dawn

