

Salida Tree Board

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

TREE BOARD MEETING January 14, 2014

Members Present: Susan Felt, Jill Flodstrom, Kathryn Hardgrave, Marilyn Moore, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

Shade Tree Program: The Colorado Tree Coalition's Reforest Colorado program has contracted with a different grower. As of the December order deadline, there were few trees available at considerably greater cost than we had publicized. However, people who contacted Kathryn and Jill to indicate an interest in purchasing a shade tree seemed to feel \$120 to purchase and plant was still a good price. Hopefully, there will be more trees available and we can get a shade tree program going in time to order this fall.

Tree Survey: Public works and the tree board would like to develop a long-term maintenance and removal plan for the city trees. The first step is a survey of the trees in the city right-of-ways that would identify GPS coordinates, species, and condition. Susan and Jill both indicated an interest in working on this, and Susan also volunteered her son, who needs a community service project for his college applications.

Tree Limbs in Public Right-of-Way: Tree board has received a complaint about tree limbs over-hanging the sidewalk and the street. Article 5-20 of Chapter 11 of the city code addresses this issue and states that "there shall be a clear space of ten feet above the surface of the street or right-of-way." When citizens have a complaint about over-hanging limbs, the Code Enforcement officer should be contacted and she in turn will contact the tree board (or the homeowner if the offending tree is on private property) to have the limb(s) pruned.

H Street Project: The residents of H Street seem to have agreed on maintaining the current width of the street but installing bump-outs to calm traffic and allow for planting large shade trees. Regarding the new trees, there are a lot of details to be determined - planting soil, mulch, responsibility for watering, etc. We will postpone further discussion until we see what the engineer comes up with. Bob will request mountable curbs.

Sidewalks: The planning commission will be addressing the issue of sidewalks and sidewalk replacement over the next several months. One or more tree board members should plan to be at these meetings to speak to tree issues if necessary.

Tree Requirements: We may want to review the number of trees required by code for new construction on lots in zones R-1 and R-2, which currently is a minimum of 4 trees (street trees count towards the 4). Would fewer trees be better? River West is a private development, so tree board will not have any input on landscaping requirements, however we will be able to review the proposed landscaping adjacent to the sidewalk that will run from 291 to the river between River West and Marvin Park.

Bench Placement: Tree board would like to have input on the placement of new benches in the parks and along the river. Recently a memorial bench was installed under a tree that had previously dropped a large dead limb (with more of them up in the canopy) and a dead tree fell within inches of a bench in front of the SteamPlant annex.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 11, 8 am, Café Dawn