

Salida Tree Board

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

Tree Board Meeting April 8, 2014

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

Also Present: Tom Pokorny, Natural Habitats

Emerald Ash Borer: Kathryn noted that when public works, tree board or arborists hired by the city are pruning green ash, they should save limbs from the middle of the crown that are 2-3" in diameter and bring a 4 foot section (measured from where the limb attached to the trunk) to her at the Colorado State Forest Service office so she can check for emerald ash borer. Emerald ash borer is lethal to ash trees and has recently been discovered in Boulder. It is unlikely to make it to Salida on its own, but could be brought in on infested fire wood.

Requests for Tree Removal: The tree board discussed how to handle requests to have a tree removed and decided that we need to generate a check-list to evaluate a tree and determine if it is a candidate for removal.

Pruning and Removals at Riverside: Kathryn, Marilyn, Diana and Jill will meet to look at the trees at the east side of the park and put together a proposal for pruning or removing trees that pose a hazard to park users.

Ordinance Change: At the April 15 council meeting, there will be a second reading of the proposed ordinance change permitting medium sized trees (up to 40 feet) to be planted in the 4 ½ foot parkways.

Shade Tree Program: Trees Across Colorado is distributing its 2013 orders this month. Jill will contact Gertie Grant, who heads the program, to find out when information on the 2014 program will be coming out so we can begin publicizing the program and get trees ordered.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day will be celebrated in Salida on May 8. Michelle Ludwig's fourth graders will assist in planting the tree. We will have our regular tree board meeting on May 13.

Adopt-a-Tree: We will soon begin soliciting applications to adopt and care for a tree in the city right of way. Publicity about the program will also mention the shade tree program that we hope to get underway.

River West: Tom Pokorny asked for tree board's comments on his plans for a landscaped buffer between the north end of his River West development and the Marvin Park parking lot. Tree board members should get their comments to Tom by Friday, April 11, and also share them with the other members.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, May 13, 8 am, Cafe Dawn