

Salida Tree Board

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

Tree Board Meeting June 10, 2014

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

Adopt-a-Tree Program: We have received applications for 10 trees, an eleventh tree that was put in last year will be transplanted as the homeowner is no longer able to care for the tree. Marilyn and Jill will go to Brady's nursery in Canon to select the trees.

Arbor Day Donations: Tree board continues to receive Arbor Day donations. Diana will have a report for the next meeting.

Sidewalks: Bob reported that grinding the lip of the raised sidewalk slabs throughout town will be completed shortly. Where the entire slab was removed, it was replaced with road base. The contractor who replaces the sidewalks that were removed will need to be educated in how to deal with the roots. That still leaves cracked and crumbled sidewalks to be replaced.

Trees On Riverbank: The unusually high water this year took out an enormous cottonwood from the UP side of the river, creating a huge hazard in the river. Bob doesn't know who will be responsible for the considerable expense of removing the tree. He suggested that tree board needs to look at trees on the city side of the river and evaluate them for the possibility that high water could erode them out.

Longfellow Honeylocust: The honeylocust that the Longfellow students planted in Riverside Park is struggling. There may be winter die-back and/or freeze injury as well as honeylocust plant bug feeding injury to the emerging foliage. Other honeylocust in town are showing similar symptoms.

Emerald Ash Borer: Susan's son can do a GPS inventory of the ash trees in town which we can use to monitor for the insect. The 1999 street tree inventory that Kathryn did will be a starting point.

Removal Request Evaluation Form: Tree board made suggestions for additional information to include on the evaluation form that Marilyn put together.

Tree Stewards/Tree Watering: The woman who revived the tree steward program has moved and the organizational information has gone with her. Jake suggested that rather than just monitoring the condition of the trees planted in the ROWs in the last 5 years, we need to urge homeowners to be watering ALL trees. Jake and Kathryn will get an article together for the Mountain Mail and the Salida Citizen on the importance of watering trees, how to water, the nominal cost of the water, etc.

Facebook Page: Jill has put together a Facebook page for the tree board. She will post the watering article, how to plant a tree, and how to care for a newly planted tree, information on the Adopt-a-Tree program and the shade tree program, etc. We can put a link to the page on Salida Swap.

Shade Tree Program: As soon as Jill has information on what species will be available and what the cost will be, she will publicize the program in the Mountain Mail, the Salida Citizen, the Facebook page, the radio stations, and maybe do a KHEN interview.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, July 15, 8 am, Café Dawn. Note change to third Tuesday!