

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting February 9, 2016

Members Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborne, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

Also Present: Jim LeVicchi, Mayor

Arborist Ordinance: The ordinance regarding arborist licensing has been revised, and licenses may be granted to remove only or to both prune and remove. Arborists applying to remove only do not need to take the tree test. Adams Tree Service applied to renew its license before the ordinance was passed, so it is currently licensed to prune as well as remove. The ordinance, both original and revised, states that failure to adhere to the Salida Pruning Regulations on the part of any arborist may result in the suspension or revocation of the license.

Tree Removals: Adams Tree Service was to have removed six trees, including the huge cottonwood on West Third, before the end of 2015. Due to injury or equipment problems, the trees were not removed. Cheryl was going to ask Jan to carry the allocated funds forward to the 2016 budget.

2016 Budget: The November minutes were incorrect. In fact, \$10,000, not \$12,000 has been allocated to tree board for 2016. The pruning on the east side of Riverside Park will be finished up for \$5,000 or less, the Adopt-a-Tree program will likely cost about \$2000 to purchase and plant, leaving only \$3000 for pruning or removing trees.

GIS Tree Inventory: CO-TreeView is a free tree inventory and mapping tool available through the Colorado Tree Coalition. Tree data (location, species, size, condition, etc.) is easily collected on a smart-phone or tablet, and stored in the cloud until downloaded to a GIS inventory. Dave Hinman has been working with public works doing GIS surveys and may be willing to do the GIS inventory of the city trees, time permitting. Who would be responsible for keeping the inventory updated?

River Trail: The river trail is substantially completed. It is concrete from the Toubert Building to Sackett, where it will be underwater at run-off. Then from Marvin Park to

Sands Lake it is surfaced with crusher fines. Willows have been planted along the trail, and there are funds for planting 15 cottonwoods. The maintenance and/or removal of trees on private property adjacent to the trail are the homeowners' responsibility.

Shade Tree Species/Cultivars to Try: Kathryn attended the The Partners in Community Forestry national conference last fall. Northwest Shade Trees nursery in Oregon recommended some elm cultivars that might do well in Salida. A representative of J. Frank Schmidt & Son nursery, also in Oregon, recommended several species/cultivars from their catalog that he thought might do well including several Kentucky coffees, several oaks, several mountain ashes, and a Rocky Mountain maple. She also picked up a catalog from Alameda Wholesale Nursery in Englewood. They would give us the wholesale price, and she suggested that we might want to go together with the BV tree board and order some trees from them as they carry many of the cultivars that were recommended. Our parks are getting crowded, but we could perhaps trial one or more in an irrigated situation at the golf course.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, March 8, 8 am, River's Edge