

# Salida Tree Board

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

## **Board Meeting July 12, 2016**

**Members Present:** Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, M'Lynne Kenny, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborne, Bob Salmi

**August Meeting:** The August meeting date has been changed to Thursday, August 11, 8 am, at River's Edge.

**Arbor Day Donations:** An article soliciting Arbor Day donations was published in the Mountain Mail and a letter requesting Arbor Day donations, which Marilyn and Kathryn rewrote this year, was mailed to 32 people - 13 people who have either donated in the past or expressed an interest in doing so plus the 19 people who have adopted trees in the last three years. Five donations were received totaling only \$145, which certainly did not cover the cost to purchase and plant a balled-and-burlapped tree, plus the postage was a significant expense. The board discussed other ways to solicit donations for Arbor Day and/or to help fund the city tree budget – GoFundMe? Facebook? Salida Citizen? Brady's donate a % of sales? The board decided that Salida Soup might be the best option and even if we did not win the pot, we would be raising awareness of Arbor Day and city trees.

**Memorial Trees:** There has been a request to plant a memorial tree in Riverside Park, which brought up this subject yet again. Danielle Campbell designed a memorial site for Thonoff Park, a patio of bricks next to a designated memorial tree, but the cost far exceeds the balance in the memorial fund. Jake thought that the idea of inscribing bricks raised a number of issues going forward, also tree board is about trees, not about bricks. The board agreed that Marilyn, Dan, and Dave Hinman would GPS sites in each park that might be appropriate for a tree, so when we get a memorial request we can let the family know where a tree could be planted. Will we allow plaques?

**Adopt-a-Tree:** Eleven trees, both smaller ornamental and medium-sized shade tree species, were adopted. Cost to purchase and plant plus tree ring bricks and caging went over budget about \$200, which will come out of the monies budgeted for the GIS tree inventory. There were three more applications to adopt a tree which will get priority next year.

**River Trail:** Jake is concerned at the number of tree roots that were cut during the construction of the River Trail. Dan said they made every effort to prune to balance the tree when roots were cut, but the trees are needed to hold the bank.

**Watering Downtown Trees:** Water is running off rather than sinking in when some of the downtown trees are watered, and it may be that excess soil needs to be removed. Bob will get a list of those trees to tree board. For those trees in particular, but for the rest as well, Bob would like to sink 1½ inch PVC pipe about 3 feet into the ground to get water to the deeper roots but continue to apply surface water as well.

**Trees in New Developments:** Trees in new developments are required by ordinance but proper planting and follow-up care are not being monitored. Perhaps we need to require a bond from the developer that the trees will survive at least three years? Jake offered to meet with Dan and members of the planning commission to review and perhaps revise the code requirements.

**GIS Tree Inventory:** Dave Hinman has completed the inventory on streets B through G, and has entered 340 trees so far. He thinks that he will be able to complete the inventory for the \$2800 that is ear-marked in the tree board budget.

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Thursday, August 11, 8 am, River's Edge.**