

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting January 13, 2015

Members Present: Kevin Crowley, Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Diana Smith

Tree at 1130 G Street: Three Siberian elms at 1130 G were on Diesslin's list of city trees that were lifting the sidewalk and that were to be evaluated before the sidewalk was replaced. The north-most tree was identified for removal, but it was in fact on private property, and Marilyn and Jerry Loudenberg didn't catch the error. The city will need the owner's permission to go onto the property to remove the stump. Marilyn will try to contact the property owner.

Channel 10: The list of tree board members on Channel 10 needs to be updated.

H Street Project: At the information meeting for homeowners from 9th to US 50 on H Street, rather than just hand out tree adoption applications, it will be announced that applications can be downloaded from the city website. Especially if we are not going to ask for a \$50 buy-in from homeowners who have a tree removed in the course of the project, the homeowner should have to go to a bit of effort to (hopefully) demonstrate their commitment to caring for a tree.

Emerald Ash Borer Monitoring: Before city crews prune or remove a green ash, two live branches about 2" in diameter at the trunk should be removed from the middle of the canopy, ideally on the south side. The branches will be taken to public works and Kathryn will look for evidence of EAB as per a legal agreement that she has prepared between the city and the CSFS. If the tree is infested, the smaller branches can be mulched and the larger branches must be ground or burned. The wood should not be used for firewood. Tree board will write a letter to the local arborists urging them to have the CSFS look at samples of any green ash they prune or remove.

GPS Tree Inventory: Kathryn estimates that there are now about 1300 city street trees. Using a GPS/data recorder, she estimates that about 7 – 12 trees per hour can be entered into an inventory depending on the amount of data that the city would require. As well as location, species, diameter, condition, etc. would it be helpful to have information on

curb? sidewalk? power lines? other? Cost for the inventory would be \$52 per hour, and the inventory could be spread over several years.

Lights in Downtown Trees: The lights in the downtown trees should be removed before they begin to girdle the trees. There is only enough solar power stored for them to shine for an hour or so. The lights would be returned to the merchants and could be put up again at holiday time if they wish. Kevin will speak to Vicki Sue Vigil or Dara. Tree board volunteers can take them down.

Tree Planting Demonstration: In conjunction with the shade tree program, tree board would like to offer a demonstration of proper planting to the general public as well as homeowners who are purchasing a shade tree.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 10, 8 am, River's Edge