

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting July 14, 2015

Members Present: Jill Flodstrom, Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn

Also Present: Kelly Finkowski, Community Development Intern

Shade Tree Program: We still need to get a refund check for \$70 to Dawn Beddingfield, whose swamp white oak was apparently damaged in transit. Jill over-paid Trees Across Colorado with a personal check, and we need to reimburse her \$185. The hours volunteered to pick up and deliver the trees and the mileage (300 miles) were noted as donations to tree board.

Tree Removals: Strictly speaking, removal of the tree at 216 E. 1st Street is the responsibility of CDOT, but it is unlikely that they will take the tree down. Dan said that CDOT would have no problem with the city removing the tree. Dufur estimated \$1200 to remove the huge cottonwood at 748 W. 3rd, but has not returned calls from Marilyn to go ahead and get it out. We will ask Terra Firma Forestry for a bid on removal.

Work Session: Marilyn and/or Jake will present the 2016 tree board work plan and budget request to city council at a work session on Monday, August 17. We will try to rally citizens to speak to council on the importance of budgeting for tree maintenance and removal. Copies of the work plan and budget request were distributed to board members for their review. We will discuss further at the next tree board meeting on August 11.

Pruning: There have been several requests for pruning from homeowners whose adopted trees in the city right-of-way were damaged in the May snow storms. Marilyn and Jill will go out on Thursday, July 16, and try to deal with the damage. Kathryn commented that the young American elm in Alpine Park has two competing limbs, and one needs to be removed.

Riverside Trail: ACA has been awarded the contract for the construction of the trail. Work will begin August 15 and will be completed by November 15.

Thonoff Memorial Park: Beginning in 1997 through 1999, employees of what was then Salida Building and Loan (now High Country Bank) contributed a total of \$698.67 for the construction of a Thonoff Memorial Park on their "dress down days." The funds have been kept in a separate account at the bank, and the total is now about \$1000, though there seems to be no record of where the additional \$300 came from. Tree board has discussed the project at various times over the years, but the total in the fund is too small to do any kind of significant project. Kelly brought

examples of possible designs for the memorial, and the tree board all liked the idea of a paved circular area of bricks which can be inscribed with the loved one's name, perhaps with a cut-out for a tree. We would need to solicit donations/pre-sell bricks to cover the cost of the construction. The design would need to be approved by council as well as public works and parks and rec, and there would need to be plans in place to manage the memorial on an on-going basis. The board will meet Kelly in Thonoff on Thursday to consider possible locations.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, August 11, 8 am, River's Edge