

Salida Tree Board

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

Tree Board Meeting July 15, 2014

Members Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Bob, Salmi, Diana Smith

Also Present: Dan Osborn, Community Development Director

Adopt-a-Tree: Marilyn reported that 13 trees have been adopted. One was a transplanted hawthorn that was planted last year that the homeowner could no longer care for.

Arbor Day Donations: Diana reported that \$670 was donated in honor of Arbor Day. The cost to purchase and plant the Arbor Day tree was not more than \$300, so we can use the remaining funds to plant at least one more tree. The stump from the dead tree in the circle bed at Riverside Park has been dug out, so that tree could be replaced. Kathryn suggested replacing the Longfellow honeylocust, which looks to be half dead, with a New Horizon elm available at Pleasant Avenue Nursery. There is also an empty tree grate by Little Cambodia, but given the difficulties in watering the new trees downtown, now may not be a good time to replant it.

Downtown Tree Watering: The new trees downtown should be getting water once a week, ten gallons per inch caliper, but public works only has enough time and manpower to get them watered once a month. Tree board discussed finding a volunteer who is willing to water them – would there be legal hoops to jump through if that volunteer became a tree board member? Also, Marilyn will talk with Dara about having the fire department water the new trees. S.A.F.P.D. has a brush truck that holds enough water for the 10 trees. Another thought is to enlist help watering from the members of The Downtown Business Alliance.

Downtown Tree Grates: Tree board members will get together and clean out the tree grates down town, pull weeds and remove suckers. Marilyn will ask Brady's about Sucker Stopper.

Community ReLeaf: The national conservation organization American Forests through their Community ReLeaf program will provide cities with an urban tree canopy assessment, funds for strategic tree planting, and resources for long-term management of

the tree canopy. The RFP's are due the end of July, but this is something we could investigate further and perhaps submit a RFP next year.

Pruning Clinic: Jake suggested that tree board could hold a pruning clinic out at Trailside. Those trees have been in more than 10 years and have never been pruned. Kathryn could conduct the clinic after the leaves have dropped in the fall.

Speciman Trees: Homeowners would find it helpful to be able to see examples of tree species that they may be considering for their yards or the city right-of-ways. Tree board can get together a list of addresses of examples of the species featured in the "Guide to Salida Trees". We can also do this for the "Recommended Small and Medium Trees" for the right-of-ways, though some of the recommendations are for newer cultivars for which there are no mature examples.

Next Tree Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 8 am, Cafe Dawn