

# Salida Tree Board

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

## **Board Meeting August 12, 2014**

**Members Present:** Kevin Crowley, Susan Felt, Jill Flodstrom, Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn, Diana Smith

**Downtown Trees:** Tree board members and a volunteer cleaned out the tree grates and pruned suckers. A product called Sucker Stopper was applied to the cut ends of the suckers. We'll see if it works! A Toba hawthorn was planted in the empty tree gate by Little Cambodia where the prior tree was the victim of vandalism. The fire department is not willing to help with watering the downtown trees. If his crew has some extra time, Kevin will give priority to watering the new trees.

**Pruning/Removals:** Public works has removed several trees at 9<sup>th</sup> and F. **Did they also prune?** The city gave tree board a generous budget this year and we want to be sure to spend it all. If public works will have time to do the removals, we can focus on pruning, perhaps taking it street by street. Funds remaining exceed \$5000, so we will need to put the pruning out to bid. Bid specifications should require that the arborist be ISA certified.

**Shade Tree Program:** Jill has spoken with Gertie Grant who is in charge of the Trees Across Colorado program. There will be 20 varieties available but not all will be shade tree species or hardy in Salida. The list will be available at the end of August. Once we know what species we can offer, we can begin to publicize the program. The deadline for ordering is December 15, but we will want to get the order in earlier for best selection. We will need to arrange for pick-up on the Front Range (Colorado Springs?) next spring. Jill expects the price to the homeowner to be about \$80, more if they opt to have it planted for them. Tree board will have to inform Brady's of the program as it could be seen as competing with their sales.

**Youth Conservation Corps:** Don is looking at applying for a grant to bring about 7 – 10 kids in the Youth Conservation Corps and their supervisors to Salida next summer. He asked tree board members to suggest projects that they might work on. Up-dating the tree inventory, acting as tree stewards, planting trees along the new trail behind Marvin Park, and planting trees from Riverside Park to the Toubert Building along the new trail were suggested.

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 9, 8 am, Cafe Dawn**

