

Salida Tree Board

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

BOARD MEETING September 9, 2014

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

Corrections, August Minutes: The Toba hawthorn was not planted prior to the last board meeting, but was planted last week. Curtis replaced the existing soil in the grate with good top soil. Angie had recommended removing two of the four trees at 9th and F, but in fact all four were pruned by Jerry and his crew. Dan's name was misspelled in the last paragraph.

Sidewalk Replacement: Diesslin Structures has begun to replace the sidewalks where the sidewalk slabs were removed and replaced with road base. To accommodate trees and tree roots, they are narrowing the walk to 4 feet, ramping the walk over roots, and cutting roots as needed. Over 3,000 linear feet of sidewalk will be replaced.

Tree Removals: Some of the trees that heaved the sidewalk slabs are in sufficiently poor condition that they will likely need to be removed soon. Marilyn and Jerry are surveying the trees adjacent to the 93 spots where sidewalk has been removed and identifying those trees that should come out before the new walk is poured. Removing them later would damage the new sidewalk, and it would have to be replaced again. So far, 52 spots have been surveyed and there are 9 trees to be removed on F Street and one on D Street. Public Works does not have the time and man-power to do the removals, and the tree removals will have to be put out to bid. The funds will come from the tree board budget, and probably won't leave anything for street tree pruning this year.

Jake will write an article/letter for the Mountain Mail letting the public know of the upcoming tree removals and the reason for doing so. His article will emphasize that we will save as many trees as possible, but that lack of water as well as over-maturity has caused many trees to decline past the point of no return. Adjacent homeowners will also be notified where a tree will be removed.

Shade Tree Program: Jill will write an article for the Mountain Mail letting homeowners know of the opportunity to purchase large shade tree species for their front

yards. The cost will be \$50 – 80 per tree. The trees are bare-root or in grow bags, and she will include information on caliper and height. Homeowners will have a choice of species. They must commit to purchasing a tree this fall for delivery next spring. For an additional charge, the trees can be professionally planted. However, if the homeowner opts for a bare-root tree, the homeowner will be responsible for planting it immediately. Susan has a trailer that we may be able to use to pick up the trees.

Youth Conservation Corps: The kids need a project that will keep them busy every day for two weeks. Dan reported that this requirement does not make a good fit for any tree board projects.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 14, 8 AM, Cafe Dawn