

Salida Tree Board

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

Tree Board Meeting February 10, 2015

Members Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Jill Flodstrom, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

Also Present: Jessica Lattanzio, Salida Code Enforcement Officer

Monarch Spur Trail: At Dara's suggestion, Andrew Mackie of LTUA and Dominique Naccarrato of GARNA met with Marilyn to discuss the Monarch Spur Trail environmental restoration project. Their intent is to remove clumps of Russian olives and replant with native species, leaving adjacent Russian olives to provide wind protection to the new plantings. The planting proposals will be submitted to tree board for suggestions/comments on species, spacing, etc. They need to be able to get water to the new plantings until they are established and their roots are in the water table, and LTUA, GARNA, SPOT and others involved in the project would like to be able use the public works water truck. Bob will find out what kind of insurance requirements must be met. As tree board is a city organization, tree board members have in the past been permitted to take the water truck out to water new trees on the trail and been covered by the city insurance.

GPS Tree Inventory: Jessie has enrolled in a GPS course at Colorado Mountain College and needs to do a GPS project to satisfy course requirements. She has been in touch with Dominique Naccarrato about mapping the Russian olives along the Monarch Spur Trail. Additionally, she has offered to map the trees in the city right-of-ways. Public works has a new state-of-the art GPS unit which can be made available to her. There is a training session on the unit in Denver this week.

H Street Project: When the contractor and the time line for the rest of the H Street rebuild have been determined, the date for a neighborhood meeting will be announced. Between 8th and 10th Streets where there is curb, the curb will be replaced. For the rest of the street where there is no existing curb, new curbs will not be installed. Instead a concrete ribbon will hold the asphalt in place, with French drains at intervals along the concrete. As no sidewalks will be installed, the project should have minimal impact on the trees in the city right-of-way.

2015 Budget Amendment: After paying for the removal of dead and dying trees where sidewalks were to be replaced, there was still \$4000 in the tree board budget that was earmarked for pruning in Alpine Park. Unfortunately Terra Firma no longer had a crew to do the work, so that money was unspent. A budget amendment will be submitted to council

on February 17 to request carry-over funding for a number of projects not completed in 2014 which will include the \$4000 for tree board. Marilyn will attend the meeting in case council has any questions.

Park Pruning: If the bridge over the South Arkansas is not completed on time it will not be paid for by Madison House, but Madison House will still have an obligation to the city of \$25,000. Kathryn suggested that at least some of that money could be spent for pruning in the city parks. With the exception of Riverside, the trees in the parks have not been pruned for over a decade, probably longer. Across from the courthouse in Thonoff Park there are several trees with dead limbs over-hanging a picnic table. Until those trees can be pruned, the picnic table should be moved.

Memorial Bricks: Dan will have the new intern work on finding memorial bricks to surround a designated memorial tree.

EAB Letter to Arborists: Kathryn has put together a letter to Salida tree services telling them how to check green ash trees for emerald ash borer before pruning or removal and asking them to submit any infested samples to the Colorado State Forest Service office. Salida Tree Board and the CSFS will sign the letter.

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