

Salida Tree Board

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

Tree Board Meeting March 10, 2015

Members Present: Kevin Crowley, Jill Flodstrom, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn

Also Present: Jamie Hartig, Community Planning Intern; Jessica Lattanzio, Code Enforcement Officer

Shade Tree Program: Jill reported that she and Susan Felt will take Susan's trailer to pick up the trees on April 14 in Arvada. Gertie Grant, who administers the Trees Across Colorado program, has suggested that they bring bags of mulch for the bare-root trees and hay bales to rest the trunks of the potted and B&B trees on. The trees will be held at Susan's business, Home & Design, on 50 until the purchasers can pick them up. Planting instructions will be included.

Salida River Trail: Dan reported that only 3-4 larger trees will have to be removed when the Salida River Trail is installed between the Scout Hut and McCormick Park. He has money in his budget to replant with 12-15 trees. Mike Harvey has recommended narrow-leaf cottonwood. If they can get their roots straight down into the water table, they are not likely to cause problems with the concrete paving. Other tree species can be included.

H Street Project: There will be a meeting on March 26 in the SteamPlant ballroom for homeowners from 8th Street to US 50 on H Street. The city and the contractors will be there to give information on the upcoming project and answer questions. As no sidewalks are to be installed beyond 10th, it is anticipated that few if any trees will need to be removed.

Tree Inventory: Jessie is learning to how use her GPS unit and transfer the information to a map. A GPS inventory of the Russian olives on the Monarch Spur Trail is her priority project. The Colorado Tree Coalition has a new program available called CO-TreeView, a web-based tree inventory and mapping tool to record and map the location, species, and condition of urban trees that Jessie may be able to use.

Memorial Tree and Bricks: Jamie is working on proposals for a memorial tree that would have a concrete border paved with memorial bricks. She also suggested a bench. A rock bench built by one of the local artists might be less expensive than the usual. The board discussed possible sites for the memorial tree. Jamie will bring more detailed proposals to our next meeting.

Topped Tree: A tree at 829 W. First Street was topped following damage from the heavy, wet snow a few weeks ago. Jessie has contacted the homeowner who “thinks” it was Dufur. If she can get confirmation, she will contact Dufur and remind him that topping is grounds for revoking his license.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 8 am, River’s Edge