

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting October 13, 2015

Members Present: Jill Flodstrom, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

Also Present: Danielle Campbell, Community Development Intern

Right-of-Way Tree Removals: Adams Tree Service will remove the huge cottonwood at 748 W. 3rd as well as five other trees in the city ROW where homeowners have requested the removal of dead or dying trees. Total cost will be \$3000 of which \$1200 will come from what is left in the tree board budget and the remainder from the public works budget. The project will not put public works over budget.

Memorial Garden: Dan emailed the proposed design for the memorial garden at Thonoff to the tree board members following last month's meeting. He estimates that the project will cost on the order of \$5000. There is currently only \$1000 in the memorial fund. An article in Mountain Mail will invite donations for the memorial garden, and a brick in the memorial will be inscribed with the name of the donor's loved one.

Shade Tree Program: Jill will not have time to work on the shade tree program this fall. In any case, the Trees Across Colorado program may not be a good fit for Salida. Trees must be ordered by December for delivery from the Front Range in the spring. Last spring some of the trees delivered were already leafing out and were damaged by our colder mountain temperatures. How else can we encourage homeowners to plant large shade tree species in their front yards? We may be able to partner with Brady's in some way to encourage homeowners to take advantage of their fall tree sale.

Arborist Licensing: Adams Tree Service has been topping trees in town despite signing a statement recognizing that their license may be revoked for failure to adhere to Salida's pruning specifications, which specifically forbid topping. Unfortunately, Mr. Adams is significantly cheaper for tree removals than the other two licensed arborists, and as we lose more trees to old age, neglect, and street projects, there will be an on-going need for removals. Tree board is suggesting limiting his license to removals only. Marilyn will draft a revision of the arborist licensing ordinance permitting pruning and removing or

removing only, which will have to be approved by council. Jill will contact arborists in Buena Vista and encourage them to become licensed in Salida.

River Lofts: Construction will begin on the River Lofts project shortly. Three large cottonwoods by the restrooms overhang the property and will need to be removed to make room for what will be a quite tall building. Though the trees are on property owned by the city and by FibArk, the developer (Natural Habitats) will be responsible for the removals.

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