

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting January 17, 2017

Members Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, M'Lynne Kenney, David Lady, Marilyn Moore

CO-Tree View: Dave Hinman has gotten signed up for CO-Tree View, the Colorado Tree Coalition's urban tree inventory tool, but has not yet uploaded the data from the GIS tree inventory.

Land Use Code: Jake thinks that planning and zoning will not begin updating the land use code until a new administrator and a new community development director have been hired. At that point we can sit down with PT Wood and the community development director and look at revisions to the land use code as regards planting and caring for trees. David suggested looking at planting and maintenance requirements in other cities' land use codes. Kathryn said that BV has recently revised their requirements and she will send them to the tree board.

Tree Removal and Pruning: David has sent out a bid packet to four arborists requesting a bid on the hourly rate to begin removing and safety pruning trees in the right-of-ways. \$30,000 has been budgeted for 2017, which should enable us to get quite a bit of work done. In all, he expects that it will take three years to get all the removals and safety pruning completed. Anything larger than 10" will be cut into 18" lengths and the public will be invited to remove them for firewood. The rest will be ground and made available for mulch and stored at the ball field or the galleries. Where trees are removed, public works will pull the stumps.

Rootwell Watering Devices: David will have Deri order a case of 20 of the watering cylinders and the filler nozzle. We will see how well the soil excavation unit works for installation with minimum damage to the roots and order additional devices if it goes well. If necessary, holes may need to be drilled in the grates to get the filler nozzle to the cylinders.

Hunt and Palmer Projects: David said that the projects will include installation of sidewalk and curb with rock mulch between the two. If we can identify willing tree

adopters *before* the project starts, it would be an easy matter to excavate the planting sites and put in decent soil as the installation proceeds.

Guide to Salida Trees: Tree board will sit down following next month's meeting and spend an hour or so going through the Guide to Salida Trees, making deletions, additions, and changes, etc. We can then meet with Lauren Guisti and Mark Wiard and decide that best way to format the changes. Jake said that Mark inferred that it would be an easy matter. We can get photos of recommended species from the internet.

Tree City USA Application: Marilyn has submitted the Tree City USA application to the Arbor Day Foundation. To qualify, a city must have a tree board or department, a community tree ordinance, an Arbor Day celebration and proclamation, and a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita. For 2016, Salida spent \$3.47 per capita to plant, maintain, and remove trees. Eighty-seven hours of volunteer time was valued at \$2258.52.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 14, 8 am, Methodist Mountain Room at the Touber Building