

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting April 11, 2017

Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Dave Hinman, M'Lynne Kenney, David Lady (briefly), Marilyn Moore

Pruning and Removals: Before he had to leave for another meeting, David reported that the removal and pruning of trees in the city right-of-ways is ongoing, and every tree from C to H streets will be addressed. Terra Firma Forestry still has nine work days left, and if they have time, they may be able to address some of the trees up on Poncha. Dave suggested that the dead Lombardy poplar at 3rd and 291 should be added to the removal list.

Downtown Tree Grates: David said that if tree board volunteers could get the tree grates cleaned out, PW would provide tools and buckets or trash cans for the soil and debris that are removed. In some cases, the angle irons that support the grates are rusting away and will need to be replaced.

CO-Tree View: Dave projected the CO-Tree View map of Salida showing the data on trees that he up-loaded from the GIS tree inventory, and demonstrated how a user can click on a tree and get information about species, DBH, economic value, etc. The board agreed it would be helpful for him to include the land use for each tree – commercial, single family residential, etc. Dave commented that the program has a limited number of species categories, so he had to enter crabapple under apple, for instance, and black locust under honey locust. He will get with Keith Wood of the Colorado Tree Coalition, the organization that created CO-Tree View, and suggest adding species. Also the board thought that the tree valuations were *way* low, and he will discuss this also. The program will be a great advocacy tool, and once it has been tweaked the program can be publicized and made available to the public. Board members who are absent will be asked to look at the program and make comments and suggestions.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day will be celebrated in Salida on May 17. (There will be no tree board meeting that month.) In the past we have sent letters soliciting Arbor Day donations to local philanthropic groups, past tree adopters, and others, and had an article in the Mountain Mail. The response to the mailings has been pretty sparse, and postage is

a significant expense. Marilyn will discuss this with Diana Smith, who has handled the mailing in the past. We talked about making a presentation at Salida Soup, but the board feels that requesting funds to purchase an Arbor Day tree wouldn't be very competitive. At the least, we will have an article in the Mountain Mail and on the Salida Citizen and have the event announced by the local radio stations.

Tree City USA 30 Year Package: The Arbor Day Foundation has sent a 4x6 foot 30 year anniversary flag, 2-24x30 inch metal Tree City USA signs, 3-30 year stickers for the signs, and a glass 30-year commemorative plaque. A third 24x30 inch metal sign can be purchased. The three smaller Tree City USA that are currently at the main entrances to the city would be replaced with the larger version.

Adopt-a-Tree Program: We have received 14 adopt-a-tree applications to date, four from homeowners on Hunt Street. We have the budget this year to plant up to 20 trees!

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, June 13, 8 am, Methodist Mountain Room at the Touber Building