

# Salida Tree Board

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

## **Board Meeting June 13, 2017**

**Members Present:** Dave Hinman, David Lady, Marilyn Moore, Diana Smith

**Tree Removals, Pruning:** Dave reported that the inventory shows 69 trees were removed this spring of the 145 total identified as needing removal. Twenty-eight trees were pruned, 15 trees downtown were trimmed, and about 150 are left to be pruned. Terra Firma had to rent a crane to remove several of the trees, which put the cost to remove and prune over budget.

**Inventory Update:** Dave had not inventoried the trees at Trailside as he thought they were on private property. In fact the city right-of-way extends 3 feet beyond the edge of the sidewalk. (Dave later went back and entered 60 trees at Trailside into the database.) He was told that the trees at Cottonwood Green were privately owned, and he did not inventory them. Marilyn will get the list of trees adopted in 2017 to him to enter into the inventory.

**Adopt-a-Tree Program:** To date, 14 trees have been adopted, three of them on Hunt Street. Curtis has not yet submitted a bill, and depending on the costs to plant, there may be funds available that can be used to prune two silver maples at 1110 F Street and 632 F Street. Those are trees that somehow were over-looked when Terra Firma was pruning other trees in the area and that urgently need pruning. Marilyn will ask Angie for estimates. David told the new owners of The Junque Drawer building they could adopt a tree for the empty grate in front, but they have not submitted an application.

**Palmer Street Project:** Work on Palmer Street will begin later in the summer. There will be a meeting with homeowners on June 21 about the project. David did not know how many trees would be removed, but he will let people know about the Adopt-a-Tree program. In some places on Palmer, the right-of-way is as much as 16 feet on each side!

**Arbor Day Tree:** Diana reported that 8 donations totaling \$345 were made to plant the Arbor Day tree. Costs to purchase and plant were \$317. Diana suggested that as many people use credit cards instead of checks, we should set up a PayPal account for next year.

**Riverside Trees:** The irrigation system at the east end of Riverside is inoperable due to damage from the Scout Hut remodel. The Siberian elms and willows will likely survive a season without water, but the young swamp white oak at the northwest corner of the playground and the ginkgo in front of the playground absolutely need water, 30 – 40 gallons per week. Jake has purchased several tree mats to put around the trunks of the smaller trees to keep lawn mowers and weed whackers from damaging the bark. David wondered about purchasing tall iron tree guards to install around the trunks to protect them from bicycles and other assaults as well.

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, July 11, 8 am, Toubert Building,  
Methodist Mountain Room,**