

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting August 8, 2017

Present: Dave Hinman, Tom Jacobson, David Lady, Marilyn Moore, Will Taliaferro

Parking Letter: Tree board sent a letter to council members and the mayor strongly objecting to the removal of trees to increase parking at Alpine Park and at AHRA. Council members seemed not to be familiar with the proposal, and Cheryl Brown-Kovacic said that she and Rusty Granzella had been charged with coming up with a proposal. David noted that even when there is a big event in town, there are unused parallel parking spots at Alpine Park. Only a couple of parking spaces will be lost downtown when CDOT reconfigures the 1st and F Streets intersection.

2018 Budget: David is beginning to work on the public works budget for 2018. He will request that the tree board budget to remove, prune, and plant trees be funded at the 2017 level. For upcoming projects, the budgets should include funding to replant the number of trees replaced.

Tree Mats: Jake and Marilyn installed coco fiber mulch mats around three younger trees at Riverside Park to see how well they work. The mowers report no problem with the mats.

Riverside Park Trees: Will reported that he has met with Terra Firma Forestry and they will prune four of the large willows north of the Scout Hut. Four American elms are dying due to the lack of irrigation during the Scout Hut renovation, and Terra Firma will remove them next spring. The Biglow memorial cottonwood is also dying though not for lack of irrigation. The family will be contacted to see if they wish to replace it. Jake suggested that when a memorial tree is planted, the city should require funds to replace it if it dies. The hackberry along the diagonal walk is struggling. Curtis Milstein reported when he planted it several years ago that the soil was saturated and sour smelling. Can the sprinkler heads be redirected so the tree does not get so much water?

Merit Injections: Jake has contacted Jetco in BV to inquire about Merit injections or drench to treat the American elms for soft scale. Jetco was unfamiliar with Merit but will do some research and get back to him.

STERP: A Trailside resident has objected to STERP planting cottonwoods along the trail, as the “cotton” aggravates his allergies and plugs up his air conditioner. Another Trailside resident removed four 3-4” diameter cottonwoods along the trail - to preserve the view? protect the French drain? Jake is on the HOA board and will let homeowners know that they cannot take matters into their own hands and must contact the city with any concerns about trees on city property along the trail.

Trees in New Developments: Jake noted that the trees planted in the condo development at the old church at Park and B Streets are undersized, already in poor condition, unstaked, and without deer protection. The land used code needs to be revised to require a developer to have an adequate irrigation system and a maintenance plan in place, and also to require the developer to post a bond to replace the tree(s) if they do not survive at least three years. The code should also include standards for tree planting including species selection, size, staking and caging. Tree board will try to meet with Natural Habitats to discuss the appropriate siting of trees in the landscaping at the Two Rivers development.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 12, 8 am, in the Methodist Mountain Room at the Touber Building