

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting August 14, 2018

Members Present: Dave Hinman, Tom Jacobson, David Lady, Marilyn Moore, Diana Smith, Will Taliafero

Adopt-a-Tree: The adoption of a tree at 125 E. 3rd is still on hold until the homeowner can get the concrete cut for the adopted tree and a second tree he is purchasing. David has ordered grates, and as he told the homeowner that the city had two grates on hand that could be used, he feels that the city has an obligation to purchase them. David felt that the grates were necessary because the concrete in the parkways qualifies these as downtown trees. There is money in the tree budget for the purchase. The concrete will not now be cut until September, and the homeowner may agree to wait to plant the trees until next spring.

2019 Tree Budget Requests: The board discussed budget requests for pruning, removing and planting for 2019. For street trees, we will request \$30,000 for pruning and removals, \$6,000 to plant 25 adopted trees, and \$4,000 for tree guards for the downtown trees. Six-Line has submitted a design for guards for the downtown trees, and Michael Varnum is working on a grant request to purchase and install the guards.

For the park trees, we will request \$20,000 for pruning, removals, and planting. Contracting with Front Range Arborists to spray the American elms in the parks with horticultural oil to control European elm scale will cost \$1700. (Do we need to alternate the Merit and the oil every year?) FRA will, by ordinance, need to apply for a city arborist license to do the spraying..

Marilyn will present the tree board budget request as well as the 2019 Tree Board Work Plan at the September 4 council meeting.

Riverside Cottonwood: Shortly before FibArk, the enormous cottonwood to the southwest of the band shell dropped a huge, apparently sound limb mid-day when there were many people in the park. Fortunately, no one was injured! Now that we know it is a hazardous tree, it is going to have to be removed. Will has gotten an estimate from

Front Range Arborists of \$3000 to remove the tree plus \$300 to grind the stump. FRA can do the work in October or November, getting the tree out before Holiday Park goes in. (Again, they will need to have an arborist license.) Next spring, several good-sized replacement trees can be planted. Teresa Casey would like to consider installing shade structures around the amphitheater - faster than waiting for trees to grow and they wouldn't obstruct sight lines.

Tree Removals on the Union Pacific Side: A limb came out of a tree on the UP side of the river and injured a boy who was swimming below. Public works went ahead and removed 6 big trees and 6 smaller trees on that side as UP would not do it. AHRA removed more trees further upstream.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 11, 8 am, Methodist Mountain Room at the Touber Building