

Salida Tree Board

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

Board Meeting September 11, 2018

Members Present: Dave Hinman, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Diana Smith, Will Taliaferro

Budget Request, Work Plan: Marilyn distributed copies of the 2019 budget request and the 2019 work plan that she gave to council. In her presentation to council, she reviewed the tree board's accomplishments so far in 2018 and requested \$41,000 for street tree pruning, removals, planting and protection, and \$20,000 for park tree pruning, planting, protection, and insect treatment.

Cottonwood Removal: Front Range Arborists has bid \$3,300 to remove the huge cottonwood in Riverside and grind the stump. Will reported that Tom Flynn with Front Range Arborists is working on the tree test for the required Salida arborist's license. Will had about \$5,000 left in his budget, but \$2,300 was used to remove a dead cottonwood by the SteamPlant, prune a second cottonwood, and plant a new one. He expects he will be able to come up with enough to hire FRA for the Riverside removal.

Adopt-a-Tree: A homeowner adjacent to the reworked intersection of 6th, Teller, and C Streets has agreed to adopt a maple that will be planted in the swale at the south end of the intersection. The white gravel in the right-of-way at 208 Palmer was replaced with brown gravel and mulch. The homeowner adopted two trees to be planted there and a third to be planted at his neighbor's at 218 Palmer that he will care for. Marilyn will let Dave know when the trees have been planted so Dave can add them to the inventory.

Spruce Stump at the Scout Hut: Jake suggested taking a photo of the spruce stump to accompany a Mountain Mail article seeking a local chain saw artist to carve it.

Trees at Trailside: The homeowner at #18 approached the HOA and requested that the healthy ash in front of her be house topped because it was blocking her view of Mt. Shavano. Informed that it was a city tree, she said she will ask the city to remove it! A Trailside resident who was an arborist back east has requested permission to prune the crabapples along the walk that goes from the Salida trail into the neighborhood.

Trees in New Developments: Jake observed that in several new developments, the trees have been poorly planted and staked and have no deer protection. Tree Board has put together planting specifications, but some developers are not following them. The plantings are not inspected, and the city only requires the new trees live for one year. Jake suggested that tree board members set up a meeting with Glen Van Nimwegen and Greg Follet, the head of the Planning Commission, to suggest revisions to the Landscaping Standards ordinance, 16-8-90.

Downtown Trees: Denny Lee's Mountain Ash in front of his lot in the 100 block of north F Street looks terrible despite his ongoing efforts, and Jake suggested that we should replace it. Also, there is an empty grate in front of the Family Arcade; we need to plant a tree if the business owner will adopt it and care for it, or remove the grate and fill in the tree well.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 9, 8 am, Methodist Mountain Room at the Touber Building