

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

April 4 , 2019

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Lin Spatcher, Kathy Hoerlein, Shawn Williams, JT Shaver Forester from CSFS.& Special guest Vince Urbina CSFS Western Slope Regional Forester . Having a quorum of 5 members, a regular meeting continued at 0908 am.

Agenda approved by President Tom, and added potential fund raiser

Minutes ; from March 7, 2019 motion to approve by Kathy and 2nd by Dan . Motion carried.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

4.5 hrs . Educational book distribution

6 hrs set Library Earth Day exhibit

2019 Total to date = 25.5 hrs.

Annual work plan checked.

Reports;

Public Works ; Shawn thanked the Tree Board for such cooperation & great to work together.

The Tree order was delivered by Seuffer Nursery from Canon City. The 24 trees are placed at Public Works and mounded with wood chips. Public Works will keep watering until plantings in May & June.

The 24 tree list for this year's plantings.

Arbor Day

4- Spring Snow Crab
1- Sensation Box Elder

Adopt Tree

2-American Linden
4 spring Snow Crab
1- Radiant Crab
1- Royalty Crab
2- Canada Red Cherry
2 - Cottonwood Lanceleaf
2- Cottonwood -Plains
1- Autumn Blaze Maple

4 -Ponderosa Pine trees have also been delivered for possible Tree Board plantings or planted at the new water tank site.

Shawn wanted to look over the Landscape Plan for the new Boulders Project located north of N. Railroad & Arkansas St. Tree Board discussed and looked over the plans to plant 99 trees. Board discussed their concerns. The main concern is with the requirement of two trees per lot. The 25 ft lot width is just not wide enough for proper tree spacing. We suggested a consideration to allow 1 tree lot. Other comments were conveyed to Shawn for his submittal.

The High School Landscape plan will be reviewed at our next meeting.

The new Parks Director Ryan Harper will be introduced to the Tree Board at next meeting.

Colorado State Forest ; Representative JT Shaver presented the 2018 Forest Health report. The report can be downloaded at their web site. The aerial surveys detail spreading tree insect infestations.

JT will notify us , when the Cottonwood Trees Hazardous survey is conducted in Riverside park, Salida by Aspen City Forester for a tour.

JT mentioned no further spread of Emerald Ash Borer has been found , only in Boulder & Longmont.

Vince presented the Board will our 30 year Tree City Award. Vince looked over our 2019 tree purchases. He suggested to plant native trees and consider trees that will not produce fruit to reduce bear food in urban areas. He also suggested plantings of European Larch, David Elm, Princeton Elm , Gambel Oak, & Serviceberry. Vince and the tree board inspected the new trees delivered at Public Works, showing the Board some pruning techniques of small trees.

Agenda Items :

1. Arbor Day; Planting May 17th, 5 trees along E. Main sidewalk. A display table will have brochures and free seedling trees . Lin will work on an article for the newspaper and teeshirts. Tom to work on a banner. Public Works to order 50 seedling trees.

Volunteers to meet at N.Railroad parking lot at 0900.

Public Works to remove existing trees for replacement and prepare the tree well planters, prior to the Friday May 17th.

Board approved spending up to \$300 for tee shirt sale. Motion By Tom & 2nd by Roy, motion carried. Lin to proceed with the design and production of the shirts.

2. Earth day; Tree Board set up display at the Public Library with donated tree books and brochures for the entire month of April. Actual Earth day is April 22nd.

3. Adopt a Tree: we have 6 applications. Suggest applications to be displayed at the Library Earth Day display. Plantings to be decided , probably in early June. Suggest to advertise on Town's web site.

Other Business; none

Final comments; none

Next Meeting; May 2, 2019

Adjourned at 10:44, with motion by Tom , 2nd by Dan

Tom, Dan, Kathy and Roy continued with Vince & JT for a Columbine Park Tree inspection as a project for this year's pruning project. Several trees were identified as having potential hazardous conditions. Vince suggested we have the park evaluated by a professional arborist.

The work session tour continued evaluating trees along E. Main & Cedar Street. Suggested lifting branches to 8 feet over the sidewalk and 13 feet over the road way. The health and vigor was noted.

Trees along South Main St. were inspected, as the developer had removed branches in excess of the recommended 13 feet height. This excess pruning will deter the tree's ability to grow the diameter of the base, thus the trunks will not be as sturdy. The trees will be top heavy with growth and along with a weaker base, will be vulnerable to damage from high winds and snow loads.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gertson
Secretary