

# Salida Tree Board

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

## **Tree Board Meeting March 5, 2012**

**Present:** Kevin Crowley, Marilyn Moore

The tree board meeting was advanced one week. Kevin and Marilyn marked the trees in Riverside Park that Kathryn Hardgrave, Colorado State Forest Service, and Marilyn had identified for removal. Consulting arborist David Hoefer evaluated the trees in 2005 and in the years since, the city has taken down trees that he recommended for removal. However, one of the trees, #21, the willow on the right at the north end of the diagonal walk, which was recommended for immediate removal, was never in fact removed. The large cottonwood at the left of the band shell (#26) has already dropped several enormous limbs. Three of the remaining willows, #11, #12, and #20 have so much die-back that their removal is recommended, and their removal will open up sufficient room to get new trees established. Kathryn and Marilyn also suggested removing tree #7 or #8 to open up additional space for replanting. David Hoefer noted that # 25, the large cottonwood to the right at the end of the walk had considerable interior decay and should be monitored. All dead limbs greater than 2" in diameter in the remaining willows in the west end of the park should be pruned out.

Vince Urbina, Community Forester with Colorado State Forest Service, came through town several days later and met Kevin, Kathryn and Marilyn in the park. Looking at the trees, he commented that dead limbs are with certainty going to eventually be dropped. He agreed with the recommendation that #11, #12, #20, #21, and #26 should be removed. He thought that neither #7 or #8 needed to be removed. He was not particularly concerned about the cottonwood, # 25.

Marilyn and Kathryn put together pruning specs for removing the dead limbs from the trees that will remain. Kevin will put out a RFP to arborists for the pruning and removals.