

# Salida Tree Board

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

**April 9, 2013**

## **Tree Board Meeting**

**Present:** Kevin Crowley, Kathryn Hardgrave, Marilyn Moore, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

**Also Present:** Michael Yerman, Joe DeLuca, engineer with the Crabtree Group

**Riverside Replacement Trees:** Removing the four willows and the cottonwood will open up the canopy and give replacement trees a chance of establishing and growing well. The board and Michael discussed the look we want the park to have, and decided that we want to replant an allee along the diagonal walk, but with a diversity of species so that down the road we do not have the problems of a monoculture that we are facing now: every tree is declining at the same time. The board and Michael agreed to replace #11 and #12 with Lanceleaf Cottonwoods, #20 and #21 with Hackberries, and #26 with a Honey Locust. These are species that have done well in Salida and should size up reasonably quickly.

**Colorado Parks and Recreation Grant:** Marilyn will write a grant application for money to replace the trees that will be removed, due April 20. The \$500 grant requires a \$500 match which the tree board can make with accumulated Arbor Day donations.

**Elementary School Landscaping:** Joe will be meeting with the landscape architects for the new elementary school and will urge them to come up with a landscape plan that will be generous with the width of the planting area between sidewalk and curb. Joe would also like to try installing 12" tree root barriers along the sidewalk on the tree side to deflect the roots down and avoid sidewalk vs. tree issues. We do not want to repeat the mistakes that were made at the high school (poor species selection, poor siting, poor planting), but unfortunately landscaping and sidewalks are the first things to get cut when a project is over budget.

**Adopt-a-Tree:** Applications to adopt a tree have been placed at city hall and the library, and an article about the program has been published in the Mountain Mail. There is a back-log of applications from last year received after all the budget was spent.

**Earth Day:** The tree board will have a table at the Earth Day celebration in Riverside Park on April 20. Marilyn will make handouts on how to plant a tree and how to prune a young shade tree, also have Adopt-a-Tree applications available. Kathryn will see what she has that might be handed out. She suggested a poster showing how many trees have been removed and how many have been planted in the city right-of-ways.

**Arbor Day:** Diana will send out letters soliciting Arbor Day donations, and Marilyn will submit an article to the Mountain Mail. Michelle Ludwig's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Longfellow will help Curtis Milstein plant a tree at Chisholm Park. Marilyn will meet Theresa Casey and Michael at the park to decide where the tree will be planted. The Arbor Day tree planting will be the tree board's May "meeting".

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, June 11, 8 AM, Café Dawn**