

# Salida Tree Board

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

## TREE BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2013

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

**Riverside Stumps:** Council has directed that all five stumps be removed from the park. Right after FibArk, Diesslin will come in with an excavator and pull the stumps. Public works will immediately backfill the holes, and repair the sprinklers and sidewalks. When they are dried, the stumps can be carved and replaced in the park.

**CPR Grant:** Tree board received a \$500 grant from the Colorado Parks and Recreation Foundation that tree board will match with \$675 in accumulated Arbor Day donations. The grant will purchase and plant two lance leaf cottonwoods and two hackberries to replace the trees removed.

**Longfellow Tree:** The students at Longfellow Elementary raised \$400 through a reading challenge program that they donated to the city for the purchase and planting of a honey locust in Riverside Park. The whole school came to watch the tree get planted.

**Donated Trees, Shrubs:** An anonymous donation of \$500 has been made to purchase and plant a tree and shrubs in Riverside Park. Perhaps site a tree where the memorial tree died and plant cotoneasters? Or replace the ginalla maple in the circular bed that died?

**Arbor Day Donations:** There were not very many Arbor Day donations this year, but what donations were made were generous and totaled \$530. Diana will write a personal thank you note to each donor.

**Tree Removals and Sidewalk Repair:** Bob intends to replace the worst of the sidewalks that have been heaved by tree roots. Depending on how many roots are affected, Siberian elms are quite tolerant of having roots severed. Silver maples may be as well. Where the homeowner does not want the offending tree(s) removed, perhaps the sidewalk can be routed around the tree, which would require the homeowner to give the city an easement. Bob will discuss the possibility of getting easements with the city attorney. When E Street was redone, homeowners who lost trees were offered an adopted tree, and the cost of replacing the trees was included in the project budget. Kathryn suggested that when H Street is redone, the street be narrowed so the tree lawns can be wider.

**NRC Trees:** The NRC owes the city of Salida 10 trees, and tree board has discussed planting them in the empty grates downtown. Is this 10 actual trees or the dollar equivalent of what 10 trees would cost? If money, what new trees do we want to plant downtown? Crabs have generally done well, but the fruit and spreading canopy are an issue. Locusts have also done well, but they get tall enough to obscure business signs.

**Watering Downtown Trees:** Kevin has a crew out early on Sunday mornings watering the downtown trees. They will water all trees in a grate and those in the cul de sac as well.

**Tree Stewards:** Jean Wright is working to get the tree steward program revived. The stewards will evaluate the condition of trees planted in the last 5 years and let the tree board know if a tree needs pruning or has insect or disease issues. The trees will also be fertilized. A door hanger will be left at each residence and let the homeowner know if the tree needs more water or if the homeowner is doing a good job caring for the tree. A letter to the editor in the Mountain Mail will recruit tree stewards.

**Longfellow Landscape:** The landscape architect for the new elementary school emailed his proposed design to Marilyn. Species selection and placement look appropriate.

**Adopt-a-Tree:** Seven homeowners will be adopting 9 street trees. There may be enough money to plant one or two more.

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, July 9, 8 am, Café Dawn**