

Salida Tree Board

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

Special Tree Board Meeting April 28, 2015

Members Present: Kevin Crowley, Kathryn Hardgrave, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn, Diana Smith

Also Present: Jamie Hartig, Community Development Intern

Memorial Proposal: As Jamie's last day is May 1, the special meeting was scheduled so that she could present the proposal for a memorial tree and commemorative bricks that she has been working on. Taking the suggestion made at the tree board meeting on April 14 that there be more than one tree (in case one dies), she proposed that the two crabs along the river in Riverside Park be incorporated into a memorial garden with a plaque, perhaps a bench across the sidewalk facing the garden, and native, drought-resistant perennials.

In discussion, the board liked the proposed location but agreed that the two trees would need to be replaced, as one is dying from fireblight and the other has been badly damaged by beaver. Rather than arrange the bricks in a circle around one or both trees, a single course of bricks could be laid on sand along the length of the sidewalk. Individual bricks could be removed and engraved as requested. Instead of a plaque on a post, the board liked the idea of a plaque mortared on to a large rock. Kevin thought that Butala might be willing to donate the rock, which would need to have a smooth face for mounting the plaque. Jamie estimates the price of the plaque at \$300 or less, and she suggested the wording:

Salida Memorial Garden
In memory of those who are gone
But not forgotten.
Please enjoy respectfully

The bricks would cost about \$30 each and the board suggested that we could engrave each brick for \$50, with the extra going towards maintenance, purchase of perennials or annuals, replacement if a tree dies, etc. Once the garden is in place, we could have a dedication ceremony and invite any original donors still in the area to attend.

NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 12, 8 am, River's Edge

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Thursday, May 14, 2 pm, Longfellow Elementary