

Salida Tree Board

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

Tree Board Meeting April 14, 2015

Members Present: Kathryn Hardgrave, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith.

Also Present: Jamie Hartig, Community Planning Intern

Watering on Monarch Spur Trail: Two to three volunteers (no more) from LTUA, SPOT and/or GARNA will be permitted to take the public works water truck out to water the new plantings along the trail. They will need to sign a liability release and keep track of their volunteer hours.

Trailside: Tree board members and volunteers along with Angie Jensen of Terra Firma Forestry pruned 44 trees at Trailside. Where necessary, Angie did the climbing.

Storm Damage: The heavy wet snow from the storm in early March did a considerable amount of damage to trees on the right-of-ways and in the parks. Mostly, what came down was dead wood. Chisholm Park was particularly bad. In Riverside, where removing dead wood from the trees has been a priority, there were very few limbs down.

Memorial Tree and Bricks: Jamie brought several examples of possible memorials – a tree with a circle of brick, a tree with a bench and bricks, a flagstone wall with a stone tree. She suggested that there is an ailing crabapple along the river that could be removed and the memorial tree planted there with the bricks going down to the river. Kathryn suggested that it would be better to plant a small grove of three trees, so that if one dies, there are still trees. Other possible locations were discussed – Thonoff (deer are a big problem there) and along the Monarch Spur Trail (a grove of existing trees?). Jamie will continue to work on this. As May 1 is Jamie's last day, **tree board will meet on Tuesday, April 28, at 8 am at the Touber Building** to discuss this further and perhaps come up with a final design.

Heaved Sidewalk: Section of the sidewalk on H Street next to the Longfellow play ground have been badly heaved by the maple. For some reason, this was not addressed when edges were ground and/or slabs lifted throughout the city. At the least, those slabs should probably be removed and replaced with road base.

Salida River Trail: Three or four large trees will be removed as well as some smaller, junky trees. Root disturbance to the remaining trees should be minimal. At run-off, part of the trail will be under water, like it is under the bridge. Kathryn pointed out that like all trees, the narrow-leaf cottonwood will still send out lateral roots to anchor the tree, and these may be shallow enough to create problems with paving.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day will be celebrated on Thursday, May 14, and Michelle Ludwig's 4th grade class will assist with planting. We are considering a location on the Longfellow grounds.

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