

# Salida Tree Board

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

## **Board Meeting July 10, 2018**

**Members Present:** Dave Hinman, Marilyn Moore, Diana Smith, Will Talifiero

**Adopt-a-Tree Program:** Twenty-three trees were planted in the city right-of-ways. Total cost to purchase and plant was \$6440.20. Homeowners contributed \$50 per tree towards the cost to purchase and plant, for a net cost to tree board of \$5340.20. One tree has yet to be planted at 125 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tree has been purchased but there will be a charge to plant. The sidewalk needs to be cut for that tree and another that the homeowner has purchased. David has ordered tree grates. Will they be charged to the tree board budget? Depending on the cost, tree board expenses could still be less than the up to \$7,000 that Jody said we could spend.

**Riverside Tree Guards:** Tree board members anticipated that the tree guards would be used to protect the Rotary trees along Sackett. Will explained that he and his crew instead put them around the smaller diameter trees that they felt were most vulnerable to injury. Marilyn spoke to a Rotary member about the tree guards, and he is going to suggest that Rotary consider purchasing guards for the Rotary trees.

**2019 Budget:** Jody has asked that tree board begin thinking about the budget for 2019. Marilyn suggested requesting funds to purchase and plant 25 trees. (She has already received requests to adopt trees for next year.) Do we want to again request \$30,000 to prune and remove trees? Purchase additional tree guards? Spray the American elms with horticultural oil to treat for soft scale? It will require a crane to remove the big cottonwood to the west of the band shell and will be very costly. Will will be getting estimates and make it a line item in his budget request for park trees.

**Biglow Memorial Tree:** It turns out that the tree planted in Riverside Park in memory of Bob Biglow is actually a Lombardy poplar, not a cottonwood. The park crew has been removing the trunk "suckers", but they are actually necessary to the health and proper growth of this cultivar. Will will ask his crew to remove the protective caging and leave the trunk growth unpruned.

**Elm at 250 Poncha/101 Pitkin:** The new homeowner has asked about removing or pruning the big elm in the city right-of-way. There are power lines that run through the tree, and Excel has cleared limbs away from the lines but done no further pruning. The tree is slated for defective pruning. Given the power lines, would Terra Firma be able to safely prune the dead out? Do we/can we contact Excel and ask them to remove the tree?

**Spruce at Scout Hut:** The root system of the spruce at the southwest corner of the Scout Hut was damaged during the installation of the new curb. It will be removed, and Will was wondering about leaving the stump to be carved by a chainsaw artist. Diana offered to try to track one down.

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, August 14, 8 am, Methodist Mountain Room at the Toubert Building.**