

Hi all,

Sorry for the delay in sending out these notes. The task team met last Wednesday at Yasmine's and discussed some high level requirements. Please add anything I might have missed. I've also taken some liberties with the suggestions so if I went to far let me know.

1. Replacement plan must be tied to removal plan.
2. Bring in the State Historic Preservation Office of NM early to get buy in and make any concerns known in the beginning.
3. Fast canopy shade replacement in the middle
4. Drought and heat tolerant varieties that can handle changing climate
5. Minimize Allelopathic varieties of trees or locate them out of harms way.
6. Root patterns near edges should not break through the sidewalk.
7. Drastic changes to the look and feel of the park are opposed.
8. Long term loss of shade should be avoided at all costs.
9. Tree life should fall in 50-70 yr replacement plan.
10. Tree droppings should not produce a safety hazard to bare feet (nut shells, thorns, etc.)

Suggestions

1. Break funding into smaller increments that couple the removal and replacement in one expenditure so that replacement can't be severed due to changing political priorities.
2. Stronger more enduring species that are consequently slow growth may more tolerable along the edges where people don't rely as much on the shade.
3. Grove configurations are desirable due to the beneficial effects of proximity among similar species.
4. Develop the flat area on top of the hill (potential for alternative priorities such as food trees acorn etc.)

Questions

1. Which species of elms are allelopathic?
2. Why are the trees on the SW side growing so slowly?