



Hamilton Farmers Market Cooperative
On Bedford, Second and Third Streets
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Laura Craig, Manager 961-0004

Feb 8, 2017

Dear County Commissioners, Mayor Steele and Hamilton City Council,

The Market's tree replacement campaign is moving right along after meeting with Sylvia and David McNeill of McNeill's Tree Service to determine which species they recommend for our urban infrastructure environment.

The Market would like to plant on the south side of the 200 block of Bedford:

- 1 Green Spire Linden
- 1 Redmond Linden
- 1 Northern Red Oak
- 1 Thornless Honey Locust

The Market will be responsible for purchasing the trees from Bitterroot Nursery. The County, as owners of the property next to the boulevards and following Hamilton City Ordinance tree care procedures, is responsible for planting, watering and caring for the trees.

Wes Young, County Maintenance Engineer, has attended all of these replacement tree fact gathering meetings. Wes, the Market and the McNeills will meet again when the snow clears to determine exactly where these new trees will go. The City's locator services will also be contacted to confirm that the chosen spaces are not impacting anything not in sight.

The new trees will be planted in April of 2017. Wes agreed to put protective stakes 3 feet from the new trees with brightly colored tape to keep people from harming them and compacting the soil over their roots.

The McNeills gave us lots of information about acceptable tree species and also 'best practice' planting techniques. If you would like a copy of this information or of the City Ordinances pertaining to trees, please let us know.

We do hope this letter fulfills what is required by the City to comply with their procedural Ordinances on tree care. If more is needed, please let us, the County Commissioners and Wes of the County know as more dying trees in that block will need to be replaced by the County in the future.

Thank you for your patience as we attempt to be responsible for maintaining the tree infrastructure that makes the Hamilton Farmers Market such a pleasant place to shop and such an economic success here in the valley.

Laura Craig

CC: Wes Young, Donny Ramer, Tamar Stanley

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