

Maui County Arborist Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2010

Meeting called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Those present: Jordan Hart, Richard Kempf, Jeannie Pezzoli, Monroe Bryce, Harlan Hughes, Terry Nutt, Bob Hobdy, and William Jacintho. Also present were David Sakoda, Dennis Morihiko (new committee member) and Richie Campas (tree business owner).

Review of March 10, 2010 meeting minutes. Several discrepancies were found. Monroe moved to defer acceptance of the minutes until corrections are made. Motion seconded by Harlan.

New Business: The group discussed inviting Jack McCormack of the Public Works, Highways Division to join us at our next meeting to provide us with information on his job duties. He is the Code Enforcer for the County of Maui.

Committee Elections: Jordan expressed that he is extremely busy with his father's campaign as a mayoral candidate. Jeanne moved to re-elect Jordan as Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Terry. Next, Terry moved to re-elect Monroe as Vice-Chair. Motion was seconded by Jordan. The group unanimously re-elected them back into their positions.

Maui County Planting Plan: An additional chapter of the planting plan was requested to cover replacement of trees that have died or were removed. David expressed that we do not have the resources to replace every tree that dies or there may not be adequate space to replant trees because the other trees may have grown and filled in the space. Monroe inquired on whether we could ask for additional planting. Monroe wanted to know if we could ask for additional planting. The response was that the planting plan is becoming the administrative rules for the developers to ask for their development. The Urban Forestry Plan is a bigger document. Terry said that the County should be doing something about it. William motioned that the group should approach Ernie Rezendes to write another chapter. Monroe seconded the motion.

Other Business: Sue mentioned that the group should try to complete the mulching job at Keopuolani Park. She mentioned that she wanted to make pruning a focus of Arbor Week. David's response was that the park caretakers do not do significant pruning of trees; only light pruning. They should focus more on their weed whacking problems. He'll check with supervisor Pat Rocco to request training for the park caretakers on weed whacking and mulching.

Deputy Director Zachary Helm who joined the meeting commented that he has not met with the key people yet in regards to the Wailuku Community Center. He has an upcoming meeting on site scheduled this Friday at 8:30 a.m. with staff there. Zachary also requested suggestions for a park in Molokai. He said that there were no trees and suggestions would be welcomed.

Jordan said that he would draft a letter to Ellen Kraftsow regarding the proposed water use ordinance for landscape irrigation. The committee will review the letter and decide whether to approve it or drop the matter..

Exceptional Tree Subcommittee Report: The subcommittee members are to meet at the Veteran's Cemetery in Makawao to document all exceptional rainbow shower trees. The group plans to make a booklet on the shower trees to give to the County Council Members who helped with the approval. David also mentioned that several people should go to the Yokouchi estate because they have several exceptional trees there.

Arborist Report: There are 3 contracts out there right now of which the bids are coming in for. David hopes that the quality of work is adequate. The Street Tree Maintenance funding has been secured out of the Highway Beautification fund for the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion to adjourn was brought up by William and seconded by Monroe. Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
