

Maui County Arborist Committee
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2010

- I. Call to order 1:34 pm when it was determined a quorum was present.
- II. Meeting Business
 - a. Minutes were corrected to show that those present were at the park and only the members, David Sakoda, Sue Kiang, and Ernie Rezens were at the business meeting at Kula Community Center following the site visit at Kula School Park. Terry asked that the minutes show that he spoke with an architect about Mokuula at MNBG rather than on site. William Jacinto moved and Terry Nutt seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.
- III. Unfinished Business
 - a. Review of planting plan information - Ernie presented a history of the Arborist Committee. He asked that members review it before the next meeting. It would be a part of the appendix. He will attempt to compile the parking lot chapter before the next meeting. The feedback that he was given from corporation counsel regarding Chapter 15 was that it was good to have in the plan for those developers who want to be green. The tree count before construction would be a recommendation and therefore optional. Its inclusion could be a trigger for the potential of this becoming a mandated requirement into the future. Once the tables are compiled they will be reviewed a final time by the committee. The process for adoption of the planting plan will be the committee's review after being approved by corporation counsel for form and legality; then to the departments of the county; a public hearing; and adoption by the county council.
 - b. Staff training on mulch - William reported on the feedback from county workers. He suggested a second training on light pruning.
 - c. Comment letter on water conservation is being drafted.
- IV. New business
 - a. Addressing businesses that advertise a topping service - A member of the public had asked Jordan about seeing companies that list this as a service. The committee decided rather than approaching the issue from that direction, they would continue with letters to facilities that have had poor pruning done on their trees. The goal is to provide general education to the community and always to encourage the use of a certified arborist.
- V. Committees
 - a. The exceptional tree committee will meet before next month's meeting. In the mean time, Monroe plans to go to Hana. He will measure the kamani that is there. There was concern about the care of the trees on the old Wailuku plantation home where there is more than one exceptional tree.
 - b. Arbor Week - Terry will contact Pat Biley of the Nature Conservancy to be

honorary chair. The proclamation was mentioned as was the tree give-away. Discussion of potential planting projects ensued. There are possibilities at the Kula School park, the Velma McWayne Santos community center, Paia bike path near Stable road, Kalama Park with the Maui Outdoor Circle, and Luanna Gardens also needs more trees due to the die-off the erythrina. Sue volunteered to coordinate the effort at Kalama as she lives in the Kihei community and could garner the support of more volunteers. The Volunteer Center offered to help if the committee wanted to do a planting on October 23 which is "Make a Difference" day.

VI. Arborist Report

- a. The contracts have been completed. There is a concern about rats in the coconut rubbish next to the Waikapu Community Center. This is not parks property but David will ask if MCCC can clean it.

VII. Announcements:

Next scheduled meeting - Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the Parks Conference room at War Memorial complex.

VIII. Adjournment 3:20 pm

Record of Attendance

Present:

Jordan Hart, Chair
Harlan Hughes
Richard Kempf
Terry Nutt
Monroe Bryce
Dennis Morihiro
William Jacinto

Excused: Jeannie Pezzoli

Bridget Apuna, secretary
Ernest Rezens, volunteer
David Sakoda, County Arborist
Sue Kiang, staff support to committee