

Maui County Arborist Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2011

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:49pm due to power outage.
- II. Meeting Business:**
- a. Sunshine Law recap by Corporation Counsel
  - b. Motion to adopt minutes of February, May, and November 2009, November and December 2010 and approve minutes of July 2009, March and April 2010 as amended  
Moved: Jeanne Pezzoli  
Second: Monroe Bryce  
Vote: Unanimous
  - c. Review of DRAFT Revisions to Maui County Planting Plan
- III. Unfinished Business:**
- a. Three letters have been sent regarding over-trimming at Pukalani Terrance Center, 331 Hookahi Street in Wailuku, and 891 Eha Street in Wailuku.
- IV. New Business:**
- a. Committee provided comments for Planning Department on Resolution No. 10 – 43, DRAFT Bill amending chapter 2.88, Maui county code, relating to the Cultural Resources Commission, and title 19, article iii, Maui county code, relating to Maui County Historic Districts
    1. Landowner should be allowed to remove a hazardous tree if declared hazardous by a currently certified arborist. Within 30 days of removal of hazardous tree, landowner should submit hazardous tree assessment report to the Cultural Resources Commission and Maui County Arborist Committee.
    2. The Cultural Resources Commission should encourage landowners to replace trees that are removed by requiring replacement when required and recommending replacement when it is not required.
    3. The definition of a large tree should be changed to 15 inches in diameter at breast height. Breast height is 4.5 feet above the ground.
    4. A certified arborist must assess tree and landowner must submit report to the Arborist Committee to review and comment for the Cultural Resources Commission prior to removal.
  - b. Motion to approve of sending letter with these recommendations to the Planning Department:  
Motion: Monroe Bryce  
Second: Robert Hobdy  
Vote: Unanimous

*Meeting Action: Lehua Simon will draft a letter with these recommendations to the Planning Department.*

**V. Committees:**

- a. Exceptional Tree Subcommittee Report by David Sakoda: Two trees in Wailuku and one Molokai to complete. No estimated completion date available.
- b. Grant Subcommittee Report by Jeanne Pezzoli:
  1. Monroe Bryce, William Jacintho, and Jeanne Pezzoli formed Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Project subcommittee and met to discuss possible projects for county grant submission. Also in attendance at this meeting were David Sakoda, Richie Campas, Sue Kiang, Glenn Shishido, and Marge Bonar of the Maui Outdoor Circle.
  2. List of projects proposed were tree inventory, bike path by airport (Stable Road), planting trees by picnic tables and bike paths, Wailuku Heights corner, Keopulani park, airports area, manual on the best practices, a commemorative grove, and a root guard.
  3. Subcommittee agreed to support a county request for funding for the bike path by airport (Stable Road) due to substantial parts of the project being already completed and cooperation from landowners. The Maui Outdoor Circle will be our non-profit representative. David Sakoda will work on grant.
- c. Discussion of legislation against tree topping (16.13.240 – Landscape planting and beautification revolving fund); with input from Corporation Counsel

*Meeting Action: Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 12:15pm in the Parks Department Conference Room at War Memorial complex. Subcommittee includes Jordan Hart, Monroe Bryce, and Harlan Hughes.*

**VI. Chairman's report:**

- a. Status of outstanding commemorative planting project for Arbor week: David Sakoda is unable to provide target date for Kalana Pukui Building planting.

**VII. Arborist report:**

- a. Tree city USA application is completed, being reviewed and pending.
- b. Motion to write a letter to Department of Public Works to recommend that opinions from Arborist consultants with Monkey Pod tree experience, including root pruning options, for trees being removed at Maui Scooner.

Motion: Harland Hughes

Second: Jeanne Pezzoli

Vote: Unanimous

*Meeting Action: Jordan will write this letter.*

**VIII. Agenda Development:**

- a. ADA sidewalk issue
- b. Write letter to new Parks Director to schedule meeting
- c. Exceptional tree booklet
- d. Training for park caretakers regarding weed-wacking and mulching

**IX. Announcements:**

a. Next scheduled meeting – Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 20011 at 1:30pm in the Parks Department Conference Room at War Memorial complex.

**X. Adjournment:**

Motion: Jeanne Pezzoli

Second: Monroe Bryce

Vote: Unanimous

Submitted by:

Lehua Simon, Administrative Assistant

Maui County Arborist Committee

**Record of Attendance:**

**Present:**

Jordan Hart, Chair

Monroe Bryce, Vice Chair

Harlan Hughes

Jeanne Pezzoli

Robert Hobdy

William Jacintho

Dennis Morihiro

David Sakoda, County Arborist

Glenn Shishido, State Forester

Sue Kiang, Community Resource Coordination

Jeff Ueoka, Corporate Counsel

Ernest Resentz

Richie Campas

Evan Sussman

**Excused:**

Terry Nutt