

**Maui County Arborist
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2011**

Approved (07-13-11)

1. Call to Order 1:35 pm
2. Meeting Business
 - a. Approval of the minutes of April 13, 2011 as corrected. No minutes were available for the May meeting. It was not held due to lack of quorum.
 - Motion: Monroe Bryce
 - Second: Bob Hobdy
 - Vote: Unanimous
 - b. Richard was in Hana and met with Ian Cole regarding the breadfruit proposal forwarded by the Lahaina Restoration Foundation. The plant material that will be utilized will be collected during a pruning of the tree. The air layering can happen at any time. Ian is knowledgeable about the needs of the tree as well as the processes that are involved. A motion to support the project as stated was made.
 - Motion: Monroe Bryce
 - Second: Richard Kempf
 - Vote: unanimous
 - c. Ernie reported that he hopes to have a hard copy of the planting plan revision to Sue within the week. She will copy and distribute. Members are asked to record their comments on the copy. When they are done, they are asked to sign the copy and return to Ernie. Ernie will convene a committee to review the comments and compile them before forwarding it to Corporation Counsel. Ernie will be contacting Terry Nutt to get the most current measurements available on the exceptional trees. He also asked everyone to check for the correct spelling.
 - d. The monkeypods on High Street were discussed as potential nominations for exceptional trees. One member remembered that the tree on Wells and High Street is the mileage marker tree for Maui. More information is needed on the actual number of trees, their locations, and structural soundness. A further discussion was held on what constitutes a grove and how to handle replacements if a tree is removed.
 - e. The Exceptional Trees subcommittee researched plaques. They estimate a cost of \$100 each with a concrete base. These would be for those on public property. The information would be made available to private landowners and they could chose to erect a sign as well. Jeannie will continue to work on the list. She will draft a letter to each tree owner. She will provide the format for what should be included on a plaque.
 - f. Richard Kempf provided a written report on the trees at D.T. Fleming Arboretum, Kanaio, Maui, Hawaii done on 5/28/11. The trees at Fleming Arboretum were examined for health, vigor, and overall condition. A brief recap: **Trees M-18:** two “Ohe trees (*Tetraplasandra hawaiiensis*): large, open-spreading canopy on each tree. Both look healthy. Numerous seedlings have sprouted under the parent tree; it may be best to remove these at some point. No serious dieback or insect problems were noted. **Tree M-19:** Alani tree (*Melicope knudsenii*): this is the very rare tree that has been tended so carefully over the last few years, to encourage it to produce seeds. The Alani looks very healthy; some competing trees that overshadow it have been removed for better light, and the Alani is in fact producing

viable seeds. Both color and vigor are good on the tree. **Tree M-20:** ‘Ala’a (*Pouteria sandwicensis*): sparse upper foliage on this tree. Many seedling ‘Ala’a plants nearby in the event the parent plant were to die. Some insect damage observed on the leaves. The possibility of using a systemic insecticide to reduce damage to the tree was discussed.

Trees M-21: two *Podocarpus* trees (*Afrocarpus falcatus*): Enormous spreading canopies and tall height (>70 ft height) on both these trees. Planted high on a hill, they show very prominently on the horizon. Both trees appear in good health. **Tree M-22:** *Loulu* (*Pritchardia forbesianan*): very healthy, no obvious disease or insect problems. This tree stands isolated from other trees nearby, so gets lots of sunlight. Extensive amount of palm thatch on the tree, but there is no easy way to access the canopy to remove this dried plant material. David informed the committee that he would not go on private property to inspect an exceptional tree. The one on Molokai has yet to be reviewed for this year. This was the first that the members were informed he would not assess the tree. Jeannie knows of someone that may be able to assist. The status on paperwork to Corporation Counsel for the Kihei monkeypods is unknown. David shared his evaluation. There were photo’s of a successful root pruning done at Kihei Garden Estates.

- g. The Arbor Week subcommittee will meet prior to the July meeting. Jeannie, Monroe, and Richard volunteered to work on the subcommittee.
 - h. Reports on the grant subcommittee and tree damage subcommittee were not given.
 - i. Monroe distributed information on the Growth Award from TreeCity USA. While points could be earned on activities currently happening, the goal is to increase tree planting projects. The county building planting did not happen as David was unable to execute the requisition to purchase the trees.
 - j. Chair’s Report:
 - a. Inquiry on Arbor Week 2010 Planting Status: The county building planting did not happen as David was unable to execute the requisition to purchase the trees.
 - b. Jordan and Monroe had a meeting with Glenn Correa, current director of Parks. They requested a line item in the budget for the Arborist Committee. The director agreed to support planting projects developed by the Committee.
 - k. The Arborist report was not given as he left early.
3. Next Agenda Development
Meeting action: Exceptional trees; in-service with Corporation Counsel; ways to increase county tree inventory; Arbor Week subcommittee report;
4. Announcements:
 - a. Next scheduled meeting - Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 1:30 pm in the Parks Department Conference Room at War Memorial Complex.
5. Adjournment 3:50 pm

Submitted by Sue Kiang

Record of Attendance

Present: Jordan Hart, Chair
Monroe Bryce, Vice Chair

Robert Hobdy
Richard Kempf
Dennis Morihiro
Jeannie Pezzoli
Chris Reynolds
Harlan Hughes

Also present: Sue Kiang
David Sakoda
Ernest Rezentst