

Maui County Arborist Committee
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2012

A. Call to order 1:30 PM by Bob Hobdy, Chair

B. Meeting Business

1. Approval of the minutes of April 18, 2012 as corrected
 1. Motion Kim Skog
 2. Second William Jacintho
 3. Vote Unanimous

C. Unfinished Business

1. Election of vice-chair
 - a. Jeannie nominated Kimberly Skog
 - i. Motion Jeannie Pezzoli
 - ii. Second Harlan Hughes
 - iii. Vote Unanimous
2. Planting Plan – Ernest talked about the ISA guidelines, and the committee agreed to follow Oahu’s standards. Jeff Ueoka said the draft Planting Plan should be sent to all Departments that will be affected by the document one month before it is sent to the County Council.
3. Baldwin Avenue – Harlan shared photos he had taken of the trimmed trees; he said the branches were 14’ above ground. It was reported that the Rasmussen tree was cut down by the County. David Sakoda said he would talk to the owners about cutting down Exceptional Trees and the need to replace them. He will also check with them about maintaining any newly planted trees.
4. Cove Park Project – Elaine Malina said the volunteers, led by Bob & Lis Richardson, had asked the Parks Department to hire a contractor to trim a large kiawe that had several fallen trunks and to remove overgrowth from invasive Christmas berry and weeds. David said he decided the Kiawe will be removed and that the contract is already written for Niu Pacific to go ahead with the project. Elaine then asked if Bob Richardson could be there when the trees are removed, David said no because of liabilities.
5. Planning Department - Committee decided to defer this issue to next meeting. Bob will work on a letter to Planning regarding planting of trees in The War Memorial and other county parking lots.
6. Bermuda Juniper – Bob will contact the owners about submitting paper work for the other outstanding tree on their property.
7. Tree Concerns – Jeannie reported that 2 Monkey Pod trees off Onehee St. next to the playground have almost no foliage. David said he would check if they were getting any water.

Dennis reported that the trees along Hana Highway are also in need of irrigation. Ernie reported he is working with HC&S on repairing the irrigation system on Hana Highway.

8. Maui Lani tree concerns – Jeannie will write a letter to Maui Lani about the Club House parking lot trees pruning; she, Kimberly, and Ritchie will deliver it.

D. New Business – None

E. Arbor Week Sub-committee Report

- a. The proclamation was discussed.
- b. David reported an Arbor Week planting may take place at Baldwin Beach Park
- c. The proposed Arbor Week theme is “Taking Care Of Our Shoreline”, Mālama Kahakai.
- d. Motion was made to make Bob & Lis Richardson honorary chair persons for Arbor Week
 - i. Motion Jeannie Pezzoli
 - ii. Second Kimberly Skog
 - iii. Vote Unanimous

F. Annual Inspections of Exceptional Trees

- a. Kim & Elaine checked the trees at Wailuku Elementary. There are 21 Royal Palms (2 have been removed.) that look like they haven’t been watered. At the Yokouchi house the Monkey Pod and India Locust are doing well, but the Locust needs to have a vine removed. Kim said she would let the owners know that they could have the trees pruned under the guidance of an arborist.
- b. Kaahumanu Church Monkey Pod tree is doing well but the roots are exposed. The Outdoor Circle is working with the church to take care of the problem.
- c. Ernie & Jeannie said the Jacaranda next to Baldwin House is doing well.
- d. Baldwin Avenue Shower trees are in bad shape for the most part.
- e. Old Baldwin Manor Moreton Fig tree is a century old tree that is dying due to improper pruning and a vine that is covering it. A motion was made to send a letter to the owners about properly caring for trees’
 - i. Motion Jeannie Pezzoli
 - ii. Second Harlan Hughes
 - iii. Vote Unanimous
- f. Chris Reynolds reported the 2 Kamani trees at the Old Hana School are doing well with a lot of new growth; they are about 60’ tall with a spread of about 78’.

G. Arborist Report – David reported that another tree trimmer was killed in Oahu at the Hilton Hawaiian Village while trimming trees and stressed the importance of safety first. He also said tree trimming contracts are about ready to be awarded. He also talked about the Western Chapter ISA Conference he attended in Monterey. He said the Pua Mana Park catchment basin has 11 Monkey Pod and 14 Milo that he is working to save.

H. Agenda Development

- a. Exceptional Tree removal on Baldwin Avenue
- b. Request tree planting policies from Planning Department
- c. Report from Arbor Week sub-committee
- d. Exceptional Tree nomination for Bermuda Juniper
- e. Tree concerns
- f. Ernie's tree plan report
- g. Discussion to make Planting Plan into an ordinance

I. Announcements

Next scheduled meeting – Wednesday July 11, 2012 at 1:30 PM and an Arbor Week sub-committee meeting at 12:30 PM at the UH Maui College in the Hookipa Room

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:19 PM
 Motion Jeannie Pezzoli
 Second Kim Skog
 Vote Unanimous

Submitted by Deanna Kahae-Saimon

Present:	Bob Hobdy, Chair	Kim Skog, Vice-Chair
	Chris Reynolds	Jeannie Pezzoli
	Dennis Morihira	William Jacintho
	Harlan Hughes	Richie Campas

Also Present:	Ernest Rezens	Jeff Ueoka
	Elaine Malina	Deanna Kahae-Saimon
	David Sakoda	

Excused:
 Monroe Bryce

