

**MAUI COUNTY ARBORIST COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

May 8, 2013 (1:30 pm)

[Parks Department Conference Room, War Memorial Complex, Wailuku]
Committee Members: Kimberly Skog – Chair, Richard Campas - Vice Chair, Chris Reynolds, Jeannie Pezzoli, Harlan Hughes ,Dennis Morihiro, William Jacintho and Kalani Ho -Nikaido

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Testimony**
- III. Meeting Business:**
 - a. Approval of meeting minutes, April 10, 2013
- IV. Unfinished Business:**
 - a. The Nature Conservancy's Ohia tree in the Waikamoi Preserve
 - b. Request for list of Lahaina Historic District trees for potential nomination as exceptional trees from CRC
 - c. Request for additional staff support from Department of Parks & Recreation – meeting with Deputy Director
 - d. Compilation of list of exceptional tree nominations transmitted to County Council
- V. New Business:**
 - a. Comments on MCPP from landscape architects
 - b. Information from Planning Department on Kihei Community Center parking lot solar installation
 - c. Tree Concerns
 - d. Updates to committee website

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VI. Old Business:

- a. Update on status of Monkey Pod tree at 545 Front St.

VII. Committees:

- a. Establish the various committees and members thereof

VIII. Chairman's Report:

- a. Outcomes of discussion with Planning Director on Arborist position within Planning Department
- b. Outcomes of discussion with Public Works Deputy Director regarding Complete Streets Task Force

IX. Arborist's Report:

- a. Cove Park Planting Project
- b. Other upcoming planting projects

X. Agenda Development:

- a. Items to be placed on June 12, 2013 agenda

XI. Announcements:

- a. Next scheduled meeting – *Wednesday June 12, 2013 at 1:30PM,*
Parks Department Conference Room, War Memorial complex

XII. Adjournment.

Maui County Arborist Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2013

1. Call to order 1:30 pm
2. Public Testimony – No members of the public offered testimony.
3. Meeting Business

- a. Approval of the minutes of April 10, 2013.

-Motion: William Jacintho
-Second: Jeannie Pezzoli
-Vote: Unanimous

4. Unfinished Business:

- a. William gave a report on the inspection of the Ohia tree in the Waikamoi Preserve. He accompanied Pat Bily of The Nature Conservancy and a group of students from the Achievement Academy School on a hike to assess the health and value of the tree. He presented his report on the health of the tree and assessed that the tree was truly exceptional. A motion to nominate the tree as exceptional was made:

-Motion William Jacintho
-Second Ritchie Campas
-Vote Unanimous

A letter will be sent to the landowner to provide notification of the approval of the nomination.

- b. Council Legislative Assistant Kim Willenbrink explained she is working with Councilman Guzman and Councilwoman Cochran on a bill to update the Maui County Code section regarding the duties of the Cultural Resources Commission (CRC). The intent of the bill is to recognize "Fine Trees" within the County's two Lahaina Historic Districts. The Committee determined that a Fine Tree should be a separate designation from an Exceptional Tree, since Fine Trees may be special within the Historic Districts due to specific virtues in that context, but they may not meet the criteria for being designated as Exceptional Trees within the County of Maui. It was decided that a sub-committee be formed to determine criteria for distinguishing the difference between the two classifications in terms of the proposed Council amendments to the Maui County Code. Kalani, William, David and Dennis volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

- c. The introductory meeting has with the Parks Department Deputy Director has yet to be set. A motion was made for Kim and Ritchie to schedule a personal meeting with the Deputy Director.

-Motion Jeannie Pezzoli
-Second Kalani Ho-Nikaido

d. Kim will compile a list of approved Exceptional Tree nominations that are pending County Council action for review by the Committee and ultimate transmittal to Councilman Guzman.

5. New Business

a. Ernie discussed comments from landscape architects Mike Miyabara, Russell Gushi, Kevin Tanaka and MALP. The Committee discussed the comments and incorporated revisions to the Plan, as appropriate.

b. The Committee is still waiting for word from Ann Cua on the landscape plan for Kihei Community Center PV canopy installation in the parking lot that removed a number of shade trees. Ann said last month that no permit was pulled for the project. David Sakoda said that he had consulted with the contractor on relocating the trees and that another PV project is planned for the site.

c. Tree concerns – William mentioned that UH-MC just finished a new science building whose parking lot does not contain the required number of trees. David Sakoda said the trees cut down at the Waieka Business Center is private property. The committee decided to send a letter to the Property Manager about the chopping of trees. Jeannie mentioned that Ann Cua stated that anyone who sees a tree removed from any parking lot can file a complaint with the Planning Department. Harlan reported he saw a huge & beautiful Indian Banyan Tree just off of Baldwin Ave. outside Hailiimaile Camp that is a potential candidate for Exceptional Tree nomination. He also reported on the felling of palm trees in Lahaina and will gather further information on this matter.

6. Old Business

a. According to David Sakoda there is no update on the Monkey Pod tree at 545 Front St. Elaine Malina offered that the item is on the June agenda of the CRC.

7. Committees

a. Arbor Day Committee – Jeannie, Ritchie, David

b. Tree Concerns – Harlan

c. Exceptional Tree Inspections – Jeannie, William, Ritchie, and Kim, accompanied by volunteers Ernie and Elaine, will assess and report on the Exceptional Trees in all regions of the County.

d. Commemorative Park Committee – Kalani, Kim

8. Chairman's Report

a. Kim said she met with Planning Director William Spence and Current Planning Division Supervisor Ann Cua about the potential for creating an arborist position within the Department to monitor projects and educate landowners on proper planting and

maintenance of required shade trees and street trees. The Department sees the value in having a certified arborist on staff; however, the Department deems it unlikely that an additional position can be created with the current budget climate. In response to the suggestion that current staff be trained in recognizing appropriate species and proper maintenance, the Department's response was that this additional training is not feasible as staff and resources are strained with heavy workloads. It was proposed that the Arborist Committee identify standards for proper tree maintenance that can be amended to Chapter 19.36A, regarding proper care of parking lot shade trees, to help ensure that plantings are properly pruned and allowed to grow healthy to maturity.

b. Kim said she is still waiting to hear back from the Public Works Deputy Director regarding the Complete Streets Task Force's consideration of shade trees and street trees.

9. Arborist's Report

- a. Cove Park replanting-- David Sakoda stated that Beach Heliotrope will not be planted, but has Milo available in the county nursery. Volunteer Elaine Malina will assist with identifying a tree to plant.
- b. Baldwin Beach Park planting project – David is working with the Planning Department and Department of Parks and Recreation to secure proper approvals.
- c. Replanting of trees across from the Wailuku Fire Station is ready to commence.

10. Agenda Development

- a. Items to be placed on June 12, 2013 agenda.

11. Announcements: Next scheduled meeting – Wednesday June 12, 2013 at 1:30PM
Parks Planning Conference Room, War Memorial Complex.

12. Adjourned at 4:44 PM

Submitted by Deanna Kahae-Saimon

Present:	Kimberly Skog –Chair	Ritchie Campas –Vice Chair
	William Jacintho	Jeannie Pezzoli
	Dennis Morihiro	Kalani Ho-Nikaido
	Harlan Hughes	

Also Present:	Elaine Malina	Ernest Rezens
	Jordan Molina for Councilmember Elle Cochran	
	Kim Willenbrink for Councilmember Don Guzman	