

**Maui County Arborist Committee
Minutes
Regular Meetings
April 23, 2014**

1. Call to order 1:48 pm
2. Public Testimony – Michael Howden who lives on Olinda Road voiced his concerns about some Eucalyptus trees bordering his property. He thinks the trees are on county property and the county should have them removed. David Sakoda told him it would be included in the next tree trimming contract that is due out sometime in July.

Elaine Malina reported that an exceptional tree fell over at the Baldwin Manor.

3. Meeting Business
 - a. Approval of the minutes of March 2014 as submitted.
 - Motion: Richie Campas
 - Second: Jeannie Pezzoli
 - Vote: Unanimous
 - b. Election of new officers
4. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Mala Restaurant exceptional tree – Deferred.
 - b. Parks Department staff support – Kim met with Deputy Director Savage, who will work on forwarding a template of communication for the department and other agencies. She will utilize a template from the Planning Department. Mr. Joe Pontanilla, an executive assistant to the Mayor, introduced himself. He said he was there to help the committee become more effective in the Parks Department and to facilitate more planting projects.
 - c. Costco Monkey Pod and Palm trees – Kim will try to connect with Ann Cua to check on the number parking lot trees.
 - d. Viewpoint with Outdoor Circle for the Maui News – Deferred.
 - e. Keopuolani planting project – Deputy Director Savage said the Department would do everything they could to help complete the project and in the future will try to work closely with the committee.
5. Old Business
 - a. Awards for trees of quality – The committee came up with a list of trees and would further discuss it at next month's meeting.
6. Committees
 - a. Arbor Week Sub-committee – Jeannie & Elaine will set up the last of the Baldwin Avenue trees to be cleared of the surrounding grass.
 - b. Tree Concerns – Kekaulike Ave. tree with a sign screwed to it. No one could understand how the sign was attached to the tree in the first place as it is over a drop-off.
 - c. Exceptional Trees – Elaine & Kim will do Wailuku Jeannie & Ernie will do upcountry & Jeannie will call James Boswell on Molokai to check out Molokai's Exceptional tree. Kim

will draft a letter to Molokai Ohana Health Care, Inc. regarding a Banyan, Ficus, sp. Exceptional Tree.

7. Chairman's Report – Deferred
8. Arborist's Report – David reported the tree trimming contracts are now being processed as a whole. The palm tree trimming contract is still out to bid. He also said they replaced the dead Heliotrope with Milo at the bike path near the roundabout in Kihei. He also planted Cooke Pines to replace the dead pines at the Regional Park in Kihei.
9. Mahalo to Dennis Morihiro and Harlan Hughes for their service to the committee.
10. Agenda Development
 - a. Viewpoint with the Outdoor Circle for the Maui News.
 - b. Costco Monkey Pod and Palm tree
 - c. Parks Department staff support to committee
 - d. Tree on Kekaulike Hwy. with a business sign screwed into it.
 - e. Michael Howden – Olinda Eucalyptus trees
 - f. Keopuolani planting plan
 - g. Awards for trees of quality
 - h. Mala Restaurant exceptional tree nomination
 - i. EAR committee requests
11. Announcements: Next scheduled meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 1:30PM Parks Planning Conference Room, War Memorial Complex.
12. Adjourned – 4:18 pm
 - a. Motion: Harlan Hughes

Submitted by Deanna Kahae-Saimon

Present:	Kim Thayer, Chair	Richie Campas, Vice Chair
	William Jacintho	Harlan Hughes
	Jeannie Pezzoli	

Also Present:	Elaine Malina	Cheryl McGrath
	Michael Howden	David Sakoda
	Joe Pontanilla	