

Maui County Arborist Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015

1. Call to order at 1:35 PM when it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Public testimony—Elaine Malina presented pictures of a recent pruning of the trees at Piilani Shopping Center where the Safeway store is in Kihei. Members were also dismayed that after recognizing how beautiful the trees were at Walmart last month, they have since been drastically pruned.
3. New business
 - a. Pat Hoskin of Kihei Kai Nani presented a tree benefit report for nine trees that are along the property of their condominium. The trees were planted in the 1970's and have been a buffer from the adjoining property which has recently been sold. The plans for development would eliminate the majority of the trees. The residents are asking the Committee for a letter of support to keep the trees. The documents that were presented at the meeting included a letter dated March 22, 1995 from the Arborist Committee encouraging the recognition of the trees on the property. The secretary of the current Board of Directors, Carole Eiserloh also gave information and pictures regarding the flooding that occurred in December 2011. Jackie Brainard moved and Jeannie Pezzoli seconded a motion to have the Committee send a letter of support to protect the nine trees adjoining the property of Kihei Kai Nani. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Public education campaign—Jackie gave a verbal report on her plans for a public education campaign. She has proposed that the Arborist Committee keep their name before the public by writing letters to the editor or by submitting a monthly press release. She advised that the Committee utilize such publications as the Maui Bulletin as well as the Maui News. She is willing to draft the article with input from the Committee. Secondly she suggested a “Stop the Chop” campaign that would be in partnership with the Committee and Maui Green and Beautiful. There should be a kick-off event when the campaign starts. In conjunction with that, she has made contact with Akaku to have assistance in developing a 3 to 5 minute spot about proper pruning practices. Once that is created, it can be posted on the website and as a link to other compatible sites. Jackie also encouraged members to speak at civic organizations such as the Kiwanis. Jackie Brainard, Kimberly Thayer, and William Jacintho formed a subcommittee to work on the project to bring back for approval from the Committee.
4. The minutes were reviewed and corrected to include the title of the award given to Ernie Rezents and to clarify that this was the first phase of the planting at Keopuolani Park. The minutes were passed as amended in a motion made by William Jacintho and seconded by Bill Myrter. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Unfinished business
 - a. Keopuolani Park planting—The first phase of the planting at the park was on June 13 when twelve trees were planted. The ground cover will be added to the first island on August 8

beginning at 8 am. The second phase of planting has tentatively been scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

- b. The Maui County Planting Plan is currently being transmitted to the County Council and the Mayor.
6. Chairman's report—Kimberly did meet with Robert Carroll's office regarding the parking lot ordinance. She was able to give him sample ordinances from other jurisdictions.
7. Committee reports
 - a. Arbor Week—Members need to schedule another meeting.
 - b. Exceptional trees—Elaine Malina presented preliminary photo's of several trees on the campus of the old Maui High School. She was seeking feedback on how to proceed with a nomination of some of the trees or if the whole campus could be recognized. After seeing the pictures, the members suggested that she make nominations based on either the species or the individual tree. Corporation Counsel pointed out that the property belongs to the State but has been given to the County by Executive Order. Any approval would need to be secured from the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
8. Arborist report—No report was given due to the absence of the county arborist.
9. Agenda development—update on public education campaign; old Maui High nominations for exceptional trees, Arbor Week, Keopuolani planting update, parking lot ordinance.
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Those present: Kimberly Thayer, chair; William Jacintho; Jeannie Pezzoli; Heather Heath; Bill Myrter; Jackie Brainard; members of the committee. Chris Reynolds and Casey Foster excused. Barbara Fernandez, Carole and Lothar Eiserloh, Pat Hoskin, Elaine Maline, members of the public. Jeffrey Ueoka, Corporation Counsel. Sue Kiang, staff support to the Committee

Drafted by: Sue Kiang 7/13/15

Approved by Arborist Committee 8/19/15