

## Maui County Arborist Committee

### Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

1. Call to order at 1:30 pm when it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Victor Pelligrino was present to hear the discussion regarding Waiko Road. Due to Victor's need to leave early, Bill Myrter made a motion to change the agenda to hear Waiko Road first. The motion was seconded by Chris Reynolds and passed unanimously.  
The goal for Waiko Road was to have the fourteen stumps removed and a replanting done, possibly in conjunction with Arbor Week. Chair Kimberly had spoken with Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, the deputy director of Public Works, the department responsible for street trees. If the Committee could come up with a plan and budget before the end of May, Public Works would finance the plan. Kim also checked with the Deputy Director of Parks, Brianne Savage. Brianne was not aware of any plans for replanting. David Sakoda had indicated three tree species which members have reviewed. Those are milo, Australian Harpulia, and Lignumvitae, all under 15' in height. The action plan was to involve the neighbors and the Waikapu Community Association in developing the project. Victor, the neighbor has had contact with the president of the community association. Each are willing to work together. Victor left a sample of the letter that will be sent to the neighbors. He also presented information from his son that has a horticultural background. His suggested species was kou. A rough estimate of the stump removal was \$500 to \$1000 each. David's plan is to leave the stumps in place to deter people from parking on the planting strip. Victor pointed out the problem with that is some of the stumps are as much as four feet tall. Another consideration is knowing that new trees need two to three feet depth and space to grow new roots. Even though the area gets rain, it was advised to consider irrigation or a water truck for regular watering. Jackie Brainard made a motion to form a subcommittee to develop the project. The motion was seconded by Heather and passed unanimously. Alex Haller, Bill Myrter, and Mark Dobbertin volunteered to serve. The Waikapu Community Association will meet at 6:30 pm on June 13 at the Waikapu Community Center. The members will be enlisted to help educate homeowners on where to park in relationship to the trees as well as working together with the Arborist Committee on a replanting project.
3. The Committee returned to the agenda and opened the meeting for public testimony. None was given.
4. The draft of the minutes of March 16, 2016 was reviewed. Chair Kimberly Thayer asked that a phrase saying "under the guidance of the third edition of the Maui County Planting plan" be added. Heather Heath made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Chris Reynolds and passed unanimously.
5. The message from the Mayor that opens the Planting Plan has not been received.
6. Old business—
  - a. Waiko Road plan as stated.
  - b. Baldwin Avenue rainbow shower trees have been an ongoing concern. David has not verified the ownership as he had said. Chris Reynolds had seen the site and felt that the proximity to the road indicated the trees are of interest to the Committee as part of the stand of trees along Baldwin Avenue that are considered exceptional. Chris volunteered to draft a letter of concern for the Committee's review.  
Jeannie Pezzoli was present to share her assessment of all the rainbow shower trees along Baldwin Avenue. Her previous count was 110. The trees that had been worked

on and given mulch were appreciably healthier. The stand of trees has needed the dead wood removed for several growing seasons.

In the past Jeannie had assessed the Morton Bay Fig which has now been removed. The tree had cat's claw growing in the canopy and was not in good shape. It was damaged in a wind storm and required removal.

The jacaranda tree at the ranch house was in bloom and was as picturesque as it always has been

- c. Participation of a plan reviewer from the Planning Department—Once the planting plan has been signed, Kim will make contact with the Planning Director to encourage the regular attendance of a representative from the Planning Department.
7. Chairman's report—Kim welcomed Mark as a new member. The Keopuolani Park trees that were planted in the parking lot are doing exceptionally well. It is time for a structural pruning. The planting on the south side of the restroom at the top of the hill has lost nine trees. Sue will analyze the project to identify ways to improve future projects. The problems could range from poor soil, lack of irrigation, vandalism, and interference with the mowing patterns. Kim thanked Maui Green & Beautiful for their nomination of the project to the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. It won a regional award called the Gold Leaf in a competition with California and Arizona.
8. Arborist report—Due to the absence of the Arborist, no report was given.
9. Agenda development—Welcome new members; status of planting plan; Exceptional trees—review draft of letter to Asplundh; tree removals on Waiko Rd; new projects.
8. Announcements—**next meeting of the Arborist Committee is scheduled for May 11 at 1:30 pm in the parks conference room**; Maui Green & Beautiful announced their annual meeting to be held on May 14.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Those present: Kimberly Thayer, Alex Haller, Chris Reynolds, Jackie Brainard, Bill Myrter, Heather Heath, Mark Dobbertin (new member yet to be sworn in) members of the committee; Elaine Malina & Barbara Fernandez, Maui Green & Beautiful; Victor Pelligrino, Jeannie Pezzoli, members of the public; Sue Kiang, staff support to the Committee; excused member Casey Foster

Drafted by Sue Kiang 4/22/16

Approved by unanimous committee vote 5/11/16