

## Maui County Arborist Committee

### Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018

1. Call to order at 1:35pm made by Committee Chair person, Kimberly Thayer. First mentioned that a couple of things would be pushed back; first the Planning Department was not available today and also the Haleakala Ranch Mamane Tree nomination is going to be on next month's agenda.

Attendance: Kimberly Thayer, Alex Haller, Chris Reynolds, Arine Bulkley, Bill Myrter, Lance DeSilva. Hanna Mounce and the "new" member Alice Cohan not present; Chris Haynes attended an hour late. Tim Griffith, Arborist. David Galazin, Corporation Counsel.

2. New Committee Business –
  - a. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair: Kim started a discussion on electing a new Chair and Vice Chair (term: March thru April) but no one was able to volunteer or decide on someone during the meeting. David Galazin said the rules would not prohibit having the Chair person and Vice Chairperson continue their positions for another month due to lack of members present. Lance asked what the duties of the Vice Chair would be in that position. David went over possibilities if the Chair and Vice chair do not attend a meeting, they may do a forum and vote for a Chair and Vice chair for that meeting. A motion was made to postpone an election for next month (May) it was seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.
  - b. Approval of Minutes for the Committee meeting of March 14, 2018: Question on the Waikamoi Tree on the reason they didn't want access. Kim answered that they don't want people going up all the time since she already checked the tree two months ago and it was healthy. The spelling of Tim Griffith name was misspelled. There was a motion made to approve the minutes, it was seconded, and the vote in favor was unanimous.
  - c. Planning Dept. – Proposed changes to off-street parking ordinance, Maui County Code Chp 19.36B – Lance motioned to defer this to the next meeting, it was seconded and passed. Next meeting the Planning Department will go over this subject as they did an audit and the committee will be able to ask questions and may be able to insert into the ordinance certain off-street parking.
3. Subcommittee Reports –
  - a. Report on Exceptional Trees at Wailuku Elementary School – Nothing new to report
  - b. Exceptional Tree Assessment – No new assessments were submitted. Arine will finish hers at the end of April for the next meeting. Chris R. reported at the previous meeting that there is a schefflera growing out of the Exceptional Kamani tree in Hana. A letter was going to be sent but it was determined that it is on

Parks property. Tim Griffith will send an email to the Hana district supervisor to cut the invasive tree out.

- c. Exceptional Tree Nomination – Haleakala Ranch mamane (*Sophora chrysophylla*) not all the paperwork is in for Haleakala Ranch. Lance Desilva motioned to defer this to next month. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- d. Status on Exceptional Trees Nomination Package – All of the paperwork necessary for each nomination package is still being compiled. It's getting closer to being completed. A discussion was had concerning the nomination for the stretch of monkey pods on Hwy 30 from High Street to Maalaea. The nomination is old and now some of the trees are missing and some are not in the best shape. It was discussed if the distance should be shortened to take some of these trees out. It was decided to leave the nomination the way it was submitted; a designated stretch of road with all the monkey pods as a grove, despite the trees being in different states of condition. - Barbara Fernandez testified on the Old Maui High School tree grove Exceptional Tree nomination. This nomination was accepted by the Arborist Committee, but now it's just sitting there. She wants it pulled out of the nomination package and pushed through separately to protect them during construction. – Elaine Molina also testified that the 6 nominations that are ready to go should be sent to Guzman's committee to be voted on. Corp Counsel stated that all of the nominations do not need to be bundled together. They can be sent to Council at any time. – Committee Chair will work on putting the nomination packages into a presentable form and put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- e. Arbor Day – not going to form a sub-committee, will discuss during regular committee meeting. Lance Desilva made a motion to not form a sub-committee, it was seconded and passed. Everyone needs to think about a theme & honorary chair ideas and present them at the next meeting. "May the Urban Forest Be with you" was one suggestion for a theme.
- f. Chairman's Report – None
- g. Agenda Development for Next Meeting – Agenda next month will be election of Chair & Vice chair, minutes from the meeting, Planning Dept. attending to talk about the parking ordinance, outstanding tree assessments submitted, may or may not discuss Haleakala Ranch, the Exceptional Tree nomination packages, form a sub-committee who will check out new Exceptional nominations.
- h. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 1:30pm
- i. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Stephanie Kuramata & Tim Griffith