

Maui County Arborist Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

1. Call to order at 1:32pm was made by Kimberly Thayer, Committee Chair, when it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Committee Business –
 - a. A motion was made to approve the Minutes as submitted for the February 14, 2018 meeting by Chris Reynolds and seconded by Arine Bulkley.
 - b. Discussion on proposed changes to the Maui County Code chapter 19.36A, (hand out provided) Off street parking lots landscaping allowance for exceptions regarding PV carports, can be relocated or substituted with other species. Parking lot concerns not in compliance but code doesn't say/have language for inspectors to enforce tree removal and relocation due to PV addition to parking lots, need solid language. Chris Reynolds suggested to write a letter with proposed language changes to the bill and also invite Planning Dept to next meeting to discuss proposed language changes.
3. Subcommittee Reports –
 - a. Regarding the Exceptional Trees, Royal Palms at Wailuku Elementary School, Committee has not yet received a report or communication from the Department of Education, thus no update.
 - b. Exceptional Trees assessment reports:
 - i. Inspection by Chris Haynes – 2471 Main Street, Wailuku; Kalana Pakui Building, Wailuku; 2471 Main Street, Wailuku; no comments for these trees. Kaahumanu Church, Wailuku tree - unbalanced limbs, balance concerns of weight support structure, determine if tree can benefit from some sort of bracing; Wailuku Elementary School trees – it was determined that 2 trees were cut down, request reason or explanation as to why trees were removed. It was also determined that existing exceptional trees lack in water irrigation. Feedback from DAGS regarding the need of irrigation, grass also died due to lack of water. It was motioned to send a letter to Wailuku Elementary School that we have concerns of health of trees and a consultation of an Arborist is needed to evaluate conditions. Second letter to DAGS to notify them in writing of tree assessment and recommendation to treat trees. A motion was made to send letters and approved by Hanna Mounce and seconded by Chris Reynolds
 - ii. Inspection by Arine Bulkley and Elaine Malina, Certified Arborist – South Kihei Monkey Pods; per assessment evaluation trees looks to be in very good condition currently. Arine noted that 5 years ago trees were recommended to be removed due to cracks but are now in good shape. (Pictures provided)

- iii. Inspection by Tim Griffiths – Lahaina Trees; per assessment Kiawe tree located at mile marker 11 trees branches growing onto beach which might need to be removed for safety reasons; 2012 Kamani in poor shape, over matures from 2012 report may need to be removed due to slowing declining in health. (Pictures provided Inspection by Chris Reynolds – Old Hana High School, True Kamani tree per assessment, tree growing nicely but Schefflera is growing out of trunk. (Picture provided)) It was motioned to write a letter to owner to remove Schefflera and approved by Chris Reynolds and seconded by Arine Bulkley, no further discussion.
 - iv. Inspection by Hanna Mounce – Waikamoi Trees, per Hanna The Nature Conservancy doesn't want to grant access to evaluate trees. The Nature Conservancy will provide pictures. Per Hanna she saw the tree 2 months ago and it was in good condition.
 - c. Regarding status of Exceptional trees nomination package – Kim to send form to Haleakala Ranch, form located in planting plan. Usually a site visit from a Committee member is required to evaluate trees.
 - d. Old Maui High Schools inquiry into removal of Royal Poinciana is being managed by Management company property manager who maintains trees on property
 - e. Kim reminded the committee that a nomination for an Honorary Chair is needed for Arbor Day and if we need to form a sub-committee, per Arine Bulkley, she suggested keeping the committee as a whole. Per Kim, on the agenda for April 2018 committee members to discuss suggestions for a theme.
4. Chairperson's Report –
- a. Per Kimberly Thayer, no updates
5. Agenda development for next meeting –
- a. Report on Exceptional Trees at Wailuku Elementary School
 - b. Exceptional Tree Nominations
 - c. Arbor Day – Theme suggestions
6. Next Meeting –
- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11, 2018; 1:30pm; War Memorial Parks Large Conference Room
7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Reynolds at 3:18 p.m. and was unanimously accepted.

Those present: Kimberly Thayer, Alex Haller, Arine Bulkley, Chris Reynolds, Chris Haynes, William Myrter, Hanna Mounce, Members of the Committee; Tim Griffith, Arborculturist; Mimi Desjardins, Corporate Counsel; Karissa Kaeo, Dept. of Parks & Recreation clerical staff. Those absent: Heather Heath, Lance DeSilva

Respectfully drafted & submitted by: Karissa Kaeo