

## Maui County Arborist Committee

### Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2020

1. Call to order at 1:32 pm by Chris Reynolds, Chair, when it was determined that quorum was present.
2. New Committee Business –
  - a. Approval of minutes – Approval of minutes for the committee meeting of February 12, 2020: motion to approve by Barbara Fernandez, seconded by Allison Cohan and unanimously approved.

\*\*(originally item “h”) MSM Joint Ventures requesting an exemption regarding parking lot shade trees at the Kamoi Building complex in Kaunakakai, Molokai – Introduction from Rich Young, consultant for MSM Joint Venture. Regarding the Kamoi Professional Center, this is a 10,000 square foot small business center and it was built in 1995. It has Molokai Drug as one of the anchor store and it also has a very large Liberty Dialysis Center as a tenant. In questionably, I think this is the best landscaped and best maintained building on Molokai, little prejudice. There are 24 parking stalls and that were required and of course, it would have required 5 shade trees at the time. The original design, however, implemented well. And the problem we’re having and why we’re here today. One of the things is that we have a very unique situation where the drug store is located. We have a very high water table and the root structure, unfortunately, despite the root area that was provided, the trees had, you know, 30 acres lower. The top of the ground had heaven below them. They they found water. They went sideways and basically destroyed the infrastructure that’s adjacent to mostly, I’d say, in the last eight to five to eight years anyway, as the caliber of the tree trunk spread. We have the sidewalk lifting and we had situations where we had to take out constantly, had to recut Reep or even remove some of the sidewalks because we have the dialysis patients, the customers, the deceased here. This was a train wreck. The sewer line was also adjacent to one of the trees. And we couldn't understand why we're having so many problems with the sort of backing up all hours of the night. Wea were having to go deal with the sewer backup. It's just non-stop waterlines are breaking. anyway at this point. You know, we are in a crisis and we have to do something. So anyway, for these reasons, we've decided that the best solution was to cut the trees and we replace them with Glennis Palm trees. We replaced we had a 13 palm trees rebuffed out the door and fine tuned all the landscaping and fixed all the irrigation. And basically, you know, we do now we we feel that it was going to be detrimental to replace with shade trees again, everything that was available on the you know, on the approved list we felt was going to do the same thing in a short amount of

time. We were going to have these same problems happening again, do more to reduce the problem. We felt that the best solution was to go with it with a palm tree. We realize that we do not meet this Maui code, 19.36B – where we would have to have 5 shade trees to comply with the rule for parking lot change. We're here today to ask your consideration to approve compliance and exempt us from this code or this rule for the reasons that I stated for the board. That's my testimony. Thank You! Chris Reynolds asked if there was any other public testimony on this item. Next testifier is Gentile Lindo and I'm a community resident of Molokai and I wanted to testify in support of the exemption on this item. I'm really coming from a community standpoint of how we crystalizing all over county guidelines when it comes to these. It need to be updated. And when I when I look at the hardship and challenge of putting an additional strain on a business like those guys there at Kamo'i Center, it just doesn't it just doesn't add up. If trees are the thing that would put a strain on our dialysis center, our only pharmacy, and an area where these businesses have supplemented and help their community in such unbelievably helpful ways, if trees are the reason that this would put that hardship on them and then in this tough economic times, be a reason or could be a reason that businesses shut down. And aside from the safety issues that Rich just talks about really looking at. Does it make sense to demand? Because the list that you have there, demands that these guys comply and put that additional stress on our community? I understand that you've worked really hard in providing that list. And I looked at over, I'm not sure if I saw the updated one, but realized that palm trees are not accepted as shade trees. On that list that is provided on the Web site. But it's interesting to me that in various native cultures, including our Hawaiian culture, there are palm trees that most specifically for its ability to provide shelter. And so I just I, I really just wanted to testify in support of the exemption. I realize that it's done for the intent of really providing the safe environment and coming up and making sure that we comply with the codes that are in place. But I do believe that the codes need to be updated. Our town sits in a flood in addition zone and requiring people to spend thousands of dollars to fix it infrastructure because it's a part of a policy of a design guideline. And when it does affect our safety or does it affect the safety of the people on our island, but rather may jeopardize the quality of life that we have here? I think there's need to look at a case by case instance and provide the support we need in this tough economic times for such important businesses. Thank you. Next testifier is Kimberly Svetin and here with David Mikami, who's the main owner and partner of MSM Joint Venture LLC. As Rich Young stated earlier, the two largest tenants of the building are Molokai Drugs, which has been a pharmacy on Molokai since nineteen thirty five. And that was started by my late grandfather. And the second major tenant of the building is the dialysis center, which is now managed by Frestenius, a corporation that manages dialysis centers also on the island of Maui - West Maui, Wailuku and Lanai. One comment I'd like to add to Rich's

statement is the fact that there are over 35 people on Molokai law who require dialysis services. And for those that don't realize how difficult a health situation this is, when you are on dialysis, you go to a center and gets dialysis every other day or three times a week. And so the dialysis center is utilized from 5:00 in the morning until 10:00 at night, Monday through Saturday. It opens Sunday on the weeks that there is a major holiday. So the dialysis center will change its schedule so that its staff and the dialysis centers can have major holidays off. Approximately 25 years ago in 1995, MSM Joint Venture, LLC developed the Kamoi Building Complex and Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii. At the time, construction of Kamoi building complied with all building permit requirements and received the final approval for its search certification of occupancy. Part of this process, with the county of Maui involved compliance of Maui County Code 19.36B080 landscaping where there is one trees that will be provided in the parking area for every 5 parking spaces, as defined in the subsection of the said code to choose appropriate trees, planting methods and maintenance. In accordance with this code and with the provided list of trees from the county of Maui, MSM joint venture planted golden shower trees, Kostia Fistula and Japanese firm Tree Felecia with the installation of tree root barriers to date in 2020. After years of its thriving growth, we are left in a dire predicament to remove these trees from our parking lot because of tree roots and their intrusion. Underground sewer lines, water and utility infrastructure repairs have been constant and costly. These tree roots also buckled or damaged sidewalks. And the parking lot, the vigorous Ruth growth is due to the natural underwater of water table, as previously discussed, and the water table providing more than its share of sufficient moisture. We are submitting this letter as a form of documentation to request a compliance exemption from Maui County Code 19.36B080 landscaping, which required to replace the remove trees with the same species. Because of the above mentioned explanation MSM joint venture cannot risk another costly effort to meet our efforts to be in compliance with Maui County code. MSM will comply with the code, however, replanting will not be from the list of trees we are asked to plant. MSM has planted 13 palm trees, I have a difficult time saying this, vetus joadis and the Joadis' palms were evading roots problem will not be an issue. It is not our intent to skirt the requirements of the Maui County code. We are asking you humbly for consideration to approve our exemption request. You can feel free to call us here or email us if you have any other concerns or further questions on this matter. Thank you very much. Chris Reynolds asks if there are any other public testimony on this agenda. He also asks the committee, if they have questions they'd like to ask. Barbara Fernandez asked for any pictures to see the palms, which pictures were attached to the letter. Another question is, would this have required going to the planning committee? Stacy Crevillo nodded no. Barbara then said you're giving us things that pertain to the Maui County Planting Plan, You reviewed that then? You're going with what the Maui County Planting Plan

says, you're basing it on that. Kristina Toshikiyo jumped in, just a reminder that the role of the arborists committee is to make recommendations that we use. This committee is not the one that will be approving the exemption. And it sounds like there's some confusion as to where in the process this is, as this was a new agenda item. So I'm not sure if Mr. Young wants towards able to answer to whether or not there has been a request made by either the planning department and they're asking for the Arborist committee's recommendations. Barbara then said, ok I don't need to know that because, you know, that's what it does for a living. So he knows the process. But I was just going to mention that this is not the job of the arborists committee to either give its blessings because it's already been done or make suggestions. The only thing that would be an exemption on their behalf would be that if we okayed something, it would be in writing that they're going to do a solar parking structure similar to Costco. But as far as the Arborist committee giving its blessings, we are not the committee to do that. The exemption is clear. If they want to make it, you know, some kind of thing. But if not, folks just plant stuff and kind of its after product to the state. By the way, we planted this thing, so I know the property well. And it's very beautiful. A very well-kept. But I think you're asking the Arborist committee for the exempt it's not correct. Thank you. Mr. Young asked Chair Reynolds to comment from this to clarify some things. Stacey Crevillo, from the Office of the Mayor and Molokai liaison, clarifies that the problem was addressed to Mayor Victorino as well as to myself, and I in turn notified and spoke with our Director of Planning, Michele McClean. It was through her advisement and direction to come before the Arborist Committee to request an exemption to the rule. And if it's not your position that you allow or can give us the permission and I think your Corp Counsel can probably define that, then tell us where we need to direct our Molokai constituents so that they can be there trying to just be in compliance. Mayor Victorino actually did a site visit on Molokai in regards to this matter, so I think if this is not the purpose, then I would go back again to ask Director McClean to give us a better direction as well as help from Corp Counsel who's there with you. Corp Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo, says in the Maui County Code, section 12.24A.30, One of the duties or responsibilities of the Arborists Committee is to review and make recommendations to the director of planning for the director's approval or disapproval, a proposal that have been reviewed by the director of Planning and found to be inconsistent with the landscaping and planting plans. What I believe Mr. Young is looking for is recommendations to the Planning department, and that is something that's going to be your purview. Douglas McBride mentions now we have all this cut roots to prevent the trees from growing over the curb, it's worked in Lahaina and some other areas where we cut the roots to stop the growth of the trees. Is there any chance you could do that Mr. Construction Man? Barbara Fernandez mentioned that it has been removed already and has planted trees. Doug McBride then mentioned that's just like we got a railroad in

the Hawaiian Homes. Those Monkeypod trees weren't dead or diseased, they're still good. They're just pruned wrong. We're approving things that we can't even see and that's not right. Chris Berquist, new committee member speaks, I'm a certified arborist and I want to touch on a few things first. I would never advise cutting the roots of a tree to slow its growth. You're destroying the structural integrity of it and producing something that might tip over is more likely to tip over. But to the question at hand that's been going around, and this is a question for the gentleman who started the inquiry, Mr. Rich Young. For the sake of the sake of diversity of trees in the parking, is there something that's not on the list that would be more appropriate to put there other than palms that would be worth seeking approval from to at least get some arms there to keep from being a single species throughout. My second question is to the same gentleman as when you guys set the trees out that were causing damage, were the root welds fixed and reinstalled and were there to the same spec. Mr. Rich Young mentions where we had access, we removed the existing tree and reused the same root. Well, the same base. We removed all the roots and used the same location. However, because the ones that are actually were in the parking lot, bumper areas, they wheel, you know, the wheel stops. We could not, you know, there is no way and there's hardly any enough room in there. Now there's such a root is just huge. So anyway, the good perimeter of the property and I believe there was photographs supplied of that. It's around the perimeter. So we added some new root wells for the new trees. Sure. If you had another question, you had two questions, but that did try and get a different signal. We thought we would be looking to you, to your department, to your committee. If you had a suggestion for an alternate specie or palm, it's better for us to plant the perimeter as we did. Anything that we do internally and the parking lot is what's caused all the damage that we've been we've been not preparing to do anything on the interior of the parking lot itself because it just didn't work. Chris Berquist asked are these trees that you're planting with the notion of removing them. And to the next 10 to 20 years, are you trying to think of a 20 year to 40 year tree? Mr. Rich Young says a 20 to 40 year tree. This is this is so we don't have to go through what we've just gone through. You know, the 25 year plan, we tried and we met the county spec and we were just not prepared for the outcome. We had no idea because of the high groundwater table we were going to get this kind of damage. Don't you know, we tried it to go back and do the same thing again? Just doesn't seem appropriate. Though I would worry, but we're here for your wisdom. If there's another idea, we're all ears. But I think the pictures that you may see of what we've currently done, even though they're new, they're built 14 feet high. We've got as mature root wall as we could. It's a new, fresh look I must say. The building looks like it kind of did when we built in the 90s. In 1995, there just the trees are not mature at this point. So we I do feel with the density of the trees, how these new ones are planted. We are going to get shade from them. As any home eventually

does. But I do believe we're going to get a decent canopy. The original trees that were planted, they were parsed out through the property and in areas that weren't even in the parking lot anyway. Everywhere they were, sidewalks, you name it, it blew up every bit of concrete that was near it. That's it. Chris Berquist asked if the root wells, the root wells that were damaged from the existing trees that you have removed that we're not able to be repaired. Do you not feel that for the sake of a 40 year thought, you don't have to do this all over again? Is it not worth biting the bullet and ensuring up the root wells are gutting them and pouring your root wells so you don't have to do this all over again? We're a better design. Sorry, maybe I'm stepping out of bounds here. If the root well cracked apart because the roots have broken through it and that's what's causing your problem then just putting another tree in the same hole if you still have a compromised root well. I think that's not addressing the full scope of the issue and if you're thinking long term or you don't want to happen with any of this again, I would think that to redo the root well, while you don't have a fully mature tree. And there, again, even further to pour new concrete if that's the best cause if you're not going to do than then a short lived tree like a palm makes sense. You know, it doesn't make sense to put a shade tree back in there. But if the overall goal is to have a beautiful shaded parking lot with a gorgeous tree or a native tree and maybe it's not available on the list, you know, I think those are the most beautiful parking lots that we have in Hawaii are the ones that have the monkey pods. And the Koa things in them. There aren't many of them left. And so if you're replanting the next generation of trees and thinking 40 years. It makes sense to go ahead and think about the root well, which was the issue in the first place. The compromised root well. And re-establish a non-compromised root. Well, perhaps of a different size and structure and put a better tree in there. Corp Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo, mentions I believe that the request is, again, whether or not the Arborist committee will make a recommendation to the Planning department to approve or disapprove. Basically, what is an after the fact exemption for what is already done? I just wanted to clarify and make sure that's your understanding, Mr. Young and then whether the committee approves or makes a recommendation to approve or disapprove. If your points also make subsequent recommendations. But my understanding is that the work has already been done. Mr. Rich Young answers that is correct. Barbara Fernandez questions So if we. Which I think that's correct. And what Corp Counsel said, we just need to send what we think off to the planning, whether it be approve or disapprove. What would happen to the owners? I mean, would they make you remove the trees? I don't understand after the fact. You could planted all these trees and not been told anybody and we're now in know. So if we say approve or disapprove, and the planning committee says. Says what? They may just have just to let it slide. I don't understand why it's coming up after job that's already been done. I guess that is kind of asking us to do something after the fact. Corp Counsel, Kristina

Toshikiyo says yes, basically to make recommendations to the planning department to approve or deny this. So again, you're not approving or denying. You're just making recommendations. And I don't quite know the answer off the top of my head but I can check into that about what would be the next step if there recommendation to disapprove. And then subsequently planning department follows through with this. Chair Reynolds mentions, I just like to make a statement. This is kind of after the fact. They didn't have to and it was brought to us. You know, they did plant more than the required five trees, even though they're palm trees. I seen the pictures of what it looked like before and it did look a little overwhelming. You know, I actually went onto Google Street View and I saw what it kind of looked like. And it probably was a few years ago. You know, I'm kind of thinking that, you know, this was a sincere effort to improve the infrastructure as well as keep the beauty of the property. I really don't, even though I would prefer a shade tree, I know it's not always possible to meet these. My personal opinion is I'm okay with it. You know, if it's going to be a good looking property, whether they have put it, they put the trees in correctly so they don't lift sidewalks and pavement again. That's something time will tell. And unfortunately, it's going to be another burden on the owner. Well, hopefully not. My personal opinion is, is I'm okay with it. And I would kind of go for my recommendation would be just to say OK, for the planning committee. Any other discussion with that? Alison Cohan mentioned I'm in agreement with that. Chair Reynolds says based on the conversation, are we ready to make a motion on this? Alison Cohan makes a motion for the Arborist Committee to recommend the exemption of the parking lot shade trees at the Kamoi Building Complex in Kaunakakai, Molokai to the Planning Department. Seconded by Chris Berquist. 4 members all in favor, 2 opposed. Motion passed by majority rule. Chair Reynolds asks Corp Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo, how this recommendation gets forwarded to Planning. Corp Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo says that the Planning can be notified in a form of a letter from the Committee and signed by the Committee Chair. Chair Reynolds will follow up with Corp Counsel Tohikiyo regarding the letter. Chair Reynolds thanks public for their testimony and thanks Committee members. Public thanks the Committee members for their consideration.

- b. Review of the "Rules of Practice and Procedures for the Maui County Arborist Committee" – Chair Reynolds mentions that they have a new Corporation Counsel (Kristina Toshikiyo) on the Committee and asks if Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo if she is up to speed on this agenda item. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo apologizes that she was not aware that this would have been her agenda item and asks to differ this item to the next meeting. Chair Reynolds confirms that item will be differed to the next Committee meeting.
- c. Tree City Membership – Chair Reynolds asks Arborist, Tim Griffith, if this is one of the items he wanted to discuss. Tim Griffith says he does not know what this agenda item was about and that he did not request for this

item to be on the agenda. Chair Reynolds explains that he is also not sure and it is an item carried over from a previous meeting. Tim Griffith says that he does the USA Tree City paperwork every year and believes that currently, Maui has been a Tree City for 43 years out of 44 years. Chair Reynolds says he will mark this agenda item as complete since this is from their meeting this past February and he doesn't have any recollection of why this item was on the agenda. Chair Reynolds also mentions that the item is not covered much in the minutes from the February meeting. Chair Reynolds confirms that item will not be on the next agenda.

- d. Discuss New Exceptional Tree Inspections in Intervals – Chair Reynolds asks if anyone is familiar with this item. Alison Cohan says she does not recall why the item was on the agenda but, it makes sense and she agrees that the inspections should be done in intervals. Lance DeSilva says per his notes from last meeting, the idea was to set up different intervals and deadlines so that maybe twice a year, a group of trees can be compiled and submitted together instead of a new tree being introduced every meeting. Chair Reynolds doesn't recall but, agrees that this is a good idea. Chair Reynolds says the Committee could do something semiannually or whenever is the best time to get these submissions in for the approval process. Chair Reynolds said that the Committee can decide on which dates would work best. Chair Reynolds says that this would make things easier for the Committee as it will give them a deadline. Lance DeSilva also agrees that it will be less confusing for the Committee to submit a group of trees at one time instead of the submissions trickling in. Chair Reynolds agrees that this is a good idea and asks Committee if they have any comments or questions. Lance DeSilva asks when the trees have to be submitted to the County to get approved. Chair Reynolds says that there is no real time frame for it and that it is basically whenever the item can get onto the agenda. Chair Reynolds mentions that budget season is the worse time to get an item on the agenda. Chair Reynolds says that it is up to the Committee when they would like to submit trees as a package. Chris Berquist asks if it is the public submitting names or if it is the Committee submitting names. Chair Reynolds explains that the public would come to the Committee, the Committee would accept the Exceptional Tree Request Form, once they have a group of trees the forms will be submitted to the County to go through the approval process. Chris Berquist asks if in the past, the public has presented them at every meeting and if the Committee is suggesting that the public is only able to present quarterly or biannually or if the public can still present year round. Chair Reynolds explains that the public will still be able to present trees at any time but, the Committee would like to submit forms as a bundle to the County instead of one at a time. Chris Berquist asks for a quick summary of the Exceptional Tree Program. Chair Reynolds explains that basically someone can submit a tree saying that the tree is exceptional either historically or by species or by size and

once it gets approved, you can get tax credits for having the tree and it gets put on a register. Chair Reynolds also explains that if the tree gets cut down or mutilated, it would be a criminal offense. Chris Berquist asks how long the process is for approval. Chair Reynolds explains that if it goes through all the processes quickly, it can be a matter of about a month. Chris Berquist asks if the Committee has this information on a database. Chair Reynolds explains that the Committee does have a formal list and it is on the website. Barbara Fernandez comments that you can go to the Maui County website and it says what exceptional trees are. Barbara Fernandez says that she also agrees that a date should be set for submitting trees as a group maybe twice a year or quarterly. Barbara Fernandez asks if the Committee should pick a date now for when trees will be submitted. Chair Reynolds suggests next January to submit trees as to avoid budget season for the County. Lance DeSilva suggests maybe January and July. Arborist, Tim Griffith, suggests January and August as July 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the County's fiscal year. Chair Reynolds asks if anyone would like to make a motion for the submittal of new Exceptional Tree Applications in intervals of January and August of each year. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo asks for clarification if the applications will be submitted twice a year or if the Committee will be discussing them twice a year. Chair Reynolds responds that applications will be accepted year round but, they will be submitted to the County twice a year in January and August. Chris Berquist asks who goes out and inspects or verifies the trees. Chair Reynolds asks County Arborist, Tim Griffith, if it is something the County Arborist would handle or if it is something the Committee would handle. County Arborist, Tim Griffith, explains that this is not something that he would decide. Tim Griffith explains some from the Committee would go out to look at the tree, take photos and then come back to discuss the tree as a group. Lance DeSilva makes a motion for the submittal of trees in January and August each year. Barbara Fernandez comments that the specific date should be the date of the January Committee meeting and August Committee meeting which would be the second Wednesday of January and August. Chris Berquist seconds the motion. Motion is unanimously approved.

- e. Discuss Landscape Planting Beautification Fund – Lance DeSilva says that he thinks that this item was to discuss how the group could get funds for the different beautification projects. Chris Berquist asks how the Committee gets funds. Chair Reynolds clarifies that the Committee is not funded but, they do get some support from Planning. Chair Reynolds says he believes that this item was from a former Committee member that was looking at trying to find funding for the group. Lance DeSilva says that he believes that the question would be what would they use the money for. County Arborist, Tim Griffith, says that if he remembers correctly, they wanted to petition the Parks Department for getting a budget that could be used, for example, for maybe an Arbor Day tree planting project or education. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo says that in

the past meeting's minutes this item has to do with Ordinance 12.24 and that her predecessor was supposed to report back on whether or not that specific Ordinance is still in effect. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo says that this is something she can look into.

- f. Gina Flammer – Pesticide Regulations Bill – Chair Reynolds says that they were supposed to have a presentation by Gina Flammer. Barbara Fernandez says that she has been in contact with Gina Flammer and that Gina would like to be taken off of the agenda until there is a meeting where the Committee is back to meeting in person.
  - g. Discuss Chapter 2.41 regarding committees and conventions – Chair Reynolds says that he believes this item goes back to previous discussions with Corporation Counsel on making changes. Barbara Fernandez said she believes that had to do with not having quorum at these meetings and why there can't be alternates if someone is not able to make the meeting. Barbara Fernandez asks Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo if that is something she can look into. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo says that she will look into it and report back at the next meeting.
  - h. \*\*(Item moved to first item in agenda)
  - i. Hawaii County Arborist Advisory Committee request to use and adapt the Maui County Planting Plan – Chair Reynolds asks if anyone has had any discussion with Hawaii County adopting the Maui County's plan. Barbara Fernandez asks if anyone was contacted regarding this. Chris Reynolds explains that this was an item requested to Jamie Garcia, Department of Parks and Recreation staff, to be put onto the agenda. County Arborist, Tim Griffith, says that he has been contacted regarding this item and that Hawaii County would like to use the majority of the document and make changes where needed to make the plan specific to Hawaii County. Tim Griffith explains that they are basically wanting a letter or something from the County or the Committee giving them permission to go ahead and use the document and this may be an item that Corporation Counsel needs to make a clarification. Chair Reynolds agrees that it is the Committee's role to maintain and update the document but, it is actually a County document. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo says that Maui County does look to other Counties for things like this and she doesn't believe that it will be an issue as long as the Committee is fine with it and if the Committee would like to, they can take a vote on this before she gives the final go ahead. Lance DeSilva suggests that they should take a vote on this now so that if it is approved so that by next meeting, they can have an answer for Hawaii County. Chair Reynolds agrees. Barbara Fernandez states that she looked through the Maui County Planting Plan and that there is nothing stated that you cannot make copies of the document. Motion made by Chair Chris Reynolds, seconded by Barbara Fernandez and unanimously approved.
3. Continued Committee Business

- a. Review of Exceptional Tree Inspections – Request of checklist/Updated lists to include numerical ID with Alphabetical ID – Chair Reynolds asks if anyone has been able to look at trees since the beginning of this lockdown. Committee members respond no they have not. Barbara Fernandez asks how they can get the dates of when each tree was added as an Exceptional Tree. Chair Reynolds says he believes that would be part of the County Council record and it might be difficult or time consuming to look up. Barbara asks if it is ok if she tries to look up dates or see if that information is available. Chair Reynolds agrees. Chair Reynolds explains to the new members that there is a form that they fill out when they do physical site visits for Exceptional Trees and that they also take pictures. Chair Reynolds explains that it is the Committee's responsibility to check on the trees once a year to make sure that the trees are still there and that they are being maintained. Chair Reynolds mentions that there is a tree in Hana that he has not been able to see due to the lockdown but, he was able to see a tree on Molokai before the lockdown. Chair Reynolds says that for members who are assigned to trees, if they are able to, please try to go out to take a look.
- b. Discussion an Additional Arborist – Letter requesting the need of an additional Arborist –
- c. Letter to Planning Department to request for attendance at meetings - Chair Reynolds said that he did submit a letter last meeting asking for someone from the Planning Department to attend our meetings. Chair Reynolds asks Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo if it is ok for him to send the letter out on his own or if it is something that the Committee need to review and approve. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo says that she believes it is ok for Chair Reynolds to submit the letter as long as what's in the letter is something that the Committee has already agreed on. Lance DeSilva says that he thinks that this was agreed upon before and everyone was in agreement that Chair Reynolds could submit the letter himself. Chair Reynolds says he will mail the letter.
- d. Letter from Council Member Riki Hokama – Chair Reynolds says that the letter from Council Member Riki Hokama asked what the Committee's plan was for the banyan tree in Lahaina and asking for an Arborist Committee document dating back to the early 2000s. Chair Reynolds says that he turned in the letter and documents back in January or February. Chair Reynolds asks Corporation Council Toshikiyo if she knows what to do if the Committee is asked for prior documents. Corporation Council Toshikiyo asks if the Committee received a letter. Chair Reynolds says that this was discussed 15 years ago and Council Member Riki Hokama wanted to see the plans. Lance DeSilva asks if the Committee has a copy of the letter. Chair Reynolds says that he has the letter. Chair Reynolds asks Corporation Council Toshikiyo if it is ok for him to scan the letter and send it to the Committee members. Corporation Council Toshikiyo says it is ok to send the letter to the members but, they have to be careful because under the Sunshine Law, issues or whatever

comes up on the agenda should be available to the public. Corporation Counsel Toshikiyo says that one way they could do it is that the Department Staff could make a hyperlink on the agenda so that public can access the document when they access the posted agenda. Corporation Counsel suggests that Chair Reynolds passes the letter on to Department Staff to post. Chair Reynolds states that Council Member Riki Hokama is asking for what is the status of the master plan for the park and is the banyan tree tested annually for soil compaction as a result of the increased activities under the tree. County Arborist, Tim Griffith, suggest to ask Theo Morrison of Lahaina Restoration. They kind of oversee the tree but, the Parks Department does take care of the annual tree trimming.

- e. Climate Change/Taking care of trees – Alison Cohan asks if there is any background information about this item and if it is about the planting event in October. Chair Reynolds confirms. Alison Cohan mentions that there are a couple dozen of organizations involved in climate change awareness event where on October 30<sup>th</sup> people are going to plant trees all over Maui. Alison Cohan mentions that she is not sure about the status of this due to the current restrictions on gatherings. Chair Reynolds says that he is not sure what role the Committee would play in this even. Barbara Fernandez says that as a County entity, the Committee is not able to do exactly what this program is trying to do so, other nonprofits are making partnerships for this big project.
4. Chairperson's Report – Chair Reynolds says he has nothing new to add and that it's great to have everybody back. Chair Reynolds says he would like to take some time for the new Committee members to introduce themselves and maybe a little bit about their background and current Committee members can tell the new Committee members a little bit about themselves. Chris Berquist begins by saying he is a certified arborist and he has worked in the tree care industry for about 16 years, owned and operated a tree care business here on Maui; Just wants to be a part of the Committee and enjoys the planning side of things. John "Jack" Patnode says he has been operation a small organic farm with his son up in Kula for the last 8 years; We grow organic vegetables and grow a small orchard of apples, peaches, pears and plums; Have an interest in seeing things green and beautiful on Maui and is happy to do anything he can to help. Chair, Chris Reynolds says that this is his second term on the Arborist Committee and he works for Maui Electric. Lance DeSilva says he is the Forestry manager for the DNLR Forestry Division for Maui. Alison Cohan speaks next (speech is not understandable). Barbara Fernandez says that she has come to meetings for the Arborist Committee many times; She is the Vice President of the nonprofit, Maui Green and Beautiful, where we preserve and educate the community; welcomes new members. Douglas McBride says that he is called Sarge or Doug; He has been a landscaper for 45 years; What we need to do is take care of our urban forests and plant more trees. Tim Griffith says he has been an Arborist for 22 years; Worked for the City of Seattle for 15 years and worked for Maui County about 2 ½ years; Have no voting power in the Committee; Part of the Committee more for support and questions. Chair Reynolds introduces the

new Corporation Council, Kristina Toshikiyo, and Jamie Garcia as their new support person.

5. Agenda Development for Next Meeting
  - a. Arbor Day (?) - (Tim Griffith) Committee sometimes tries to participate; Tim Griffith says that the last time he talked to Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, he thinks they were still planning on trying to do something for Arbor Day. Tim Griffith says that Maui Nui Botanical Gardens are thinking of spreading Arbor Day throughout a week instead of only having it on one day and have smaller groups of people attend.
6. Announcements – None
7. Next Regular Meeting: September 9, 2020; 1:30 p.m.; TBD
8. Adjournment – Douglas McBride motions to adjourn the meeting, Alison Cohan seconds, meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully drafted and submitted by:  
Jamie Garcia and Allison Hamai

Those present: Chris Reynolds, Lance DeSilva, Barbara Fernandez, Douglas McBride, Christopher Berquist, John Patnode, Members of the Committee; Tim Griffith, Arboriculturist; Kristina Toshikiyo, Corporation Counsel; Jamie Garcia, Department of Parks and Recreation Staff. Those absent: Chris Haynes.