

**Arborist Committee  
Minutes  
December 12, 2007**

Those present: William Jacintho, Bob Hobdy, Jordan Hart, Richard Kempf, Harlan Hughes, members of the committee; Sue Kiang, staff support to the committee; Glenn Shishido, ex-officio member; Ann Cua, Planning; Ernie Rezens, volunteer to the committee. Members excused - Terry Nutt, Sue Lipp, Jeannie Pezzoli

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm by Chair Bob Hobdy when it was determined that a quorum was present. The minutes were approved as circulated.

The award of excellence, as old business, will not be submitted this year as it required a partnership with a nonprofit. Contact was made with Maui Nui Botanical Garden for the possibility of a future project.

Ann Cua reviewed the process in Planning when a landscape plan is considered. She spoke favorably of past actions that made a difference in parking lot trees and mentioned a concern with the ones at Walmart. Richard will make a site visit and report back to the committee. Harlan is doing a photo study of parking lots and he has a concern with the M.C.C. back lot. Ernie mentioned that he is aware that compact stalls may be eliminated from parking lot designs. This would remove one possible location for tree wells. Ann then told the committee that when a subdivision design does not meet the one tree per lot, it is referred to the committee. She asked if there was an acceptable % of variance that Planning could accept without taking the time to come before the group. If there are 50 lots, there should be 50 trees. If there are limitations in placement, the trees should still be on the street. Cul-de-sacs are still problematic. In the event that a roadway is too short, trees should be planted on adjacent roadways within the project or within .5 mile, whichever is less in distance. Ann said that if the landscape design can be changed based on Planning's input, the architect will change it then rather than come to the committee. Currently 6000sq.' is the minimum size lot although in some special districts they are as small as 3000. Jordan moved that we support a letter being written that would act as guidance. It was seconded by William and passed unanimously. Ann also reminded members that adjustments are made in the field based on conditions and its always questions of the tree's placement. Planners will attend the meeting when needed but due to staff shortages, it is difficult to attend every meeting. If they do come, it would be best to be placed first on the agenda with a month's notice, ideally.

Chapter 2 was discussed. There was a question about actions on private property and this needs to be addressed with Corporation Counsel. Under section 1.1.11 the species designation will be removed and the genera left. The intent is to have four different genera on every street to reduce the concerns with a monoculture and to promote diversity. The new wording in bold print was approved.

Ernie has met with the directors from Parks and Public Works to discuss an 8' wide planting

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strip. Palms will be listed at the end of this chapter. The tree heights and widths reflect what normally grows in Hawaii's climate. Ann suggested to include the language for standard conditions. The tree should be 2" caliper measured 12" from the ground and be planted 6 to 8' apart.

The discussion on palms was tabled until the next meeting when Terry could be here.

Information was shared on how to make additions to the Arborist Committee website. Members were reminded that their attendance at our meetings can accrue CEU's for their arborist certification.

Planting at PoliPoli was discussed and it was decided to avoid the three day week-end.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 1/2/08