

**Arborist Committee
Minutes
November 14, 2007**

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chair Bob Hobdy when it was determined that a quorum was present. Ernie Rezens asked that the agenda be modified to allow him to go first as he had a commitment at 2:30 pm. Sue Lipp moved to change the agenda accordingly. It was seconded by Richard Kempf and passed unanimously.

The information on Chapter 2 was forwarded for prior review. The new language is in bold. The committee approved of the changes on Page 18 that included 2.1.2, the definition of street trees; 2.1.4, placement of the tree in the front of the lot; and 2.1.5, along the same street. Members wondered if flag lots and cul-de-sacs should be identified, feeling that trees may get placed in the front for marketing purposes. Spacing should be as even as possible; however, another pointed out that trees grow better in clumps. The use of "roadway" vs. street was discussed. 2.1.7 should say roadway and give the distance as 100'. 2.1.9 concerns root barrier. This requirement may be difficult to enforce. If a larger planting space was secured, this wouldn't be such a problem. The committee would like to develop language that would reflect that if a tree cracks a wall, it is the tree that stays and the wall is fixed with root barriers installed. The County should not be responsible for damage to a wall by a public tree. The types of root barriers are bio-barrier, deep root, hard plastic, and fiber. The manufacturer says they last 15 years, but not usually that long in our climate. 2.1.10 is new language that attempts to reduce monoculture planting to preclude destruction when a particular tree species gets impacted by a pest or disease. The species that are used are determined by a landscape designer's personal preference, availability in the nurseries, and is counter to the idea of a uniform look. Page 20 was discussed. The Planning Department circulated this internally. Users found the table intimidating. Perhaps the calculation of the information could be shown as an appendix and the table would only show the numbers that were required. All figures will be rounded up. 2.1.6 should have the pruning information first. 2.1.20 was suggested as a separate table for palms. Page 22 regarding medians should say 30' from the intersection. The discussion on irrigation systems was tabled until Ernie's return. He will rework Chapter 2 based on the comments and will return with the revisions.

Terry Nutt circulated information on palms. Any street tree can be used in a park, but not all palms are appropriate due to the concern about thatching and liability. It was a consensus to separate the palms from the street tree list and state that palms are not appropriate substitutes for a shade street tree but can be used as needed for accent or to complement to a landscape design.

The Water Department is developing a Maui County Water Conservation Plan for a proposed ordinance. It discourages high water use turf and plants. Chapter 8 could include good

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suggestive language to emphasize the requirement. Education is the key.

Richard Kempf shared information about the Silva Structural Cells for parking lot trees. The product takes the compaction away from the tree roots. This would be helpful when trees are trying to survive in a 4' x4' planting space. It is a relatively new product.

The Poli Poli planting was delayed until there is more moisture in the soil. Jordan has two friends he would like to include. The next date was tentatively set for 12/15.

The Excellence for Community Trees was circulated. It requires a long term project with a nonprofit.

The Arbor Week report included good news on the success of the tree give-away. There was not enough information about pruning and members made a renewed commitment to trying to man a booth at next year's lawn and garden fair. Several members attended the function but were serving in other capacities rather than representing the Arborist Committee. Jeannie gave a pruning class at MCC and it was well-received.

Members returned to the agenda to review the minutes. The date for the David Malo event at LHS was for April of 2008 rather than 2007. Cul-de-sac was misspelled. Terry moved to approve with the corrections and William Jacintho seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Terry reported that he reviewed the Royal Palms at LHS and found them not to be worthy of saving. He will donate replacements.

The chairman's report included his impression of the trees that he saw in Oregon and Nashville during his last visit on the Mainland.

There was not an Arborist report as he had gone home sick and could not attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 11/27/07