

**Arborist Committee  
Minutes  
October 10, 2007**

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Vice-chair Bob Hobdy when it was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions of all present were made. The election of officers was held and Bob was elected Chair by a motion made by Harlan Hughes and seconded by Terry Nutt. The vote was unanimous. Jordan Hart was elected vice-chair by a motion made by Sue Lipp and seconded by Harlan Hughes. The vote was unanimous.

The minutes were corrected to indicate the date of the meeting was September 12, 2007. Clarifications were made to reflect that the palms as street trees is an existing decision in the current planting plan. Ernie Rezens pointed out that while the Arborist Committee spoke of easements, Corporation Counsel preferred out-right gifts. Public Works wants flexibility in the placement of the tree within the planting space allowed. When discussing the purpose of the committee's intent regarding ambient temperatures, the question stands that it has not been stated in the document and therefore, there may be better ways to express this for clear understanding. The corrections were approved by a motion made by Terry and seconded by Richard. The vote was unanimous.

The committee reviewed the submittals from Ernest Rezens on revisions to the Maui County Planting Plan. The Weed Risk Assessment system was explained.

At this time in the meeting, the agenda was changed by unanimous vote to allow Lorie Gomes of Lahainaluna High School an opportunity to ask questions regarding the removal of two Royal Palms near the David Malo stage on campus. The palms are not those that have been designated exceptional, so the school can do as they see fit. Tree Relocaters was mentioned as well as Kihei Landscape as potential resources. Pictures of the palms showed that they had experienced inconsistent water patterns resulting in "pencil" of the trunk. It would be wise to request an evaluation of the health of the trees. Terry Nutt as a resident of Lahaina and whose daughter attended the school, volunteered to help with the project. Lorie invited all present to attend David Malo Day on April 19, 2007.

Members then returned to their previous discussion on Chapter 2 and the one tree per lot standard. The tree is meant to shade the lots on that street but it doesn't allow for less frontage such as is the case in col-de-sacs. Lisa Almeida described how trees were placed in the greenway at Kehalani. These are maintained by the home owners. Napili is another example of varied placements. Page 75 discusses limitations in placement due to others' stipulations such utilities.

**Arborist meeting notes**  
**page 2**

How the language on maintenance should be stated as well as enforced was discussed. Further discussions on placement flexibility indicated that the committee is trying to minimize when the developer has to come before the members. Ernie will attempt to draft language for next month's review. Jordan will help research requirements by the Water Department, Wastewater, and MECO.

Again members discussed palms and their uses. Tall palms require more maintenance. Also there was a question on spacing—should it be 10' beyond the canopy or 10' between trees. Terry will work on the language for this. An illustration may be helpful. Additional topics included water conservation. Lisa will email Ernie information from the Water Department.

Chapter 3 was discussed. Trees in green-ways will be added. Root barriers are needed if roots could interfere with infrastructure elements. Otherwise there should be a 30' setback. Trees shall be irrigated. 3.1.5 needs better language to indicate if a species is being evaluated. Any plants found to be invasive will be removed from the planting plan.

Chapter 13 will discuss water requirements by zones.

Ann Cua of Planning will discuss their review process at a future meeting.

Under Tree Concerns, members discussed the maintenance of parking lot trees. As Harlan put it, there are the “good, bad, and the ugly.” This will be addressed in a new chapter.

The events of Arbor Week were discussed.

Before closing the meeting, Terry shared his recent visit to California where he was impressed with the diversity of the trees. He found a healthy wili wili in the middle of a parking lot ten feet from the ocean and it was beautiful.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 11/7/07