

**Arborist Committee
Minutes
September 10, 2007**

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

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 minutes were accepted as circulated. Much appreciation was expressed for the fine job done by Richard Kempf on the minutes.

The new business regarding meeting management was deferred due to the resignation of the current chair, Eric Molina. A new election will be posted on next month's agenda to elect a new chair.

The committee reviewed the submittals from Ernest Rezens on revisions to the Maui County Planting Plan. Ernie added another comment which changed the numbering. The new page was distributed at the meeting. It was pointed out that the document is dynamic with revisions as needed and will allow committee reviews. Section 2.1.7 states a 30' roadway per Federal highway requirements. David Sakoda pointed out that county roads don't always meet those standards. Because he sees a difference in the definition of roadway versus highway, the comment was removed. The 20' setback was ok with David. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a statement about palms in 2.1.8. It was decided that while palms may be appropriate for the landscape scheme, they shouldn't be a part of the tree count, since it was the canopy benefit that is the reason for street trees. Larger planting spaces are desired. The Subdivision Engineering Standards committee has recommended an increase via the right of way. Ernie had thought that easements would be less of an encroachment but he learned, after meeting with Corporation Counsel that easements are not the best means as was also the position of the Planning Department. Public Works also prefers the right of way. The final determination will be made by the Council and during the public hearing process. When Ernie was speaking with the various department heads, the director of Public Works did not know where the one tree per lot requirement is stated. The difficulty in placement was discussed, but the over-riding goal of a streetscape with a canopy that impacts the ambient temperature is the intent of the committee's work.

The Arbor Week subcommittee confirmed Elaine Malina as the honorary chair. A table at the lawn and garden show is desired, yet no one present could commit to manning it. An Arbor Day proclamation is one of the requirements for TreeCity USA.

Arborist meeting notes
Sept. 12, 2007

The Arborist report included information on the response to the wili wili problem. Work on the sidewalks at Piilani Village phase one will begin October 9. The privatization issue has resurfaced and tree services may become an issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 9/28/07