

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct, Hayward
Conference Room 230

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Kathie Ready; Vice-Chair, Dee McDonough; Dan Gallagher; Walt Fuji. Absent: Don Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Kwablah Attiogbe; Jim Browne; Doris Marciel; Alan Fishman and 3 SLZHS Students.

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Doris Marciel requested a correction to her previous comments summary;
- Alan Fishman and his students commented on maintenance responsibility and benefits of trees.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Agenda change for the next meeting

III. REVIEW/DISCUSS COMMENTS REGARDING REVISING THE ORDINANCE: A handout was provided that summarized comments received at the January 29th meeting. The comments were summarized and discussed in the following categories:

COMPLIANCE:

- Permitting guidelines;
- Lack of enforcement;
- Public ignorance (a pro-active approach suggested to notify public in as many languages as possible);
- Post an annual report on the website;
- Tree replacement;
- Administration of ordinance;
- Diameter of limb;
- Friendlier title;
- TAB members should live in the unincorporated areas.

OWNERSHIP:

- Who plants/responsible;
- Ordinance not clear on responsibility;

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- Special district to fund maintenance;
- Inventory
- New tree guidelines (maintenance);
- Inform public of eventual maintenance responsibility at the very first planning stages;
- A mailing to remind of responsibility after project is completed.

FINANCIAL BURDEN:

- Partnership between County and owner especially with sidewalks;
- County planted= ownership=maintenance;
- Oakland and Berkeley have a special assessment for trees;
- County should maintain to offset litigation;
- Low income – how can they pay;
- If County can't afford the maintenance shouldn't plant;
- Multiple mature trees in front of properties can be very expensive to maintain.
- “Adopt a spot” program to include tree maintenance.

MANUAL:

- Include policy of contract maintenance time period.

SIDEWALKS:

- Cost share for sidewalk repair where trees are concerned;
- Measure B funds or other County assistance with repairs should be prioritized by whether or not there is a tree.

IV. CVMAC Meeting in March: purpose/action plan

- TAB participation at meeting to solicit input from the public.

V. OTHER: Nothing to report

VI. Wrap up and adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.