

Arborist Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009

Those present: Jordan Hart (Chairperson), William Jacintho, Sue Lipp, Jeannie Pezzoli, Monroe Bryce, Richard Kempf, Robert Hobdy and Harlan Hughes who are members of the committee.

Also present was David Sakoda, Maui County Arborist and Glenn Shishido of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources. Ernie Rezens, volunteer to the committee, excused.

The meeting was called to order at 1:41pm. First item of discussion was the committee work day which occurred Jan 10, 2009 at Keopuolani Park. Monroe Bryce then recommended using the left over mulch at the park with or without the edging. Monroe Bryce then stated that a determination has to be made as to the scope of work involved for next work day January 31st at 7:00am. Everyone is to meet at the parking lot behind the YMCA. Jordan Hart then asked members if they wanted set up a sub-committee to discuss an expanded scope of improvements at the park. The group acknowledged that it would be a good idea. David Sakoda said that the Maui County Federal Credit Union has also volunteered to do planting or provide support. A motion was made to accept by William Jacintho and seconded by Monroe Bryce. The sub-committee will meet before the next Arborist Committee Meeting.

Jordan Hart completed a draft plan for the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center. Jordan Hart also stated that he sent David Sakoda the revised County Building planting. David Sakoda mentioned that the tree should be a medium sized one. The paklan tree was selected as replacements for the Kamani tree. Discussion of the need of a 2010 Arbor Day planting occurred. David Sakoda stated that there is a book called "Tropical Community Tree Guide" which provides guidance on planning and planting of trees such as where it should be planted to provide the most benefits. The guide was done in the Pacific southwest with some reference to Hawaii.

Agenda Development for next meeting: Jordan Hart is addressing a letter to Clyde Sakamoto of Maui Community College. A search for a tree that will provide shade but not extend into playing field is desirable.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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