

**Arborist Committee
Minutes
July 9, 2008**

Those present: Bob Hobdy, William Jacintho, Jordan Hart (Chair), Harlan Hughes, Terry Nutt, Sue Lipp, Richard Kempf, Jeannie Pezzoli, and Monroe Bryce, members of the committee; Sue Kiang, staff support to the committee; Jeff Ueoka, Corporation Counsel; Glenn Shishido, state forester, and David Sakoda, County Arborist, ex-officio members of the committee; Arlene & Derrick Salomon, Joe Bertram, members of the public; James Kendrick, Risk Management.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm when it was determined that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved unanimously in a motion made by William Jacintho and seconded by Terry Nutt.

The neighbors adjacent to Charley Young beach presented a planting plan that would remove the invasive plants along the bank. Arlene and Derrick Salomon and Joe Betram presented the plan to the committee, a requirement for planting projects within parks. Their goal is to use native plant material to complement the coastal trail that is being proposed. There was concern about destabilizing the slope by removing a few trees that have been pruned more as bushes. The committee discussed several aspects that included measures for erosion control; to allow a milo and rainbow shower tree to grow into a tree; a recognition that the county needs volunteer help but their assistance needs to be monitored; recommend the removal of "rubbish" plants; long-term maintenance; description of the various phases of the work; assurance that all necessary permits have been secured; and to continue to work with the south district parks office.

The committee reviewed Ernie's draft of the letter to the homeless shelter and a motion to accept as amended was put forth by Terry Nutt and passed unanimously by the members.

Harlan expressed his concern about the back parking lot of MCC. The canopies are not allowed to grow and the glass used as mulch contributes to the heat island effect. The Rotary meets there and perhaps, they could make this a project. Harlan will draft a letter to the Provost and Board of Regents.

The discussion regarding the planting plan was deferred until a future meeting.

Terry was concerned to see the installation of the cable along the Olowalu highway being so close to the roots of the monkeypods. Jordan will draft a letter of concern to be sent to DOT. Terry moved and Sue seconded a motion to allow him to send it without committee review before the next meeting. Jeannie and Terry suggested that The Outdoor Circle be involved with the communication to DOT.

The trees at Wal-Mart have made a nice recovery from the Dec. storm damage. Their canopies are beginning to grow and there are some blossoms.

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The Arbor Week subcommittee will meet before the August meeting at 12:30 pm in the same room.

The chairman reported a meeting to discuss a planting in a county parking lot.

David reported on his attendance at the Pacific Eurasian ISA. He shared the history of parks as being spaces for the rich to hunt. Parks will receive \$140,000 in FEMA funds as 80% reimbursement of storm damages. The tree care contracts are out.

The agenda for the upcoming meeting will include MCC parking lot, response from the shelter, review of landscape approvals by Planning Department, and mowing along Baldwin Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 8/6/08