

**Arborist Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**June 13, 2007**

Those present: Eric Molina, William Jacintho, Harlan Hughes, Terry Nutt, Bob Hobdy, Richard Kempf, Jeannie Pezzoli; Sue Kiang, staff support to the committee; David Sakoda, County Arborist; Kuhea Paracuelles, Maui County Environmental Coordinator; Glenn Shishido, ex-officio member; Ernie Rezens, volunteer to the committee; and Bill Mitchell, plan presenter. Member excused - Sue Lipp.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm when it was determined that a quorum was present. Introductions of all present were made.

Bill Mitchell of Chris Hart and Associates presented an updated plan for Kahului Towne Center. He first came to the committee a year ago and was asked to return with revisions. This is a re-development of property that has an existing building which will remain. The cross streets will always be privately owned and maintained. A&B was given the feedback regarding the planting space for such large trees and the potential for future maintenance costs. They are adamant about their tree choice for its characteristics as they would like to recreate the feel of the property of fifty years ago. They are trying to create walkable areas and value the shade as well as their ambiance. The original approval letter stated conditions to meet "to the extent possible." Bill was able to increase the planting areas to 86% of the suggested optimal space. He cited examples of large trees that have done well at the Wailea Shopping Center in planting spaces that are 8' x 10'. Securing large field stock will not be a problem. A certified arborist assessed the trees on site and deemed them too old and needing to be replaced. Amended soil will be used. The trees planted in the square will be set back 15' from the pavement. The underground utilities will be under pavement and therefore will not impact the root growth. A motion was made to approve the amended plan with the following conditions on the owner of the property:

- maintain the irrigation;
- provide ongoing care for a large canopy tree by a certified arborist;
- in the event of the need to replace, use a large spreading street tree of compatible size.

The conditions would follow the deed, so subsequent owners would know of these responsibilities. The motion passed five in favor and one opposing.

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

Unfinished business included a review of the Voluntary Codes of Conduct for Government. David explained that this is a guideline and general statement. The Landscape Industry on Oahu has adopted a similar statement. Maui Association of Landscape Professionals (MALP) is also working on one. The other business was on the Hawaii Risk Assessment. Philip Thomas was

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able to incorporate the data into the Planting Plan draft. Bob and Ernie had added 70 new species for the plan and only 9 were eliminated. Bob moved and it was seconded to continue with this format as it is reasonable, a good thing, and done in a scientific way. It should continue as unfinished business, so the committee can review actions on a routine basis.

Glenn Shishido, state forester, explained the replanting plan for Poli Poli forest. There were 2300 acres burned. Sixty-three per cent of the acreage will be planted in native species. The previous portion of native planting was 47%. The redwoods will be replaced. They are an excellent choice due to their fire resistance which is important at this high elevation as the humidity is very low, making forest fires a constant threat. It would be difficult to do a totally native planting as it is not a clean slate. All ready there are pines sprouting. There is also a need to plant grass to prevent erosion. DLNR has an agency mandate to provide for recreation uses which also impacts the choice for vegetation.

Ernie Rezens presented his letter regarding increasing the space for the planting of street trees. It has been accepted by the Subdivision Engineering Standards Committee. The Arborist Committee support will be helpful. The letter will be sent by the committee to Directors Arakawa, Horcajo, and Hunt. Jeannie Pezzoli moved and William Jacintho seconded a motion to forward the letter. William, Terry Nutt, and Richard Kempf are willing to meet with them when Ernie has an opportunity to discuss his letter with them.

Under committee reports, the Tree Concerns discussion centered on the loss of the wili wili. The question was asked if there are any plans to replant in a pro-active way. Alternatives should be identified so another mono-culture is not created. Panax and clumping bamboo are two possibilities. This could be accomplished in a news article or in letters to vendors and to MALP. David reported that some has shown resistance, particularly on Lanai. Everyone was asked to bring some alternative specie suggestions to the July meeting.

Terry Nutt had a list of questions regarding commemorative trees. He wondered if people could chose where and what they wanted planted and how it would be acknowledged. Who locates, purchases, and plants the tree? A list of past plantings is attached to these minutes.

Richard, Eric, Jeannie, and David volunteered to be on the Arbor Week subcommittee. Poli Poli may be a likely planting project.

The Count Arborist reported that he is closing the fiscal year. He has secured a \$300,000 line item each for street trees and park trees. That puts him on a 3 to 4 year cycle for pruning. He also shared information learned at the gall wasp workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sue Kiang 6/26/07