

**ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:00 p.m.
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Court, Hayward
Conference Room 230

MINUTES

Attendees: D. Nelson, D. Sheppard, K. Ready, D. Gallagher, D. McDonough, I. Brainerd, L. Serrano, S. Jones, S. Jackson, R. Ruiz, H. Beckman, L. Luster, G. Kuffin, R. Hatcher

I. Public Comment - None

II. Announcements - New TAB member for District 5 is Dee McDonough

III. Approval of Minutes - Minutes approved by all board members

IV. Cherryland ivy problems (Rick Hatcher)

Rick Hatcher is requesting ivy problems be brought to TAB attention. There are 2 trees he's concerned about on Hampton Rd. One at Lowell, the other at 462 Hampton. He wants the ivy removed from the trees and is concerned about the overall health of the trees. 1 Black Walnut, 1 Chinese Chestnut. The protocol is it's the responsibility of the property owner to remove the ivy. If the property owner doesn't handle, under the ordinance, county would be responsible for it. Not sure if owner could be billed for work performed.

Dan assumes a health threat is posed because the ivy will grow into the upper canopy of the tree shielding it's food source. This could result in the tree dying. Motioned that Inta would (1) send out notifications and (2) find out if there's any legal action that can be taken.

V. Follow up Items – None

Violations – All fines have come in except for one which was referred to collections. We'll have hearing next quarter. Inta will create a violation status spreadsheet.

VI. County Projects – Lupe

- Cherryland- In Design Stage (sidewalk/construction project)
- Lewelling- Inventory in progress- underground project
- Castro Valley Blvd- Request to redevelopment would like to be scheduled for the next meeting.

Howard Beckman suggests the county be more proactive in permitting businesses to cut trees in front of their business. Inta explained that permits are required for any trimming in the right of way regardless of whether or not it is a business or home. She also added that aside from Castro Valley Blvd. the County has not really had any problems with businesses trimming trees.

VII. Tree Advisory Board

Retreat- To include historical background of TAB and overall working procedures. Laura Luster will facilitate. Board has never had any official training. Laura will work to develop operating procedures and bylaws. Dan questions whether a working group is subject to public notification per the Brown Act. Inta to check with County Council.

VIII. Tree Ordinance Revisions

Inta composed a table of some issues previously discussed. *Will add ivy and graffiti.

IX. Other - None

X. Wrap up and Adjourn - 4:15