

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct, Hayward
Conference Room 230

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Kathie Ready; Vice-Chair, Don Sheppard; Donald G. Nelson, Dee McDonough with Dan Gallagher excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Steve Jones; Lupe Serrano; Holly Smith, Aaron Baker, Minh Huynh, Juan Chavez, Doris Martinez, Victoria Schultz

CALL TO ORDER: The chair called the meeting to order at 3:05

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: - None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Inta Brainerd provided her business card with cell # to TAB members.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:-September 17, 2008

IV. Hearings:
17060 Via Toledo, San Lorenzo, CA. 94580

Staff responded to a complaint from SLVHA regarding a Sycamore that was severely cut. Staff inspected and found the tree was most likely topped some years ago and had been improperly pruned. The entire canopy had been removed.

The owner stated that he had the tree cut because he has several grandkids and was concerned with the bird feces being tracked into the house. He had a friend that was a former Davy's tree climber, trim the tree.

Motion by Kathie Ready for Mr. Baker be fined \$750.00 (1/3 loss of value) plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit)

Dee McDonough amended the motion to reduce fine to \$500.00 (loss of value) plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit) and include restorative pruning.

Motion approved 3-1 Don Nelson opposed.

Recommendation:

It was recommended that Mr. Baker be fined \$500.00 (loss of value) plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit) plus restorative pruning.

17345 Via Julia, San Lorenzo, CA. 94580

Staff responded to a complaint regarding a tree being removed. Staff mailed notice of violation. The property owner called and stated she pruned the female Ginkgo tree because it was smelly and messy and interfering with the wires. She reported fruit and leaf droppings were a hazard to the kids walking to school. She said it made the road and sidewalk slippery.

Property owners stated they did not know that pruning of a tree required a permit. They trimmed the tree as a temporary fix to eliminate the bad smell and pedestrian hazard.

Motion by Don Sheppard to remove the tree and replace with 24" boxed Sycamore plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit)

Motion seconded by Donald Nelson

Motion approved 3-1 Kathy Ready opposed.

Recommendation:

Remove the tree and replace with 24" boxed Sycamore plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit)

1086 Via Corolla, San Lorenzo, CA. 94580

Staff was notified that a tree was being removed. Staff inspected and the tree was improperly pruned and was possibly being removed. Letter of violation was mailed. Lupe Serrano called the property owner to explain the ordinance and violation process.

Mr. Chavez stated he was not aware of the permit requirements. He had pruned the tree in past years and this year pruned it more because of the damage to his sewer.

Motion by Donald Nelson to remove the tree and replace with a 24"boxed tree, plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit)

Motion seconded by Dee McDonough

Motion approved 3-1 Kathy Ready opposed.

Recommendation:

Remove the tree and replace with a 24" boxed tree, plus \$100.00 (fine for work without permit)

V. Follow-up Items

Heritage/Historic tree definitions/purpose-

Staff explained there is no difference by definition. The County ordinance protects all trees in right of way.

Staff will provide nuisance tree list for next meeting.

Violation Update – Staff to provide violations summary at next meeting

VI. Other

Discussion ensued between TAB regarding consistency of recommendations and assigning loss off value.

Notified TAB members that room may not be available for future meetings. We may have to relocate to room 301.

VII. Wrap up and Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm