

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20, 2014
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct., Hayward
Room 230

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Kathie Ready; Don Nelson; Dan Gallagher; Walt Fuji. Absent: Vice-Chair, Dee McDonough

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Jim Browne; David and Nanette Aldana; Thomas Stafford; Sue Kleebauer; and Steve Kirk

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

III. MINUTES

- May 21, 2014 TAB meeting: Minutes approved 3, Don Nelson abstained as he was not present at the May meeting.
- April 21, 2014 CVMAC meeting: TAB reviewed.

IV. VIOLATION HEARINGS:

17224 Via Alamos, San Lorenzo:

- Staff reported that 2 Modesto Ash trees had been topped. The trees were senescent, had been previously topped, and had large limb failures. Staff indicated that had the property owners applied for a permit to remove the trees the permit would have been approved.
- The Aldanas reported that the trees had dropped limbs in the past so they hired a contractor to trim the trees to make them safer. Mrs. Aldana indicated that when she spoke with County staff she did not realize she would need a permit.
- Dan G. and Walt F. felt that because of the topping cuts there was no choice but to remove and replace both trees. Discussion ensued.
- The Aldanas contended that the trees are green and are growing.
- TAB and staff explained why topping harms trees and that to allow the trees to stand would create a public safety hazard.
- Dan G. motioned to remove/replace the 2 trees, grind the stumps, and plant 2 replacement trees from approved list.

- Walt F. seconded the motion and amended it to eliminate any fines. Motion passed 3:1.

1763 Keller Ave, San Lorenzo:

- Staff reported that a Modesto Ash tree had been removed from this location without a permit. The tree was senescent, had been previously topped, was repeatedly pruned for line clearance, and showed previous failures. Staff indicated that had the property owners applied for a permit to remove the trees the permit would have been approved.
- Tom Stafford, Property Manager, reported that the property was a rental and the tenants and neighbors had complained for years that the tree was damaging their vehicles.
- Tom S. apologized for the removal and asked to be allowed to replace the tree and pay as small a fine as possible.
- Dan G. motioned to replace the removed tree with a County approved 24” boxed size tree and fine the owner \$100 for work without a permit. Walt F. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously 4:0.

V. OTHER:

- Nothing to report

VI. Wrap up and adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.