

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct., Hayward
Room 230

MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Steve Kirk; Ken Lee; Lucy Liu; Rick Kong

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve Kirk shared that SLVHA will be unveiling drought tolerant, Bay Friendly Landscaping plans designed by UC Berkeley students for San Lorenzo on December 16th at 7:00pm at the SLVHA building.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Inta announced that Don Nelson would not be able to attend the meeting. Inta also announced that 16058 Via Primero had to postpone their hearing as they were going to be out of town.

III. MINUTES

- August 20th, 2014 TAB meeting: Minutes approved 4 - 0

IV. VIOLATION HEARINGS:
16058 Via Primero, San Lorenzo:

- Postponed

17355 Via Annette, San Lorenzo:

- Ken Lee and Lucy Lui (Property owners) brought Rick Kong along as a translator.
- It was reported to staff that a Sycamore tree had been topped and then later removed completely from this location. No permits were issued for this work.
- Mr. Kong reported that the owners did not understand that the ROW extends beyond the sidewalk. He also stated that the tree had caused sidewalk damage, was interfering with the wires, and was a public safety hazard. He further explained that a tree contractor had solicited the work and advised the owners of the hazards the tree was causing.
- Owners were not able to provide contractor information.

- Owners did provide current pictures of the front yard showing that the entire yard has been rocked and a Crepe Myrtle tree planted.
- SLVHA, represented by Steve Kirk, pointed out that the rock was in violation of HOA rules and would need to be removed.
- Discussion ensued amongst TAB members regarding fine and replacement requirements.
- Dan G. motioned that the property owners be fined \$5300 (appraised tree value) and required to plant and permanently maintain a County approved tree in the ROW that is a 24" box sized tree. Kathie amended the motion to add a six month time limit to complete all the work. Dee M. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously 4:0.
- TAB and staff strongly encouraged the property owners to take legal action against the contractor to recoup the costs of the fine because the contractor should have been aware of County requirements and was responsible for the violation.

V. POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

- Kathie suggested switching picture slides from web to pictures from Kathie's street.
- Walt pointed out a mistake with two I's.
- It was recommended to use a picture from Piedmont for the last picture in the PP presentation.

VI. OTHER:

- Foothill construction crews knocked down a Morraine Ash tree and ripped the bark off another. Requesting County to look into replacement and review construction specs.
- Dan to look into Commissions or Board attendance/participation rules.
- Norbridge trees – what type of Acer rubrum was planted?
- Reported that the second Maple tree from Redwood Rd., in the median on Norbridge, has died.

VII. Wrap up and adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.