

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Worksession
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct., Hayward
Room 230

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathie Ready; Vice-Chair, Dee McDonough; Chair, Dan Gallagher; Walt Fujii; and Don Nelson absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Kathy Lee; Jim Browne; Kwablah Attiogbe; Steve Kirk; and Susan Kleebauer

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

II. TREE ORDINANCE REVISIONS WORKSESSION:

- Kathie asked about lines 42-44 because she took it to mean that you can remove any tree so long as you replace it. Dan clarified that the intro to the ordinance provides preservation.
- Line 62 can we add language to include ROW are beyond the roadway?
- Line 86 growth regulation is permissible.
- Line 96 – Walt asked should be include % amount that can be pruned. Referred to section 12.11.140E in definitions.
- Dee and Dan suggested removing line 107 “Topping is not acceptable”. It was decided to leave it in.
- Clarified that Palms and Yuccas do not have to be replaced in-kind.
- 12.11.120 establishes responsibility of maintenance.
- Discussion ensued about section 12.11.130 Abatement authority.
- Dan explained that the TAB feels that an important component of the TO is to assess higher fines for higher valued trees.
- Kathie expressed concern that TAB no longer protecting trees but protecting County with new revisions.
- Dan requested that research be done to find authority in fining.
- Kathie requested that County look into other options.
- A second worksession was set for July 20, 2016 to further discuss revisions.
- Dan requested that the dates and time for TAB meetings be an agenda item at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

III. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Steve Kirk complained about TAB meeting notification.
- Request was made to add TAB meeting to PWA website and ACGOV.org.
- Steve Kirk stated that the revisions are damaging to the ordinance and encourage people to do the wrong thing.
- Steve Kirk expressed concern about the County not collecting fines.
- Steve Kirk voiced his dislike for the proposed fees and fines schedule.
- Susan Kleebauer agreed with Steve's concerns regarding the schedule and felt that TAB has a reduced power as a result of the proposed revisions.

IV. WRAP AND ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.