



Public Works Department

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

Monday April 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. Roll Call – 7:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Members: Bleier, Christian, Hittle, Price, Srago.

Staff Liaison Prée, Tree Committee applicant Michael Charlton.

Absent: Boniello, Cheng, Lee-Rutherford, Council Liaison Lyman

2. Comments from the Public- none

3. Report from Council Liaison Greg Lyman- not present

4. Action Items- A discussion on the merits of action minutes versus detailed minutes and the ability of the committee to appoint a secretary from it's ranks ensued. It was generally agreed that detailed minutes are preferred. Bleier volunteered to become secretary if it is allowable for a committee member to do so. Prée will investigate and report back.

a) Approval of the minutes from the Tree Committee Meeting on April 8, 2013

Action: Moved, seconded (Christian, Bleier) carried. Vote: Unanimous

b) Recommend Michael Charlton to City Council for appointment to the tree Committee

Action: Moved, seconded (Bleier, Hittle) carried. Vote: Unanimous

5. Report from Staff Liaison- Prée a) reported that the current City prohibited tree species list includes Eucalyptus camaldulensis (Red Gum), E. globulus (Blue Gum), Pinus radiata (Monterey Pine), Sequoia sempervirens (Coast Redwood), Sequoiadendron gigantean (Giant Redwood).

b.) presented all in attendance with an Arbor Day 2013 bookmark c.) Announcements regarding

activities on Earth Day – any City tree pruning must conform to ISA standards.

Bleier noted that no specific Earth Day work events were listed on the City website.

6. Report on Activities for Arbor Day 2013- Prée & Bleier reported on successful event with the E.C.

Garden Club and the Portola Middle School 7th grade science class. Bleier purchased Arbor Day

badges for the attendees. Press articles:

<http://elcerrito.patch.com/articles/portola-7th-graders-put-down-roots-and-trees-in-park?ncid=newsltuspatc00000001>

http://www.contracostatimes.com/west-county-times/ci_22791001/students-help-plant-oaks-el-cerrito-hillside

***Note- Tape recording of meeting ends here.**

7. Report from Tree Selection Criteria Subcommittee (Boniello, Hittle, Price)- circulated the Draft Tree Selection Criteria list for discussion. Committee considered the addition of Toxic and Allergenic trees to the list, it was agreed that these qualities would appear in comments and further comments sections. The Committee agreed to exchange the list and circulate for adoption at the next regular meeting.

8. Discussion of formation of an Outreach Committee- deferred to next meeting

9. Announcements and Future Agenda Items-

- **Committee discussed the proposed field meeting and agreed to re-poll for a time when more members can attend.**
- **Future Agenda Items - Formation of an Outreach Subcommittee**

- Future Committee Actions

10. Adjournment – 9:25