

Public Works Department

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

Monday August 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m. El Cerrito City Hall

Hillside Conference Room 10890 San Pablo Avenue

Present: Committee Members Boniello, Bleier, Cheng, Christain, Charlton, Price, Srago.

Staff Liaison Prée also present

Absent: Committee Members Hittle, Lee-Rutherford,

Council Liaison Greg Lyman also absent.

1. Roll Call- -7:00

2. Comments from the Public on non agenda items- no members of the public were present.

- . Comments regarding items on the agenda may be made during discussion of those items and are subject to the same limits.
- 3. Report from Council Liaison- Counsel Liaison Lyman absent
- 4. Action Items- 7:25
 - o **Approval of the minutes from July 8,2013** Motion, Boniello; second, Christian; Approved, unanimously
- 5. Report from Staff Liaison Prée reported on attending the seminar Changing Regulations, Policies & Principals to Improve Preservation, Protection and Planting of Trees in Folsom, CA on August 2 sponsored by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and on his participation on the City of Richmond Urban Forestry Advisory Group in which that City will revise its City Tree List and create a Heritage Tree Ordinance.
- 6. Discussion of Tree Selection Criteria and revising the Approved City Tree List
 Srago considered the criteria list to be nearly complete and the remaining work would be up to the
 whole group. Prée suggested that the detailed work required to complete the criteria list requires a
 subcommittee. Bleier contends that the whole committee should work on the criteria and inquired about
 the purpose of the list- for variety or survivability? A discussion regarding tree lists in other Cities
 ensued. A motion was made by Boniello to make formulating an objective the first task of the Tree
 Selection ad-hoc subcommittee, seconded by Charlton, passed unanimously.
- 7. Discussion of potential Outreach events and the possible formation of an Outreach Subcommittee The topics discussed included ideas regarding various methods of informing the community about the existence of the Tree Committee; outreach venues and events were such as improved City website presence, El Cerrito Patch, Social Media. The informational content should relate to the Goals as stated

in the E.C. Urban Forestry Management Plan- Group reviewed EC Tree Committee Resolution:

- Advise City Council, other commissions and citizens w/re growth, maintenance and location of trees within city
- Recommendations (programs, policies and ordinances) to implement/promote Street Tree/Urban Forest Mgmt Plan and to coordinate with Public Works staff
- Promote awareness, education and interest; support urban forestry efforts; foster volunteer planting/irrigation on streets AND front yards; education on selection, planting, maintenance
- Educate on hazards to above and underground facilities and on use of appropriate trees.

Review of UFMP showed 2 additional items specific to EC Tree committee (Goal I,1B):

- iv. Generate urban forestry funds from private sources to supplement City funding.
- v. Interface with the Park and Recreation Commission on park trees.

Motion to form an Outreach ad-hoc Subcommittee: Bleier; second, Boniello vote unanimous

8. Announcements - none

9. Discussion of future committee actions and agenda items

- Subcommittees reports
- October Susan Schwartz to give a presentation on the Hillside Natural Area.

10. Adjournment- 9:00