MINUTES
Notes from
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
TREE COMMITTEE
(As a quorum was not present)
Monday January 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. Roll Call -
   Present: Committee Members Bleier, Boniello, Christian, Hittle,
   Staff Liaison Stephen Prée also present
   Absent: Committee Members Charlton, Cheng, Price, Srago; Council Liaison also absent.

2. Comments from the Public on non agenda items- None.

3. Report from Council Liaison- None

4. Action Items-
   o Approval of the minutes from December 9, 2013
     The committee lacked a quorum, no vote was taken.

5. Report from the City Arborist-
   Stephen Prée reported on the new Ohlone Greenway and the Central & Liberty Street
   Improvements Projects, the City’s new Commission & Committee Policy and
   Rule Changes and he also reported on the January El Cerrito Rotary meeting where he was invited
   to give the luncheon speech.

6. Report from the Community Tree Planting Grant Subcommittee-
   Ralph Boniello led a discussion of the logistical considerations of the February 15 tree planting activity
   on Avila, El Dorado, and Carlson Streets including watering trees, tools, refreshments, staging
   materials, etc.
   • Cathy Bleier Karen Christian and Janet Hittle agreed to make baked goods for the morning.
   • Cathy Bleier will manage an information table including tree planting protocol for requesting
     individual trees and a current approved tree species list.
   • Karen Christian will manage a sign in and tool issuance table.
   • Prée agreed to contact Mayor Janet Abelson to be a speaker, Tree Committee Chair Mike Srago
     will also be contacted to speak.

7. Report from the INVEST FROM THE GROUND UP subcommittee on the outreach campaign to
   businesses in El Cerrito.
   The Committee discussed the goals of the outreach and the upcoming January 16 meeting with all
   contributors including the El Cerrito Garden Club, Cal Fire, Western Chapter of the International
   Society of Arboriculture.
8. Announcements –
   • Janet Hittle reported on the 2013 California Tree Failure Report Seminar she attended with Tree Committee Chair Mike Srango

9. Discussion of future committee actions and agenda items –
   • Continue Community Tree Planting Planning
   • Continue INVEST FROM THE GROUND UP campaign discussion

10. Adjournment- 9:00