



Public Works Department

**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-**

- **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 Srago

**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**