

**ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY  
TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, November 17, 2004 3:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Court, Hayward  
Conference Room 230

**MINUTES**

**Attendees: K. Ready, D. Gallagher, D. Sheppherd, I. Brainerd, L. Serrano, G. Hilst, J. Fenstermacher, S. Jackson, H. Ackerman, F. Wolin, A. Chumarro (Castro Valley resident)**

**Meeting called at 3:20. No quorum (board members D. Nelson and D. Gallagher absent), so this meeting will be informational only. No actions will be taken.**

**I. Public Comment**

Resident Al Chumarro asked what the county is doing about the tree that was illegally pruned at 2789 Castro Valley Blvd.

Inta- Spoke with business owner. Tenants are new and were not aware of the ordinance. Inta in process of getting a purchase order in order to have outside source provide tree appraisals. Tree can't be restored and will need to be replaced. Once the tree is appraised, county can go forward with the fines. The ordinance gave county the ability to fine the property owner and or the contractor. We recently sent out a letter to all property owners regarding trees on Castro Valley Blvd.

**II. Announcements**

None

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Cannot approve due to absence of board members

**IV. Follow Up Items: (that need to be reported back to the TAB)**

**PLA Tree Trimming in Sunol – John Fenstermacher**

John (administrator of program)- Primarily the PLA is under regulation of CPUC as far as clearance of brush/trees. CPUC Inspector had concerns in “downtown” Sunol. It was agreed not to perform anymore trimming but to do clearance in incremental amounts over a period of time. Lupe will communicate with BOS in regards to this issue. If any questions arise, forward to Lupe.

**PG&E Update – Lupe and Inta**

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the county, the Homes Association, Kathie and PG&E met with District 3. It was agreed that the trees on Via Manzanas will be trimmed at PG&E's cost. We'll have a contractor perform the work, District 3 will write a check to the contractor for the work and PG&E will reimburse District 3. There will be 11 trees trimmed on Via Manzanas. Arbortech will begin trimming tomorrow and will be done by Monday. Letters to residents went out last week. PG&E will cover costs associated with the flyers. Their information will be on one side, our information about the ordinance will be on the

other side. Target date is December 1st. Regarding restorative pruning of remaining trees, possible rebate program. Tom Guarinno drafted letter that will be sent out to residents inquiring if they're interested in a one time restorative pruning of the trees. If so, they should get back with PG&E. Inta is meeting with Joey (PG&E inspector for San Lorenzo) this Friday. There will only be certain trained crews working in the San Lorenzo area.

Kathie expressed concerns about PG&E damaging other trees in other areas like Castro Valley, Ashland, or Cherryland.

Don S.-Does PG&E tell county which contractor they're going to use?

Inta- PG&E generally only uses one contractor. PG&E is aware that the contractor has to apply for a yearly permit and if they're using a new contractor they have to apply before they can start the work.

D. Gallagher arrives at 3:49pm. There are enough board members present to continue on with the meeting and take any necessary actions. September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved by all board members.

#### **Violations**

Inta- 5 violations from the end of Oct. through beginning Nov. 4 - trees pruned, 1-topped. Most of 'pruning' jobs were fine. The 1 topped, I'm working with property owner. Owner didn't understand the letter sent denying the original request to remove a Sycamore tree. I let them know they will most likely be fined once we get the tree appraised.

Inta sent out a request to find out what statute of limitations is. Has not heard back yet from County Counsel.

#### **V. Appeal: 2869 Romgnolo Street, Hayward**

Ms. Ottey will not be able to attend meeting. Inta provided TAB with pictures and letter from resident. This is an old permit. Jim Browne previously authorized it. Resident verbally agreed to replace tree with bronze loquat over the phone. County has been pursuing her for last couple of years. She refused to plant a tree in August 2002. The tree has to be planted in the right of way. The right of way is 9ft. from the curb. TAB reviewed and discussed all information provided. TAB motioned that appeal be denied based on the fact that the ordinance places the responsibility of maintenance on the property owner. Motion carried.

#### **VI. Other**

None

#### **VII. Wrap up and Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 4:32pm

Next Meeting is February 16, 2005