

**Alameda County Public Works Agency**  
**Tree Advisory Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 17, 2010  
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct, Hayward  
Conference Room 230

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair, Dee McDonough; Dan Gallagher; Don Sheppard

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

- I. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
  
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Kathie Ready unable to attend hearing.
  
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from September 15, 2010 approved.
  
- IV. **FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:**
  - **Fines Report:** No information received from Fiscal Department.
  
- V. **HEARINGS:**

**1202 Via Los Trancos, San Lorenzo**

Hearing Postponed

**660 Via Aires, San Lorenzo**

The Homes Association called to report that a tree had been topped at 660 Via Aires. Upon inspection it was noted that the tree is a Carolina Cherry that had been topped more than once. The property owner's niece called to report that the tree is pruned every couple of years due to the wires that come in off the pole to the house. The recommended fine is \$500 for loss of value, the minimum fine, and \$100 for work without a permit. It is recommended that the tree be removed due to the improper cuts made. Daniel Granadon, the property owner's son, reports that the tree had been pruned shortly before they purchased the property ten to fifteen years ago and his father simply

continued pruning the tree. The property owners do not speak English and did not understand that they were not allowed to prune the tree. It was explained to Mr. Granadon that if there is a concern about the power lines they can call PG&E and they will re-string the power lines around any branches that are pulling. It was also explained that any raised sidewalk concerns can be addressed through Alameda County Public Works.

Dan Gallagher motioned that the property owners remove and replace the tree with a 15 gallon tree chosen from the approved tree list, the tree can be planted anywhere within the County Right of Way. Permit application fee will be waived.

Don Sheppard seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Dee McDonough explained the conditions to the property owner.

Mr. Granadon expressed concerns that this would present a financial hardship for them. It was explained that because the tree is small it could be removed by the property owner, instead of hiring a licensed contractor, and the new tree can be planted by the property owner.

**VI. Other:** No comments.

**VII. Wrap up and Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.