

Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct, Hayward
Conference Room 230

MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Don Nelson arrived early for the meeting but had to leave due to a prior engagement.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from February 24, 2010, approved.

IV. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

- **Fines Report:** Two fines remain outstanding and have been sent to collections.

V. HEARINGS:

15872 Via Alamitos, San Lorenzo

It was reported that a Zelkova Elm was improperly pruned. No permits were issued for this work. The owner had requested a permit for this work but had not yet submitted it. Permit application was submitted on February 17, 2010 but was incomplete due to missing replacement information and application fee. Owner was notified but when he came in work had already begun. Contractor performing work was not the same as the one listed on the permit application.

Property owner and contractor were not present.

Kathie reported that she spoke with the owner in person and that he stated he had a permit.

Dan Gallagher motioned that the property owner be fined \$100.00 for work without a permit and \$500.00 for loss of value. TAB also recommended that the County prune back the stubbed limb to insure that it is done properly and bill the owner for the work.

Motion seconded by Dee McDonough.

Motion approved unanimously.

15864 Via Alamitos, San Lorenzo

It was reported that a Sycamore was pruned. No permits were issued for the work. Three major limbs were removed back to the trunk. Approximately 1/3 of the canopy was removed. The owner responded that the contractor told her that permits were only required for removals. She also indicated that she would not be able to attend the meeting due to a conflict with the time and work. I suggested she write a letter to explain what happened.

Property owner and contractor were not present.

Dan Gallagher motioned that the property owner be fined \$100.00 for work without a permit and \$500.00 for loss of value.

Motion seconded by Dee McDonough.

Motion approved unanimously.

VI. Other:

- **Future TAB meetings to begin at 4:00 unless more time is needed.**
- Future copies of correspondence will be included with TAB meeting packets.

VII. Wrap up and Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.