

**Alameda County Public Works Agency
Tree Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Public Works Building, 951 Turner Ct., Hayward
Room 230**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Kathie Ready; Dan Gallagher; Vice-Chair, Dee McDonough; Don Nelson; and Walt Fujii

OTHERS PRESENT: Inta Brainerd; Jim Browne; Lupe Serrano; Erica Campisi; and Derry Silva

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: Erica Campisi reported that a neighbor at 843 Hampton Rd. used a ladder to trim his tree.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

III. MINUTES

- August 19th, 2015 TAB meeting: Minutes approved 5 - 0

IV. VIOLATION HEARINGS:

773 Blossom Way, Hayward

- Lupe Serrano provided translation.
- Inta reported that 2 trees had been topped at this location. A fine of \$500 for loss of value to each tree and a \$100 fine for work without a permit were proposed and it was recommended that the trees be removed and replaced.
- The owner responded that they trimmed the trees not knowing there was a tree ordinance.
- They reported that the trees were hanging low and there was no sidewalk clearance.
- Kathie Ready asked the owner if they had seen other trees in the area pruned the same way and the owner responded that in the past the property across the street had also pruned their trees.
- Derry Silva reported that she was responsible for applying for the grant that allowed 127 trees to be planted along Blossom Way.
- Discussion ensued regarding reasons for pruning trees back with TAB members explaining reasons not valid.

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- Dan Gallagher motioned a recommended fine of \$1100 and asked the owners to contact the County if they felt there were any maintenance issues with the trees.
- Dee McDonough seconded the motion.
- Motion approved with a 4-1 vote, Don Nelson opposed.

V. FOLLOW UP:

- Derry Silva reported that another violation had occurred at the corner of Blossom Way and Blossom Ct. on the southwest side of the street. 20601 Blossom Ct., Hayward.
- Kathie added that 1 of the 3 street trees on CV Blvd. in front of the Holiday Inn Express has been demolished.
- It was also reported that at the corner of Western and Blossom there was a dead tree.

VI. Wrap up and adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.