



Public Works Department

## Notes from the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

**A quorum was not present**  
**Monday May 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**  
**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Hillside Conference Room  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. **Roll Call - Present:** Committee Members Boniello, Charlton, Hittle and Srago.  
Staff Liaison Prée also present  
**Absent:** Bleier, Cheng, Christian, and Price. Council Liaison Abelson.
2. **Comments from the Public on non agenda items-**  
No members of the public present. Committee member Mike Charlton urged the committee to consider action to recommend a City ordinance that would limit tree removal on private property. Ralph Boniello relayed the recent Oakland USPS tree pruning incident that displaced nesting birds.
3. **Report from the City Arborist-** Stephen Prée reported on recent activities pertaining to City trees and Urban Forestry. He reported on the requirements for the 2014/15 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Grant and a discussion ensued regarding locating eligible Related Transportation Facilities (RTFs). Mike Charlton and Mike Srago volunteered to research.
4. **Approval of the Minutes-** The approval of minutes was tabled due to a quorum not being present.
5. **Report from the Invest From The Ground Up business outreach campaign –** Mike Srago and Janet Hittle reported on their April 26 brochure distribution progress and the feedback they received from business owners including a report of an unannounced tree removal and tree root/sidewalk/building foundation issues. The subcommittee recommended a continued distribution effort to the businesses that have not yet received the brochure and that they will schedule another meeting.
6. **Hillside Natural Area Festival Day, May 17 -** Ralph Boniello lead a discussion regarding the role of the Tree Committee as co-sponsors of the Hillside Festival and the creation and printing of a leaflet on Trees in the Hillside Natural Area.
7. **Committee Work Plan for 2014/15 -** The committee discussed the Action Plan Outline that was created by the ad-hoc subcommittee. The committee agreed that leadership is needed on each action item, the list was reorganized and refined for further ad-hoc subcommittee work.
8. **Announcements-** *none*
9. **Discussion of future committee actions and agenda items:**
  - *2014/15 Action Plan*
  - *Hillside Festival update*
  - *IFGU Outreach update*
  - *San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update*
10. **Adjournment- 9:03**

