



Public Works Department

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

**Monday September 8, 2014 7:00 p.m.**  
**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Hillside Conference Room  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

### 1. Roll Call

**Present:** Chair Hittle, Members Bleier, Boniello, Cheng, Charlton, Christian, Price, Srago and Mayor Abelson, Staff Liaison Prée were also present

**Absent:** none

### 2. Comments from the Public on non agenda items- none

### 3. Presentation on Measure R

Suzanne Iarla reported on the upcoming ballot measure to extend the previous City wide ½ cent sales tax to 1cent for 12 years and answered Tree Committee member questions.

### 4. Discussion of adding Tree Committee content to the City Website

Suzanne Iarla answered committee member questions on the topic. New web content for City website is to be routed through the City Arborist in Word format.

### 5. Report from the City Council Liaison

Mayor Abelson gave a brief update regarding State budget funds that may be available from the new Carbon Offset Tax; an update on Ohlone Gardens, a senior and low income housing project; the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan; the City Council election and Measure R.

### 6. Action Items

- o Approval of the minutes from August 11, 2014: Motion- Christian, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Price, unanimous

### 7. Report from the City Arborist- Prée updated the committee on the Approved City Tree list task ahead; the tree pruning and removal work schedule that will be performed by West Coast Arborists; distributed a pamphlet on Tree Health Care and spoke about the contents.

### 8. Update from the ad-hoc subcommittee for educating residents regarding pruning of City trees during the 2014/15 pruning cycle – Steve Price, Cathy Bleier, and Karen Christian – The content should emphasize that street trees are the responsibility of the City; questions were raised regarding publishing images for door hanger; paper size.

### 9. Tree Committee 2014/15 Action Plan review and update – Committee requested an enlarged version of plan mounted on foam core for use in meetings. A Tree Ordinance subcommittee was formed: Ralph Boniello, Mike Charlton, Mike Srago.

**10. Announcements –**

- Western Chapter ISA seminar “Understanding Trees in our Communities” on October 3

**11. Discussion of future committee actions and agenda items**

- Update from ad-hoc subcommittee on Educating Residents regarding 2014/15 Tree pruning activities
- Tree Ordinance ad-hoc subcommittee update
- Approved City Tree List ad-hoc subcommittee update
- 10 minute Tree Care updates for Tree Committee continuing education
- Action Plan update

**12. Adjournment- 8:57**