



Public Works Department

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

**Monday January 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Hillside Conference Room  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

**1. Roll Call :**

**Present:** Vice Chair Cathy Bleier, Members Ralph Boniello, Sheauching Cheng, Michael Charlton, Steve Price, Mike Srago  
Staff Liaison Stephen Prée was also present

**Absent:** Chair Janet Hittle, members Karen Christian

**2. Comments from the Public on non agenda items:**

There was no public comment

**3. Report from the City Council Liaison:**

Councilmember Bridges was not in attendance

**4. Presentation from Richmond Trees:**

Three members of this volunteer tree advocacy organization gave the committee an informative and inspirational presentation on the history of their group and the development of working partnerships with residents and the City of Richmond to plant trees in neighborhoods across their City. They described some of their past and current professional tree care training, funding sources, canvassing efforts and tree planting follow-up activities. General discussion with the Tree Committee on these topics was included throughout.

**5. Report from the City Arborist:**

Stephen Prée presented information and answered questions regarding recent City tree pruning and removal activities and gave an update on tree related work that is part of the Manila Avenue paving project.

**6. Action Items:**

- The committee adopted the minutes from the December, 8 2014 committee meeting. Motion to approve: Boniello, second Price: *unanimous*.
- The committee approved a letter with revisions to City staff regarding timely notification to the Tree Committee of City activities involving trees. Motion to approve: Boniello, second Price: *unanimous*.

**7. Tree Health Care-** this item was deferred to next meeting due to time constraints

**8. El Cerrito Arbor Week March 7-14, 2015**

The item was deferred to the February meeting, the ad-hoc subcommittee (Bleier, Charlton, Srago) did not report.

**9. Announcements:**

- Ralph Boniello made a call to the committee to give tree species suggestions for consideration by the ad-hoc sub-committee revising the approved City tree list
- Mike Srago inquired about scheduling meetings for the ad-hoc subcommittee on revising the City tree ordinance

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

- Tree Heath Care
- Arbor Week
- Approved City Tree List ad-hoc subcommittee update
- Discuss potential Tree Committee recruitment options

**11. Adjournment**