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Minutes

Meeting on September 19, 2007

Planning Department Conference Room – Aupuni Center – Hilo, Hawaii

Present: AAC members: Chairperson Leonard Bisel, Vice Chairperson Jan Anderson, Sharron Stanbro, Renee Schoen (Corporation Counsel staff) & Maija Cottle (Planning staff)

Susan Gagorik: Planning Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Chair Bisel.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of minutes from the July 12, 2007 meeting was deferred.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Report on the Planning Committee and County Council action on Bill Nos. 134 (Valencia Orange), 135 (ʻOhe) and 136 (Kokiʻo) – S. Stanbro and J. Anderson.

County Council passed Bills 134, 135, 136 unanimously. J. Anderson recommended filing in archives, a personal history of the Valencia Orange exceptional tree presented by Billy Paris in video format.

2. Sample Tree Signs, including the mock-up for the Moreton Bay Fig – Chair Bisel.

Chair Bisel is working with a local company to get a mock-up sign for the exceptional trees. J. Anderson and Chair Bisel suggested that the Committee pursue funding from County Council, in addition to M. Kraus' efforts to get grant funding from Kaulunani Council for signage. J. Anderson suggested drafting a letter to the County Council. S. Gagorik suggested calling Councilmember's before sending a letter in the interest of saving time. S. Stanbro suggested seeking public donations for signage. R. Schoen explained that pursuing private donations would likely take as long to process as County Council discretionary funds. Committee discussed how to install signage.

It was moved by J. Anderson and seconded by Chair Bisel for the Committee to pursue seeking discretionary funds from County Council to support signage for exceptional trees. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Bisel will follow up. M. Cottle will provide exceptional trees list organized by council district to committee members. Chair Bisel will research and finalize costs of signs, concrete blocks to place signs on, and labor to install signs. S. Stanbro, J. Anderson, and Chair Bisel will call Councilmember's to request funds. Chair Bisel will draft letter to Council if necessary. M. Cottle will work with legislative aid on paperwork and resolution "for signage and other AAC activities" if Council grants discretionary funds.

3. Tree Signs for the Mango Groves.

Chair Bisel explained that DPW requires new construction on side of road have real world coordinates to avoid conflicts with utilities in right of way. Committee does not have resources for surveying. J. Anderson still concerned that new construction driveways will affect mango grove. Committee discussed how County Departments coordinate knowledge of exceptional trees so that trees are not accidentally cut down due to new construction. Chair Bisel will contact Community College to survey Mango Grove. S. Stanbro will call local surveyors. M. Cottle will contact Dept. of Public Works to get a photo of Mango Grove signs and see if DPW can install signs. M. Cottle will check on status of Planning Departments' Exceptional Trees Geodatabase.

4. Status on the proposal to submit Grant Requests to Kaulunani Council – M. Kraus.

M. Kraus was unable to attend the meeting. Item continued to next meeting.

5. Status on the Exceptional Tree Assessment Protocol – J. Anderson/M. Kraus.

M. Kraus was unable to attend the meeting. Item continued to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from the Legislative Auditor's office to consider rearranging the list of the exceptional trees to facilitate amendments.

It was moved by J. Anderson and seconded by S. Stanbro to accept rearrangement of the exceptional trees list to facilitate amendments with the condition that the trees be listed in alphabetical order by botanical name rather than by common name. Motion carried unanimously. M. Cottle will follow up with Legislative Auditor's office and accept their offer to draft a housekeeping bill for Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

M. Cottle will determine and report at next meeting Committee fund balance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in the Planning Department Conference Room at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.