

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Bill Oesterlein Peter Buoye Libbern Cook
Jack Steward Michael Day Rolland Moore

City Staff: Zach LaBonte Roman Yanke

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell Matt Daugherty Sandra Zwaal Eliza Voita
Gaby Cedillo Dr Pam Miller Travis Herrero Joe Richardson

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments:
 - A. Sandra Zwaal introduced herself as the new ACP Grower Liaison for San Bernardino County. She plans to setup workshops for small growers (those with more than 25 trees but less than one acre).
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the April 10, 2018, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – None:
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following update:
 1. The 5th Ave grove should be picked within the next week (late Navels).
 2. ACP and Thrip treatments are ongoing, but the new school regulations that took effect Jan 1st are significantly impacting operations.
 3. Weed control and irrigation practices are on-going.
 - C. Quality of Life Staff Report – Zach provided the following update:

1. Chuck will provide advance notice of spray treatments to QOL staff, who will assist with additional postings to notify residents of the planned treatments.

2. The holes in the fence at the I-10 grove are on the CalTrans side of the property. The City has already notified CalTrans of the issue.

3. The City Council will take up the issues of a moratorium on citrus plantings and the transfer of funds from the Palmetto Grove fund at the next council meeting on May 15th.

D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. Jack noted that the Mullin, Lugonia, and Prospect Park groves have a good fruit set. He cautioned that the hot weather in May may cause an earlier than normal set drop.

E. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. Some of the necessary paperwork for the pack out statements from the packing house and expenditure data from the City are still outstanding. Once this is obtained all components will be completed and the draft plan will be brought back to the group again for discussion.

2. Zach stated that he would help to try and get the necessary data.

5. Old Business:

A. Citrus Fence Update:

1. Zach thought the issue should be going back to the City Council to consider at the May 15th meeting.

6. New Business:

A. Mullin Grove Cell Tower Update:

1. The City is still working on the terms of the lease. The issue will need to go back to Planning for review and then back to the City Council for action.

7. Future agenda items for consideration:

1. Review additional properties for purchase consideration.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

9. The Next Meeting date will be June 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary