

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 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 Andrew Irvin Peter Buoye Bob Crim

 Rolland Moore Jack Steward Michael Day

City Staff: Ashley Johnson Rick Cross

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the July 12, 2016, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
 - A. Packing House Report:
 1. There was no report.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. Copper treatments were applied to the Mt. View property.
 2. The 5th Ave grove was pruned.
 3. Much of the grove activities are focused right now on watering, weed control, and gopher control.
 4. Admire was applied to the groves for ACP control. 4 treatments are planned this year.
 - C. Discussion and possible action to form a subcommittee to discuss the creation of standard

operating procedures for citrus planting plans:

1. Discussion was centered on concerns Chuck brought up at the last meeting.
2. It was decided by the Commission that a subcommittee would be a good idea. Andrew, Bob, and Jack will serve on the subcommittee. City staff will post the meeting.

D. Discussion of Palmetto Grove funding distribution as it pertains to the Citrus Division presented by City Staff:

1. The presentation was postponed to a later meeting date.

5. Old Business:

A. Discussion of possible land acquisitions:

1. The Best property will be planted on 18' centers. Approximately 784 Orange trees will be planted on +/- 7 acres. Chain link will likely be needed on part of the property, as previously recommended by the CPC. The planting contract will be done using the City's online bidding system and it will be restricted to qualified farm management companies.

B. Project update on the West Riverview Citrus Grove planting plan and bid specification status:

1. Approximately 601 Washington Navel trees will be planted on +/- 4.8 acres. Chain link fencing may be needed on part of the property, as previously recommended by the CPC.

C. Individual Commissioner's Reports:

1. None.

6. Future agenda items:

A. Palmetto Grove presentation by City staff.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

8. The Next Meeting date will be October 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary