

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of March 8, 2022
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:06 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair
Roger Hardy
Rolland Moore
Bill Oesterlein
Heather Ross
Mark Shaw
Jack Steward

City Council:

FCS Staff: Zach LaBonte, Tricia Swope

Farming/Packing companies: John Gless, Jim Layes

Guests: Dennis Bell, Iris Chu

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Hardy motioned to accept February 8, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Shaw motioned to second.

4. Status Reports

A. *Packinghouse report:* Villa Park picked the south side of Mountain View 2 weeks ago. The second half will be completed this week. Mullen will be started next week. Grapefruit prices good. 90%+ utilization of fruit. Concerns market will fall because of transportation costs. Everything left (Lugonia, Olive, and Prospect Park) has been jibbed. Still planning export on late crops.

B. *Farming report by John Gless:* John mentioned additional trees will be planted in Mountain View Grove. Fertilizer sprayed end of Feb/beginning of March. Next ACP spray will be coordinated with thrift spray.

C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Irrigation full time. Lost a few trees on Riverview due to wind. Sandra Zwaal presented at Carriage House to community outreach. As of now, all California HLB positive finds have been residential. Train on California needs to finish fencing before City will finishing executing plans.

i. Update on commission recommendation for replanting of Lugonia Grove.

a. Council approved request for bid to replanting of Lugonia Grove. If bid is approved May 3, 2022, planting will not occur until spring of 2023. Some commissioners still recommend the original bid request for late navels vs. Washingtons. Commissioner Oesterlein mentioned the lack of Councilperson presence in our meetings to assist in decisions moving forward in council meetings. This has already been a 3-year process and there is still a challenge on getting it presented at council meetings. *Action:* Commissioner Day motioned for a vote at next meeting regarding variety of oranges to be planted. Commissioner Hardy seconded.

D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* no issues.

5. **Old Business**
 - A. Review of Citrus Division Fund balance
 - B. Report from subcommittee for items related to private commercial groves.
Commissioner Ross shared the ideas on how to support private citrus growers in our community in a separate email. Awaiting feedback to continue discussions.

6. **New Business**
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding annual report to the City Council
 - B. Commissioners terming out and reappointments

7. **Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
 - A. Planting Schedule for Lugonia Grove

8. **5:05 pm – Adjournment to April 12, 2022 meeting at Council Chambers**