

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 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
Liberrn Cook

Peter Buoye
Michael Day

Jack Steward

City Staff: Zach LaBonte Andy Ortiz Roman Yanke

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Roy Bettencourt

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: Happy Holidays!
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting was approved as written.
M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – Roy provided the following updates:
 1. Overall, the market is down, but smaller oranges are up about a dollar.
 2. Compared to last year, #15 is higher.
 3. We are currently experiencing twice as much production.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. The navel market is much better this year compared to last year.
 2. Irrigation watering still ongoing due to the lack of rain.
 3. City grove treatment is completed.
 4. Due to the warm weather, this might be one of the earliest harvests ever.
 5. Pre-emergent work will be completed just after the 1st of the New Year.

5. New Business:

A. Discussion pertaining to Newland Homes citrus grove transaction APN. 0168-161-07

1. Site – North of E. Lugonia Ave, East of Judson St (Lugonia Grove)
2. The development consists of 9 acres for 105 homes adjacent to the grove, and developers need to meet open space requirements. Once the development is completed, Newland Homes will donate the grove back to CFD.
3. Newland Homes want to use the grove as a contributor to the open space requirement and give City an easement to continue farming during entitlement acquisition.
4. A meeting to verify if the grove meets open space requirements is taking place, as there is a concern about the legitimacy of the grove being considered open space

B. Citrus Fencing Updates:

1. West Riverview and West Redlands Gateway groves are going out to bid.

6. Old Business: None

7. Future agenda items for consideration: None

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

9. The Next Meeting date will be February 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman Yanke
Interim Project Manager