

**CITY OF REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
Special meeting
Thursday, June 30, 2022
MINUTES**

NOTE: The regularly scheduled meeting for June 23, 2022, was postponed to June 30, 2022.

Present: Andy Hoder
Chris Sedmack
Jessica Barrios
Lorraine Enriquez – on Zoom

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejeda – on Zoom

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelynn Butters

Visitor: John Zofrea

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Attendance 5:45 pm
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 28, 2022 – Lorraine Enriquez motion, Jessica Barrios 2nd – Motion passed unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Lorraine Enriquez.) Erik Reeves will add 2020 STC minutes to the Redlands website
4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
 - A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* - Erik Reeves reported all Palms trimmed from Center Street to Ford Street, all parks trimmed for 4th of July holiday. City in-house crews doing removals and trimming. No new developments. Housing development north of Citrus Valley High School is future project.
 - B. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – See attached Tree Trimming and Tree Removal work lists for April 2022 and May 2022. Erik Reeves reported on The Terrace trees will be planted in Fall 2022. Erik Reeves reported tree on 525 Alvarado Street is 90% dead and will be removed.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. *Discussion and possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual* – Andy Hoder and Chris Sedmack, STC sub-committee, are continuing work started by Gus Ortega and Janet Ward. Andy and Chris recently met at Smiley Library and made further progress on the task. Tabled
 - B. *Continue discussion on amending Chapter 12 of the Redlands Municipal Code* – Andy Hoder submitted a memo summarizing the inconsistencies pertaining to

clearances between public rights-of-way and tree limbs that create an obstruction. The objective is to update RMC Section 12.12.110 and 12.52.120 so that prescribed dimensions are consistent. Subsequently that same criteria would be incorporated into the Street Tree Guidelines Manual so that the City can follow the same criteria as required for trees on private property. A copy of the memo will be attached to the minutes.

- C. *Discussion and possible action on planting of Palms within City Easement* – Erik Reeves reported that there is a moratorium on new Palms except on case specific basis. Will be put in written form. A moratorium on new Crape Myrtles plantings except on case specific basis.
- D. *Discussion on heat index and affect in relation to parking lot areas and tree trimming effects* – Erik Reeves reached out to ESRI for heat index map and is waiting on reply.
- E. Discussion on commercial parking lot tree trimming practices, following suggestions from Councilman Tejada at previous STC Meeting. It was noted that the STC has no jurisdiction over commercial parking lots or private property.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of City's ongoing program for sidewalk rehabilitation as it related to Street Trees – Andy Hoder had an informal discussion with John Harris, Director of MUED, regarding the City's current sidewalk rehabilitation project. The subject was a question of how many sidewalk replacements were related to tree root damage versus other causes. The point was to determine how much work and expense the City is incurring because of the selection of the wrong specimen of tree for specific locations. John said that whenever his crews encounter a problem with tree roots, they call Erik Reeves for recommendations on the best way to proceed. Sometimes after a section of broken sidewalk is removed it is revealed that the impact of tree roots was not as serious as expected, thus the roots can be shaved and the tree can be spared. Erik says he is working on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for sidewalks/trees.
- B. *Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations:* (all Committee members had an opportunity to visit these sites and evaluate the condition of the trees and the circumstances relating potential removal).
 - 120 W. Colton Ave – Coast Live Oak – Tree may be removed before next STC meeting in August. Very mature tree is causing major lifting of the adjacent sidewalk, curb, gutter and driveway approach. Erik Reeves recommended removal. Jessica Barrios motioned to remove tree, Lorraine Enriquez 2nd. Motion passed unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Lorraine Enriquez).
 - 930 S. Eureka St – 2 magnolias – tabled. Homeowner John Zofrea spoke on raking large quantities of leaves and the impact the trees are having on his irrigation system. There is some stress showing in the parkway vegetation. It was also noted that a limb from one of the trees broke the adjacent street light fixture. Erik will re-evaluate the conditions. Also, two Committee members were unable to visit the location.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Discussion and possible action on moratorium of other trees, especially Crape Myrtles except on a Case Specific basic
- B. Updated Street Tree List
- C. Need new STC Secretary

8. ADJOURNMENT at 6:45 pm to August 25, 2022

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary