

## Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Peter Buoye, Chair      Bill Oesterlein      Andrew Irvin

Jack Steward

City Staff: Ashley Johnson      Rick Cross

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills      Daryl Perricone

Guests: Dennis Bell      Peter Lenker

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. The minutes of June 9, 2015, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
  - A. Packing House Report: Daryl provided the following updates:
    1. The Valencia forecast could be off 25-30 % from last season.
    2. Lower yields, lower F.O.B. prices, and higher labor costs are cutting into returns.
    3. The Valencia harvest will begin when the F.O.B. prices increase.
    4. The Mt. View GF have not been picked yet, but harvest should begin this weekend.
    5. Navel harvest has been completed.
  - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
    1. Crews are mowing weeds where necessary. Many areas did not have sufficient moisture over the winter to activate the pre-emergent herbicides.
    2. Soil fertilizer is being applied to help with the uptake of Admire.
    3. Herbicide applications are being applied where necessary.
    4. Pruning is occurring at the Mt. View location, due to heavy plant growth.
    5. Illegal dumping continues to be a problem at the Mt. View grove.
  - C. Individual Commissioner Reports:
    1. Peter noted that the GF crop at the Mt. View location looks like it could be a real good, large crop next season. He also noted the problem with trash at the site and suggested that city staff might want to look

into the cost of installing cabling.

D. Update on the Prospect Park re-planting subcommittee:

1. The City Council will discuss the issue at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting (6 pm).
2. It was suggested to City staff that an old irrigation line that runs under the property be considered for replacement at the same time as the replanting, if approved, because of the likelihood of damaging the very old line during the replanting process. Depending on costs, City staff may need to include the costs in a separate action.

E. Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) HOA letter discussion:

1. The letter was approved as to content by the members. The letter was concise and to the point.

F. Dead and dying citrus trees discussion:

1. Several County ordinances exist to deal with the issue of dead and dying and/or abandoned orchards in the unincorporated area of the County. Several sections of the Food and Agricultural Code also address these issues.
2. It was suggested that the Chair invite Supervisor Ramos to the next meeting to discuss the issue further.

5. Possible Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- A. Perimeter fencing around certain groves
- B. Installation of cabling at the Mt. View location
- C. Issue of dead/dying trees
- D. Changing the time of the monthly meeting

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

7. The Next Meeting date will be September 8, 2015. (Dark in August)

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary