

## Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, December 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 Peter Buoye Jack Steward Andrew Irvin  
Rolland Moore Bob Crim Michael Day

City Staff: Rick Cross Jon Harrison

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Roy Bettencourt

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. The minutes of the November 8, 2016, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
  - A. Packing House Report – Roy provided the following updates:
    1. The Navel harvest has started at four locations around the City. The yields so far have been upwards of 50% less than a year ago.
    2. The yields elsewhere for Sunkist houses are also down from last year.
    3. The export and domestic prices for Navels are good right now, at \$12-15/carton.
  - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
    1. There are lots of fruit splits this season, and in areas with a lot of fruit on the ground, these areas are being prioritized for harvest, so as to prevent fruit theft.
    2. The fruit set this year has been much more sporadic than last year.
    3. The ACP sprays are finished, and pre-emergent weed treatments may begin next week if there is enough rain from a storm expected later in the week.
    4. With the cooler weather and rain forecast, irrigation activities have slowed.

C. Individual Commissioner's Reports:

1. Peter asked Chuck to have a leaking valve at Lugonia repaired.
2. The Mullen grove looks good, with a nice fruit set.
3. The 5<sup>th</sup> Ave grove also looks good, with no ACP issues noted.

D. QOL Staff Report on the Grove Fund Budget:

1. City staff discussed the fund budget and provided a ledger sheet.

5. Old Business:

A. Project update on the Best property:

1. The grove project should go out to bid next month.

B. Project update on the West Riverview property:

1. Two bids were received for the project. Jacinto Farming was the low bidder. The property should be planted in April 2017.

6. New Business:

A. Planting Subcommittee Update:

1. Andrew provided an update for the group. The subcommittee met and developed a set of guidelines to assist City staff with evaluating planting plans submitted for developments that include citrus plantings. It was recommended by the Commission that City staff implement the guidelines.

7. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

8. Adjournment at 5:20 pm to the Next Meeting, January 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary