

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

<u>Members:</u>	Bill Oesterlein	Peter Buoye	Libbern Cook
	Jack Steward	Rolland Moore	Michael Day
<u>City Staff:</u>	Zach LaBonte	Jocelynn Santa Cruz	Erik Reeves
	Toni Momberger	Chris Boatman	James Garland

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Roy Bettencourt

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the January 8, 2019, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – Roy provided the following updates:
 1. The domestic and export markets are slow right now. There is too much fruit on the market, and too much small sizes.
 2. Approx. 38% of the Navels have been harvested. All remaining fruit has been Gibbed.
 3. Japan is getting fruit from other countries, increasing the competition with US fruit.
 4. The Central Valley has approx. 20% of the Navels left to pick and the sizes are small.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. Fruit is small this year and the puff/crease in higher than usual.
 2. Despite the cold nights, there has been no problems with freeze.
 3. Pre-emergent weed work continues; Fert work is ongoing.
 4. The rain has made it difficult to do much work in the groves.

C. Quality of Life Staff Report – Zach and Erik provided the following updates:

1. KB Homes still plans to remove several rows of trees at Lugonia grove.
2. Edison has completed the work for now at the Mt. View grove.
3. A sump pump has been installed at the Palmetto grove.

D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. It was noted that there are a lot of branches down in several groves due to the winds.
2. A number of groves have smaller than usual fruit on the trees.

E. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. To be discussed with Item 6 A.

5. Old Business:

A. Presentation of Grove Analysis Summary:

1. Chris and James updated the previous spreadsheet and explained the figures in more detail. After much discussion, Chris was asked by several Commissioners to refine the spreadsheet and bring it back for further discussion at the next meeting.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion and consideration for replanting under-performing City groves.

1. The item was postponed until City staff could provide more specific details as discussed in Item 5 A above.

7. Future agenda items for consideration:

1. Discussion and consideration for replanting several underperforming City groves.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

9. The Next Meeting date will be March 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary