

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of May 11, 2021  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to order at 4:06 pm - Attendance**

**Present:** Michael Day, Chair  
Heather Ross  
Rolland Moore

**Absent:**  
Bill Oesterlein  
Jack Steward

**FCS Staff:** Erik Reeves  
Joe Bierma  
Zach Labonte

**Farming/Packing companies:** John Gless, Roy, Jim Layes, Al Ruiz

**Guests:** None

This was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting in the Facilities & Community Services Department, Civic Center 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California.

In compliance with public health recommendations to limit public gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic and acting as the City of Redlands Emergency Services Director, City Manager Charles M. Duggan Jr., directed meetings of the City of Redlands be closed to the public until further notice or until the current local State of Emergency has been lifted. Public comments, up to 250 words and received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting, were read aloud by the Commission Chair.

**2. Public Comments:** Two public comments were received about the citrus grove located at 301 West Palm Avenue. Both comments were read into the record.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 13, 2021, meeting could not be approved due to the lack of quorum. The item will be placed on the June 8<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**4. Status Reports**

A. *Packinghouse report:* Al reported they picked 8 acres of University Grove Valencias resulting in 2 ½ loads with 48 bins per load. 23 acres of Valencias (approx.12 loads) left to pick. Al reported waiting for the market to pick up and fruit to size up. The 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue grove was picked due to good export opportunity. Jim reported pricing is \$19-20 for Navels. Mountain View grove packed out 99%. The grapefruit market is still looking promising. Pack-out Report Summary will be shared by City Staff.

B. *Farming report by John Gless:* John is meeting in the field weekly with City staff. Larry is thrip spraying. Skirting and pruning are being done following the harvest. Weeding is in process. Filter repair will happen this month.

C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Zach reported the City is almost completed with ACP treatments. Still need to spray Prospect, I-10, and Granite groves.

D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Commissioner Day spoke with Commissioner Steward and he is very excited to get back to in-person meetings and the groves look good.

E. *10 year citrus plan:* Tabled until June meeting.

**5. Old Business**

A. Continue update and discussion on education material mailer. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting. Should be on next month's water bill.

- B. Continue discussion and possible action on replanting of Texas and Palmetto groves. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting.
- C. Continue discussion and possible action on options for alternate uses for the Olive Avenue grove. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting.
- D. Continue discussion and possible action on request for proposal for ACP spraying. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting. Need to develop a long term solution for spraying.
- E. Continue discussion and possible action on the Annual Report to City Council scheduled for June 16, 2021. Due to lack of a quorum, no action was taken.
- F. Continue discussion and possible action on the Commission's role in private development applications. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting

**6. New Business**

- A. Request for presentation regarding Tentative Tract Map No. 20305. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting.
- B. Discussion and possible action on assistance to small private citrus grove owners. Due to lack of quorum, tabled until June meeting

**7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

**8. 4:40 pm – Adjournment to the June 8, 2021, meeting via Zoom**

Minutes submitted by City of Redlands staff.