

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA**

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The following information comprises the agenda for a regular meeting of the Citrus Preservation Commission to be held at **4:00 p.m. on February 13, 2024**, in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(At this time, the Citrus Preservation Commission will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject, within the jurisdiction of the Commission, which is not already scheduled on this agenda. The Board may not discuss or take any action on any public comment made, except that the Board members or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. However, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent meeting. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 10, 2023
- B. November 14, 2023
- C. January 9, 2024 - No quorum resulting in no meeting minutes

4. STATUS REPORTS

- A. Packing house update by Villa Park Orchards Association.
- B. Facilities & Community Services staff report on citrus activities.
- C. Individual commissioners to report the details of field conditions and recommendations for future maintenance activities.
- D. Pump Status (Riverview Grove).

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systemic pest control.
- B. Discussion and possible action related to Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date and time.
- C. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
- D. Oriental fruit fly quarantine discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. England Grove orange tree varietal selection with choices of *Powell on Volk Root Stock*, *Cara Cara on Volk Root Stock* or *Barnfield on Volk Root Stock*.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

8. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING on March 12, 2024

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact Goutam Dobey of the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department at (909) 798-7584, Ext. 2. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II)

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of October 10, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:02 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day
Roger Hardy
Rollie Moore
Heather Ross
John Smith
Jack Steward

City Council: None in attendance

FCS Staff: Zach LaBonte, Kathleen Giorgianni, Don Crow

Farming/Packing companies:

Guests: Carolynn O'Donnell

2. Public Comments: No public comments

3. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of September 12, 2023, meeting motioned by Commissioner Hardy, Commissioner Moore seconded. Approved.

5. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Not in attendance. Zach LaBonte reported that all groves had been picked. Requested a final report for 2023 pack out summary which is to be provided to Commission before next meeting.
- B. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Zach LaBonte shared that John Gless has resigned as consultant. Watering is down. CDFA & USDA has quarantined Redlands due to Oriental Fruit Fly. All impacted fruits and vegetables cannot be moved off property. It impacts fruit up to 3 life cycles of bugs (currently up to May/June 2024). City groves are insured.
- C. *Individual Commissioner Reports:*
- D. Lugonia Grove replanting – 800 trees currently in the ground and the remaining trees will be in by the end of the week.
- E. Pump Status (Riverview Grove): Still running on meters. City will have meeting with participating properties next week to discuss options (i.e., New water company).

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control. Requested City to communicate to community via newspapers, website and social media regarding the Oriental Fruit Fly.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date.
- C. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
 - a. City received written offer from Armitage which will be presented to Commission to review.

7. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to the CPC's annual presentation to City Council (November 7, 2023)

8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

9. 4:41 pm – Adjournment to November 14, 2023, meeting at Council Chambers.

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of November 4, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:00 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day Roger Hardy
Thomas Lanza Rollie Moore
Heather Ross John Smith

City Council: None in attendance

FCS Staff: Chris Boatman, Zach LaBonte, Kathleen Giorgianni, Don Crow

Farming/Packing companies: Al Ruiz

Guests: Dennis Bell, Roy Bettencourt, Rich O'Donnell, Carolyn O'Donnell

2. Public Comments: Dennis Bell attended the Oriental Fruit Fly briefing earlier today. Quarantine now includes Oak Glen.

3. Approval of Minutes:
Approval of October 10, 2023, minutes deferred to next Citrus Preservation Commission Meeting.

4. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Al Ruiz made a presentation of the Pack Out Report for 2023 with comparison to 2022. City Staff to share the presentation.
- B. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Due to Oriental Fruit Fly(OFF) City will not be able to sell fruit from certain groves this season. Jacinto, 5th Avenue, West Riverview, Prospect, and Olive are in OFF core. Other city groves are being sprayed for treatment. The city is investigation insurance options.
- C. *Individual Commissioner Reports:*
- D. Lugonia Grove replanting – ribbon cutting on November 21, 2023.
- E. Pump Status (Riverview Grove): Meeting with Legal and recommend Council to restructure the water company.

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control. Requested City to communicate to community via newspapers, website and social media regarding the Oriental Fruit Fly as well as encouraging residents to continue to treat for psyllid.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date.
- C. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
 - a. City received written offer from Armitage
 - i. City to acquire grove for \$100,000 fully replanted with fan irrigation and 15 shares of West Redlands Water Company.

7. New Business

- A. Oriental Fruit Fly quarantine discussion
- B. Motion to forgo December 12, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Moore motioned and Commissioner Lanza seconded. Approved.

8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

9. 5:04 pm – Adjournment to January 8, 2024 meeting at MUED large conference room.