

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of February 14, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:04 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair
Thomas Lanza
Heather Ross
Jack Steward

City Council:

FCS Staff: Joe Bierma, Zach LaBonte

Farming/Packing companies: Roy Bettencourt

Guests: Dennis Bell, Iris Chu, Richard O'Donnell, Kali Knishman

- 2. Public Comments:** Iris Chu requested efforts to keep citrus groves as part of the Redlands Community and requesting support for Earth Day Activities, April 22, 2023. Offering to share Citrus information to community and include free orange trees to community residents. Kali Knishman with the University of Redlands & TreeStop to promote shade trees in Redlands. Her request was referred to the Street Tree Committee.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of January 10, 2023 meeting motioned by Commissioner Lanza, Commissioner Steward seconded. Approved by roll call vote.

4. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Villa Park reported FOB is \$18-19 for navels. Exports down 40% down from last year due to timing of Chinese New Year. Domestic market is steady. Late navels will improve by end of March beginning of April so will pick at that time. Stars planned to be picked in March.
Copy of 2023 pack-out for navels plus closing for Valencias (2022) included in minutes.
- B. *Farming Report:* John Gless unable to attend so Zach reported. Should be a good year. Grounds crew doing excellent job with trees.
- C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Bid for replanting of Lugonia Grove going to Council March 7, 2023 (pushed back again). Commission Day to call Chris Boatman to reiterate importance of approving bid by March or City misses window to plant until 2024. Transitioning away from zoom meetings March 1, 2023
- D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Concurred that the trees look in better than they have had in years.

5. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control. Tabled until next month.

6. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date. Tabled until next month.

8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 9. 4:43 pm – Adjournment to March 14, 2023 meeting at MUED Conference Room.**