

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 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 Libbern Cook Michael Day
Jack Steward Rolland Moore

City Staff: Jocelynn Santa Cruz Erik Reeves Zach LaBonte
Joe Bierma Chris Boatman James Franco

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Ray Bettencourt

Guests: Dennis Bell Peter Buoye

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chairman Day.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the April 9, 2019, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – Roy provided the following updates:
 1. All Navels have been harvested. Low F.O.B.'s Exports have been limited due to Tariffs and other costs.
 2. There are a few late Navels to be picked at Texas.
 3. The GF season is expected to start later than usual with a poor outlook.
 4. The Valencia export market is slow; Outlook is poor; Juice prices may be half of last years' prices; Too much juice in the market.
 - B. Farming Report- Roy provided the following updates:
 1. Thrip pressure is lighter than normal due to cooler weather and winter rains.
 2. Regular irrigation schedules resumed the first of May.
 3. Prospect Park will be hedged this year as time allows.

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

1. At Mt. View, all the irrigation repairs are done for now.
2. At Lugonia, KB Homes has finished the rough grading work and removed the trees; A few leaks in the irrigation were noted. The curb/gutter work and road widening will require additional trees to be removed.
3. City staff plan to schedule a June meeting with the HOA at Lugonia to discuss the hedge removal idea; The topic was met by concerns from the homeowners.

D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. It was noted that there appears to be a number of dead trees at Olive.
2. The trees at 5th Ave are planted on a vigorous rootstock; The tree limbs need to be thinned. Chuck will do later this year as time permits.

E. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. Chris and City staff presented a revised table of revenue and expenditure data. After much discussion, it was decided by the commissioners to ask City staff to update the data once more to include the following:

- a. Review revenue data for University for 2015/16
- b. Review expenditure data for University and Prospect Park
- c. Review revenue data for Lugonia and Jacinto Memorial for 2014/15
- d. Provide all data for seven years, not just the last four years.
- e. Include the packinghouse charges for each of the groves.

5. New Business:

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

1. It was decided that the group would wait for the revised figures requested in 4.E.1 above before making any other recommendations on grove performance.

6. Future agenda items for consideration:

1. Discussion and consideration for planting a grove near the wastewater treatment plant.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

8. The Next Meeting date will be June 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary