

CITY OF REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting of August 22, 2019
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:35 pm – Attendance

Present: Chris Sedmack
Janet Ward
Andy Hoder
Lorraine Enriquez
Paul Hodson

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejeda

QOL Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim Rock spoke on terrible city parkway palm trimming next to Clara Mae Clem's Highland Avenue home. Jim had spoken to Erik Reeves who spoke with Chuck Dykes, Edison. No encroachment permit was issued before trimming these palms. City cannot say not to trim trees underneath Edison wires, but Erik Reeves did save some Oaks from having their tops severely trimmed. Erik will have the new Edison trimming company remove the rest of the dead palm frowns. Andy Hoder asked if the City can at least agree to compromise on trimming City street trees underneath Edison power lines; this is an on-going problem. Line clearance should follow ANSI 10' clearance. Palms can be trimmed all year, but check for wildlife habitat first in the city trees to be trimmed from March through September.

3. STATUS REPORTS:

A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported KB Homes at Pennsylvania/Lugonia (almost planting parkway trees), Jacinto tract on Wabash across from Crafton Hills, Lanair development, and 5th Street project, all have approved tree pallets and have or will be planted soon. Dangermond development on Oriental/Eureka to Texas to be planted with a newer variety of palms.

B. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – Erik Reeves reported on West Coast Arborist doing block trimming, Smiley Park Deodars and Arizona Ash. \$80,000 more was approved in the new city budget for more tree trimming. Erik Reeves and Paul Hodson to check on Laurel Wilt and possible cures. West Coast Arborist starting to trim palms on Cajon Street.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2019, were approved with corrections under #7 Laurel Wilt, # 3 Tracts and B. 3 Attach tree trimming and removal list to minutes, by Commissioner Enriquez seconded by Commissioner Ward, and carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. *Discuss staff report to City Council on Historical and Landmark designations of trees* – Jocelynn Santa Cruz reported that staff report being worked on and will be submitted to City Council the end of September 2019.

B. *Finalize discussion on revised Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program brochure* – approval of the donation program brochure was motioned by Commissioner

Hodson and seconded by Commissioner Ward, and carried. Janet will work on getting brochure printed up and publicity in local newspapers.

C. *Discussion on Request for Bid to remove stumps citywide* – Erik Reeves reported on bid going out to companies to remove all smaller stumps. Basically Crape myrtles and Liquidambar, 0-18” trunks, 1242 stumps city wide. City will be doing stump grinding after summer.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Discussion and possible action on utility bill insert* - Care and watering of Oak Trees will be included as a memo on the next utility bill.

B. *Discussion on Jacaranda trees removed from new home construction on Bellevue Ave* – Erik Reeves had 2-3 Jacarandas removed and will follow the Street Tree Committee recommendations, if possible.

C. *Discussion on Tree City USA update* - Jocelynn Santa Cruz submitted all the documentation to have Redlands a Tree City USA; calling to find out status.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Water Bill inserts – New information
- B. Tree City USA update
- C. Add item for Committee updates for items not discussed on Agenda
- D. Update on San Mateo Oak Project
- E. Provide trees trimmed and removed as an attached to STC Minutes
- F. Discuss Laurel Wilt on Camphor Trees and Palms
- G. Have dead Palm removed on 5th/Cajon St

8. 6:45 PM ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING,
Thursday, October 24, 2019

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary