

CITY OF REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
Special Meeting of November 13, 2019
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 pm – Attendance

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

Council Liaison: Absent

QOL Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 22, 2019, Regular Meeting – Lorraine Enriquez motioned, Paul Hodson 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson)

4. 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 done planting parkway trees), Development on Oriental/Eureka to Texas to be planted with a newer variety of palms. New Walmart at San Bernardino Ave. and Tennessee St., has old eucalyptus trees; 4 eucalyptus trees were removed by SCE without notifying City or having proper permits; staff will follow up with SCE and will report back to the Street Tree committee with an update.

B. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS): Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted:* Jocelynn Santa Cruz attached the tree removal and trim lists for July, August and September 2019 to the STC agenda.

C. *Individual committee members report to inform on condition of street trees* – Line item to present pressing issues around town, provides open opportunity for members to say something on items not agendaized. Platform for STC members to bring up issues not affected by the Brown Act. Andy Hoder presented list of 20 dead, diseased or dying trees to staff to add to current tree work order list. Broken sprinkler in front of the Bank of America. Bank said that belongs to the city along with dead tree near entrance to the bank.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. *Discuss staff report to City Council on Historical and Landmark designations of trees:* Jocelynn Santa Cruz reported that it is currently still in the agenda queue. Chris Sedmack handed out Tree Certificates to be presented to homeowners or businesses who have taken special care of their street trees.

B. *Discussion and possible action on Street Tree Trimming Donation Program:* Erik Reeves spoke with FCS Director Boatman and Redlands Community Foundation

to discuss proceeding with the Street Tree Trimming Donation Program. It will be added as a sub-account underneath the Honorary Donation Program. Process would consist of:

1. Staff will notify the STC when funds are available for city tree trimming.
2. Staff will give the STC a list of possible trees to trim. STC can provide input to proposed list.
3. Tree contractor (currently West Coast Arborist) is the contractor used to trim trees on proposed list.
4. Tree contractor will bill Redlands Community Foundation.
5. The Redlands Community Foundation will pay tree contractor from the tree trimming donation account.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations:

- 1841 Cave St., Camphor – Committee member, Janet Ward, made the motion to not remove camphor and to have city staff monitor the tree. Committee member, Gus Ortega, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson).

- 1233 Pecos St., Liquidambar – Committee member, Janet Ward, made the motion to not remove tree and have staff evaluate the tree; create work order for sidewalk repair. Committee member, Hodson, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson).

- 127 Rainbow Ln., Chinese tallow – Committee member, Lorraine Enriquez, motioned to not remove Liquidambar, have staff perform root pruning. Committee member, Gus Ortega, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson).

- 450 Marilyn Ln., Liquidambar – Resident, Lorrie Devirian, stated her concern in regards to roots from the tree intruding in clay pipes. Erik Reeves observed infrastructure damage and recommends the removal. Tree will be replaced with a suitable tree for the parkway size. Committee member, Andy Hoder made the motion to remove the existing tree and replant with appropriate tree. Committee member, Paul Hodson, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson).

B. Discussion and possible action on utility bill insert: Care and watering of Crape Myrtle trees will be in the next utility bill insert item. Janet Ward motioned, Gus Ortega seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson)

C. Tree City USA update: Jocelynn Santa Cruz reported the city has all of the 2019 tag, sticker and continues to be recognized as a part of the Tree City USA designation. She continues to send emails to find out why Redlands has not been updated on the Tree City USA website.

D. Update on San Mateo Oak Project: Erik Reeves reported in January 2020 decomposed granite will be added to additional sites, and one oak will be removed.

- E. Discussion and possible action on laurel wilt on Camphor trees and palms: City has checked on possible diseased Camphor's and it is not Laurel wilt and is not contagious and will not spread to other trees.*
- F. Discussion and possible action on Palm tree removal at 5th and Ford St.: Palm scheduled to be removed February 2020.*

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. Have dead Palm removed on 5th/Ford St*
- g. Tree Trimming Donation Program*

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:50 PM TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 2020 (date to be announced)

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary