

DRAFT
CITY OF REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
February 27, 2020
MINUTES

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

Present: Chris Sedmack
Janet Ward
Andy Hoder
Lorraine Enriquez
Anna Allissi

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejeda
Charley Duggan

QOL Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Introduced new Redlands City Manager, Charley Duggan. He reported he is asking to increase the street tree trimming/maintenance budget by \$75,000 in addition to the already funded \$170,000 to help make a difference in the community with regards to city tree trimming and maintenance.

Andy Hoder introduced new Street Tree Committee member Anna Allissi.

Mark Monsma, citizen, spoke on two Eucalyptus trees being tagged by Southern California Edison (SCE) for removal on Ridge Street. Trees appear healthy and wanted to know why they were tagged since Edison electrical wires were on the opposite side of Pacific/Ridge Streets. Erik Reeves reported speaking to Chuck Dykes, Edison certified tree arborist and in charge of tree assessment. Erik will check on tree, neighbors upset. Edison has rules that trees need to be lowered to prevent falling on electrical wires. Trees may be trimmed and lowered to meet requirement.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 13, 2019 – regular meeting, Janet Ward motioned, Lorraine Enriquez 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Anna Allissi.)

4. STATUS REPORTS:

A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported nothing new except conceptual plans on a few upcoming projects. Projects will have Street Trees. Currently, dead Pear Tree stumps being grinded on State Street then will be replanted with 36” box new Pear tree variety. A 4-story parking structure by the future rail line will be planted with palms and plan was approved by Planning Commission.

A. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – Jocelynn Santa Cruz handed out October, November, December 2019 tree removal and tree trim lists.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. *Discuss staff report to City Council on Historical and Landmark designations of trees* – Jocelynn Santa Cruz Tabled until April 2020 STC Meeting.

B. Discussion and possible action on Street Tree Trimming Donation Program – Janet Ward will meet with Jocelynn Santa-Cruz, brochure already approved, Janet Ward will get them printed up by Citrograph Printers.

1. Erik Reeves will notify the STC when funds are available for city tree trimming.
2. Erik Reeves will give the STC list of possible trees to trim. STC can make input to proposed list.
3. West Coast Arborist is vendor used to trim trees on proposed list.
4. West Coast Arborist will bill Shelli Stockton and the Redlands Community Foundation.
5. The Redlands Community Foundation will pay West Coast Arborist invoice.

C. Update from staff on Oak trees on San Mateo Street – Erik Reeves reported they have lost tree trimmers and only have 2 current city tree workers, and they are playing catch-up with tree trimming projects. Erik Reeves reported that some concrete section of sidewalks on San Mateo Ave/Olive will be removed and replaced with decomposed granite. 2 Oak trees will have to be removed.

D. Update from staff on Tree city USA status – Jocelynn Santa Cruz reported Redlands is now Tree City USA on the city website.

E. Update from staff on dead Palm on 5th Avenue and Ford Street – Erik Reeves will remove dead Palms when able to. The palms on east Palm have all been trimmed.

F. Update from staff on utility bill memo – care and watering of Crape Myrtle. Jocelynn Santa Cruz will rerun Crape Myrtle care and water, once approved, in the next utility bill cycle.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

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

1441 E. Raemee Avenue – (Holly Oak) – Tabled to allow Street Tree Committee members and city to assess Holly Oak.

B. Discussion and possible action on Plant-a-thon partnership with UofR & Esri – University of Redlands IT Department and ESRI working with schools to be part of the Plant-a-thon program to provide small trees to schools to be planted on private properties. Some students may not have yard to plant trees in, so in order for them to participate, Erik Reeves will take some small trees and place them at the Fire Garden located by Ford Park until they can be planted into 15 gallon pots. Then a spot will be found to plant the new trees into. Small trees to be handed out in April 2020.

C. Discussion and possible action on establishing a tree planting schedule – New city tree plantings have been frozen for a couple of years. With current rainfall, city will plant 40-50 new trees when street trees are removed and are on the city's on-going street planting list.

D. Discussion and possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual – Janet Ward and Gus Ortega working on updating City Council approved Manual.

E. Discussion and possible action on annual Committee report to City Council – To be presented to City Council April 7, 2020. Andy Hoder and Chris Sedmack to work on State of the Street Tree Committee Report, 2019 Street Tree Accomplishments, and 2020 Goals.

F. Discuss Committee member updates – Chris Sedmack passed out new brochure “Bird Nests Protected when Pruning Trees” by Linda Richards. Website link will be in

Redlands City website and the Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Society's website. Motion made by Janet Ward and Lorraine Enriquez seconded to have Andy Hoder as new Street Tree Committee Chairman. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enrique, Anna Allissiz.)

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A. Discussion on possible WCA or other companies to trim our city Street Trees

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:50 PM TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING, Thursday,
April 2020.

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary