

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 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 Andrew Irvin Peter Buoye

 Rolland Moore Gary McCormick

City Staff: Ashley Johnson Jon Harrison Rick Cross

 Will Hamilton

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of December 8, 2015, meeting was approved as written, with one minor correction to the meeting location. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
 - A. Packing House Report:
 1. Since Daryl was not present, Ashley read his market report.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. The Memorial Park grove was picked last week due to the demand for smaller fruit.
 2. Several of the groves were skirt pruned after the harvest.
 3. Applications of commercial fertilizer are ongoing.
 4. Work has been completed on removing sucker growth.
 5. No concerns have been noticed with the recent cold weather.
 6. The time may be approaching to thin the Memorial Park grove.
 7. There are still concerns about the lack of cooperation in treating the Blossom Hts HOA

citrus trees. Only one ACP treatment has been made. There is an HOA meeting scheduled for Feb 25th.

C. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. There was a general discussion that the Memorial Park grove should be thinned. It was suggested to Chuck that every other tree should be pruned soon.
2. A list of grove assignments for each commissioner will be discussed at the next month.

D. Proposed Cell Tower at the Mullin Grove:

1. City staff provided an update on a proposal to put a cell tower at the Mullin grove location. The tower will require a 500 sq. ft. footprint, so some of the trees will have to be removed. The money from the lease will go back into the citrus enterprise fund which should more than make up for the lost fruit production from the removed trees. City staff will continue to provide updates on the progress of the proposal.

E. Discussion of Educational Resources for select property owners:

1. There was a general discussion about the need to develop educational outreach materials for property owners who purchase or reside on properties with commercial citrus so they are aware of the pest concerns and the city's efforts to protect all citrus trees from harmful pests and diseases and the role they play in doing their part.

5. Old Business:

A. Discussion of possible land acquisitions:

1. It was suggested that the city and commission look into two properties for possible future citrus planting. One of the locations is the Riverbend area. The other property is land near the park expansion off Texas St.

B. General Discussions:

1. Wayne Mishak recently passed away. The commission recognized Wayne for all his efforts over the years to promote and protect our citrus heritage. A memorial mass was scheduled for Jan 29th at Holy Name of Jesus church.

6. Future agenda items:

A. Individual Commissioner Grove Assignments

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.
8. The Next Meeting date will be February 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary