

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of December 14, 2021  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to order at 4:05 pm - Attendance**

**Present:** Michael Day, Chair  
Roger Hardy  
Rolland Moore  
Bill Oesterlein  
Heather Ross  
Marc Shaw

**City Council:** None

**FCS Staff:** Kathleen Giorgianni

**Farming/Packing companies:** John Gless, Jim Layes

**Guests:** Iris Chu, Dennis Bell, Phill Courtney

**2. Public Comments:** Iris Chu follow progress of committee to support small growers.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 12, 2021 and November 9, 2021 meetings were approved on a motion by Commissioner Oesterlein seconded by Commissioner Hardy and carried.

**4. Status Reports**

A. *Packinghouse report:* Quote sheet and averages provided. Planting to start picking navels this week. West Riverview and Riverview next week to pick. Concerned about color. Exporters are interested and continue to build program. Non-jib fruit and clean up small groves. 38s and larger are moving. Estimates are up from last year.

B. *Farming report by John Gless:* John is meeting in the field weekly with City staff. Jacinto finished jibbing), Copper 24D (disease control) and danatol (ACP insecticide) added. Started herbicide spraying this month. Focus this month is to change sprinkler heads to a consistent head in a block.

C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Tabled until January, so City staff can be present.

D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Overall groves are looking good.

E. *10 year citrus plan:* Tabled to next meeting pending responses to outstanding questions.

- Fiscal Year 2020-21 year end data.

- Year to Date Budget Report doesn't compare to Activity Report. Question on Account #6710 (\$9,000 vs \$40,000).
- Chair Day requested Assistant Finance Director James Garland be present at next meeting to explain reports. Commissioner Hardy requested monthly budget report.

**5. PRESENTATION**

A. *Presentation from Redlands Packing House.* Tabled to next meeting depending on packinghouse representative availability. Commissioners inquired if the where they invited as requested during the November meeting. Staff present did not have the requested information, the status will be provided at the next regular meeting.

**6. Old Business**

- A. *Discussion and possible action on replanting of Lugonia Grove* – Staff to confirm when item will go to Council.
- B. *Discussion and possible action regarding packinghouse in the Redlands area* - Tabled to next meeting depending on packinghouse representative availability. Staff to report on status of invitation to packinghouse representative.
- C. *Discussion on Olive Grove; private citrus trees vs city-owned trees - Deed restriction and agricultural focused.* Commissioners indicated that the trees on west side are not looking healthy. City owns the grove and Commission has requested City better define access and signage due to possible liability. Staff will provide further update at next regular meeting.

**7. New Business**

None.

**8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- A. Replacement of City Council liaison? Who is it? How long until filled?
- B. Copy of Casey Hawes defining Citrus Commission original intent (role and goals). Commissioner Day to share with commission members before next meeting.
- C. Discussion on creation of Subcommittee for City partnerships with local small growers.
- D. Request for Farm Bureau Executive Director (Maggie O'Neill) to make presentation in January or February meeting. Request for San Bernardino ACP task force new AG Commissioner (Angela) to give quick update. (grower list for citrus)

**9. 5:15 pm – Adjournment to the January 11, 2022 meeting at Council Chambers**