

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting of September 27, 2022
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:04 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair
Roger Hardy
Rolland Moore
Mark Shaw

Absent: Thomas Lanza
Heather Ross
Jack Steward

City Council: Mick Gallagher, Jenna Guzman Lowery

FCS Staff: Chris Boatman, Erik Reeves, Tricia Swope

Farming/Packing companies: None

Guests: Dennis Bell, Iris Chu, Fire Chief Rich Sessler

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Shaw motioned to accept July 12, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Hardy motioned to second. Approved by all commissioners present.

4. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* No Packing House update
- B. *Farming Report:* No Farming Report
- C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Weed control occurring at most groves currently. Agreement with Jacinto for spraying, etc was approved by Council.
- D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Tumbleweed in 5th Avenue Grove

5. Old Business

- A. Review of Citrus Division Fund balance. Checks have not come in for beginning of new fiscal year. Will move to a quarterly review of financials vs. monthly.
- B. Report from subcommittee for items related to private commercial groves. Commissioner Moore presented private growers partnering with the City to help the preservation of citrus. Picking and packing the fruit are the primary challenges with growers. With Foothill Grove on the market this can, and probably impact private growers supporting the citrus community.
- C. Discussion and possible Action related to request from Neil Watson regarding grove at 1855 River Bend Drive, Redlands
 - a. Commissioner Day motioned to direct City staff to bring the proposal from Neil Watson's grove to Council for consideration with a temporary agreement for the City to manage & maintain the grove that ensures all City costs are accounted for.
 - b. Commissioner Shaw suggested the use leverage of City to for small private growers to share in the costs of maintaining their groves (i.e., spraying)
 - c. Commissioner Day and others asked if he would be willing to sell grove to City at appraised value with a guarantee that is stays as agricultural/open space?

6. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to the use of City-owned property located at Dearborn Street and Lugonia Avenue as a future Fire Station.
Commissioner Day motioned to recommend City staff further explore a fire station to corner of Lugonia & Judson and consider footprint as part of replant. Commissioner Shaw seconded. Motion passed.

7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

8. 5: 37 pm – Adjournment to October 11, 2022 meeting