

## 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:

<u>Members:</u>	Bill Oesterlein	Andrew Irvin	Peter Buoye
	Rolland Moore	Jack Steward	
<u>City Staff:</u>	Ashley Johnson	Jon Harrison	Rick Cross
	James Garland	Aaron Evans	Chris Boatman

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell Pamela Miller

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. The minutes of February 9, 2016, meeting was approved as written, with one minor correction to item 5, B, 2. The name of the company should have been Diversified Pacific. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
  - A. Election of Chairman:
    1. Peter and Andrew were re-elected to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair. M/S/P.
  - B. Packing House Report:
    1. None
  - C. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
    1. New fan jet sprinklers were installed at the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave grove. They are also being installed in the remaining 10 acres of the Lugonia grove. The Mullen grove may also be converted later this

year.

2. Bad trees have been removed from a number of grove locations.

3. In anticipation of the re-plant of the lower 11 acres at the Prospect Park location, no winter preparation work was done. Now that the re-plant has been postponed, Chuck asked for direction as to whether or not those acres should go back to a regular maintenance schedule. It was agreed that they should.

D. California Citrus Mutual ACP Presentation:

1. Cancelled.

E. Discussion of City Council action on Prospect Park:

1. One of the concerns brought up was what to do with the pending citrus tree order originally planned for the Prospect Park location.

2. Another concern was the type of citrus trees to order for the 2017 spring plantings at the two new locations recommended by the City Council as an alternative to Prospect Park. The purchase is still pending on the Best property. The other location is currently owned by the City.

3. The commission recommends the City purchase Washington Navels for the Riverview property, Powell Navels for the I-10 (Best) property and an additional 500 trees for replants in existing groves. M/S/P.

F. Discussion of the 2015 Annual Citrus Report:

1. Ashley, along with other City staff, presented the draft 2015 report. The following changes were recommended:

a. Combine the Palmetto 1, 2, and 3 groves into one.

b. Add a notation for unusual expenses, such as well repairs.

c. Add a summary to the report that breaks out the revenue by acre and variety.

5. Old Business:

A. Discussion of possible land acquisitions:

1. It was suggested that the commission reconsider a location behind the Cemetery that was previously discussed a year ago. Approximately 12 acres of terraced land may be available for planting some crop. City staff will report back at a later meeting on the flow rate of the well serving the property.

B. Individual Commissioner's Reports:

1. Postponed until the next meeting

6. Future agenda items:

A. None

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

8. The Next Meeting date will be April 12, 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary