

**CITY of REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
February 24, 2022  
MINUTES**

Present: Andy Hoder  
Chris Sedmack  
Janet Ward  
Gus Ortega  
Jessica Barrios  
Lorraine Enriquez – on Zoom  
Paul Hodson – on Zoom

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejeda – on Zoom

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz  
Joe Bierma - FCS [moderator for Zoom participants]

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Attendance – 5:34 pm
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 28, 2021** – Lorraine Enriquez motioned, Janet Ward 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Gus Ortega, Jessica Barrios, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson.) Andy Hoder handed out Draft STC Goals and Accomplishment for 2021 for review.
4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
  - A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* - Erik Reeves reported no new developments – Housing development at Texas/San Bernardino Ave, Lugonia Ave done. Railway has nothing major yet for trees; Orange/Alabama will get update at next STC meeting. Colton/Tennessee has 30 new Palms which Dangermond [ESRI] is supposed to maintain through a CFD, Tennessee to Redlands Blvd will have Chitalpas and cut-outs in concrete for additional trees.
  - B. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – See attached Tree Trimming and Tree Removal work lists for November/December 2021, January 2022, which identifies numerous dead trees removed and parkway trees trimmed. Trees removed were at least 60% dead (the criteria for removal), a lot were lost during wind storms from last 1½ months. Gus Ortega asked about PARIS\* Project and repaving city streets, curb gutter and sidewalk replacement. PARIS has upcoming phases. Erik Reeves reported West Coast Arborist (WCA) will do stump removals with new funding.  
  
\*Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. *Discussion and possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual* – Andy Hoder and Chris Sedmack, STC sub-committee, are continuing work started by Gus Ortega and Janet Ward. Andy and Chris recently met at Smiley Library and made further progress on the task. Subcommittee plans to

have a complete draft ready for review by entire Committee before the next regular meeting. Additional changes in the Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual may be made before the draft is submitted to the Council for approval (subsequent to a review by FCS).

- B. *Continue discussion on amending Chapter 12 of the Redlands Municipal Code – Tabled*
- C. *Discussion and possible action on planting of Palms within City Easement – Erik Reeves reported that new Palms and Crape myrtles will be used on site specific cases. Spoke of 2 Palms in front of J. Riley’s sign on Eureka, but Palms will remain due to growing 10’ above sign in the future.*
- D. Discussion on tree trimming in relation to bird nesting seasons (this subject has been discussed in previous STC meetings.) Erik Reeves reported that before trim work begins, WCA follows a procedure to check for nests throughout the nesting season.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion on heat index and affect in relation to parking lot areas – Erik Reeves to reach out to ESRI on Heat Islands map of Redlands
- B. *Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations:*

(all Committee members had an opportunity to visit these sites and evaluate the condition of the trees and the circumstances relating to potential removal)

- 950 W. Clifton Ave – two Palms were observed to be in poor condition. The homeowner is putting in a new driveway as approved by the One Stop Permit Department, and the trees also interfere with the location of the new driveway. Paul Hodson motioned to remove 2 Palms in front of home due to putting in new driveway. Erik Reeves will coordinate with homeowner on selection of appropriate replacement trees from the Redlands Street Tree Palette. Motion approved unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Gus Ortega, Jessica Barrios, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson.)
- 1357 Susan Ave – one Liquidambar tree – Gus Ortega motioned to remove Liquidambar due to diseased tree with condition to replant with appropriate tree from Redlands Street Tree Palette, Janet Ward 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Gus Ortega, Jessica Barrios, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson.)
- 63 Summit Ave – one Silk Oak tree – Janet Ward motioned to keep Silk Oak and trim tree to open it up. Gus Ortega 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Gus Ortega, Jessica Barrios, Lorraine Enriquez, Paul Hodson.)
- 1025 Herald Street – one Jacaranda tree – Lindsey Ledesma spoke on Zoom. Janet Ward motioned to keep tree and trim it, Chris Sedmack 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gus Ortega, Paul Hodson, Lorraine Enriquez, Andy Hoder voted to remove tree, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Lorraine Barrios voted to keep tree. Motion passed to remove Jacaranda due to lifting of sidewalk and beginning damage to wall.

**7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- A. Discussion on commercial parking lot tree trimming practices. Have the STC make recommendations to City Council on this issue.
- B. Discussion on what the City is doing with regards to our Urban Forest.

**8. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:15 PM TO April 28, 2022**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary