

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 25, 2016**

**1. Call to Order at 5:34 pm – Attendance**

Present: Don Buchanan, Chair  
Andy Hoder  
Roy Mannickarottu  
Linda Richards  
Andrejs Galenieks  
Chuck Dykes

Absent: Janet Ward

City Council: Absent  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Tim Sullivan

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Chris Sedmack  
Phil Cortland

- 2. Public Comments** – Chris Sedmack relayed message from Janet Ward for Stacey, 1317 W. Olive Avenue, Redlands, who has a large street tree which needs trimming; Erik Reeves to check tree. Andrejs Galenieks handed out printout of Heat Island research information from Bay area that he would like to discuss at upcoming STC meeting.

- 3. Approval of Minutes** – *Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2015.* Andy Hoder motioned, Andrejs Galenieks seconded. Unanimously approved (Don Buchanan, Andy Hoder, Andrea Galenieks, and Chuck Dykes.)

**4. Status Reports**

- a. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported no new projects
- b. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL)* – Erik Reeves reported that no new street tree plantings planned until we get more rains. QOL hired three new city workers who are trimming trees throughout Redlands. They have trimmed trees on Fern & Glenwood, four neighborhoods. Trimmed all oaks on Crescent to Brookside, will trim all other trees with next fiscal year's tree trimming budget. Trimmed three Eucalyptus trees and one oak at the Redlands Hillside Memorial Cemetery, and removed two dead Cedar trees and one dead Redwood tree. Eleven small dead crape myrtle trees were removed around Redlands. WCA removed Pepper tree on Crescent, removing a total of eleven dead trees.

Andy Hoder inquired about landscaping monies used for removing trees at the cemetery. Tim Sullivan said monies have been set aside for cemetery

improvements as a line item. Andy Hoder inquired about the WCA data base – Erik Reeves said all removed trees are uploaded from WCA crew’s reports within 24 hours. Erik Reeves has spreadsheet with address locations, trim/removal dates, work orders, etc. and will populate the spreadsheet. The City’s three new grounds workers work on city trees depending on size of the trees trimming: Queen Palms, easy trim jobs and emergency jobs. There is still money in the city tree budget thanks to the hiring of the three new staff members.

Erik Reeves reported eight 10-year old Camphor’s at 812 La Solano Dr., off Wabash, which are raising the sidewalks and would like to have these removed and the sidewalks repaired. STC to look at site and report at the April STC meeting.

## 5. New Business

- a. *Discussion and possible recommendation about 2016 Arbor Day Proclamation* – Mayor Foster received letter and plaque on 20<sup>th</sup> year the City of Redlands has been designated Street Tree City USA. Phil Cortney to put article in the Redlands Daily Facts. Arbor Day is not a specific Street Tree action per Tim Sullivan, but has been coordinated by Street Tree Committee for years. Oakmont Park discussed as possible place to plant 3-5 Oak Trees. Andy Hoder proposed not planting any trees this year to set an example for Gov. Brown. Tim Sullivan commented on the image of the benefits of trees, awareness of trees, and awareness to drought with limited number of trees. In honor of 2016 Arbor Day Celebration, two new Cedars will be planted at the Redlands Hillside Memorial Park Cemetery to replace two dead Cedars where non-potable water already exists. Don stated that the Redlands Conservancy will be planting acorns at Oakmont Park. QOL and the City Manager need to pick date for planting the two Cedar trees. Roy Mannickarottu motioned, Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galeniaks, and Chuck Dykes.)
- b. *Discussion on parkway planting* – Tim Sullivan said thorny bushes, cacti, and fruit bearing trees are prohibited items for city parkways in the Redlands Municipal Code. Nothing we could do about rocks, bricks, rose bushes, plants, except for big boulders in the parkways. Residents are allowed to have hardscape. When a tree is removed, a door hanger is put on the homeowners doors by WCA or city workers. If the homeowner does not want to have to have a new tree, none will be replanted. QOL and MUED will do press release/newspaper article on the drought scape and plants which are prohibited in city parkways. Articles will encourage watering of trees. Tim Sullivan to update at next STC meeting.
- c. *Discussion and possible recommendation on banner* - Erik Reeves and Tricia Swope are finding banner space and time. Erik Reeves to order banner to advertise watering parkway trees. Roy Mannickarottu suggested using the portable sign boards on wheels to put Water Your Trees message on. Linda Richards suggested article on proper watering of trees during drought. Erik Reeves working on banner issues.

- d. *Discussion and possible recommendation on Palm tree trimming, maintenance, selling endangered Palms* – Erik Reeves contacted possible leads on landscapers who may want to purchase Redlands Endangered Parkway Palm Trees which were provided to QOL by Janet Ward, but with no success so far – no interest. Landscapers and developers only want specific palm trees. Chuck Dykes will check on possible Palm Tree purchasing vendors. Andy Hoder brought up problem of stacks of Palm Fronds and suggested the City be Pro-active. QOL only has so much time and employees and if we do some projects, then other projects must fail. Chris Sedmack conveyed Janet Ward's concern for Canary Island Palms in the lines by 6<sup>th</sup> St and Olive by the Water Company and why couldn't they be sold.
- e. *Discussion and possible recommendation contacting firewood companies to remove dead trees* – Tabled.
- f. *Discussion about drought issues in relation to Street Trees* – Don Buchanan handed out research items for the STC to read and discuss at the April STC meeting regarding Redwood factors causing their decline. Erik Reeves reported on micro-organism as one factor in decline of Redwoods in southern California. Tim Sullivan and Erik Reeves looking at Redwoods and will prioritize them on a spreadsheet as dead, stressed or healthy.
- g. *Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the Redwood at the Redlands Bowl* – Motion to remove three dead Redwood trees – two at Grant Street side of Redlands Bowl and one in Smiley Park in front of the Lincoln Shrine. QOL had an outside arborist look at the trees and has the report, also has a TRAQ Report. Two Redwood trees are completely dead, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is well within the city parameters to remove the tree: over 60% dead with no chance of recovering. Erik Reeves and Tim Sullivan said that it is possible to save the Redwood tree wood to make city bench. Trees to be stored at the City Yard.
- h. *Discussion about sidewalk root pruning* – Tim Sullivan reported on the 10 ½ miles of sidewalks which need repairing. \$450,000 has been spent replacing sidewalks citywide. Erik Reeves said QOL has set guidelines using an on-call arborist: less than 3" can prune roots, while if 3-5 ½" Erik Reeves is called. If over 5 ½" then a report is performed. Concentrating on Senior Center and school areas first. QOL has created an SOP document – Tim Sullivan to share with us at April STC meeting.
- i. *Discussion about committee goals and accomplishments to present to Council* – Chris Sedmack inquired about the status of the STC's approved Letter regarding the amendment of Section 10.4 and 10.6 of The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual to be put on the City Council Calendar. Jocelynn Santa Cruz was supposed to check with Chris Boatman on the calendar date and will let the STC know. Chris Sedmack also inquired on the status of the Landmark Trees, Heritage Tree Rows and Scenic Preservation Trees which was adopted and approved by the STC for submission to the City Council for approval dated September 28, 2015 specifying 27 specific locations. QOL had no status to report.

Don Buchanan to present the STC approved Goals and Accomplishments to the City Council in April, with date to be announced.

**6. Old Business**

1. Don Buchanan reported on meeting with Tim Sullivan about presenting the STC's PowerPoint Presentation to various service clubs. Don has lined up the Sunrise Rotary Club and Optimist Club for spring 2016 presentations after having given initial presentations to Evening, Noon Kiwanis and Noon Rotary thus far.

**7. Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- a. 2016 Arbor Day Proclamation
- b. Discussion and possible action on City Banner across Cajon about IT IS OK TO KILL TURF, but WATER YOUR TREES.
- c. Discussion about heat islands and heat zones within Redlands
- d. 812 La Solano Dr – removing 8 camphor trees
- e. Redwood spreadsheet prioritizing dead, stressed and healthy trees
- f. Discussion and possible recommendation contacting firewood companies to remove dead trees
- g. Discussion on parkway plantings
- h. Discussion and possible recommendation on banner
- i. Kiwanis Club wants a link on the City's Web Page which will link to the Kiwanis web page as a way for people to link to the Kiwanis and various tree issues. Don Buchanan is working on this. Tabled.
- j. Status of when the STC's Letter regarding the amendment of Section 10.4 and 10.6 of The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual to be put on the City Council Calendar. Jocelynn Santa Cruz was supposed to check with Chris Boatman on the calendar date and will let the STC know.
- k. Article in utility bill – possible run Crape Myrtle article again in water bill.
- l. Linda Richards to discuss using ANCI 8300 Standards which are more general to use when trimming city parkway trees for the next STC meeting.

**8. Adjournment at 6:40 pm to next Meeting, April 21, 2016**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary