

**CITY OF REDLANDS**  
**STREET TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 24, 2014**

**1. Call to Order at 5:30PM – Attendance**

Present:	Chris Sedmack, Chair Don Buchanan Weldon Clegg Linda Richards Gus Ortega
City Council:	Jon Harrison
QOL Staff:	Tim Sullivan Erik Reeves Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

**2. Public Comments – None**

**3. Approval of Minutes** – Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2014 regular meeting. Don Buchanan motioned, Gus Ortega seconded, motion passed unanimously. (Don Buchanan, Weldon Clegg, Linda Richards, Gus Ortega and Chris Sedmack).

**4. Status Reports**

- a. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments (QOL)* – Eric Reeves stated that Patterson Ranch and Judson Ranch projects will include approximately 65 Street Trees, including Redbuds, Brisbane and a third tree from our Street Tree pallet. The 8ft parkway allows for larger trees.
- b. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – Erik Reeves reported that WCA trimmed 60 Pepper trees on Redlands Blvd. Fred Ford and WCA will be trimming liquid ambers in Ford Park this weekend with Service Club Community Volunteer weekend efforts. They plan to plant 10 Eucalyptus trees and place mulch in the median on Redlands Blvd from Fern to Ford Streets. Erik marked off ten sites where Eucalyptus trees could be added without overwhelming the parkway. One Jacaranda had split and is more of a bush now and several palms had been hit by vehicles, so need to be replaced, along with three camphor trees on Colton at Cajon. Chris Sedmack commented that there is a dead tree at 1326 Fulbright that needs removal.

Erik Reeves reported that a Rule 20a will allow for undergrounding of utilities by Edison from accumulated funds requested by a 2008 document. This undergrounding will be from Lakeside to San Jacinto on the north side of Cypress that will take care of the Palm Trees next to Smiley Elementary School that has been under discussion for several years now. QOL will work with Edison to make this finally happen, using 20a monies by 2016. The only challenge now is the Paris repaving project which calls for repaving of Cypress in 2015 and there is a 5 year waiting period before any allowed digging into the road after repaving. Jon Harrison suggested that Tim Sullivan work with Fred Cardenas for a change in the year for the Cypress repaving to accommodate the Edison work.

Erik reported on sale of palms as going slow. Only one vendor responded to the bidding process. Jon Harrison suggested that we check with Citrus Plaza expansion project for sale of palms to County's contractors.

- c. *Honorary Tree Program* – No report.

## 5. **New Business**

- a. *Discussion and possible action on status of number of trees removed due to the handicap corners in the curbs.* Tim Sullivan stated that the MUED manager checks with Erik if any private or street would be involved. Thus far, during the first two phases of ADA ramps we have had only **5-6 trees** involved for removal, and insignificant number of trees. The first cycle of ramps involved 52 ramps and the second cycle has added 200 ramps, and many more to come. There have been some workarounds to avoid removal of trees.
- b. *Discussion and possible action on donations for tree trimming through Honorary Tree Program.* Janet Ward was to contact Shelli, but neither Janet nor Shelli Stockton here this evening, we have no information to share. Tim Sullivan stated that we have a 2012 donation made by a lady that still has not been notified as to where the tree was planted, and the death of another family member is challenged as the phone number on the brochure is not working. Paul Woltze pointed that out at a previous meeting last fall when he wanted to donate a tree in honor of his son. Jon Harrison stated we need to contact Char Burgess about having the Honorary Tree program returned to the STC for administrative purposes. Tim will pull current brochures from City offices due to errors in the old brochures. Don Buchanan volunteered to communicate with Char sharing this request for return of Honorary Tree Program to STC.
- c. *Discussion and possible action of 2014 Arbor Day planting of trees in Redlands.* Tim Sullivan reported that QOL had submitted paperwork for Arbor Day 2013 last month and got recognition for its 19<sup>th</sup> straight year as

Street Tree City. They submitted Heritage Park tree planting for 2013 Arbor Day. We discussed having Redlands Blvd median tree planting for 2014 Arbor Day designation. Linda Richards motioned our Redlands Street Tree Committee designate thus, Gus Ortega seconded. Motion carried. (Don Buchanan, Weldon Clegg, Linda Richards, Gus Ortega and Chris Sedmack).

**6. Possible Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- a. Discussion and possible action concerning the Honorary Tree Program.
- b. Utility Bill - Work on **SAVE YOUR CITY TREES** - use of pesticides/herbicides around city parkway trees. Also include importance of our city trees being the 3rd most valuable asset to the city.
- c. Oak Tree Door Hanger project status.

**7. Adjournment at 6:10 PM to next regularly scheduled meeting, June 26, 2014.**

Submitted by Don Buchanan, Secretary