

**CITY OF REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2016**

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

Present:	Don Buchanan, Chair Andy Hoder Roy Mannickarottu Linda Richards Andrejs Galenieks Chuck Dykes Janet Ward
City Council:	CC Barich
QOL Staff:	Erik Reeves Tim Sullivan Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Chris Sedmack

2. Public Comments

Eva Rojas spoke on a neighbor who installed a new fence at 511 W. Palm. She has subsequently encountered a major difficulty in backing out her van and motorhome from her driveway. When she purchased the house, it was a shared driveway, with no fence. Eva, as homeowner, was advised to check first with the county as to her correct lot boundaries/easements. She plans to return to the June STC meeting to discuss removal of City Palm tree at this location.

3. Approval of Minutes

- A. February 25, 2016, Regular Meeting – Correction on 7. L. Should be ANSI A300. Next Meeting date should be April 28, 2016. Linda Richards motioned correction, Andy Holder seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andrejs Galenieks, Roy Mannickarottu, Andy Hoder, and Chuck Dykes).
- B. March 30, 2016, Special Meeting – 3. B. remove Linda Richards name. Only Chris Sedmack, and Janet Ward will formally staff the STC table. Janet Ward motioned, Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andrejs Galenieks, Roy Mannickarottu, Andy Hoder, 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) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted.* - Erik Reeves reported City planted two new trees on Citrus Ave and two on State Street, all Sweet Shade, to replace ornamental pears. City also planted Palm trees in boxes on Alabama. Cal

Trans project on Lugonia was completed with ten fruitless Plums planted. Warehouse owners east of the water park planted 32 trees in Parkway (Ironbark/Magnolias). West Coast Arborist (WCA) has used up all the monies budgeted for 2016. Trimmed 100 trees scattered throughout Redlands. City in-house crew removing Liquid Ambers and Crape Myrtles. CC Barich working on new 2017 budget and hopes to increase the tree trimming budget to \$240,000.

- Janet Ward commented that the City is counter-productive by picking up Palm fronds instead of trimming the Palm trees first. QOL trimming trees with safety issues as priority. Andy Hoder donated \$1730 to have WCA trim 14 Palms in front of McKinley School on Olive Street.

- Janet Ward inquired on status of tax write-offs if homeowners donate funds to the Redlands Foundation. CC Barich to check with CC Gilbreath on putting funds in the Redlands Foundation as a tax write-off for trimming Palm/other trees. Tim Sullivan commented that the City can only handle money as a pass through to the Redlands Foundation. The Made-In-The-Shade Program is tied to matching money with WCA and is on hold until new budget. WCA crew rental picks up Palm fronds; normally the City picks them up. Erik Reeves will check on status of tree inventory updates to establish current status with tree health, dead trees, etc. Hope is to have the inventory completed by June STC meeting.

- Edison trimmed oaks on N. Olive/W. Center and chopped off the tops. Mowbray's got new Edison contract under lowest bid process. Chuck Dykes will follow up with QOL on pre-notification to the city by Edison regarding tree trimming schedules throughout city.

(Don Buchanan made a Point of Order. Made motion to put Old Business back into meeting agenda prior to New Business as normal sequence in City Council meetings and other City meetings. Don Buchanan motioned, Roy Mannickarottu seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andrejs Galeniks, Roy Mannickarottu, Andy Hoder, and Chuck Dykes))

5. Old Business

- A. Arbor Day, April 29, 2016 Hillside Memorial Park: time, location, etc. – CC John James, Paul Barich, Jon Harrison, and Mayor Foster are to participate. STC members will participate at the Hillside Cemetery this Friday, April 29, 5:00 pm in Block 10 to plant two Incense Cedars. Jocelynn Santa Cruz to work with Carl Baker for press coverage.
- B. Spreadsheet for Redwood trees prioritizing dead, stressed & healthy trees – Erik Reeves to create spreadsheet on City wide Redwood trees. STC needs to have policy on how to take care of the City's Redwood trees. Erik Reeves stated we have 400-430 Redwood trees throughout Redlands.
- C. Discuss providing link on City's website to Noon Kiwanis Club for tree issues – tabled.
- D. Discussion and possible recommendation on City banner across Cajon – Erik Reeves to check with Tricia Swope in City Manager's office on banner schedule.

- E. Discussion about contacting firewood companies to remove dead trees – Once City Tree Inventory is completed Tim Sullivan will send out for bids to remove dead trees throughout Redlands. Fred Ford called Don in March offering his services.
- F. Palm tree trimming, maintenance & selling of endangered palms – Janet Ward called several landscape companies – Williams Young & Son and spoke with Tony about them purchasing Redlands Endangered Palms for new developments in Redlands. Erik Reeves to check.
- G. Discussion on the status of amending the Street Tree Policy and Protection Guideline Manual 10.4 and 10.6 – Already completed and with CC Barich to put on CC agenda, still pending last fall’s submission to City Council.

6. **New Business**

- A. Discussion and possible recommendation on revisions to Redlands Municipal Code and the Street Tree Policy and Protections Guideline Manual – Andy Hoder reported on contradictions in tree trimming policy relating to street trees and on private property. Chris Sedmack commented that the Street Tree Committee deals only with City Parkway Tree issues. Andy Hoder to work with Tim Sullivan on Private Property issue.
- B. Discussion and possible recommendation about heat islands and zones within Redlands - Andrejs Galenieks handed out copies of data used by the City of Portland, Oregon to strategically plant trees to reduce the heat islands and heat zones in their city. Data highlighted the heat vulnerabilities in the city and was used by Portland to prioritize planting of new trees.
- C. Discussion about 812 La Solano Dr. brought up by Erik Reeves for removing eight camphor trees. He also brought up removing palm tree at 511 W. Palm and a tree issue on Chestnut. QOL is concerned about eight healthy camphor’s located at 812 La Solano Dr. They have been ramped before. QOL wants to remove these camphor trees and repair sidewalks. Homeowner will replace, at their expense, with eight new redbud trees. Andy Hoder motioned removal of these trees for safety and sidewalk issues; Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion passed (Don Buchanan, Andrejs Galenieks, Roy Mannickarottu, Andy Hoder, and Chuck Dykes). Janet Ward voted against and Linda Richards abstained). 511 W. Palm removal will be deferred until June 23rd meeting for follow up discussion.
- D. Discussion and possible recommendation on utility bill insert: Janet recommended resubmitting the educational crape myrtle statement in the utility bill insert again. Janet Ward motioned, Linda Richards seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andrejs Galenieks, Roy Mannickarottu, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes).
- F. Discussion on using ANSI A300 standard for trimming City Parkway Trees – Linda Richards reported on ANSI A300 standards which the cities

of Pasadena and Claremont follow. Claremont recommends all cities with tree programs should follow. A review of Street Tree Policy is required for further discussion at next meeting.

7. Agenda items for Next Meeting –

- a. Honorary Tree Program
- b. Discussion on ANSI A300 standards in The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual
- c. Review trees at 100 San Mateo between Olive and Brookside at Erik Reeves request.
- d. Status of Redlands City Tree Inventory.
- e. Discussion and possible recommendation on City Banner
- f. Crape Myrtle insert into water bills.

8. Adjournment at 7:25 pm to next Meeting, June 23, 2016

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary