

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 29, 2016**

**1. Call to Order at 5:37 pm – Attendance**

Present: Don Buchanan, Chair  
Roy Mannickarottu  
Janet Ward  
Chuck Dykes

City Council: CC Paul Barich  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves, QOL  
Tim Sullivan, QOL  
Tricia Swope, QOL  
Greg Brooks, MUED  
Joey Long, MUED

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Chris Sedmack  
Fred Ford

- 2. Public Comments** – Fred Ford spoke on concern of “not seeing the trees for the lawns”. Residents are killing their grass and in turn are killing their trees. The public is not seeing the value of trees and they need to start watering them. Mr. Ford spoke in favor of his removal of dead trees in town for firewood, and would like to remove more live Liquid Ambers this winter to reduce damage to city sidewalks and streets. Mr. Ford is already working with the Quality of Life Department (QOL). Chris Sedmack commented that the criteria for tree removals was already in The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual and that the QOL was already following the guidelines.

**3. New Business**

- A. *Discussion pertaining to Redlands Entry Landscape Beautification Project and the relocation and removal of trees* – Tim Sullivan gave presentation on the freeway off ramp Beautification Project with illustrations from engineering drawings and city maps on City Council chamber video screens. 23 Palm trees will be relocated from the project location and were marked by yellow bands as they don't fit the approved landscaping designs. 11 Palm trees and several other tree species (Pepper trees) will be destroyed. Pearl/Eureka Streets have three tall Palm trees showing splitting and are too tall to be moved on site. Several other Palm Trees too close to high electrical power boxes and too dangerous to move will be taken out for safety. Any trees capable of being moved to the project will be saved. The freeway off ramps/freeway on ramps from Eureka to Orange Street will be improved with new landscaping and concrete structures similar to the University Street

area developed by the University of Redlands: Eureka/Pearl, Orange/Pearl, Colton/Orange, 6th Street & Pearl & the 6th Street on ramp.

- B. Don Buchanan asked to see tree list legend for the project trees. – Kumquats, dwarf St. Mary Magnolias, London Plane, and Crape Myrtle trees are to be used mainly on corners with new landscaping.

Work is to be done by a contractor using \$1.3 million from the sale of the Palmetto Grove. This project was approved by the City Council this spring and tree issue is before this committee for review and recommendation to the City Council so as to move forward. Janet Ward recommends selling, moving or giving away Palm trees, if possible, except those by the high voltage electrical boxes.

Chuck Dykes motioned “recommends approval of the Redlands Entry Landscape Beautification Project and the relocation and removal of discussed trees as presented by the Quality of Life Department with the recommendations by Janet Ward of selling, moving or giving away Palm trees except those by the high voltage electrical boxes.”

Rou Mannickarottu seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Don Buchanan, Chair, Roy Mannickarottu, Janet Ward, Chuck Dykes)

## **8. Adjournment at 6:00 pm to next Regular Meeting October 27, 2016**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Acting Secretary