Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Bill Oesterlein Peter Buoye Jack Steward

Rolland Moore

<u>City Staff:</u> Tricia Swope Rick Cross Jon Harrison

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairman Buoye.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. The minutes of the October 11, 2016, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.

4. Status Reports:

- A. Packing House Report:
 - 1. There was no report.
- B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 - 1. Things are pretty slow right now. The Gibb applications are finished.
 - 2. Spray applications will begin this week for ACP and will likely continue for 6 weeks.
- 3. Despite almost 0.8 " of rain earlier in the month, the water has been turned back on in the groves.
- C. Individual Commissioner's Reports:
 - 1. The Prospect Park grove has good fruit, despite the splits that are occurring.
- D. QOL Staff Report on the Grove Fund Budget:

1. City staff discussed the fund budget and provided a balance sheet. Staff will provide a ledger sheet at the next meeting to more fully answer questions some commissioner's had.

5. New Business:

- A. Discussion and possible actions with the subcommittee on SOP's for planting citrus:
- 1. The pictures distributed by Chuck a few months ago will be used by City staff during meetings with developers as a means to educate them on proper planting practices.
- 2. The subcommittee has had a hard time meeting due to the busy schedules of the members but they hope to meet again before the next CPC meeting.
- B. Discussion on non-potable water line at the Texas grove:
- 1. City staff provided an update on the costs to connect to the alternative water source, instead of using the fire hydrant and hose. The costs would be approximately \$21,000 to provide the connection.

6. Old Business:

- A. Project update on the Best grove:
 - 1. Bid still pending per City staff. It should go out to bid in the next 3 weeks.
- B. Project update on the Riverview grove:
 - 1. Bids due by November 9, 2016, per City staff.
- C. Update on the Pioneer development citrus planting area:
- 1. Crews are still working on the final grade. The current dirt mound will be significantly lower when the final grade is completed.
- 7. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:
- 8. Adjournment at 4:28 pm to the Next Meeting, December 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Oesterlein Commission Secretary