

CITY of REDLANDS
REGULAR STREET TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 24, 2023
MINUTES

DRAFT

Present: Chris Sedmack
Paul Hodson
Jessica Barrios
Bettina McLeod
Kelly Cubby
Katherine Vienne
Adrian Asenico

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelyn Santa Cruz

City Counsel Liaison: Eddie Tejada

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance – 5:35 pm

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Christina Haskins gave commit on a city tree located at 246 E. Pioneer that is giving her sewer problems. She was instructed to contact Erik Reeves. Tabled to next meeting. Public commit was also given in regards to the damaged street tree located at 1310 College Ave. This tree was scheduled to be removed because of the damage the tree received when a delivery truck hit it. Phil Coutney, who lives in the neighborhood asked that the tree be saved. He recommended that it be sealed and give it more time. Iris Chu gave commit about the tree and she supports older trees. She said that trees have more tenacity than humans. She would like to give the tree another year. Peter Jacquet gave commit and said that he loves trees and they can live to be 80 years old. He asked if the tree can be sealed and pruned. He committed that if the tree is removed it would be a great loss.

Kathrine Vienne stated that it is not that easy to stabilize a tree. The tree can become more of a liability if it remains. Chris Sedmack suggested to prune it seal it and keep an eye on it. Erik Reeves said sealing the wound on the removed Camphor Tree limb would be bad for the tree. Erik stated that he would have it reviewed by the City Manager for reconsideration, however, there is already an order put in for it and would let the Street Tree Committee (STC) know the status on the Camphor Tree at the next STC meeting.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 22, 2023 - Adrian Asenico motioned, Kelly Cubby 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Bettina McCloud, Kelly Cubby, Katherine Vienne and Adrian Asencio).

4. STATUS REPORTS:

A. ***Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments*** –

Erik Reeves reported that West Coast Arborist is planting replacement Parkway Trees now. They will continue to plant in the fall as weather permits.

B. ***Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview***

- Update on city parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted - Erik Reeves reported that the Crape Myrtle on the Terrace will be replaced.
- 1310 College – discussed in detail. Please see above under public comments.
- 305 E. State Street – This tree will be removed because it has root rot. Samples were taken and it has been watched for over a year. A new tree will be planted in its place.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. ***Possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual*** -

After reviewing the proposed new manual and updates, it was discovered that multiple pages were missing. Tabled until the next meeting so the STC will have time to review. A sub committee was created to oversee the review. Bettina McLeod, Kathrine Vienna and Chris Sedmack will be the sub-committee.

B. ***Discussion on heat index and affects in relation to parking lot areas and tree trimming effects.***” Kelly Cubby is going to use a different company.

Tabled to the next meeting.

C. ***Discussion on historical landmark trees:*** Tabled until next STC Meeting.

Discussion on how to notify homeowners/businesses that their parkway trees are on the Scenic and Historic Preservation Landmark Tree City Council approved List

D. ***Create a door hanger verbiage on removing poles/rubber tree bands*** –

Erik Reeves presented to the STC verbiage to use on the door hanger instructing homeowners/businesses on removing poles/rubber tree bands. Adrian Asencio made a sample door hanger regarding the use of rubber bans on trees. Tabled to next STC meeting so that the STC can review.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ***Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following location:***

1750 Somerset Lane – It was voted unanimously to keep the tree. Paul Hodson motioned, Kelly Cubby 2nd motion passed unanimously. (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Bettina McCloud, Kelly Cubby, Katherine Vienne and Adrian Asencio).

B. ***Street Tree Planting Pallet*** – Erik Reeves reported it should be on the City website by September. If anyone sees a tree to be added or removed, contact Erik Reeves know. Kathrine Vienne asked if the botanical names could be added and Erik said he would add them to the revised City Street Tree Planting Pallet.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Update on Cypress Circle planting project
- B. Update on planting replacement trees in City Parkways throughout Redlands in the Fall and Spring
- C. Discussion on removing dead trees throughout Redlands City Parkways

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:00 PM to October 23, 2023.

Submitted by Jessica Barrios, Secretary