

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of February 13, 2024  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to order at 4:00 pm - Attendance**

**Present:** Michael Day  
Roger Hardy  
Thomas Lanza  
Rollie Moore  
Heather Ross  
John Smith

**City Council:**

**FCS Staff:** Zach LaBonte, Kathleen Giorgianni, Don Crow

**Farming/Packing companies:** Al Ruiz

**Guests:** Dennis Bell,Carolynn O'Donnell, Richard O'Donnel

**2. Public Comments:** Looking for any information that comes up in relation to England Grove Document request.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of October 10, 2023, and November 14, 2023 minutes motioned by Commissioner Hardy, Commissioner Lanza seconded. Approved.

Commissioner Moore motioned to excuse Jack Steward for not attending February 13, 2024 Meeting due to medical reasons. Commissioner Day seconded. Approved.

**4. Status Reports**

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Groves that could be picked were picked for juice. 3 groves (out of core) were picked for oranges. The remaining groves were picked for juice.
- B. *Facilities & Community Services report:* 2 open positions. Will fill position off of previous job postings.
- C. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Commissioner Day comments on proximity of new orange trees planted at Prospect Park being too close together.
- D. Pump Status (Riverview Grove): Legal in developing a new co-op agreement.

**6. Old Business**

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control. Requested City to communicate to community via newspapers, website and social media regarding the Oriental Fruit Fly as well as encouraging residents to continue to treat for psyllid.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date. Carriage House is unavailable for the next 14 months so City will look for another location.
- C. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
  - a. City is anticipating a formal offer letter from Meritage next week
- D. Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine discussion

**7. New Business**

- A. England Grove orange tree varietal selection with choices of *Powell on Volk Root Stock, Cara Cara on Volk Root Stock or Barnfield on Volk Root Stock.*  
Commissioner Ross motion to order *Cara Cara on Volk Root Stock*, Commissioner Lana seconded. Approved.

**8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

**9. 4:34 pm – Adjournment to next regular meeting on March 12, 2024.**