

**CITY of REDLANDS**  
**STREET TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
**Regular Meeting MINUTES**

Present: Chris Sedmack  
Kelly Covey  
Katherine Vienne  
Jessica Barrios  
Bettina McLeod  
Paul Hodson

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Butters

City Counsel Liaison: Absent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Attendance – 5:30 pm
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 22, 2024 Regular meeting – Kelly Convey motioned, Katherine Vienne 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne).
4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
  - A. ***Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments:***  
Erik Reeves reported no new projects requiring street trees. The Redlands mall has been moved out until next year. Status on the Cypress Circle project: waiting for contractors to schedule the lights before trees can be planted. West Coast should be bringing in the replacement trees in Spring 2024 to be planted.
  - B. ***Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview - Update on city parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted*** - Erik Reeves reported City is near the end of the current Tree Trimming Budget agreement term. The STC was forwarded a short list of trees trimmed and trees removed. Erik Reeves reported on the Cypress Circle Project – lighting conduit is out-to-bid. West Coast Arborist (WCA) has the Italian Cypress trees for the project which will be planted in the Spring 2024 and once planted, the trees will be watered with gator bags. Katherine Vienne asked about a City Tree Protection Plan. Erik Reeves recommended putting a City Tree Protection Plan in the revised Street Tree Policy and Guidelines Manual. Katherine Vienne will work on this item.

Erik Reeves reported that the Bank of America tree on the corner of State St. will be replaced with the same tree as are growing on State St. Four different arborists, including 2 from ESRI, found the tree had ganaderma disease. The fencing around the removed tree has been removed and the City will be prepping the site for a new tree possibly a 60” box tree.

Erik Reeves will present to the STC verbiage to use on the door hanger notifying homeowners/businesses that their city parkway trees have been of special value to the city and are on the City's Landmark Tree list.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Discussion and possible action on Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual Draft** – Tabled until the next meeting so the STC subcommittee 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. Chris Sedmack handed out a new current copy of the draft for the sub-committee to review. Continued until next meeting.
- B. **Discussion and possible action on topic of heat index and effects** - Kelly Covey inquired about the city requirements for the heat index map. Tabled to the next meeting.
- C. **Discussion and possible action on dying historical landmark trees** – Chris Sedmack reported that homeowners whose parkway trees were nominated for the Street Tree Historical and Landmark Tree List be notified on their parkway tree(s) were picked for additional tree protection measures by the City of Redlands. The door hangers were approved by the STC with a unanimous vote. Kelly Covey motioned to approve the door hangers for the historic trees on the CC approved Historical and Landmark Tree List. Paul Hodson 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne).
- D. **Discussion and possible action on updated Street Tree Pallet – Botanical names added** - The updated Street Tree Pallet was passed unanimously. Paul Hodson motioned to approve the updated Street Tree Pallet to be put on the City's website, Jessica Barrios 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne) approved the Street Tree Pallet. It will be on the city web site soon.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Discussion and possible action on tree removal of various Oaks on 100 block of San Mateo Street** – Erik Reeves reported on Oaks which may have to be removed due to sidewalk repairs.
- B. Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following location:
  - **1659 Menlo - S1 Golden Rain Tree**. Sally Tepert, spoke about her concern with her Golden Rain Tree and how the tree roots are damaging the irrigation system in her back yard. The tree is also sprouting trees in the parkway and in the back yard. The STC suggested to use door hangers in the neighborhood to see if any other residents would like a new tree. Jessica Barrios motioned to remove the Golden Rain Tree. Paul Hodson 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne).
  - **1231 Heath Ave - F1 Pine Tree**. Robert Conrad, 1231 Heath Ave, spoke about how the Pine Tree is leaning and damaging the infrastructure. The STC voted to remove the Pine Tree. Kelly Covey motioned to remove the Pine Tree, Jessica Barrios 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Paul Hodson, Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Covey voted to remove the Pine Tree as long as the home owner agreed to replant a replacement tree from the City Street Tree Palette. Katherine Vienne and Bettina McLeod abstained from voting.

- *Al Harris Dr. - 9 Sycamore trees* – Jack Dangerman will pay to have them removed and will replant new trees. No STC vote was taken.
- *1234 San Pablo – F1 Liquidambar tree*. Coleen Choisnet spoke on the Liquidambar Tree that is damaging her sewer, side walk and infrastructure. Bettina McLeod motioned to remove the Liquidambar Tree, Paul Hodson 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne).
- *304 9<sup>th</sup> Street - 8 Oaks* – Kelly Covey motioned to keep 3 Oak trees and remove 5 Oak trees which are close to Foothill Groves new roof and the school district was concerned about the Oaks located close to a Foothill Groves building may cause roof damage to the new roof. Bettina McLeod 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion passed unanimous (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne).
- *1605 Juanita Lane - S1 Liquidambar* – tabled until next meeting. Liquidambar damaging infrastructure. Paul Hodson motion 1st and Jessica Barrios 2<sup>nd</sup> to table until next meeting so the rest of the STC members can view the tree. Motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Jessica Barrios, Paul Hodson, Bettina McLeod, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne).

## **7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- A. Discussion and possible action on removing tree on Juanita/Sunset – Liquid Ambar.
- B. Discussion on removing dead trees throughout Redlands City Parkways.
- C. Discussion and possible action on replacement trees in City Parkways through Redlands in the spring and fall.
- D. Discussion on information on the difference between Canary Island Date Palms and Phoenix Palms and benefits to the City.
- E. Update on Cypress Circle Project.
- F. Update on replanting trees on Azalea Circle.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:09 PM. Next Meeting April 25, 2024**

Attachments: Minutes of August 24, 2024

Minutes submitted by Jessica Barrios, Secretary