

CITY of REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
January 31, 2023
MINUTES

Present: Andy Hoder
Chris Sedmack
Janet Ward
Lorraine Enriquez

Excused absence: Gus Ortega
Paul Hodson
Jessica Barrios

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejada

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelynn Butters

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Attendance – 5:45 pm (Delay in Call to Order due to technical difficulties with the Zoom connection)
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 27, 2022** – Janet Ward motion, Lorraine 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Lorraine Enriquez.)
4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
 - A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* - Erik Reeves reported no new developments. Phase I grading has started on Meritage Housing Development north of the new Citrus High School. 220 trees will be planted for Phase I. Phase II is a smaller portion west of Citrus High School. In order to widen street into the development, two Eucalyptus and three Deodar trees will have to be removed.
 - B. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – See attached Tree Trimming and Tree Removal work lists for Removals/Trims for November and December 2022, and Removals/Trims for January 2023 which identifies numerous dead trees removed and parkway trees trimmed. Trees removed were at least 60% dead (the criteria for removal), three additional Deodar trees on San Mateo/Clifton, 906 Cardinal Court (Coast Live Oak), and 195 6th Street (Coast Live Oak) will be removed. 7 new Canary island Pines were planted at Sylvan Park and Ford Park – 5 24” box trees and 2 15 gallon.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. *Discussion and possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual* – Andy Hoder and Chris Sedmack, STC sub-committee, are continuing work started by Gus Ortega and Janet Ward. Tabled until February STC Meeting. The sub-committee will meet prior to the next STC Meeting to finalize the Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual before the draft is submitted to the City Council for approval (subsequent to review by FCS).

B. *Continue discussion on amending Chapter 12 of the Redlands Municipal Code* – Tabled

C. *Discussion continued on the topic of heat index and affect in relation to parking lot areas and tree trimming effects* – Tabled. (This item was based on a suggestion from Councilman/Mayor Eddie Tejeda pertaining to trees in large retail parking lots. It was pointed out that the STC has no jurisdiction over private property, but Erik said he would review the possibilities pertaining to City parking lots). Chris Sedmack to contact ESRI to obtain Heat Index Map of Redlands showing where trees could be planted in the future to mitigate surface heat.

D. *Discussion and possible action on planting policy for Crape Myrtles within city easement* – Tabled. Eric Reeves to provide policy words for planting Crape Myrtles on an as-needed basis.

E. *Discussion on the updated Street Tree List to be added to the City website* – STC to review the updated Tree List before the February STC meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Discussion on Arbor Day Event* – Eric Reeves reported for Arbor Day, April 28, Chuck Dykes from Edison will have demonstrations at Ford Park on Tree Care, Booths, Recycling, etc.

B. *Discussion and possible action on adopting policy for trimming, planting, and maintaining parking lot trees* – Duplicate agenda item. Remove item.

C. *Discussion and possible action on relocating palms blocking STOP sign on Stuart Avenue* – Andy Hoder contacted FCS and pointed out trees recently planted by a private contractor in connection with the Packing House development, which were blocking a STOP sign on Stuart Ave. Contractor was notified and subject trees have since been relocated. Remove item.

D. *Discussion and possible action on best management practices for trimming city street trees* – Chris Sedmack suggested having WCA attend the STC meeting to share their best management practices for trimming city street trees – to enlighten new STC members. Erik said he would try to get West Coast Arborists to send a representative for a future STC meeting.

E. *Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations:*

- 1006 Stickney Circle (Camphor). Dawn Simpson (owner) spoke on damage to sidewalk/driveway caused by Camphor parkway tree. She recently replaced her driveway and repaired damage. Based on input from Erik Reeves, Andy Hoder motioned to remove the subject Camphor tree, and owner agreed to replant with a new suitable tree (provided by City). Janet Ward 2nd. Motion passed unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Lorraine Enriquez.)

- 526 Hidalgo Avenue (Chinese pistache) - Homeowner spoke on Zoom on damage to sidewalk, fence, roots above ground, curb and water meter. It was noted that the tree has already been heavily trimmed (by homeowner's contractor) and currently has no green foliage. Lorraine Enriquez motioned to remove tree. Andy Hoder 2nd. Lorraine Enriquez and Andy Hoder voted to remove tree, Chris Sedmack and Janet Ward voted to keep tree. Split decision. Eric Reeves will discuss with FCS.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Update on Cypress Circle Cypress Tree removals/replanting
- B. STC 2023 Goals for the remaining year.
- C. Possible city-wide tree planting to replace removed City Parkway trees
- D. Possible planting of additional Oak Trees on Brookside Avenue in vacant spots
- E. Discussion and possible action on trees dying which are on Historical landmark CC Approved Tree List – Eric Reeves to check with Code Enforcement to notify homeowners their Parkway Trees were placed on the Tree List in hopes they will water and take care of their trees for future generations.

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:15 PM TO February 23, 2023

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary