

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of June 13, 2023  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to order at 4:02 pm - Attendance**

**Present:** Thomas Lanza Rollie Moore  
John Smith Heather Ross  
Jack Steward

**City Council:** Mario Saucedo

**FCS Staff:** Joe Bierma, Tabitha Kevari, Erik Reeves

**Farming/Packing companies:** John Gless, Al Ruiz

**Guests:** Dennis Bell, Iris Chu, 2 unknowns

- 2. Public Comments:** Iris Chu shared her concerns for City's Riverview Grove as water pump is still in repair and trees have not been watered for the past 6 weeks. This impacts other groves that share the same well. Erik Reeves communicated that City is having a fire hydrant installed and have scheduled for a water truck to be there tomorrow to water the trees.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of May 9, 2023 meeting motioned by Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Lanza seconded. Approved.

**5. Status Reports**

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Started picking Valencia at Texas, Judson, University, and Granite. Slow on domestic side, more export. Our groves have too much scar, etc. for export. Texas did 65% pack out; Judson did 70% and University and Granite at 82% with most being choice.
- B. *Farming Report:* Groves looking good. Fertilizer injection system is being upgraded at some of the groves.
- C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Link has been added to website. Commissioner Ross will review and report back at next meeting. Crew is working on irrigation and on weeds.
- D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:*
- E. Lugonia Grove replanting – Planting has been pushed to September. City is in the process of updating QR Code. Councilperson Saucedo recommended City notifies local residents of updates. Tabitha will work with Carl Baker to provide an update in the local papers.

**6. Old Business**

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date.
  - a. Tabled until Commissioner Day able to present status of coordination with Farm Bureau.
- C. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
  - a. Tabitha Kevari reported on behalf of Chris Boatman stating discussions with Ameritage going well.

**7. New Business**

- A. None

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

- A. Recommend for Citywide education outreach to present "Why Citrus is Important" Reduction of Carbon Footprint, etc

**9. 4:36 pm – Adjournment to July 11, 2023 meeting at Council Chambers.**