

**CITY of REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
Special meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023
MINUTES**

Present:

Chris Sedmack
Jessica Barrios
Paul Hodson
Kelly Cubby
Katherine Vienne
Adrian Asenico

FCS Staff:

Erik Reeves
Jocelyn Santa Cruz

1. CALL TO ORDER – Attendance – 5:30 pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: At this time, the Street Tree Committee, will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject, with jurisdiction of the Committee, which is not already scheduled on this agenda. The Committee may not discuss or take any action on any public comment made, except that the Committee members or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 23, 2023 – Kelly Cubby motion, Jessica Barrios 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Cubby, Adrian Asenico, Katherine Vienne)

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A. Election of Chair: Chris Sedmack. Kelly Cubby motion, Jessica Barrios 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Cubby, Adrian Asenico, Katherine Vienne)

B. Election of Vice-Chair: Kelly Cubby (Jessica Barrios motion, Paul Hodson 2nd. motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Cubby, Adrian Asenico, Katherine Vienne)

C. Election of Secretary: Jessica Barrios. Kelly Cubby motion, Jessica Barrios 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Cubby, Adrian Asenico, Katherine Vienne)

5. STATUS REPORTS:

- A. ***Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments*** – Erik Reeves, reported Housing development near Citrus Valley High school will be getting about 200 new trees.

Erik Reeves sent out a list of current trees that have been trimmed and removed. See attached. 80 trees to be planted along Riverbluff on Volunteer Day. Also 17 24" box trees will be planted in Israel Beal Park using Measure T @100 new trees.

Still planning and waiting for a date for the Arbor Day event. Locations to be considered: Ford Park or Sylvan Park.

6. COMMUNICATION – Erik Reeves reported STC Meeting Format to remain the same

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ***Possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual*** – New members will need an updated copy of Street Tree Committee Policy and Guidelines Manual. It will need to be approved by the City Council. Erik Reeves to send DRAFT electronic copy to all of the STC Members to make corrections/changes/additions

B. ***Discussion on heat index and affects in relation to parking lot areas and tree trimming effects***: Chris Sedmack contacted ESRI. We received a handout "Street Trees and Heat Islands in Redlands". Kelly Cubby will contact a company to get a map of heat index. To include mapping temperatures incorporated into software, benefits of trees to cool Heat Islands and schedules for planting tree areas within City Parkway easements

C. ***Discussion and possible action on planting policy for Crape Myrtle within city easement including policy verbiage review*** - Erik Reeves handed out a sample City policy verbiage regarding future plantings of Palms and Crape Myrtles within the City of Redlands will be added to the updated Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual. Kelly Cubby motion, Jessica Barrios 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Cubby, Adrian Asenico, Katherine Vienne)

D. ***Discussion on historical landmark trees: Create a door hanger for neighborhoods that have special landmark trees.*** Erik to work with Code Enforcement to create door hanger to inform homeowners that their City parkway Tree has been designated as a special landmark tree and to inform them as to how to take care of their tree/s.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

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

- 110 Kenwood Dr – Liquidambar – Chris Sedmack motion to keep Liquidambar. Motion passed. (Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Kelly Cubby, Katherine Vienne to keep, Adrian Asenico to remove)
- 1239 Occidental Dr – Indian Laurel fig – Adrian Asenico motion to remove Indian laurel fig, Paul Hoder 2nd. Motion passed (Paul Hodson, Jessica Barrios, Katherine Vienne, Adrian Asenico to remove, Chris Sedmack and Kelly Cubby to keep)

B. Discussion and possible action on planting additional oak trees on Brookside Ave – Erik Reeves to come up with planting scope-of-work for additional trees on Brookside Ave to be funded by the Redlands Horticultural and Improvement Society

C. Discussion and possible action on forming a subcommittee for future projects -

Chris Sedmack passed out sample Goals idea for STC members to discuss. STC to review and create new Goals list.

9. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Possible planting of additional Oak Trees on Brookside Avenue in vacant spots.
- B. Create subcommittee with members for possible future projects.
- C. Invite Edison representative to come and share information on the shaping and trimming Edison Policies for City Parkway trees. Kelly Cubby might be able to share.
- D. City Street Tree Pallett update – to be handed out to STC member for input
- E. Discussion and update on Cypress Circle Cypress Trees removals
- F. Possible city-wide tree planting to replace removed City Parkway Trees

10. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:15 PM to June 22, 2023.

Submitted by Jessica Barrios (in training secretary)/Chris Sedmack, Secretary