

CITY of REDLANDS
REGULAR STREET TREE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 16, 2023
MINUTES

Present: Chris Sedmack
Kelly Cubby
Katherine Vienne
Adrian Asenico

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelyn Santa Cruz

City Counsel Liaison: Absent

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Attendance – 5:35 pm

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joe Sidor, 1750 Somerset Lane – spoke about his concern with a St. Mary’s Magnolia and the tree lifting his water meter box in the city parkway. The STC had this location on the August 24, 2023 Agenda and the members voted unanimously to keep the tree. Erik Reeves will contact the City Street Tree Coordinator and follow up with the homeowner. Erik Reeves commented that all trees in city parkways are protected trees. Erik Reeves will have the city remove roots and move and reset the water meter box.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 24, 2023 Regular Meeting - Adrian Asenico motioned, Kelly Cubby 2nd - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Kelly Cubby, Katherine Vienne, Adrian Asencio).

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. In-N-Out Burger by Citrus Plaza will have no parkway trees. The Redlands Mall Project is a future project and will have new perimeter trees.

 - B. ***Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview - Update on city parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted*** - Erik Reeves reported City has used up all of it’s 2023 Tree Trimming Budget. The STC was provided 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 Street. Four different arborists, including 2 from Jack Dangermond, found the tree has 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.

Adrian Asenico created a door hanger verbiage on removing poles/rubber tree bands – tabled until next STC meeting so the STC can review.

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

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ***Discussion and Possible action on Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual Draft*** – Tabled until the next meeting so the STC 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.
- B. ***Discussion and possible action on topic of heat index and effects*** - Kelly Cubby inquired about the city requirements for the heat index map. Tabled to the next meeting. Chris Sedmack commented that the map was an aid to the city to show heat zones which could use additional cooling canopy trees.
- C. ***Discussion and possible action on dying historical landmark trees*** - Tabled until next STC Meeting for revised verbiage to reflect "Landmark Trees".
- D. ***Discussion and possible action on updated Street Tree Pallett*** – Tabled until next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ***Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following location:***
 - 144 Channing St – Holly Oak – Kelly Cubby motioned to keep the Holly Oak, Katherine Vienne 2nd – motion passed unanimously to keep the Holly Oak (Chris Sedmack, Kelly Cubby, Katherine Vienne, Adrian Asenico).
 - 1530 Dwight St, 1623 Elizabeth St, 1538 Dwight St, 1524 Dwight St – Silk Oaks – Adrian Asenico motioned to keep the Silk Oak Trees on Dwight St and Elizabeth St. Kelly Cubby 2nd. City staff to work with residents for a resolution to the uplifted brick border which the trees are planted in.
 - 1614 Eddy Ct – Chris Sedmack motioned to keep the Pine Tree, Adrian Asenico 2nd. Motion passed to keep the Pine Tree (Chris Sedmack, Katherine Vienne, Adrian Asenico to keep Pine Tree, Kelly Cubby voted to remove tree).

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 fall and spring.
 - D. Discussion on information on the difference between Canary Island Date Palms and Phoenix Palms and benefits to the City.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:05 PM** to January date to be determined for Special
STC Meeting

Submitted by Chris Sedmack