

**CITY of REDLANDS**  
**STREET TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 27, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

Present: Chris Sedmack  
Kelly Covey  
Katherine Vienne  
Jessica Barrios  
Bettina McLeod  
Adrian Asencio

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Butters

City Counsel Liaison: Absent

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 25, 2024 Regular meeting – Adrian Asencio motioned, Jessica Barrios 2<sup>nd</sup> - motion passed unanimously (Chris Sedmack, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne, Jessica Barrios, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Asencio).

4. **STATUS REPORTS:**

A. ***Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments:***  
Erik Reeves reported small development across from Citrus Valley High School is using the City of Redlands new tree pallet and will be planting 44 Parkway trees.

B. ***Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview - Update on city parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted*** - Erik Reeves provided list of 100 trees to West Coast Arborist (WCA) who will be starting to plant the trees shortly. The new trees are insured and monitored for 3 years. The new city guidelines are 7 feet width for parkways. Door hangers are provided to home owners when a tree is being removed to see if the City could plant new replacement trees. Erik Reeves sent lists of number of trees removed/trimmed for May and June 2024 to STC members.

- Erik Reeves reported that the giant Magnolia tree on Cypress and Center Street, listed on the City Council approved Street Tree Historical and Landmark Tree List, has rot at the base of the tree. Possible removal of the tree because it has become hazardous. Erik Reeves will contact homeowner Paul Morris about this tree. On Center Street and North Place, a big Cedar tree lost two limbs and the clean-up crew came and cleaned it up and performed a crown reduction. City replanted trees on Wabash Avenue and updated the city website.

- Cypress Circle- paused because they are waiting for parts for the lighting. The trees should be planted in the fall. Azalea Court – Erik Reeves contacting owners in that cul-de-sac on whether they want new trees.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. ***Discussion and possible action on Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual draft*** – Tabled until the next meeting so the sub-committee can meet to work on the manual.
- B. ***Discussion and possible action on topic of heat index and effects*** - Kelly Covey applied for a sample Heat Island Index Map templet through NOAA. Kelly Covey will look at how other cities use their Heat Island Index Masterplans which the City of Redlands could use to devise their own and use Redlands water guidelines. More information at the August STC Meeting.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. ***Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following location:***

1000 Dearborn Ave. – Liquidambar - Homeowner spoke and told the STC that the tree was a hazard and too big for the parkway. Jessica Barrios motioned to remove, replace and repair infrastructure and replace with 2 smaller trees. Kelly Covey 2nd – motion was tied between the 6 STC Members. (Chris Sedmack, Katherine Vienne, Adrian Asencio voted to keep Liquidambar. Jessica Barrios, Betina McLeod and Kelly Covey voted to remove). Decision will go to Facilities and Management Department.
- B. 412 E. Palm - Jacaranda – Judy Maheiser, friend of home owner, informed the STC that the tree drops to many leaves into the homeowner’s pool. This causes health issues for the home owner (Linda). She is an elderly lady. As a result, she cannot swim in the pool because of all the chemicals needed to clean up the pool. The tree can be replaced with another smaller tree. Kelly Covey motioned to remove the Jacaranda, Adrian Asencio 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion to remove the Jacaranda passed unanimously. (Chris Sedmack, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne, Jessica Barrios, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Asencio).
- C. 1703 Alta Street – Holly Oak - Betina McLeod motioned to keep the Holly Oak. Motion passed unanimously. (Chris Sedmack, Kelly Covey, Katherine Vienne, Jessica Barrios, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Asencio). Eric Reeves to drop doorhangers on Alta Street and adjacent streets to see if homeowners/renters was new Street Trees.
- D. 1610 Clay Street - Desert Willow- Kelly Covey motioned to remove the tree. Jessica Barrios 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chris Sedmack, Kelly Covey, Kathrine Vienne, Jessica Barrios, Bettina McLeod voted to remove the Desert Willow. Adrian Asencio voted to keep the tree. Motion to remove the Desert Willow passed 5 - 1. Door hangers will be dropped off with home owners requesting for more trees on the streets of Clay, Washington, and Ohio. The Desert Willow will be removed and not replanted due to no irrigation in City Parkway.

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

- A. Discussion and possible action/status on dying historical landmark trees doorhangers – Chris Sedmack reported that homeowners whose parkway trees were City Council approved for the Street Tree Historical and Landmark Tree List, be notified that their parkway tree(s) were picked for additional tree protection measures by the City Council. The door hangers were approved by the STC with a unanimous vote.
- B. Invite West Coast Arborist to the August 22 STC Meeting.

- C. Discussion and possible action on City Policy to set standard for Tree Trimming Schedules during breeding seasons. Possibility of City hiring biologist to check trees for nests BEFORE trimming City Parkway and Park trees.
- D. Discussion and possible action on Cypress Circle Project, Azalea Court and Eureka Avenue replanting's.
- E. Discussion and possible action on Status of replanting City Parkway Trees throughout Redlands.
- F. Discussion and Possible Action on Oak Borer Infestations.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:10 PM. Next meeting August 22, 2024

Submitted by Jessica Barrios, Secretary