

**CITY of REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2022
MINUTES**

Present: Andy Hoder*
Chris Sedmack
Janet Ward
Paul Hodson
Jessica Barrios
Lorraine Enriquez

*Andy Hoder had to leave at 6:15 due to prior engagement

Absent: Gus Ortega (excused)

Council Liaison: Absent

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelyn Butters (Santa Cruz)

Visitor: Tom Holcomb, homeowner
Steve Nawar, homeowner

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Attendance – 5:40 pm

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 25, 2022 – Paul Hodson motion, Janet Ward 2nd -- Motion passed unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Paul Hodson, Lorraine Enriquez).

4. **STATUS REPORTS:**
 - A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves, reported small housing tracts at Sports Park, Wabash/Colton, next to Citrus Valley High School, next to Moore Junior High (30 houses and relocated 2 Palms for entrance to new project.) Erik Reeves reported the tree trimming budget for 2 years is \$1.2 million per year.

Chris Sedmack asked about the dead and dying Cypress Trees along entire Cypress Circle due to residents calling. Erik Reeves reported that there is no water line going to the Cypress Trees, that the cut-out boxes in the planting areas are too small, the trees were stressed and the repaving of the entire Cypress Circle contributed to the trees dying. All the Cypress trees will be removed soon and replanted with new box Cypress trees in Spring 2023. Chris Sedmack asked if the residents could be notified as to what is going on. Some residents would like to save their Cypress Trees. Chris Sedmack asked why this project did not come before the Street Tree Committee.

- B. Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS) – Update on City parkway trees *trimmed, removed, or planted* – See attached Tree Trimming and Tree Removal work list for August, September, October 1 – October 25, 2022. Erik Reeves reported new trees planted at Tennessee/Colton Blvd (Chitalpa trees planted and cut-out box areas were created for new trees), Railway Station – ESRI planted hybrid palms.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *Discussion and possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual* – Tabled. Janet Ward reviewed document and found errors. Janet Ward will get with Andy Hoder.
- B. *Discussion continued to amend Chapter 12 of the Redlands Municipal Code* – Erik Reeves will get with Andy Hoder to provide rough draft by next STC meeting
- C. *Discussion on heat index and affects in relation to parking lot areas and tree trimming effects*: Chris Sedmack reported that Eddie Tejada asked that the STC consider adopting a new policy of recommendation to area businesses on proper tree trimming/over lacing of trees in parking lots. Reduces effectiveness of shade in commercial parking lots. Chris Sedmack contacted City of Clairmont to check their Private Property Codes. Chris Sedmack is working on the words. To be submitted to Eddie Tejada to be brought up to City Council for review and possible action. Continued.
- D. *Discussion and possible action on planting policy for Crape myrtles within Redlands city easements* – Erik Reeves added new verbiage/wording to implement into the policy of planting new Crape Myrtles on Case Specific basis. Continued.
- E. *Discussion on the updated Street tree list to be added to the website* – Erik Reeves will provide updated Street Tree list to STC Members by email for comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Discussion and possible action on Arbor Day planting* - Arbor day project: 2 days set aside for planting. One in summer (replacement trees to be planted for the summer are Crape Myrtles on the Terrace. Fall replacement trees to be planted are Cedars on Eureka Street. Janet Ward will contact local newspapers for publicity. Erik Reeves will get dates for Arbor Day planting.
- B. *Discussion and possible action on adopting policy for trimming, planting, and maintaining parking lot trees* – Duplicate Agenda Item. Remove.
- C. *Discussion and possible action on best management practices for trimming city street trees* – Table – Erik Reeves will have WCA share with us best management practices for trimming city street trees.
- D. *Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations* –
 - 244 Greenbriar Ct (magnolia) sewer backing up (emailed request by resident Tom Holcombe) – Complaint was roots in sewer. Chris Sedmack and Janet Ward said could put root killer in sewer pipes, or sleeve sewer. According to STC Policy and Maintenance Manual roots in sewer is not reason for tree removal. Chris Sedmack said even if tree is removed,

homeowner's sewer pipe is still broken, homeowner is responsible for sewer pipes from certain point back to house. Erik Reeves recommended removal of healthy magnolia. Andy Hoder motioned to remove Magnolia tree and replace with 2 replacement trees approved by Erik Reeves. Lorraine Enriquez seconded. (Andy Hoder, Paul Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez approved, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward disapproved.) Motion passed.

- 1602 Alta Street (coast live oak) lifting sidewalk, fence damage, roots in sewer – Homeowner reported hazard, damage to fence, sidewalk damage, roots in sewer. Erik Reeves recommended removal due to lost main tree leader branch of tree, sewer offset. Chris Sedmack commented that there is another stump from a large removed tree in front yard and no proof that City Parkway Tree roots were the problem. Andy Hoder motioned to remove Coast Live Oak and homeowner to replace with city approved street tree(s). (Andy Hoder, Paul Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez, Janet Ward approved, Chris Sedmack disapproved.) Motion passed.
- 1023 Cimmaron Court (Calabrian pine – Erik Reeves recommended to not remove tree. Chris Sedmack commented on tree away from Water line, small sidewalk repair, and remove signs on this Pine Tree and the rest of Pine Trees on the block as not allowed per code. Chris Sedmack made motion to keep Pine Tree, repair sidewalk and remove signs posted on trees. Janet Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Paul Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez.) Motion passed.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Discussion and possible action on update on Cypress Circle Cypress Trees removals
- B. STC 2022 Accomplishments
- C. STC 2023 Goals
- D. Possible city-wide tree planting to replace removed City Parkway Trees
- E. Have WCA attend the STC meeting to share their best management practices for trimming city street trees
- F. Discussion and possible action on update of dead Cedar trees on Eureka Street between Palm/Fern
- G. Discussion and possible action on update of oak trees on Brookside Avenue
- H. Discussion and possible action on trees dying which are on Historical Landmark CC Approved Tree list – San Mateo/Clifton

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:45 PM TO December 2022 to be announced

Submitted by Chris Sedmack