# CITY OF REDLANDS CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of October 12, 2021 MINUTES

1. Call to order at 4:10 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair

Bill Oesterlein Rolland Moore Heather Ross Jack Steward

City Council: Jenna Guzman-Lowery

FCS Staff: Chris Boatman

Zach LaBonte Kathleen Gorgianni

Farming/Packing companies: John Gless, Jim Layes

Guests: Iris Chu, Dennis Bell, Sandra Szwaal

#### 2. Public Comments:

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Moore motioned to approve September 14minutes. Commissioner Ross motioned to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 4. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* All crops completed in August 2021. Net profit and loss request will be provided by City Staff. Potential export market is still impacted by container shortage. Sunkist is looking at charter vessels to offset.
- B. Farming report by John Gless: John is meeting in the field weekly with City staff. Jacinto will begin suckering. Adding water to Riverwood & Jacinto Memorial groves.
- C. Facilities & Community Services report: Skirting, pruned and topped Texas. Completing skirting of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Some is still left to complete on Lugonia and Granite. Sessum bubblers to fan jets.
- D. Individual Commissioner Reports: Overall groves are looking good.
- E. 10 year citrus plan: Commissioner Oesterlein requested updated financials from May 2021 onwards.

## 5. Old Business

- A. Continue update and discussion on education material mailer. ACP material sent out in last bill. Still need to incorporate QR code.
- B. Continue discussion and possible action on replanting of Lugonia, Informal quote of \$67K for grinding and replacing 1925 trees. Commission has requested staff for formal bid on grinding and planting Lugonia grove. Chair Day motioned to have City Council to direct staff to bid the acquisition of +/- 1800 trees (possible commodity Washington navel and grapefruit). Commissioner Oesterlein seconded. Unanimously passed. Chair Day motioned to have City Council direct staff to bid on the mastication of existing trees in the Lugonia Grove. Commissioner Oesterlein seconded. Unanimously passed.
- D. Continue discussion and possible action on request for proposal for ACP spraying. Table until next meeting
- E. Continue discussion and possible action on the Commission's role in private development applications.

### 6. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding maintaining packing houses in the area.
- B. Presentation by San Bernardino Co ACP/HLB Grower Liaison
- C. Discussion on proposed Sub Committee for small growers.

  Can meet as long as 3 or less committee members present
- 7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- 8. 5:29 pm Adjournment to the November 9, 2021 meeting at Council Chambers

Minutes submitted by City of Redlands staff.