

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of January 12, 2021  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to order at 4:03 pm - Attendance**

**Present:** Michael Day, Chair  
Bill Oesterlein  
Heather Ross  
Rolland Moore

**Absent:**  
Kyle Kenison  
Libb Cook

**QOL Staff:** Erik Reeves  
Zach Labonte  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

**Farming/Packing companies:** Al Ruiz  
Jim Layes  
Roy Bettencourt  
John Gless

**Guests:** none

This was conducted as a hybrid teleconference meeting in the Facilities & Community Services Department, Civic Center 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California.

In compliance with public health recommendations to limit public gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic and acting as the City of Redlands Emergency Services Director, City Manager Charles M. Duggan Jr., directed meetings of the City of Redlands be closed to the public until further notice or until the current local State of Emergency has been lifted. Public comments, up to 250 words and received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting, were read aloud by the Commission Chair.

**2. Public comments:** No public comments were received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** approval of minutes of the special meeting of December 8, 2020, were approved; a motion from Commissioner Oesterlein, seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion carried.

**4. Status Reports**

A. *Packinghouse report:* Jim Layes reported that exports would be going out the following week; as expected, there are continued delays thought due to the pandemic. Not too many navals but trying to get as many in inventory. University Grove will not be picked; Chinas has over purchased but domestic load is still available.

B. *Farming report by Larry Jacinto Farming Incorporated:* Irrigation was completed, picked and skirted West Riverview, University Grove, City Best and Lugonia. Watering will start the following week on smaller trees.

C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Zach reported that a purchase order was issued to the contractor for work to begin at Mt. View Grove; however, there has been delays due to the pandemic. Erik provided update that John Gless' contract is in place; Larry will be less active in future meetings. Commissioner Oesterlein asked what the progress was on logging missing trees. Staff informed commission that West Coast Arborist is currently working on this.

D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Commissioner Ross asked about the status on Olive Grove. See Old Business for update.

- E. *10 year citrus plan*: Commissioner Oesterlein commented that he would like to see data under the finance system from July to December 2020.

**5. Old Business**

- A. Commission would like to see the utility memo distributed before spring. Staff will check with the appropriate committee to ensure this can be done.
- B. Staff updated the commission that the vendor is working on the scope of work for the replanting Texas and Palmetto Groves.
- C. Olive Avenue Grove options were brought up by Commissioner Ross on whether a non-profit organization might be able to maintain the parcel. A suggestion from staff was for the Commission to also come up with ideas to possibly present to the community. Commission Oesterlein suggested that staff reach out to surrounding neighbors of the grove via a survey monkey type method. Staff will bring this up to the department director. Commissioner Oesterlein motioned to explore different options to reach out to the community to solicit their sentiment; provide exploratory questions to Commission prior to posting. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Next meeting agenda items**

- A. Continue discussion and update on educational material
- B. Continue discussion and possible action on replanting of Texas and Palmetto grove
- C. Continue discussion and possible action on options for alternate uses for the Olive Avenue grove
- D. Discussion and possible action on the ACP spraying request for proposal

**7. 5:02 pm - Adjournment to February 2021 meeting**

Minutes submitted by City of Redlands staff.