

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of May 10, 2022
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:13 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair
Roger Hardy
Rolland Moore
Heather Ross
Marc Shaw
Jack Steward

City Council:

FCS Staff: Zach LaBonte (via Zoom), Tricia Swope, Chris Boatman

Farming/Packing companies: Jim Layes

Guests: Dennis Bell, Iris Chu, Richard O'Donnell (via Zoom), Phil (Redlands Community News)

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Shaw motioned to accept April 12, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Hardy motioned to second.

4. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Villa Park picked the only has late navels to pick on 5th Avenue which will be completed by end of week. Valencias will only be remaining. Navel market good. Prices are good and carry through as long as can. Export market still a struggle with ports. Both Sunkist and Choice markets are good. Grapefruit is so-so. Prices have lowered to spur movement (perhaps because of cost of freight).
- B. *Farming report by John Gless:* John not present.
- C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Things are looking on field. Lots of irrigation and weeding. Bid went out for skirting and suckering today.
- D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* no issues. Suckers are Gateway Grove are popping up.

5. Election of Officers

- A. Nominations for office of chair:
 - Commissioner Shaw nominate Michael Day as Chair. Commissioner Steward 2nd
 - Commissioner Hardy nominates Heather Ross as Chair.
 - Michael Day elected as Chair for 1 year term.
- B. Nominations for Vice Chair -
 - Commissioner Moore nominated Heather Ross as Vice Chair, Commissioner Hardy 2nd.
 - Heather Ross elected as Vice Chair for 1 year term.
- C. Nominations Secretary –
 - Thomas Lanza was elected as secretary

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding type of citrus variety for Lugonia replanting
Staff is planning on bidding out late summer to get trees for planting. Line item for both varieties (Washington and Late Navels) and bid out by next meeting with availability and a timeline delivery. 2nd bid would include planting and irrigation (based on tree delivery). Demo trees would be included in 3rd bid. By July meeting may have first wave of bid results.

- B. Review of Citrus Division Fund balance (attachment C). We are at balance, close to the same as last year. Any shortfall would come from Palmetto Grove fund.
- C. Report from subcommittee for items related to private commercial groves.
Commissioner Ross shared a consolidated document highlighting mission statement, resolutions, and key components of Citrus Preservation Commission roles and duties.
 - a. Climate Change Group and Street Tree Committee Group could partner together (Eddy Tejada and Paul Barrich are Tree Commission Liaisons)
 - b. Commissioner Shaw suggested to informally share the raw document to council members for discussion and support. Tricia Swope will include as action item to Council.

7. New Business

- A. Presence of City Council representation in Citrus Preservation Commission Meeting
Jenna Guzman-Lowry has not attended a meeting since late 2021. Christ Boatman stated Council police themselves for attendance to meetings and City staff are not involved in Council attendance. However, it is an adopted Resolution 4783 in November of 1991 to regularly attend meetings.
 - a. Commissioner Shaw will speak with Mick Gallagher; Commissioner Day will speak with Paul Barich
- B. England Estate Grove
Christ Boatman stated England Estate has been subdivided (large house with some trees; parcel around small house with small trees and majority of grove to be permanently conserved). Larry Jacinto is to install new fan jet system, hedging spraying, and new irrigation systems and weeding. On a staff level, there could be a possibility for an exchange agreement with City and Redlands water company to repair lines.

8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A. Farm Bureau Executive Director (Maggie O'Neill) to make presentation in March or April meeting. San Bernardino ACP task force new AG Commissioner (Angela) to give quick update. (grower list for citrus)
- B. Regular Presence of City Council at Citrus Commission Meetings
- C. England Estate Update

9. 5:31 pm – Adjournment to June 14, 2022 meeting at Council Chambers.