

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Bill Oesterlein Peter Buoye
Rolland Moore Jack Steward Michael Day

City Staff: Andy Ortiz Jon Harrison Rick Cross
Will

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Roy Bettencourt

Guests: Dennis Bell Pamela Miller

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of April 11, 2017, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
 - A. Packing House Report – Roy provided the following updates:
 1. Roy provided a handout detailing the pack out summary to date, by grove.
 2. One GF grove (Mullen) and two Valencia groves (Palmetto, Texas) remain to be harvested.
 3. The Valencia market is strong right now, the best in several years.
 4. The GF market is slow right now, especially the domestic side.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. The two new groves (West Riverview, and West Redlands Gateway), along with the new area at Reservoir, were planted in early April.
 2. The damaged water lines have been replaced at various sites.
 3. The City's non-potable water line at Texas has been hooked up.
 4. Most of the spring insect sprays have been completed, except for Prospect.

5. As Roy reported, most of the fruit has been harvested for the season.
6. Chuck will check on the leaking valve at Lugonia.

C. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. Peter reported that the newly replaced valve at Lugonia appears to be leaking again.

D. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. More details on a spreadsheet detailing relevant facts about each grove will be presented at a future meeting.

5. Old Business:

A. None:

6. New Business:

A. Planting Subcommittee Guidelines:

1. Rick reported that the guidelines have been submitted to Planning for review and comment.

B. Fencing for two new Groves:

1. West Riverview – Rick reported that the costs to fence the property would be about \$19,000, plus an additional \$3,000 - \$4,000 for barb wire. The funds would come from the Palmetto account. The commission made a motion and it seconded and passed to recommend to the City that the grove should be fenced, without the barb wire, and that the funds should come from the Palmetto account.

2. West Redlands Gateway – The City is still waiting for a decision from SANBAG on the extent of any fencing that they may provide for the grove as part of the transportation corridor and the proximity to the railroad and highway.

C. Verizon Tower:

1. City staff (Will) gave a presentation of a proposed cell tower for Verizon that would be located in the Mullen grove. A handout was prepared for the Commission members showing the details of the proposed tower and its location within the grove.

2. Up to 12 trees would be lost due to construction of the tower, but the lease revenue from the tower would more than make up for the production losses.

3. After reviewing the details, the Commission made a motion to recommend to the City that they forward the plan for approval to the Planning Commission, with the following revisions: The landscape trees proposed around the wall should be removed and the CPC should have access to the gate located at the street. The motion was seconded and approved.

7. Future agenda items for consideration:

A. Update on the citrus Pool revenue for year to date.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

9. The Next Meeting date will be June 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary