

## Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the City Manager’s Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 200, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Peter Buoye, Chair Bill Oesterlein Andrew Irvin

Rolland Moore Gary McCormick Jack Steward

City Staff: Ashley Johnson Rick Cross Jon Harrison

Kelsey Gormley

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills Daryl Perricone

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:58 pm.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. The minutes of October 13, 2015, meeting was approved as written, with corrections to the spelling of Jon Harrison and Kelsey Gormley. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
  - A. Packing House Report: Daryl provided the following updates:
    1. The Navel orange season for California began the middle of October.
    2. The local Navel orange harvest should begin in early December for the University, Riverview, and Lugonia groves.
    3. The Navel fruit sizes seem to be increasing locally, as the weather starts to turn. This year looks like the fruit size will be larger than last season and the yields per acre should be higher.
    4. Grower letters have been sent to the farm managers regarding the treatment protocols for fruit destined for export to China and treatment protocols for ACP.
    5. The Chinese New Year will be in early February next year, so fruit will have to be harvested by the end of December to make the market.
  - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:

1. ACP treatments and FrostGuard sprays have begun, along with an Cooper treatments at a higher application rate.
2. Gibb applications have begun on the early season Navels.
3. Pre-emergent weed sprays will begin as soon as there is enough soil moisture.
4. With the dry weather, irrigation of the groves in ongoing.
5. Multiple weed applications may be necessary this year.

C. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. The Lugonia grove continues to show increased levels of Phytophthora this year, primarily due to the weather and the mix of old and young trees.
2. The fencing issue surrounding the I-10 grove will go to the City Council in early December.

D. CPC Meeting Time Change Discussion:

1. After comments from City staff, the motion and approval to move the meeting time from 4 pm to 3 pm was rescinded. According to City staff, all Commission meetings must occur no early than 4 pm to allow for public participation. The meeting time will remain at 4 pm.

E. Sunny Side Ave Purchase Discussion:

1. The location was recently the subject of a possible Health care facility. That deal fell through after a public scooping meeting.
2. The current owner has the 5.5 acres listed for sale at \$1.1 M.
3. The current owner apparently sold off the water rights to the property.
4. Without a water source, the commissioners thought it best to pass on acquiring this location.

5. Old Business:

A. Prospect Park Re-Planting Project Update:

1. The City Council voted 3 to 2 at a recent meeting to go ahead with the replanting project.
2. Planning meetings to discuss the project will begin in early December; The QOL department will lead the meetings.

6. Future agenda items:

A. Cabling at the Mt. View grove location

B. Other possible locations for new groves

7. Many of the Citrus Preservation Commission members expressed their appreciation for all the hard work Larry Jacinto Farming has put into maintaining the City groves the last several years.
8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.
9. The Next Meeting date will be December 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary