

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of May 9, 2023
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:02 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair Roger Hardy
Thomas Lanza Rollie Moore
Heather Ross John Smith
Jack Steward

City Council: Not present

FCS Staff: Chris Boatman, Kathleen Giorgianni, Tabitha Kevari, Erik Reeves

Farming/Packing companies: John Gless, Al Ruiz

Guests: Dennis Bell, Andy Holder, Steve Stockton

2. Public Comments: No public comments

3. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of April 11, 2023 meeting motioned by Commissioner Steward, Commissioner Moore seconded. Approved.

5. Status Reports

- A. *Packinghouse report:* Finished packing 61 bins of late navels from City Texas and 210 bins from City 5th. Only Valencias left to pick. University Grove is light. Shipping to Taiwan and Japan. Lots of navels in the market.
- B. *Farming Report:* Groves looking good. Spraying will begin next week.
- C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Erik is busy on irrigation. Crew has been working on weeds.
- D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* .

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action related to options to provide homeowners with maintenance support, including systematic pest control.
 - a. Commissioner Ross suggested City provide 3-4 simple options on their website with steps/links for homeowners to protect and treat their citrus from ACP. Refer to CPCDC website for options of disease prevention
- B. Discussion and possible action of Farm Bureau's seminars to be held at the Carriage House and determine date.
 - a. Commissioner Day will follow up with Farm Bureau to coordinate.
- C. Lugonia Grove replanting discussion.
 - a. City has banners up and door hangers shared in neighborhood. Mastication of trees will commence May 22, 2023. Replanting should occur 1 month after. Zach met with Redlands Fire and footprint of 1 acre will be offset further to the east and not adjacent to the corner of homes. City in discussion with a small landlocked parcel owner on California regarding deeding property to City. Chris to provide Commission with size of property in discussion at next meeting.
- D. Discussion and possible action related to England Estate Citrus Grove.
 - a. Chris is in communication with Meritage Homes regarding water issues to Grove. It was stated that the only reason the city should take on this grove (if offered) is if the Grove was replanted and viable with modern fan-jet irrigation. Chris to contact the company to discuss options for possible acquisition.

7. New Business

A.

8. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A. None presented.

9. 5:24 pm – Adjournment to June 12, 2023 meeting at Council Chambers.