

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A, Redlands, are as follows:

<u>Members:</u>	Bill Oesterlein	Michael Day	Kyle Kenison
	Jack Steward	Rolland Moore	
<u>City Staff:</u>	Jocelynn Santa Cruz	Erik Reeves	Zach LaBonte
	Joe Bierma	Chris Boatman	James Garland
	Toni Momberger		

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell Heather Ross

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm by Chairman Day.
 - A. City staff introduced the newest Commissioner, Kyle Kenison, who then introduced himself. The rest of the Commissioners and City staff conducted self-introductions.
 - B. It was noted that Bob Crim has not attended a meeting in at least 9 months. The group was informed that Bob had moved out of state. City staff will look at replacing him on the Commission.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the May 14, 2019, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – No PH rep. Chuck provided the following updates:
 1. The GF at Mt. View have been harvested. The GF at Mullin are small.
 2. The Val's at University have been harvested. The fruit is small at the other groves.
 3. The juice price for Val's is expected to be less than half the price last year.
 - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:

1. Topping and hedging will be done at Prospect Park and Olive.
2. The spring ACP treatment spray has been completed.
3. Skirt pruning and weed control work should begin soon.

C. Quality of Life Staff Report –Erik and Zach provided the following updates:

1. At Mt. View, Edison is almost finished with the tower work.
2. At the West Redlands Gateway grove, an irrigation valve in the railroad right of way will need to be moved.
3. CDFA is interested in hosting ACP/HLB public sessions.

D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. A few hot days in early June precipitated the first fruit drop of the year.

E. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. City staff presented a memo with explanations to questions asked at the May meeting. City staff will update the spreadsheet one more time to cover a seven-year span, include the PH costs, and eliminate capital expenditures and grove fund transfers.

5. New Business:

A. Discussion and consideration for replanting under-performing City groves.

1. After reviewing the latest financial data for each of the groves, a motion was made to plant Lemons at the City waste water location and re-plant Lemons at the Texas and Palmetto grove sites. M/S/P.

6. Future agenda items for consideration:

1. Discussion and consideration for re-planting the lower 11 acres at Prospect Park.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

8. The Next Meeting date will be July 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary