

## Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, September 12, 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 Bob Crim Libbern Cook

Rolland Moore Jack Steward Michael Day

City Staff: Andy Ortiz Jon Harrison Rick Cross

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

Guests: Dennis Bell Pam Miller

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. The minutes of July 11, 2017, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
  - A. Packing House Report – Roy (CCC):
    1. Roy submitted his report via email. See handout.
  - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
    1. The ACP treatments will finish this week.
    2. Most of the current activities are focused on watering and weeds.
    3. The Gibb sprays for the early season Navels groves will begin in October.
    4. The water filters at Judson need to be replaced. The adjacent property under development will benefit from the replacement as well. **The CPC recommends that the City split the cost of the filter replacement between the City grove and the adjacent property. M/S/P.**
    5. The Citrus Pest Disease and Prevention Committee (CPDPC) will be meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the SB CO Ag. Comm. Office to discuss the future of residential ACP treatments. Chuck urged all concerned growers to attend the meeting.
    6. Chuck mentioned that growers in the East Valley area were in the beginning stages of

forming a local citrus pest control district. Petitions have been sent to all commercial citrus orchard owners to solicit interest levels in forming such a district. City staff reported receiving petitions for the City owned groves. **The CPC recommends that the City support the formation of a local citrus pest control district. M/S/P.**

C. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. Jack walked a number of groves recently and was pleased with the overall condition of the groves. He noted some weeds, which were expected due to last winter's rains.

2. Right now, the crop appears to be lighter than usual but with good fruit size.

3. The new valve at Lugonia appears to be working properly at this time.

D. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. The beginnings of a plan were distributed to the group for comment, and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Old Business:

A. CPC Planting Guidelines:

1. Discussion on the guidelines was postponed until next month so that relevant City staff could be in attendance.

6. New Business:

A. New CPC Member:

1. Libbern Cook introduced himself to the group. He was recently appointed by the City Manager to fill the open position on the Commission. Welcome Libb!

B. Update on Citrus revenue YTD:

1. Presentation by City staff has been postponed until next month.

7. Future agenda items for consideration:

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

B. Planting Guidelines review with City Department staff.

C. Meeting schedule frequency.

D. Citrus tree type planting recommendations for the new development near the Judson grove.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

9. The Next Meeting date will be October 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary