

## Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, are as follows:

Members: Peter Buoye, Chair      Bill Oesterlein      Andy Irvin  
Jack Steward      Rolland Moore      Gary McCormick

City Staff: Ashley Johnson      Rick Cross  
Jon Harrison, Liaison

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hills      Daryl Perricone

Guests: Dennis Bell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. The minutes of May 12, 2015, meeting was approved as written. M/S/P.
4. New Business:
  - A. Packing House Report: Daryl provided the following updates:
    1. Daryl would like to arrange a meeting with local growers and commission/city staff to discuss how to harvest local groves in the future to ensure that all parties share as equally as possible in harvesting and marketing of the citrus fruits.
    2. The Valencia orange season looks good, with a lighter crop and smaller sizes.
    3. The Star grapefruit have been harvested from the Mullen grove, with the grapefruit at the Mt. View grove still pending.
    4. Daryl provided an update on the situation with juice by-products and the decision by Sunkist to eliminate tri-walls for the coming season.
  - B. Farming Report- Chuck provided the following updates:
    1. Irrigation is ongoing.
    2. The weeds are being hand cleared, due to the lack of rain needed to activate the pre-emergent herbicide applied last fall/winter.
    3. The spring ACP application sprays are complete and preparation is underway for the next round of applications in July/August.
    4. The fruit harvest of Prospect Park is complete.
    5. The cutting/pruning of deadwood and the replanting of new trees is occurring, where necessary.

C. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. No issues were noted.

D. Update on the Prospect Park re-planting subcommittee:

1. The City Council is expected to take up the issue at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

E. Perimeter fencing discussion:

1. The commission members had previously discussed fencing one grove as a trial to see if the city could save more money in the long run from the theft of the fruit. The grove at Judson and Lugonia was suggested as a candidate. City staff estimated that it would cost \$28,000 to fence the most vulnerable sides of the grove. Part of the discussion also focused on the source of the funds for the fencing.
2. A motion was made by the commission to have city staff obtain two more estimates to fence the Judson/Lugonia grove and to move forward with a recommendation to present the findings to the City Council as early as September. M/S/P.

F. Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) HOA letter discussion:

1. City staff developed a letter to send to HOA's with 25 or more citrus trees in response to the problems posed by the Asian Citrus Psyllid.
2. Commission members suggested minor changes to the letter, which will be brought back at the next meeting.

5. Possible Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- A. Perimeter fencing around certain groves
- B. Prospect Park re-planting subcommittee
- C. ACP letter to HOA
- D. Issue of dead/dying trees

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

7. The Next Meeting date will be July 14, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary