

Citrus Preservation Commission—Meeting Minutes

The following contains the minutes of the regular City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission meeting that took place on the 14th of June, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Small Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department Conference Room, at 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15-A in Redlands, California.

Members: Jack Steward Andrew Irvin Peter Buoye
 Rolland Moore Michael Day Bob Crim, Jr.

City Staff: Ashley Johnson Rick Cross

City Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tempore Jon Harrison

Farming/ Packing Companies: Chuck Hills

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes Approved
4. New Business

A.) Roy Bettencourt's report was read by Chuck Hills.

He summarized that all fruit should be picked by June

B.) Farming Report by Chuck Hills:

- 1) Skirt Pruning on Mountain View
- 2) Prune Late on 5th Ave Grove
- 3) Well has no water on Texas. There is a non-potable well on Texas, but the well on Texas has known E-coli contamination.
- 4)The groves are infected with fleabane, Larry Jacinto is changing the chemistry with round up and Fermoxin.

C.) Financial Update of the Citrus Grove

- 1) Staff presented a quarterly update of the Grove finances. Chairman Buoye said not to expect as high of returns on the Citrus groves due to labor costs going up.
2. Member Irwin asked why Prospect Park cost almost \$80,000 for maintaining the grove.

5. Old Business

A.) Staff reported that Riverview grove has been submitted to the county for review. Staff is expecting a full report of the new part of the grove. Commission member Irwin asked if we could put a different species of fruit other than a Washington Navel, and wondered about Cara Caras. A commission member replied that Cara Caras are easily stolen and wouldn't be good for a walking trail.

B.) Individual Commissioners assigned to provide details of field conditions.

1) Lugonia groves are being well trimmed; concern was expressed that some of the trunks needed Ridimil and gold.

2) There's been a lot of dumping on Mountain View

6. Possible Agenda Items

1. City Staff to present planting plan for Riverview

2. Need to have plans that have grove developments reviewed by the Citrus Commission before being developed.

7. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m. Motioned by Commissioner Rollie, Seconded by Chairman Buoye.