

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department, 35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, are as follows:

Present: Rolland Moore Wayne Mishak Bill Oesterlein

Peter Buoye, Chairman Jack Steward

City: Chris Boatman Ashley Johnson Ben Matlock

Jon Harrison

Farming/Packing Companies: Chuck Hill

Guests: Dennis Bell Pat Meyer

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Those present are noted above.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 8, 2014 meeting were approved.
4. Farming Report- Chuck Hill provided the following updates:
  - A. A few groves are still being harvested, but most of the 2013-14 fruit season is done.
  - B. Most of the activities right now are irrigating and weed control.
  - C. ACP treatments for the summer/fall flush are completed on half the groves.
  - D. All the Navel Orange groves have been skirt pruned.
  - E. Topping is expected to begin soon on the Palmetto grove for the first time in many years.
5. New Business:
  - A. Consideration of acceptance of 8.12 acres of orange grove property from tract no. 16465 and 16627 – Pat Meyer presented a proposal to the Commission members for consideration regarding the development of two housing tracts on behalf of the applicant. The applicant is requesting the City consider acceptance of the dedication of approximately 8.12 acres of proposed orange groves within the tracts in lieu of the applicants' payment of park and open space fees. The planting and maintenance of the groves would be paid for by the homeowner association fees. It M/S/P by the Commission to refer this to City staff to refer to Planning for proper land use and zoning requirements.
  - B. Commission recommendations on the Palmetto proceeds for citrus purposes – There was a general discussion about using some of the proceeds in the Citrus fund to clean up and possibly replant an approximately 8 acre parcel of land owned by the City, but leased to a private party for a Christmas tree farm. The property is no longer being actively farmed and the water has been turned off. There is quite a bit of dead plant material on the property along with some old

junk/trash. It is not clear what funds were used to purchase the property originally. It was recommended by the Commission that the City look into the issues of funds and water availability and report back at a future meeting.

C. Continue discussion on a new program for spraying urban private owner trees and enterprise fund – There was a general discussion about some issues Jacinto Farming is having with several of the homeowner associations (HOA) in regards to ACP treatments. City staff is aware of two of the HOA's and has been in contact with them. City staff agreed to work with Chuck to resolve the issue over the treatments and payment for the treatments. The fruit harvested from the HOA's in lieu of payments for the treatments is not a financially viable option.

6. Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – The following item was suggested as a topic for a future meeting:
  - A. Use of a property near the cemetery for a citrus or avocado planting. Many years ago the property was farmed in citrus.
  
7. Adjournment to the Next Meeting on October 14, 2014 – The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Oesterlein  
Commission Secretary