

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CITRUS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of November 9, 2021
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 4:09 pm - Attendance

Present: Michael Day, Chair
Roger Hardy
Rolland Moore
Bill Oesterlein
Heather Ross
Jack Steward

City Council: Jenna Guzman-Lowery

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Zach LaBonte
Kathleen Gorgianni

Farming/Packing companies: John Gless, Jim Layes

Guests: Iris Chu, Dennis Bell

2. Public Comments: Redlands Foothill Groves (Manuel Martinez) submitted a letter to Commission requesting consideration to pack for City of Redlands Citrus. Villa Park currently packs for City of Redlands. Letter will be attached to minutes.

3. Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2021 minutes will be submitted at December meeting.

4. Status Reports

A. *Packinghouse report:* Navels started up in Central Valley. Grapefruit ready to close so numbers aren't reflected in report. Starting to export fruit. Fruit is slightly smaller. Exporters are interested. Wait until full color before picking. Prices are starting to fall. No improvement for cargo shipments. Commissioner Hardy requested Villa Park provide a summary page of all fruit when submitting price schedules.

B. *Farming report by John Gless:* John is meeting in the field weekly with City staff. Jacinto finished jibbing what was going to jib (slows growth). Copper 24D (disease control) and danatol (ACP insecticide) added.

C. *Facilities & Community Services report:* Irrigating & repairs in groves, chasing weeds. Commission has requested staff to provide update to citrus report summary that includes sizing, income and charges for all groves.

D. *Individual Commissioner Reports:* Overall groves are looking good.

E. *10 year citrus plan:* Commissioner Oesterlein still looking for May & June year end data. Year to Date Budget Report doesn't compare to Activity Report. Questions #6710 (\$9,000 vs \$40,000). Erik Reeves will clarify and will email to Commissioners before next meeting. Chair Day requested James to explain reports at December meeting.

5. Old Business

- A. Continue update and discussion on education material mailer. ACP material went out in last utility bill. QR code is still being worked should be in next billing cycle.
- B. Continue discussion and possible action on replanting of Lugonia, Erik Reeves to find out when motions will go to Council (possibly January 2022).
- C. Continue discussion and possible action on the Commission's role in private development applications.

This should be removed for future agendas. Citrus Commission should have role with developer plans if citrus is involved.

6. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding maintaining packing houses in the area.
See public comment. Commissioner Hardy would be interested in the economic impact of Redlands Foothill Citrus.
- B. Discussion on Olive Grove; private citrus trees vs City-owned trees
Deed restriction and agricultural focused. Trees on west side are not looking healthy. City owns groves and needs to better define access and signage due to liability.
- C. Discussion on proposed Subcommittee for City partnerships with local small growers.

7. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting

8. 5:49 pm – Adjournment to the December 14, 2021 meeting at Council Chambers

Minutes submitted by City of Redlands staff.