

Citrus Preservation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Redlands Citrus Preservation Commission held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 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 Libbern Cook
Jack Steward Rolland Moore Michael Day

City Staff: Jocelynn Santa Cruz Erik Reeves
Toni Momberger

Farming/Packing Companies: None

Guests: Dennis Bell Pamela Miller Heather Ross

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Chairman Buoye.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. The minutes of the February 12, 2019, meeting was approved as written, with a correction that Dennis Bell was NOT at the meeting. M/S/P.
4. Status Reports:
 - A. Packing House Report – None:
 - B. Farming Report- Peter provided the following updates:
 1. All pre-emergent sprays have been completed.
 2. The Lugonia grove may be picked soon, but the market is very slow right now.
 3. The remaining Navels are small size and it may be tough to find a market this year.
 3. Sunkist will be issuing the largest ever refunds to growers for the past season.
 - C. Quality of Life Staff Report –Erik provided the following updates:
 1. It looks like only portions of two rows of trees needed to be removed at Lugonia.
 2. Not too many issues in most grove locations this month due to all the rain.

D. Individual Commissioner Reports:

1. The groves are too wet right now to access.
2. Jack mentioned that his rain gauges indicate almost 18' of rain for the season locally.

E. 10 Year Citrus Plan:

1. A review of the last seven calendar years' (2012-2018) worth of pack-out summary highlights were discussed, including:

- 1). The gross receipts for 2018 were approx. \$ 885,000, the 2nd best year in the last seven.
- 2). The net return per carton/fb was below average for 5 of 7 years for the Texas Navels, 7 of 7 years for the Texas Val's, 5 of 7 years for the Prospect Park Navels, and 3 of 4 years for the Palmetto Val'.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

A. Discussion and consideration for replanting under-performing City groves.

1. Partially discussed in 4 E above, but City Staff was unable to produce the financial reports promised last month for the March meeting, so the discussion will be continued to the next meeting.

7. Future agenda items for consideration:

1. Discussion and consideration for replanting several underperforming City groves.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

9. The Next Meeting date will be April 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Oesterlein
Commission Secretary