

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 26, 2017**

**1. Call to Order at 5:35 pm**

Present: Don Buchanan, Chair  
Janet Ward  
Roy Mannickarottu  
Linda Richards  
Chuck Dykes  
Andy Hoder  
Andrejs Galenieks

City Council: Absent  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Chris Sedmack  
Jim Leeds – University Grove/Wabash HOA  
Dora Waters  
Crescent Ave. Resident

**2. Public Comments:**

Dora Waters spoke on her concerns to protect all of the remaining historic palms on Wabash Ave., in county jurisdiction, but adjacent to the City of Redlands.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

A. Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2016 special meeting – Linda Richards motioned, Janet Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Roy Mannickarottu, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).

**4. Status Reports:**

A. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments*  
– Erik Reeves reported on trees removed and trimmed.

REMOVED

- 641 Fairway – dead redwood
- 413 Pennsylvania Ave – dead liquidambar
- 417 Pennsylvania Ave – dead liquidambar
- 723 W. Cypress Ave – dead crape myrtle
- 1235 Indiana Ct – illegal palo verde
- 601 Esther Way – dead liquidambar
- 916 Lalainia St – dead jacaranda
- 805 Hibiscus Ct – oak tree (wind storm damage)
- 820 Hibiscus Ct – crape myrtle (collateral damage)
- 1027 Columbia St – dead liquidambar

## TRIMMED

- 406 Western St – 3 queen palms
- 506 W. Colton Ave – 3 queen palms
- 508 W. Colton Ave – 2 queen palms

Jack Dangermond submitted plans for approval to plant trees on Eureka/Stuart Street using approved plant list. Janet Ward reported dead trees at 330 Myrtle Ave, three dead liquidambar trees on Redlands Blvd by Albertsons, and a dead tree at Fern/Eureka. Erik Reeves reported new owner at Eureka/Citrus/Barton Road removed three dead trees in City parkway, QOL planted five new pear varieties in existing tree wells on State Street and they are doing well. West Coast Arborists (WCA) to remove dead redwoods on N. San Geronio/Brookside and N. Buena Vista. Andy Hoder reported Frontier trimmed out too much of the pepper tree at 634 Highland Ave for line clearance. Erik Reeves responded to site and eventually located Frontier line trimmers on Olive/Brookside and stopped severe trimming and cleared up permit misunderstandings. Andy Hoder reported 835 Brookside – Ash/Brookside – dead trees, 119 W. Fern – dead unknown tree.

B. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL)* – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted – Covered in 4A.

## 5. Old Business

A. *Finalize details of Arbor Day 2017 options, dates, locations, trees* –Arbor Day at Triangle Park at the corner of Citrus/Cajon. Frontier to improve corner, new irrigation, and will pay for large mature tree on the spot where historic oak was removed. Date for Arbor Day celebration will be Friday, April 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Erik Reeves reported Jack Dangermond donating 96” box coast live oak to be planted at “Triangle Park”, sidewalks redone with pervious pavers. Various dignitaries to attend, along with STC Committee and CC members.

B. *Continued discussion of Honorary Tree Program/Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program* – brochure and donation. Janet Ward developing brochure on tree donations – tabled.

C. *Finalize details on City Banner across Cajon & Citrus, “Save Redlands Trees...Water Them Deeply” - Discussion on City banner across Cajon; wording and dates* – Linda Richards working on finalizing banner words, logos – tabled.

D. *Continued discussion on heat islands and value of trees – power point development by Andrejs Galeniaks and Chuck Dykes subcommittee - discussion and possible recommendation about heat islands and zones within Redlands; California Tree Value pamphlet to research and explore possibilities for future community to educate the community* –Andrejs Galeniaks presented power point draft of approximately 25 slides on the urban heat island, effects on health, air quality, using large canopy shade trees and maintaining the urban forest. Discussed how spending \$1.00 brings \$5.00 in return, not counting health, safety and over all well being of the citizens. Andrejs Galeniaks and Chuck Dykes to present another draft at STC February meeting.

E. *Finalize details on utility bill message – message needs to be 505 characters & spaces or less* - Discussion and possible recommendation on utility bill message.

## Watering Trees During Drought

According to the Inland Urban Forest Council and other experts, our valuable trees need to be watered deeply, especially in months without rainfall:

- Soak the root system every 4-6 weeks with a slow running hose or move a 5 gallon bucket of water, with a hole in the bottom, around the tree's canopy
- Place a bucket under your shower while the water warms – and use that captured water (and also lower your water bill)
- Mulch under your tree to reduce evaporation, but avoid the tree trunk
- Visit the city website for more information

Chuck Dykes motioned, Roy Mannickarottu seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Roy Mannickarottu, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).

F. *Landmark Trees sub-committee report update from discussions on the status of Landmark Trees, Heritage Tree Rows & Stand, and Scenic Preservation Project dated September 28, 2015* – Historical Commission to work with Chris Sedmack and Janet Ward – tabled.

G. *Continued discussion on the Street Tree Committee 2016 accomplishments and approved 2017 goals* – draft STC 2016 Accomplishments and STC 2017 Goals was presented to the committee by Don Buchanan and additions made through discussion. Corrections and additions to be submitted at February STC Regular meeting for final approval and presentation to City Council in March meeting.

H. *Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limiting planting of crape myrtles or removing them unless prior approval - Discussion on the Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual additions* – Linda Richards provided list of potential native trees to consider to be added to City's approved Street Tree List. QOL will invite WCA to February meeting to discuss native trees and for species overview. Tabled.

I. *Continued discussion and possible recommendation on developing guidelines for handling issues with joint jurisdiction when tress are being removed by SCE on Redlands boundaries* - Erik Reeves and Tim Sullivan looking at areas not within Redlands jurisdiction but with shared boundaries with Mentone, San Bernardino County, Loma Linda, City of San Bernardino and other entities to create a cohesive plan of communication to include tree removals and tree diseases – tabled for update at February STC General Meeting. Dora Waters would like included creating good communication between other entities. To include Citrus Plaza at Lugonia, and surrounding communities to Redlands, to keep close to Redlands specifications and to provide same environmental standards as in Redlands. To also provide mechanism to preserve the remaining historical tree varieties on Wabash which remain due to Edison removing historical palms on Wabash. Tim Sullivan proposes corridor streets and will identify trees which add characteristics to the street and increase awareness of these trees. Will provide a map and have the STC drive around to check out these streets/boundaries. Dora Waters spoke on concerns that there needs to be a way to preserve the remaining palm trees at Wabash Ave/5th Street for the future.

J. *Discussion on possible removal of Camphor tree located in city easement on Normandy Ct. and Clark St. aggressively trimmed for line clearance* - Discussion on

*status of SCE underground power lines* – Discussion on PAR trimmed camphor by McKinley School. Janet Ward handed out “Laws of Edison” and Resolving Tree-Sidewalk Conflicts information to STC. Erik Reeves reported new trees to be planted at Redlands Heritage Park, to include curbs, sidewalks, and repaving of road. Chuck Dykes motioned to watch this camphor tree for 12 months to see if it survives, Janet Ward seconded motion. (Andrejs Galenieks, Janet Ward, Roy Mannickarottu, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes ayes; Andy Hoder and Don Buchanan nays.) Motion passed to observe camphor for 12 months).

6. **New Business**

A. *Discussion and possible action on 2017 drought status with Street Tree Committee recommendations on how to plant trees, water trees, etc.* – deleted from future agendas as drought appears to be over.

B. *Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at: Wabash Ave. & Valley Falls Ave., 13 Japanese pagoda trees lifting the sidewalk* – Janet Ward contacted the University Grove HOA located Wabash and Valley Falls and met with member of their Homeowner Association. Jim Leeds lives at University Grove and their HOA wants to work with the STC and QOL to see if there are remedies for these 13 Pagoda trees. The HOA wishes to keep the trees, if possible, and to explore additional options with the City of Redlands – tabled.

C. *Discuss previous location for removal recommendation at 1262 W. Crescent Ave removal of tree(s) in City easement* – Erik Reeves read litigation letter from an attorney to Quality of Life asking for approval for previous STC agenda item on the removal of three camphor trees located at 1262 Crescent Ave. The litigation letter suggests only one of the existing camphor trees in the adjoining city parkway be removed. Letter claimed three camphor trees damaged block wall, that the camphor trees were causing the block wall to lean, damaging street and curb and should be removed. On June 23, 2016, the STC voted not to remove the trees. The STC members visited the site between May and June meetings noting that there were eight stumps located on the homeowner’s property with evidence of roots going up to and underneath the wall which may have caused the damage to the homeowners block wall. Photos taken of the wall at that time showed that it was straight with no evidence of leaning with only minor cracks near the bottom of the wall at one end which appeared to be from the stumps on the homeowner’s property. The first time the STC met on this issue, information came forward which required the STC to revisit the site. This issue was held over until the June 2016 STC meeting. All of the members visited the site and noted discrepancies with the claims by the contractor who presented the complaints at both STC meetings. QOL had done trimming on the camphor trees since the second meeting. The neighbors at 1266 Crescent were in attendance at the June 23rd meeting and did not want their own parkway camphor trees removed. Janet Ward motioned to uphold the STC’s June deliberation ruling to not remove the camphor trees. The removal of these three camphor trees do not meet the City Council approved Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual dated January 8, 2013. The STC further recommends City to repair the street and gutters when the City repaves this street with the PARIS program. Erik Reeves to contact PARIS to see when they are in that area working on streets for repairs to be made. Chuck Dykes seconded. (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Roy Mannickarottu, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andrejs Galenieks ayes; Andy Holder abstained). Motion carried.

D. *Discussion and possible recommendation on proposed new development located at Wabash St. and E. Highland Ave., and possible effects on existing palm trees* – Erik Reeves read letter from concerned citizen about the proposed Jacinto property project to build 40 new homes and their concerns about the fate of the historic palms – only for STC information.

E. Discussion on QOL evaluating five diseased palms on Highland Ave/Ford St/5<sup>th</sup> St. Disease appears to be spreading – Erik Reeves to have contractor remove five diseased palms to prevent spread of disease to other trees on Highland/Ford Ave.

Linda Richards motioned that the Street Tree Committee recommends removal of five diseased palms on Highland/Ford Ave as soon as funds are available in order to prevent spread of disease. If possible, seek funds from Frontier settlement to remove as soon as possible”. Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Roy Mannickarottu, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).

F. Erik Reeves, QOL, to discuss West Coast Arborist tree inventory results – Tabled to allow Erik Reeves time to work on update for February regular STC meeting.

**7. Agenda items for Next Meeting**

- A. Discuss adding Water Your Trees guidelines to City website.
- B. Discuss possible removal of two palms on Kansas St. and Brookside Ave
- C. Discuss Redwood diseases per information handed out at January special meeting.
- D. Discussion and possible action on oak trees on San Mateo Ave.
- E. Update status of Arbor Day 2017.
- F. Continue discussion of Honorary Tree Program/Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program” – brochure and donation.
- G. Finalize details on City banner across Cajon & Citrus, “Save Redlands Tree, Water Them Deeply”.
- H. Continue discussion on heat islands and value of trees – power point development by Andrejs Galenieks and Chuck Dykes subcommittee.
- I. Landmark Trees sub-committee report update.
- J. Finalize discussion on the Street Tree Committee 2016 accomplishments and approved 2017 goals.
- K. Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limiting planting of crape myrtles or removing them unless prior approval - Discussion on the Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual additions.
- L. Continued discussion and possible recommendation on developing guidelines for handling issues with joint jurisdiction when trees are being removed by SCE on Redlands boundaries
- M. Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at: Wabash Ave. & Valley Falls Ave., 13 Japanese pagoda trees lifting the sidewalk.
- N. Review and discuss West Coast Arborist tree inventory results.

**8. Adjournment at 8:00 pm to next regular meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
Submitted by Chris Sedmack, acting Secretary

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTESB  
February 23, 2017**

**1. Call to Order at 5:30 pm – Attendance**

Present: Don Buchanan, Chair  
Janet Ward  
Linda Richards  
Andy Hoder  
Andrejs Galenieks  
Absent: Chuck Dykes  
Roy Mannickarottu

City Council: Absent  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Chris Sedmack  
Donna and Dale Sullivan, Cynthia Crest  
Lisa Pierce  
Bettina McCloud  
Susan Schroeder

**2. Public Comments**

Donna and Dale Sullivan requested removal of three 35 yr old Monterey Pines at 382 Cynthia Crest. Meeting with Erik Reeves to discuss trees.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A. Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2017, Special Meeting – Janet Ward motioned, Linda Richards seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).

**4. Status Reports**

A. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported no new projects.

B. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL)* – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted by Erik Reeves:

REMOVED – Dead trees

- 835 Brookside Ave/S. Ash St - 1 crape myrtle
- 119 W. Fern - 1 sycamore
- Redlands Blvd by Albertsons street light - 1 liquidambar
- Jennie Davis Park (N. side of park) - 1 oak tree
- 1238 N. Lincoln – 1 crape myrtle
- Israel Beal Park (W. side of park) - 1 white alder tree
- 513 W. Pioneer – Storm Damage, 1 live oak

## TRIMMED

- 1690 Garden – 3 queen palms
- Ford Park – 2 hanging limbs removed

Jack Dangermond submitted plans for approval to plant trees on Eureka/Stuart Street using approved tree list.

### 5. Old Business

- A. Continued discussion of Honorary Tree Program/ “Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program” – brochure and donation – Janet Ward presented written statement for City Council approval to use the Redlands Community Foundation Program to donate funds for tree trimming/maintenance as tax write-off. Shelly Stockton requests the Honorary Tree Program be separate from the “Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program”. Don Buchanan to meet with Shelly Stockton, Chris Boatman and Tim Sullivan to finalize language before STC approval.
- B. View proof of City Banner across Cajon & Citrus, “**Save Redlands Trees...Water Them Deeply**” - Tabled
- C. Continued discussion on heat islands and value of trees – power point development by Andrejs Galenieks and Chuck Dykes subcommittee - Tabled
- D. Landmark Trees sub-committee report update - Tabled
- E. Finalize details of the Street Tree Committee 2016 accomplishments and approved 2017 goals
  - a. Linda Richards motioned to approve the STC 2016 Accomplishments with two minor word changes. Janet Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
  - b. Andrejs Galenieks motioned to approve the STC 2017 Goals with 2 changes: Janet Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
  - c. Continued discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limit planting of crape myrtles or removing them unless prior approval – Tabled. West Coast Arborist to attend March Special STC meeting.
  - d. Continued discussion and possible recommendation on developing guidance for handling issues with joint jurisdiction when trees are being removed by SCE on Redlands boundaries – Erik Reeves and San Bernardino County working on developing guidance. This item to be removed from future agenda.
  - e. Continue discussion on possible recommendation to remove 13 Japanese pagoda trees lifting sidewalk at Wabash Ave. and Valley Falls Ave – Tabled

- f. Discussion on tree inventory results from West Coast Arborist – Erik Reeves reported WCA finished with the Redlands Tree Inventory. Redlands has 53,000 + trees, 800 dead trees, 1200 stumps, 150 volunteer trees, 13 trees have PSHB bore damage, mainly Pepper, Cottonwood, Sycamore, London Plane. Our trees valued at \$1,119,400.00 city asset. Erik Reeves to send formal report to STC members.

**6. New Business**

A. Discussion and possible recommendation on removals of camphor trees in City easement located at 1264 W. Crescent Ave - Tabled

B. Discussion on adding tree watering guidelines, tips, examples, to City website - Tabled

C. Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at: 1820 Cave St, 18 Kendall Dr., 22 Kendall Dr, 503 Brookside Ave, 168 Kansas St, 1265 Brookside Ave. – All tree removals were discussed with photos shared to illustrate the necessity of tree removal for stated reasons.

- a. 1820 Cave Street – 2 camphor’s sitting on top of water meter, electrical box, underground utilities. QOL recommended removal. Janet Ward motioned, Andy Holder seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
- b. 18 Kendall Drive – dead redwood. Andy motioned to remove dead redwood, Janet Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
- c. 22 Kendall Drive – 1 dead redwood, 1 almost dead redwood. Andy Hoder motioned to remove dead redwood, and remove the second redwood at the discretion of Erik Reeves. Erik Reeves will verify second redwood almost dead with Linda Richards. Janet Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
- d. 503 Brookside Avenue – 2<sup>nd</sup> tree on site. Dead palm tree. Linda Richards motioned to remove the dead tree, Andrejs Galenieks seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
- e. 168 Kansas Street – Palm growing into the Edison Pole, unable to be moved or sold. Andy Holder motion for removal of the fan palm, Andrejs Galenieks seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).
- f. 1265 Brookside Avenue – Dead fan palm. Janet ward motioned to remove dead fan palm on Brookside Ave, Linda Richards seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Andrejs Galenieks).

D. Discussion and possible recommendation on removal of 12 oak trees on San Mateo Ave between Brookside and Olive Ave – Janet Ward provided solutions to saving the 12 oak trees on San Mateo, similar to actions taken with trees in downtown Redlands on State Street. This would require removing poured concrete, and measuring downtown and several small city sidewalks. Lisa Pierce, 144 S. San Mateo, spoke on adamantly wanting to save her oak street tree, on the loss of the tree causing her utilities to increase with increased usage, that



removing trees was a last resort and other means need to be used to save trees with sidewalk/hardscape conflicts. Lisa Pierce spoke on Carbon Sequestering and the Santa Ana Water Shed program and provided a data handout on sidewalk alternatives. Bio Swell is one alternative. Several members from the Redlands Conservancy were also there to voice their support for saving these oaks and other city parkway trees. Recommendations were to open the tree wells or putting the sidewalk onto her property. Erik Reeves said the city did not like to go onto private property, even if the homeowner requests it to help save her tree. Erik Reeves reiterated that the removal of trees was used as a last resort and QOL would be checking on alternatives to be presented at the upcoming STC meetings.

**7. Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- a. Discuss Arbor Day plans, date, time, etc., for implementation of April historical Arbor Day Tree replacement in City Triangle Park
- b. Review of “Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program”
- c. Review proof of City Banner across Cajon & Citrus
- d. Discussion on Heat Island power point presentation and website development
- e. Landmark Tree sub-committee report update
- f. Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species
- g. Discussion on recommendations to save 13 Japanese pagoda trees
- h. Discussion on tree inventory results from West Coast Arborist
- i. Discussion on camphor tree removals on Crescent Ave
- j. Discussion on adding tree watering guidelines to City website
- k. Discussion on saving 12 oak trees on San Mateo Ave
- l. Discussion on spring tree planting in cooperation with Honorary Tree program efforts

**8. Adjournment at 7:35 pm to next Special Meeting, March 23, 2017**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, acting Secretary

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 23, 2017**

**1. Call to Order at 5:30 pm – Attendance**

Present: Don Buchanan, Chair  
Janet Ward  
Linda Richards  
Chuck Dykes  
Andy Hoder

City Council: Eddie Tejada  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Chris Sedmack

**2. Public Comments**

None. Don Buchanan introduced STC to new City Council (CC) STC liaison Eddie Tejada who remarked that he would like to see more trees planted in Redlands. Jocelynn Santa Cruz reported that Roy Mannickarottu would not be renewing, and that Andrejs Galeniks would not renew as he gets married and moves to East coast in April. There are two current STC vacancies which will be filled April 5, 2017 at CC meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A. *Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2017, Regular Meeting* – Linda Richards motioned to approve minutes with a typo removed under title and under 6.e. a correction of spelling Hoder's name. Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes).

**4. Status Reports**

A. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported new Lennar Housing Project, Texas/Pioneer, would use regular standard trees from approved street tree list to include 85 new pears (new variety), redbuds, bisbane box and ginko trees. Jacinto Project at Highland/Wabash will remove one healthy deodar due to widening of intersection to accommodate new houses.

B. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL)* – *Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted* – QOL pruned trees, did trimming, clearance, removed dead tree on Nevada/Orange along Morey Arroyo Channel which fell on four cars, within city easement as a 100 year old oak split in two. Removed two eucalyptus trees along zanja damaged in a fire, removed one cottonwood hollow tree damaged in fire.

#### REMOVALS – Dead trees

- Three dead deodars, Lennar Project, Texas/Pioneer
- 11058 N. Nevada St. fallen tree/ emergency removal
- Four eucalyptus on the 1400 block of Sylvan Blvd- emergency removals due to fire damage and unsafe state

#### TRIMMED

- Trimmed three eucalyptus trees, northwest corner of Redlands Mall
- Citradora – crown reduction
- Lennar Project, Texas/Pioneer, N. side, trimmed one deodar
- Stop Sign clearance trimming- various locations

### 5. Old Business

- Continued discussion of Honorary Tree Program “Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program” – brochure and donation* – Don Buchanan submitted to STC finalized write-up for 3.1 (a) words for “Trimming Donation Program”, to be placed under Honorary Tree Program in The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual. Don Buchanan arranged meeting between Shelly Stockton and Tim Sullivan to finalize language as tabled from February meeting. Janet Ward motioned that the 3.1(a) Street and Park Trees Maintenance Donation Program be approved and submitted to City Council as revised. Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes).
- Discussion of Arbor Day: new location, time, and date* – (Tabled). Hope to plant replacement oak tree at City Triangle Park before June 2017. Delay due to City contract negotiations. Erik Reeves will update at April 27 Regular STC meeting with alternative site if necessary.
- View proof of City Banner across Cajon & Citrus, “Save Redlands Trees...Water Them Deeply”* – (Tabled). Linda Richards submitted banner draft. Need to add City website and city logo, pending CC approval.
- Continued discussion on heat islands and value of trees – power point development by Andrejs Galenieks and Chuck Dykes subcommittee* – Due to Andrejs Galenieks moving to the East Coast in April and not renewing membership on STC, Don Buchanan presented DRAFT power point and will assume revision. Will continue working on presentation and report progress.
- Update from sub-committee tasked to look into assigning historical and landmark designations to street trees in coordination with the historic & Scenic Preservation Commission* – Janet Ward and Chris Sedmack met with the Redlands Historical Society member, an architect and Cal Poly graduate, who will be checking out STC approved trees to be added to Redlands Municipal Code. Will provide updates.
- Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limit planting of crape myrtles or planting them unless prior approval - West Coast Arborist to attend April 27 Regular STC meeting* – (Tabled).

- G. *Continue discussion on possible recommendation to remove 13 Japanese pagoda trees lifting sidewalk at Wabash Ave. and Valley Falls Ave* – Erik Reeves, QOL, working on saving 13 Japanese pagoda trees. Compacting base, will grind roots, provide alternative walking paths. Will be able to save majority of trees; may lose two trees due to sidewalk damage. Continued discussion and updates.
- H. *Discussion on tree inventory results from West Coast Arborist* – Erik Reeves reported results of WCA Redlands Tree Inventory. Redlands has 50,000 + tree sites, Erik handed out snapshot *est. value: \$119,408,985* for WCA Redlands Tree Inventory. City purchased new loader with a stump grinding attachment in budget. QOL will request quote from West Coast Arborist to remove all stumps around city. Erik to check on tree rating system - trees rated as poor, fair or good. Chris Boatman recommended sharing costs of trimming a tree with city and Edison to reduce costs and double trimming. Erik Reeves checking feasibility.

## 6. **New Business**

- A. *Discussion on City sponsored Earth Day event Saturday, April 22, 2017 10am-2:30pm at Ed Hales Park* – Don Buchanan and Andy Hoder to staff booth during Earth Day event. Chuck Dykes to provide literature.
- B. *Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at: 341 Franklin Ave., topped redwood; Garden Hill Dr. and Garden St., volunteer palm tree in front of monument (pillar) causing movement of pillar; 907 Knightsbridge Ln., pine tree resident is requesting removal* –
  - a. 341 Franklin, topped redwood dead. Linda Richards motioned for removal, Janet Ward seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes).
  - b. Garden Hill Dr/Garden St. – Janet Ward motioned to remove palm, Andy Hoder seconded, 3 voted for removal, 2 voted for non-removal. Motion carried for removal. (Don Buchanan, Linda Richards nay, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes aye).
  - c. 907 Knightsbridge Land. Chuck Dykes motioned to keep pine tree and have Erik Reeves put on tree trimming schedule to prune out some branches, and trim whole area. Linda Richards seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes).
- C. *Discussion on spring tree planting in cooperation with the Honorary Tree Program* – (Tabled). Shelli Stockton working on tree planting sites. Don Buchanan recommended evaluating use of Redlands heat corridor locations to develop strategic targeting of tree planting in lieu of the continued drought status and watering restrictions by State of California.
- D. *Discussion and recommendation on removals of Camphor trees in City easement located at 1264 W. Crescent Ave.* – (Tabled)
- E. *Discussion on adding tips and examples on how tree watering guideline to City website* – Linda Richards passed out proposed additions to the City website on Tree Watering Guide. Jocelyn Santa Cruz will work with Linda Richards on finalizing additions. Erik Reeves working to update City website.

- F. *Discussion on 12 Oak trees on San Mateo Ave between Brookside and Olive Ave – (QOL update) – Erik Reeves provided status on saving the 12 Oak trees on San Mateo, from removing poured concrete, opening the tree wells, redoing sidewalk, alternative walkways. Continued updates at April 27 Regular meeting.*

**7. Agenda items for Next Meeting**

- A. Discussion of Arbor Day: new location, time, and date.
- B. View proof of City Banner across Cajon & Citrus, “**Save Redlands Trees...Water Them Deeply.**”
- C. Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limit planting of crape myrtles or planting them unless prior approval.
- D. Discussion on tree inventory results from West Coast Arborist
- E. Review results of City sponsored Earth Day event Saturday, April 22, 2017.
- F. Discussion on spring tree planting in cooperation with the Honorary Tree Program.
- G. Discussion on adding tips and examples on how tree watering guideline to City website.
- H. Updates on 12 Oak trees on San Mateo Ave between Brookside and Olive Ave.
- I. Discussion and possible recommendation on tree removals located at 919 E. Colton – old Pepper Tree, 342 Cynthia Crest, etc.

**8. Adjournment at 7:30 pm to next Regular Meeting, April 27, 2017**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary

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Andy Hoder  
Paul Hodson  
Barbara Bates

City Council: Eddie Tejada  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Dale Sullivan  
Matt Le Vesque  
Bob Ziprick  
Michael Poole  
Chris Sedmack

**2. Public Comments** – None. Don Buchanan introduced new STC members, Paul Hodson and Barbara Bates to the STC and each of current members introduced themselves with short background.

**3. Approval of Minutes** – *Approval of Minutes for March 23, Special Meeting* – Janet Ward motioned for approval of March 23 minutes, Linda Richards seconded. Motioned carried unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).

**4. Status Reports**

- A. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported new Lennar Housing Project will be planting regular trees on Texas/Pioneer using regular standard trees from approved street tree list. Erik Reeves reported no new developments.
- B. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted* – QOL trimmed 10 trees, removed 16 trees. Will be removing dead Liquid Amber trees at Albertsons/Redlands Blvd/Cypress area.

REMOVALS – Dead trees  
- 1754 E. Brockton – 1 Holly Oak

- Hillside cemetery – 2 Italian Cypress
- Heritage Park – 3 Mexican Fan Palm
- Calvary Circle – 1 Date Palm and 9 volunteer trees

#### TRIMMED

- 810 and 814 Cimarron Drive – 2 Chinese Pistache
- Corner of Center and Clifton – 1 Carob tree
- 404 W. Western – 1 Queen Palm
- Redlands police station parking lot – 3 Goldenrain trees
- Jennie Davis Park – 2 Incense Cedars and 2 Glossy Privet

### 5. Old Business

- A. *Discussion of Arbor Day: new location, time, and date* – City hopes to plant replacement Oak at the “Triangle” with new 96” box Oak tree in August 2017 due to delays in approval process with new lights for corner of Citrus and Orange St. Revised Arbor Day celebration will now be planting replacement trees at Smiley Park on Friday May 12, 5:00 pm. – Incense Cedar, Blue Atlas Cedar, Coast Live Oak. There are 4 vacant sites.
- B. *View proof of City Banner across Cajon & Citrus, “Save Redlands Trees...Water Them Deeply”* – Linda Richards reported that City Council approval is not required to use 32” diameter Redlands logo, along with other logos, on banner, per City staff advice. We plan to add City website to banner as coordinated with City. Linda Richards motioned to approve banner as presented to STC at March 23 STC Special Meeting, with addition of City website. Janet Ward seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).
- C. *Update from sub-committee tasked to look into assigning historical and landmark designations to street trees in coordination with the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission* – Janet Ward and Chris Sedmack met with the Redlands Historical Society member, an architect, and Cal Poly graduate, who will be checking out STC approved trees to be added to Redlands Municipal Code. Will provide updates. (Tabled).
- D. *Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limit planting of crape myrtles or planting them unless prior approval* – Erik Reeves reported WCA has list of 96 drought tolerant species, Redlands already using 80% of them. West Coast Arborist unable to attend April 27 STC meeting – Linda Richards would like list of Fair to Good breakdown details of savable trees and how drought effect on trees in current city tree inventory - (Tabled).
- F. *Continued discussion of Honorary Tree Program/“Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program” – brochure and donation* – Erik Reeves met with Shelli Stockton and Char Burgess arranging to get tree site identification list for new tree plantings. Working on streamlining process of donation for new trees on-line through the city website.

- G. *Continued discussion on adding tips and examples on tree watering guidelines to City website* – Linda Richards coordinating with Jocelynn Santa Cruz to finalize additions to City website on Tree Watering Guide. Erik Reeves to pass out copies at June 22nd STC General Meeting.
- H. Continued discussion on 12 oak trees on San Mateo Ave between Brookside and Olive Ave (QOL update) - Erik Reeves provided status on saving the 12 Oak trees on San Mateo, from removing poured concrete, opening the tree wells, redoing sidewalk, alternative walkways. 133 San Mateo Ave Oak may have to be removed due to being too close to driveway and main water meter. Using decomposed granite around Oak trees. 124 San Mateo is being used as a test house. Erik Reeves will check on opening future vacant sites for additional new trees on San Mateo between Brookside Ave and Cypress Ave.

## 6. **New Business**

- A. *Discussion and recommendation on removals of Camphor trees in City easement located at 1264 W. Crescent Ave* – Erik Reeves reported on protocol to expose roots of concerned tree to see possible damage when multiple vegetative in area. Erik Reeves, Chris Boatman and Tim Sullivan met with homeowner concerned on one Camphor tree and roots underneath wall. Question on roots doing damage. Bob Ziprick, attorney for the Jacobsons, wants tree removed. Will replant with 36” box tree. 12’ parkway required for Camphor trees. Matt Levesque reported on low limbs and trash trucks hitting that Camphor. Janet Ward stated that in the Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual section 10.4 that Quality of Life and City Manager have the final say in any conflict. Janet Ward reported on seeing spraying near the Camphor trees. After entire committee, contractor Matt Le Vesque, attorney Bob Ziprick and QOL staff concluded viewpoints, Don motioned for removal of one Camphor tree due to tree damaging wall on condition the tree be replaced with a 36’ box tree from approved tree palette. Chris Sedmack and Janet Ward further recommended that it would not be a Crape Myrtle, but will be of a suitable tree for the surrounding trees in the parkway by this property. Homeowner will work with Quality of Life staff. Chuck Dykes seconded. Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Don Buchanan and Andy Hoder voted to remove tree. Janet Ward, Linda Richards and Barbara Bates voted to save tree. Motion passed.
- B. Discussion and possible recommendation on removals of two Deodar trees northeast corner at Pioneer St and Texas St as part of the Lennar Homes development – Mike Poole, City Engineering Department reported on removing two Deodar trees for a left turn pocket by Citrus Valley High School, corner Pioneer/Texas. One Deodar is not healthy. City will remove all dead Deodar trees on that street and will replant with new Deodar to maintain landscaping theme. Chuck Dykes motioned to remove the two Deodar trees. Janet Ward seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).



- C. Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at: 382 Cynthia Crest, remove two Pine trees affecting resident's allergies and depositing continuous tree debris; 919 E. Colton Ave., removal of Pepper tree; 405 Nottingham Dr., removal of Liquidambar constantly dropping branches -
- a. 382 Cynthia Crest – Dale Sullivan, homeowner, requested three Pines be removed in city parkway due to blocking sun and dropping needles. Erik Reeves met with homeowners. Trees are healthy. Homeowner would replace sidewalk due to minor sidewalk damage. Linda Richards motioned to not remove three Pine trees. Janet Ward seconded. (Barbara Bates, Janet Ward, Paul Hodson, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes voted to not remove Pine trees). Don Buchanan and Andy Hoder voted for removal. Motion carried for not removing the three Pine trees at this location.
  - b. 919 E. Colton Ave – Janet Ward motioned for removed of Pepper Tree. Paul Hodson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).
  - c. 405 Nottingham Dr –Janet Ward motion for removal of dead Liquid amber. Paul Hodson seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).

#### **7. Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- A. Discussion on 2017 Arbor Day tree planting changes and upcoming Triangle Oak tree replacement.
- B. Discuss arrangements for summer time posting of City Banner across Cajon & Citrus, “Save Redlands Trees... Water Them Deeply”.
- C. Update from sub-committee tasked to look into assigning historical and landmark designations to street trees in coordination with the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission. (Tabled from April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- D. Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limit planting of crape myrtles or planting them unless prior approval. (Tabled from April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- E. Continued discussion of Honorary Tree Program/“Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program” – brochure and donation.
- F. Continued discussion on adding tips and examples on tree watering guidelines to City website.
- G. Continued discussion on 12 oak trees on San Mateo Ave between Brookside and Olive Ave (QOL update).
- H. Discussion on status of dead trees at corner of State and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets due to gas leak.

#### **8. Adjournment at 7:10 pm to next Regular Meeting, June 22, 2017**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 22, 2017**

**1. Call to Order at 5:35 pm – Attendance**

Present: Don Buchanan, Chair  
Janet Ward  
Chuck Dykes  
Andy Hoder  
Paul Hodson  
Barbara Bates

City Council: Eddie Tejada  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz

Redlands Community  
Foundation Liaison: Absent

Visitors: Robert Gibbs  
Chris Sedmack

**2. Public Comments – None.**

- 3. Approval of Minutes – Approval of Minutes for April 27, Regular Meeting –**  
Janet Ward motioned for approval of April 27 minutes, Chuck Dykes seconded. Motioned carried unanimously (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).

**4. Status Reports**

- A. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported no new developments.
- B. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted* – Jocelynn Santa Cruz securing bids for a new stump grinder for the city - \$9,000. Andy Holder reported three palms planted at Grant/Olive – code enforcement checking. Erik Reeves reported the bulk of tree trimming will now be done by city in-house crew. West Coast Arborist (WCA) is the backup crew and will do special tree trimming as needed. WCA is no longer contracted for bulk of tree work. Made in the Shade Program is on pause due to WCA not making money and no longer contracted with the City of Redlands. QOL trying to keep the Made in the Shade Program going. There will be one crew for tree trimming, and one crew for tree removal. Plan is to trim 6000 trees a year, up from 1100-2500 trees, cutting trim cycle down from 15+ years to 7 years, improving trimming cycles. Erik Reeves handed out new form for Emergency Tree Removal. STC to check over and make comments at September 28, 2017 meeting.

## REMOVALS – Dead trees

- 919 E. Colton Avenue – California Pepper
- 1215 W. Sunset – Live Oak
- Sylvan park – Ash/Palm/Carob
- Smiley Library – Oak
- 1032 Alpine Ct. – Oak
- 140 Chisholm Tr – Crape myrtle
- 20 Roma – Crape myrtle
- 735 Esther Way – Crape myrtle
- 1621 Bellevue Rd. – Crape myrtle
- 1611 Bellevue Rd. – Crape myrtle

## TRIMMED

- 30 Cajon – Japanese Maple
- 21 E. Fern – Eastern Redbud
- 426 Iris St., - Liquid Ambar
- 1802 Pumello Dr., - Oak
- Paris Project – Oak/Crapes/Fruit
- 1428 Henrietta - Jacaranda

## 5. Old Business

- Update from sub-committee tasked to look into assigning historical and landmark designations to street trees in coordination with the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission – Janet Ward contacted Mr. McNaughton Architecture Inc., who is working on list. Will provide updates. (Tabled)*
- Discussion on list of trees that are in fair to good condition based on current inventory – Erik Reeves to provide list at September 28 STC Meeting. (Tabled)*
- Continue discussion on fall tree planting in cooperation with the Honorary Tree Program – Erik Reeves will meet with Shelli Stockton and Char Burgess to finalize fall planting list for September 28 meeting. (Tabled)*
- Continued discussion on adding tips and examples on tree watering guidelines to City website – Jocelynn Santa Cruz handed out screen shots of the new additions to the City of Redlands official website. Janet Ward commented on Gator Bags being used by City of Santa Monica. STC members to read over handout. (Tabled)*
- Continue discussion on 12 Oak trees on San Mateo Ave between Brookside and Olive Ave (WOL update) – Erik Reeves provided status on saving the 12 Oak trees on San Mateo, from removing poured concrete, opening the tree wells, redoing sidewalk, alternative walkways. 133 San Mateo Ave Oak may have to be removed due to being too close to driveway and main water meter. Using decomposed granite around Oak trees. Erik Reeves will check on opening future vacant sites for additional new trees on San Mateo between Brookside Ave and Cypress Ave. Erik Reeves met with Don Young, Redlands City Engineer who developed*

construction standard for use on the San Mateo Oak Tree Project. The Sidewalk Program will try and work the San Mateo Oak Tree Project into their plan.

- F. *Finalize discussion on City banner across Cajon & Citrus, “Save Redlands Trees...Water Them Deeply”* – Committee should discuss and evaluate this outreach effort at fall meeting after program conducted during the summer months.
- G. *Discussion on “Trimming Donation Program” to be placed in the Street Tree Policy & Protection Guidelines Manual* – Erik Reeves checking on status of “Trimming Donation Program” as to when going to City Council for approval. (Tabled)
- H. *Discussion on Arbor Day 2017; tree species, count and location* – Don Buchanan clarified only two trees planted at Smiley Park – Englemont Oak and a Blue Redwood. Item removed from agenda as finalized.
- I. *Continued discussion of Honorary Tree Program/”Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program” - brochure and donation* – Janet Ward creating new brochure. (Tabled)
- J. *Discussion on updating Street Tree Palette to include drought tolerant species, limit planting of crape myrtles or planting them unless prior approval* – Erik Reeves reported WCA has list of 96 drought tolerant species; Redlands already using 80% of them. Erik Reeves to bring tree list to September 28 STC Meeting - (Tabled)

## **6. New Business**

- A. *Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at following locations:*

*36 Brookdale Dr. - remove a volunteer Cypress Arborvitae bush* – Erik Reeves recommends removal. Erik Reeves checking with neighbors before removing Cypress Arborvitae bush. Andy Hoder motioned to remove Cypress Arborvitae, Paul Hodson seconded. Motion carried. (Don Buchanan, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, aye, Janet Ward and Barbara Bates opposed).

*1631 Heron Ct., removal of Oak tree roots causing damage to water main* – Erik Reeves recommends removal due to Oak too close to water meter. Janet Ward questioned feasibility of moving water main to save beautiful old Oak tree. Erik Reeves said it would have to be moved 10’ away from Oak. Robert Gibbs, home owner, made an appeal for consideration. Andy Hoder motioned to remove Oak, Don Buchanan seconded to get it on record as a vote. Motion failed. (Andy Hoder aye. Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates opposed).

*260 Nordina St., remove volunteer Palm tree growing in curb* – Janet Ward motioned to remove small Palm, Paul Hoder seconded. Motion carried. (Don Buchanan, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Chuck Dykes, Paul Hodson, Barbara Bates).

- B. *Discussion on status of dead trees at corner of State and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets due to gas leak* – Erik Reeves reported status of dead trees and due to Gas Company gas leak. Arborist went out and there is a claim in process to remove and replace the dead trees.

**7. Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- A. Status of Redlands Foundation Program - Don Buchanan submitted to STC finalized write-up for 3.1 (a) words for “Trimming Donation Program”, to be placed under Honorary Tree Program in The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual be submitted to City Council as written.

- B. Move tabled items forward for agenda.

**8. Adjournment at 7:00 pm to next Regular Meeting, September 28, 2017**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
August 24, 2017**

**1. Call to Order at 5:30 pm – Attendance**

Present: Janet Ward  
Linda Richards  
Chuck Dykes  
Andy Hoder  
Paul Hodson  
Chris Sedmack

City Council: Eddie Tejeida  
QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelyn Santa Cruz, QOL Staff

Redlands Community  
Foundation liaison: Absent

Visitors: Harold Nelms, 527 Vache Circle

**2. Public Comments – None.**

**3. New Business**

A. *Discussion and possible recommendation on removals located at:*

830 Harvard Court – removal of Holly Oak - Erik Reeves reported homeowner removing roots from sewer pipe, camera was run through the line and showed roots but no break in sewer pipe. Concerned might affect fire hydrant, sewer line runs under tree toots. Andy Hoder motioned to remove Holly oak. Chris Sedmack added that no crape myrtle would be used as replacement tree. Motion carried. (Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Paul Hodson, Chris Sedmack aye, Janet Ward abstained).

527 Vache Circle – removal of Liquidambar – Erik Reeves reported Liquidambar roots in water meter, sidewalk replaced within last 10 years. Recommended removal, tree 20% dead and diseased. Janet Ward motioned to remove Liquidambar. Chris Sedmack added that no crape myrtle would be used as replacement tree. Andy Hoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Paul Hodson, Chris Sedmack).

1865 Colorado Street – removal of Oak tree – Erik Reeves reported it is not an Oak tree, but a Chinese Hackberry. Paul Holder motioned to not remove Chinese Hackberry, Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion carried

unanimously. (Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Paul Hodson, Chris Sedmack).

1573 Clock Avenue – removal of Liquidambar – Erik Reeves reported 2 Liquidambar located at the corner of Clock Avenue/Dearborn Street. Diseased. Janet Ward suggested that while removing these diseased Liquidambar, to remove the dead trees at 1557 and 1553 Clock Street. Janet Ward motioned to remove 2 diseased Liquidambar. Chris Sedmack added that no crape myrtles would be used as replacement trees. Chuck Dykes seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Janet Ward, Linda Richards, Chuck Dykes, Andy Hoder, Paul Hodson, Chris Sedmack).

#### **4. Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- A. Discussion and possible action of planting deodar, or similar trees, at the Triangle Park and the Community Cultural Center
- B. Discussion on how surrounding cities are handling utility pipes, overhead utilities and infrastructure
- C. Status of Redlands Foundation Program – Discussion of new City of Redlands Honorary Tree Maintenance Donation Program Pamphlet, a project of the Redlands Community Foundation and the Redlands Street Tree Committee - to be placed under Honorary Tree Program in The Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual be submitted to City Council as written
- D. STC Powerpoint Presentation
- E. Discussion on Palm trees on Ford Street diseased, dying, and dead which need to be removed
- F. Honorary Tree Fall Planting Project
- G. Brookside Oak Tree Planting Project
- H. Election of STC President, Secretary
- I. Discussion of Cable Companies trimming City Parkway Trees
- J. Discussion and possible recommendation to CC on use of water to water City parkway trees

#### **5. Adjournment at 6:10 pm to next Regular Meeting, possibly September 28, 2017**

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary

**CITY OF REDLANDS  
STREET TREE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 26, 2017**

**1. Call to Order at 5:35 pm – Attendance**

Present: Chris Sedmack  
Janet Ward  
Linda Richards  
Chuck Dykes  
Paul Hodson  
Andy Hoder

City Council: Eddie Tejada

QOL Staff: Erik Reeves  
Jocelynn Santa Cruz, QOL Staff

Redlands Community

Foundation liaison: Absent

**2. Public Comments – None**

**3. Special Guest – Past Chair Don Buchanan could not be here - postponed.**

**4. Approval of Minutes – Approval of Minutes for September 28 Special Meeting - Janet Ward motioned for approval, Andy Hoder seconded. Motion carried unanimously (Linda Richards, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Chuck Dykes).**

**5. Status Reports -**

A. *Bi-Monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Erik Reeves reported no new developments.

B. *Bi-Monthly Street Tree Overview (QOL) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed or planted* – Erik Reeves reported 24 removals including two emergencies. Trimming schedule is going off the list, with the exception of Redlands Blvd trimming which is a priority. After the first of year, trimming will occur tree to tree in each grid. Will use social media to update citizens of tree trimming areas.

**Non-Emergency Trimming**

Franklin Avenue	Chinese Pistache	7
Orange Street	Palms	32
	Sweetshade	6
Alessandro	Oleanders	28
Cemetery	Carob	1
	Cypress	2
	Oak	2
1000 Pine Ave	Pine Tree	1
952 Serpentine	Maple tree	1
Ford-Highland Island	Guadalupe Palms	123
Highland-Palm Island	Guadalupe Palms	60



806 Hibiscus	Oak	1
6 Dale Land	Privet	1
144 Channing	Oak	1
202 W. Fern	Date	3
	Fan	2
	Palms	1
Olive & Myrtle	Oaks	2

**Non-Emergency Tree Removals – Dead trees**

Cemetery	Birch and Cypress
830 Harvard Ct.	Oak
New York St Apartments	Palm
1000 Pine Avenue	Pine
1461 Kevin Avenue	Oak
952 Serpentine Ave	Maple
1804 Texas Street	Crape myrtles, 5
1115 Ohio Street	Cedar
723 Ester Way	Maples, 2
203 W. Cypress Avenue	Cedar, 2, Crape myrtle, 1
1342 La Loma	Tree of Heaven, 1
860 W. Crescent Street	Eucalyptus, 1
925 W. Palm Avenue	Deodar, 1

**Emergency Tree Removals**

820 Buckingham	Pears, 2
Corner of Henrietta/Elizabeth	Oak

**6. Old Business**

- A. *Update from sub-committee tasked to look into assigning historical and landmark designations to street trees in coordination with the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission – Janet Ward has again contacted the commission and they reported they are working on it. (Tabled)*
- B. *Follow up discussion on list of trees that are in fair to good condition based on current inventory – Erik Reeves said he believes 1793 trees were designated fair or poor but needs to review it more before reporting next meeting. 229 trees listed as infested.*
- C. *Continue discussion on fall tree planting in cooperation with the Honorary Tree Program and Brookside Oak trees planting project – For the Triangle Park planter, Erik Reeves reported that the contractor is starting work for the 8-foot, 96” boxed Live Oak, including utilities and sidewalks prior to the city running irrigation, with the plan for completion by the end of January. Erik Reeves reported working with Shelli Stockton and West Coast Arborist to plant trees on list – 300-400 trees. Erik Reeves calling Jacinto on obtaining box Oaks for Brookside Oak Project.*

- D. *Discussion on “Trimming Donation Program” to be added to the Street Tree Policy & Protection Guidelines Manual and the Redlands Street Tree Trimming Donation Program brochure* – Erik Reeves reported that details are being developed in-house program for the Tree Donation Program, working with City Manager’s Office on options, no need to add section to STC Manual at this time.
- E. *Continued discussion on the drought tolerant species* - Erik Reeves shared a list of drought-tolerant trees from West Coast Arborists that they are using in other cities. The committee will discuss these at the next meeting, along with West Coast’s input on a few that were not on the list. Erik Reeves stated that Redlands currently has most of the drought tolerant species on our approved Tree List.
- F. *Discussion on how surrounding Cities are handling utility pipes, overhead utilities and infrastructure as it pertains to tree roots, and branches* – Erik Reeves will check with Claremont and Riverside and report back. Erik Reeves check with Edison on Rule 23 – Undergrounding Electrical wires. (Tabled)
- G. *STC PowerPoint presentation* – The PowerPoint is done and is ready for presentations. Item to be removed from future agendas.
- H. *Discussion on utility companies (cable) trimming City parkway trees* – Erik Reeves reported a meeting with the MUED and head utility engineers where it was agreed that all utility cable trimming of City parkway trees will come through the Quality of Life Department for monitoring.
- I. *Discussion and possible recommendation to Council on watering City parkway trees* – Initial discussion of wording done by Andy Hoder, Linda Richards and Chris Sedmack with a final version to be discussed next meeting. In the meantime, Eddie Tejada will check with the Council and MUED on the status of current watering restrictions.

## **7. New Business**

- A. *Election of STC President and Secretary*: Chris Sedmack was nominated for President, Linda Richards for secretary, motion made by Janet Ward, seconded by Paul Hodson. Motion carried unanimously (Linda Richards, Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Chuck Dykes)
- B. *Discussion and possible action on removal at the following location – liquidambar that is raising sidewalk and disrupting the water meter at 1903 Kingsbury Drive* – Tree located at 1903 Kingsbury is not 60% dead, Erik Reeves recommended removal. After discussion, motion to remove made by Chuck Dykes, second by Paul Hodson. Motion passed unanimously (Linda Richards, Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Paul Hodson, Chuck Dykes)
- C. *Discussion of Redlands Bowl Stump* - Erik Reeves reported that there has been discussion about using the stump for an artistic sculpture, but after committee discussion about safety, high traffic and about the need more

ADA space, Erik Reeves will look at extending the concrete pad for ADA access. Will be discussed more at next meeting. Erik Reeves to keep the STC informed.

- D. *Discussion on Palm trees on Ford Street that are diseased, dying or dead and need to be removed* – Erik Reeves reported that these should be done by the next regular STC meeting.

**7. Agenda items for Next Meeting –**

- A. Remove PowerPoint Presentation Agenda Item
- B. Remove Cable Trimming Agenda Item
- C. Remove discussion of Redlands Bowl Stump
- D. Review Certificates for Property Owners/Businesses for watering their street trees in front of their property
- C. Update on San Mateo Project
- D. Move tabled items forward for agenda

**8. Adjournment at 6:25 pm to next Regular Meeting to be scheduled, to be announced, in early December, 2017**

Submitted by Linda Richards, Secretary