

**CITY of REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMITTEE
April 28, 2022
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:35 pm – Attendance

Present: Andy Hoder
 Chris Sedmack
 Janet Ward
 Lorraine Enriquez – on Zoom

Council Liaison: Eddie Tejeda – on Zoom

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
 Joe Bierma (Zoom facilitator)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Holly Bernardy, 934 Renee Street – spoke on a Liquidambar which the Street Tree Committee has already voted on. Erik Reeves will contact her for further information.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 24, 2022 – Janet Ward motioned, Lorraine Enriquez second. Minutes approved unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward and Lorraine Enriquez on Zoom.)

4. STATUS REPORTS:

A. *Bi-monthly review of any new City parkway street trees in proposed developments* – Nothing new to report.

- East Valley Specific Corridor Plan to plant additional trees. Lorraine Enriquez inquired about the palms on Tennessee/Freeway. Cal Trans is planting them and are permanent trees.
- Street Trees on Tennessee/Colton to Redlands Blvd will be planted with Chitalpas. Openings have been cut into concrete for trees. Jack Dangermond will maintain upkeep of trees.

B. *Bi-monthly Street Tree Overview (FCS) – Update on City parkway trees trimmed, removed, or planted* – See attached Tree trimming and tree removal work lists for period: February 2022 – April 13, 2022. West Coast Arborist doing big tree removals, block trimming of Palms. The city is doing small removals. City will be planting @ 50 trees soon. Erik Reeves will put the updated Street Tree Committee (STC) Palette on the city's website once the STC has seen the updated version. City crews to start removing dead trees throughout Redlands.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. *Discussion and possible action on updating Street Tree Policy & Guidelines Manual* - Tabled

- B. *Discussion and possible action amending Chapter 12 of the Redlands Municipal Code* – Tabled. Andy Hoder handed out proposed revisions to the Redlands Municipal Code, Sections 12.12.110 and 12.52.120, and revisions to the Street Tree Policy and Protection Guidelines Manual.
- C. *Discussion and possible action on planting of palms within city easement* – Erik Reeves reported that palms are to be planted on a case specific basis. Crape Myrtles are already stopped except in historic areas or case specific basis.
- D. *Discussion and possible action on heat index and affect in relation to parking lot areas and tree trimming effects* – Tabled. Erik Reeves to contact ESRI to locate previous Heat Island Index PowerPoint presentation.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and possible action on tree trimming practices for commercial parking lots – Eddie Tejada commented that commercial parking lots are severely trimming their parking lot trees or removing them. Trees are on private property. Was asking the STC to consider recommendations to prevent business parking lots on trimming trees drastically/removing trees.
- B. Discussion and possible action on what the City is doing regarding the urban forest – Tabled. Chris Sedmack will locate definitions on what an Urban Forest consists of.
- C. Discussion and possible action on this year's Arbor Day Planting sites – Arbor Day planting will be on Eureka Street. City removed 12 Cedar trees and will be replanting with new cedars in the fall. The Terrace has dying, and dead Crape Myrtles and replanting will be determined. Chris Sedmack made motion for Arbor Day Planting on Eureka and The Terrace. Andy Hoder seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Lorraine Enriquez on Zoom.)
- D. *Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations:*
 - 517 Lakeside Ave – 1 Liquidambar – Tree not 60% dead. Janet Ward motioned to remove tree and replant with an appropriate tree. Andy Hoder, Janet Ward and Lorraine Enriquez on Zoom approved, Chris Sedmack disapproved.) Motion passed to remove tree on condition to replant with appropriate city pallet tree.
 - 1043 Lolita Ave – 1 Chinese pistache – Chris Sedmack motioned to keep tree and put priority on repairing sidewalk. Motion passed unanimously. (Janet ward, Chris Sedmack, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez)
 - 301 Walnut Ave – 1 Magnolia – Erik Reeves reported that tree is healthy, but homeowner said it was lifting her clay pipes. Chris Sedmack commented that even if tree is removed, homeowner still had to fix city connection. Janet Ward motioned to remove healthy Magnolia. Janet Ward, Andy Hoder, Lorraine Enriquez voted to remove Magnolia, Chris Sedmack voted to save tree. Motion passed to remove tree on condition to replant with appropriate city pallet tree.
 - 15 Ryan Ct – 1 Liquidambar – Brian Chichester reported on tree lifting sidewalk and tree roots going under his garage foundation. Janet Ward motioned to remove

Liquidambar and replace with suitable tree/s to be determined by Erik Reeves and repair curb and sidewalk.

- *1615 Juanita Lane – 1 Liquidambar* – Janet Ward made motion to keep Liquidambar. Motion passed unanimously. (Andy Hoder, Chris Sedmack, Janet Ward, Lorraine Enriquez on ZOOM.
- 700 Block of East Cypress Ave – North side; 6 Holly oaks, 1 Eucalyptus – Tabled due to lack of quorum.

7. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Discussion of City's ongoing program for sidewalk rehabilitation as it relates to Street Trees

8. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:10 PM TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING, Thursday, June 23, 2022

Submitted by Chris Sedmack, Secretary