

**CITY OF REDLANDS STREET TREE COMMITTEE**  
**September 25, 2008**

**1. Call to Order – Attendance**

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| Present:          | Jim Rock, Acting Chair<br>Paul Woltze<br>Shelli Stockton<br>Janet Ward |
| Liaison:          | Not present  |
| QOL Staff:        | Gary Van Dorst, Quality of Life Director                               |
| Parks Commission: | Kristin Saukel   |

**2. Approval of Minutes** - August 28, 2006, approved after correcting Rule 28A to Rule 20A, under 4 in the minutes, Committee/Individual Reports.

**3. Correspondence and Communications**

A. None

**5. Committee/Individual Reports**

- A. Monthly Street Tree Overview – West Coast Arborists (WCA) is trimming trees on Buena Vista Street, Columbia Street, and Lugonia Avenue. At Oakmont Park, which has not been accepted by the City as a park at this time, the trees are being inventoried.
- B. Status Report – Program to plant a minimum of 1,000 City Parkway Trees. Gary Van Dorst reported that 4000 parkway tree request cards have been sent to residents to determine if they would like parkway trees planted and about 60 have been returned so far. He said the tree request cards this year are color coded for the various zones, which will make processing them easier. Gary reported that the CDBG grant application for the target area in North Redlands is being sent to the County and then it will be submitted to City Council.
- C. Status Report – Honorary Tree Planting Program – Char Burgess and Shelli Stockton will review with Rick Cross the amount of remaining funds for planting trees starting this October.
- D. Status Report – City Parkway Tree Palette Report- continued.
- E. Status Report – Monthly review of City Parkway Street Trees that may be removed/destroyed. Mr. Van Dorst said there was nothing new to report.
- F. Status Report – Updating Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual – continued.
- G. Development of Policy for Removal of Dead Street Trees – Gary Van Dorst said the QOL Department policy is to remove dead trees when they are reported. Janet Ward provided a list of dead trees for removal and suggested that the dead street trees listed by WCA in the City Tree Inventory should be removed.
- H. Possible Remedy for Providing Water to Needy Street Trees, especially for properties in foreclosure. Gary Van Dorst’s opinion is that water trucks are too expensive and require too much time to be feasible. He said since the City is now responsible for maintaining the I-10 off ramps, staff time is limited. Mr. Van Dorst suggested that the City enact an ordinance that will allow the City to

maintain the neglected foreclosed properties and parkway trees, by hiring private companies. The property owner would be responsible to pay the cost, if the previous home owner fails to pay. City would attach a lien to the property for these incurred expenses. Mr. Van Dorst said the City is considering hiring a third code enforcement officer. Jim Rock hopes the City can impact the unkempt conditions at Pharaoh's Lost Kingdom.

**6. Old Business**

A. None

**7. New Business**

A. None

**8. Public Discussion and Comments** – Emily Bueermann followed up on the Boy Scout's request for three trees to be planted at Redlands High School in the two planters. It was decided that camphor trees would be used and the trees would be delivered to Chris Sedmack's yard for pick-up. Boy Scout John Paul was present and he was requesting five or six eucalyptus trees for Redlands High School to replace the ones that were on Citrus Avenue. He was hoping to plant these trees on Veterans Day, in honor of the veterans of WWI. It seems WWI history is associated with these trees. Jim Rock said the soil should be tested to determine if it is suited for eucalyptus trees and the area measured to determine the number of trees needed. These trees should be planted 30 to 50 feet apart. In Jim's opinion, 24" box eucalyptus trees should be used. Shelli Stockton believes there is funding for this project. Committee members are in agreement with this plan, if feasible, since it needs good soil conditions and a source of water for each tree planted. The school administrator needs to approve this plan and, also, to enter into a contract promising to maintain these trees.

**9. Adjournment to Next Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008.**

Prepared by Janet Ward, Acting Secretary