

**CITY OF REDLANDS STREET TREE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes for December 27, 2007**

**1. Call to Order – Attendance**

Present: Chris Sedmack, Chair  
Jim Rock  
Paul C. Woltze  
Shelli Stockton  
Janet Ward

Staff: Rick Cross and Gary Van Dorst (QOL, Director)

So. Cal. Edison – Beverly Powell, Public Affairs Representative

**2. Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2007, minutes approved.**

**3. Correspondence and Communications**

- A. Monthly Street Tree Overview by the QOL staff – WCA suspended trimming of City trees during the holidays, but will resume the first week of January 2008.
- B. In preparation to plant 1,000 City parkway trees, the QOL dept. has prepared 1,300 letters to be sent in January to residents in north/south Redlands offering to plant a City tree in the City parkway in front of their residence, if the resident agrees to maintaining/watering the newly planted tree. The resident will need to formalize their intent to maintain/water the tree by signing the City acceptance document and returning it to the City. Once the acceptance documents are received by the City, the planting of the 1,000 trees will start. Funding for these trees is provided by the Redlands Community Foundation and a percentage from the recent ESRI grant of \$55,000. The remaining ESRI grant will be held and possibly applied towards matching funds for two future grants, Fire grant and Community Development one, which the City plans on obtaining.
- C. Status report – Honorary Tree Planting Program – 52 honorees' trees will be planted in the City parkways and 41 in the City parks this winter.
- D. Status report – planting and funds for planting of The Terrace – funding will

be provided by the Redlands Community Foundation. The trees will be planted in recognition of the City Arbor Day event. Rick Cross has already prepared the Arbor Day Proclamation.

- E. Status report – City of Redlands parkway palm tree RFP - will be finalized in 30 to 60 days - needs to be rewritten by QOL staff.

#### **4. Old Business**

- A. Requirement on new development for wider parkways in order to allow larger canopy street trees – continued.
- B. Process to preserve mature trees in areas of anticipated development – identifying streets with trees and recommend modifications to the General Plan standards to address this issue – Gary Van Dorst suggested placing two GSI overlays together – the map of the street trees and a map of the streets to be widened. Mr. Van Dorst will speak with the Planning Dept. to identify the streets and possible policy changes. Impact of street widening should be accessed on case by case basis.
- C. Plans to update the Redlands Street Tree 5-Year Strategic Plan to be submitted to City Council for review and possible acceptance as policy will be continued. Paul Woltze and Janet Ward volunteered to review and update this plan.

- 5. Public Discussion and Comments** – Beverly Powell from SCE said SCE will donate 100 sapling trees to the City to be planted on hillsides. A visitor spoke regarding requesting funds for McKinley School to plant a citrus park on campus at the corner of Olive Avenue and Michigan Street. They would like to plant a variety of 11 trees and also have a display of smudge pots and watering weirs. They do have plans for an irrigation system and have already received many donations of smudge pots. Shelli Stockton expressed concern about schools maintaining school trees. Ward will obtain cost for this project from the visitor and will submit it to Stockton for approval and funding. Ward reported that HTP Donor, Arnold Michales has already donated \$500 for citrus trees to be planted at Redlands schools and after his recent death his family plans to donate further funds to Honorary Tree Program, which are also to be used for Citrus trees at Redlands City schools.

#### **6. Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- 1. 1. Election of Officers

2. Reviewing the RSTC meeting time and day of the week.

7. **Adjournment to next regular meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2008.**

Prepared by Janet Ward, Acting Recording Secretary