CITY OF REDLANDS
STREET TREE COMMISSION
AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026, at 5:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2, Redlands, CA

Kelly Covey, Commission Chair
Aaron Odland, Secretary
Bettina McLeod, Commissioner
Adrian Ascencio, Vice Chair
Katherine Vienne, Commissioner

1. **Call to Order & Attendance**

2. **Public Comment**
   At this time, the Board/Commission will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject, within the jurisdiction of the Board/Commission, which is not already scheduled on this agenda. However, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent meeting. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

   Speakers are encouraged, but not required, to complete a Speaker Sign-Up Sheet. Forms are available in the Office of the City Clerk or in the Council Chambers and may be submitted to the Staff Liaison before or after the meeting is convened.

3. **Presentations**
   Review of Brown Act, presented by the City Attorney, Yvette Abich Garcia

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. July 29, 2026, Special meeting minutes

5. **Communications**
   a. Staff Report: Review of city parkway trees within new developments, trimmed, removed, or planted trees

6. **New Business**
    a. Discussion and possible action on tree removal at the following locations:

- 1623 Occidental Dr – 2 Holly Oaks – damage to sidewalk, curb, gutter, possible damage to sewer lateral, prior roof damage, aggressive roots close to hydrant, street light
- 1870 Colorado St – Chinese Hackberry – sidewalk lifting, water main, wooly aphids
- 2085 Furlow Dr – Chinese Hackberry - sidewalk, water main, wooly aphids
- 2070 Colorado St – Chinese Hackberry - sidewalk, gutter lifting, standing water, water main
- 623 Solano Way – Liquidambar - tree lifting sidewalk, falling branches, close to water meter
- 1626 Glover St – So Live Oak – roots in sewer line, lifting sidewalk
- 811 Elise Dr – Holly Oak - sidewalk lifting, irrigation, scheduled for removal

7. **Unfinished Business**
    a. Previous discussion on SCE funding for undergrounding of high voltage wires on W. Cypress Ave.

8. **Commissioner Announcements, Reports on Activities, and/or Request for Future Agenda Items**

9. **Adjournment-** Next Meeting is a regular meeting on January 28, 2027

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SPECIAL MEETING

City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2, Redlands, CA
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 5:30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Kelly Convey, Commission Chair
Aaron Odland, Secretary
Bettina McLeod, Commissioner
Adrian Acencio, Vice Chari
Katherine Vienne, Commissionner.

Absent: City Council Liaison

FCS Staff: Erik Reeves
Jocelynn Butters

Guests: None

1) **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**: The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

2) **PUBLIC COMMENT**: No speakers in attendance.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a) Vice Chair Adrian Acencio motioned to approve; Commissioner Katherine Vienne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Kelly Covey, Aaron Odland, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Acencio, Katherine Vienne).

4) COMMUNICATIONS

a) Staff Reports:

i) Review of any new city parkway trees:

(1) Erik Reeves reported that City will trim all trees in ROW, even fruit trees. There are a few developments that are in planning phase and have been reviewed. Not a whole lot of trees in them. One is the old Police Station that will be a development with 5 or 6 trees. Only room for trees on Brookside. Not on Eureka because no parkway. They are planting Strawberry Tree or a couple other options. Said no to Golden Rain Tree. There's a bus stop there which constrains the choices. Another development is a housing development at Wabash and Colton. There are 15-20 trees in ROW. Trees should be 20' from utility box or street light. Big one in construction is housing tract by Citrus Valley High School. There's another by the sports park. By Moore Junior Hight there is a site that already had trees installed before the development started. They are

now building on the lots. There are over 100 new trees going in ROW areas this year. A new City park has 200+ trees getting planted.

(2) There will be 4 or 5 more Italian Cypress being removed from Cypress Circle. They were over 100 years old. Waiting until they are totally dead. Will be replaced with new cypresses. The cemetery lost 21 trees that blew over. Many were oaks. They are being replaced with different species that are less aggressive to headstones. The entry has been cleaned up.

(3) Quercus suber (Cork Oak) on Olive that we planted in celebration of Arbor Day is still alive. The City is watering with a watering truck for now. Kelly noted that Olive has more oaks that are in decline. One is at the south side of Olive and Eureka.

(4) Kelly brought back up that a private company trimmed two Jacaranda on Buena Vista without a permit. Erik to follow up with code enforcement.

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Redlands Blvd., Highland Ave., Clark Street

i) This was brought up last time. Erik recalls that it's regarding palm trimming and them being skinned. They are paused for nesting season.

b) Discussion of tree removals:

i) 1508 Laurel Ave. - Canary Island Pine

Leans towards the street. Bettina was told by the owner that they had to spend money on the sewer line replacement. Erik said the City has taken out similar large pines in that area in the past. Erik noted that it's only a few feet from the water meter. Bettina noted that the owner said they will take two trees. Is there enough room for two with the meter and sewer locations? There is a dead Jacaranda on the property that is already being removed. Erik noted that SCE will likely pay for removal because it threatens their power line across the street. Kelly noted that if lean is more than 8% to 15% then it can be at risk for falling. This tree has a majority of growth on the street side that is not good. Katherine make a motion to remove the tree. Bettina seconds the motion.

Commissioner Vienne made a motion to remove the tree. Commissioner McLeod seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (Kelly Covey, Aaron Odland, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Acencio, Katherine Vienne).

ii) 1750 Somerset Lane – Magnolia

Erik Reeves noted that the limbs have been hacked. It is right by the water meter box. Observations show that the sidewalk has been repaired before. Erik said the City has done ramping work. Bettina says the owner claimed there has been water meter damage. Erik recommends removal and replacement.

Commissioner McLeod made a motion to remove the tree. Chairman Covey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (Kelly Covey, Aaron Odland, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Acencio, Katherine Vienne).

iii) 1502 Church Street - Sycamore

Telecommunication lines run through it. Kelly noted that power lines of high voltage should be 18' from the sycamore to meet fire requirements. Erik described that sidewalk work has been done by engineering that hurt the health of the tree. He noted that the owner has been dealing with plumbing issues. Bettina thinks then tree looks healthy. Erik says that the canopy wasn't as full as it should be. Kelly noted that SCE is going to keep hacking and that this will make the health decline over time. Telecom may start a 4' clearance around their lines in the future. Erik noted that SCE will likely take it out for free. Bettina noted that the owner said they will take 2 trees. Erik said Mr. Flores (the homeowner) would take 3. Mr. Flores has had the plumber come out 3 times to prune the roots for the sewer.

Motion to remove the tree was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Kelly Covey, Aaron Odland, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Acencio, Katherine Vienne).

iv) 1517 Ohio Street - Holly Oak

Proposed removal for sewer and infrastructure. Erik talked with the owner. They have had issues with the sewer. It has had problems with the sidewalk being lifted. Bettina says the owner claimed they spent $30k on sewer replacement a year and a half ago. There appears to be room for 1 replacement tree. Bettina noted some dieback. Erik noted that the north side has a lot of monocultural plantings, like a lot of Holly Oaks. He would propose 2-3 large tree options and 2-3 small tree options to the homeowner.

Motion to remove the tree was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Kelly Covey, Aaron Odland, Bettina McLeod, Adrian Acencio, Katherine Vienne).

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) SCE funding for undergrounding of high voltage wires on W. Cypress Ave. Erik will have information on this by the next meeting. He finally has the correct contact for this. The goal is to find out how much money is available in that pot to potentially save palm trees in front of the Smiley school. They are Canary Island Palm Trees. If there is more money, then other projects may be possible.

7) COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES, AND/OR REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

a) Kelly noted that AT&T is going to be doing a lot of line maintenance this year, which will result in a lot of tree trimming. Erik noted that City engineering will likely make his department aware of it, and they will hopefully be able to push for more aesthetic treatment.

b) Request for Agenda Item: Bettina would like to know if there's anything that can be done to go after people trimming in private parking lots. Erik noted they just need the appropriate license. It becomes an issue of the integrity of the company's pruning. For example, there's a state law about not removing oaks, but Redlands can't enforce that on private property.

c) Online Training - Katherine asked if we still need to do it if it has been done. Each commissioner needs to check if they have done this before.

d) Adrian wrote Erik a letter with tree locations they want more information on. Erik just reviewed Adrian's letter and will follow up with Adrian. There will not be follow-up needed in the next meeting.

e) Aaron asked about tree diamonds or small tree planters. The city doesn't often allow.

8) 8. ADJOURNMENT - Adjourned at 7:00 pm

a) Next meeting is a regular meeting on October 22, 2026.