



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting June 21, 2023 Virtual Teams Meeting

Pursuant to safe practices during the COVID 19 pandemic, all in-person public meetings are cancelled until further notice. This meeting will be held virtually to allow for healthy practices and social distancing. All materials related to the agenda items will be distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Meeting materials will also be presented as part of the virtual meeting.

Members Present: Nichole Casebeer, Rebeca Field (logged on @ 4:00), Darbi Davis (logged on @ 3:43 p.m.), Alison Meadow, Jenni Moscato, Ron van Ommeren, Flor Sandoval, Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley,

Members Absent:

Guests/Staff Speaker: Nicole Gillett, CMO; Jaimie Galayda, TW; GeeGee Larington; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by R.van Ommeren; verbal roll call – 7 members present, quorum present (D.Davis logged on 3:44 p.m.; R.Field logged on 4:00)

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- Approve May 17, 2023 minutes and Legal Action Report; scribe corrections – 3.B. “Emma Stahl-Wert . . . 8-9 years”; motion to approve by N.Casebeer, second by F.Sandoval; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=7, no=0, abstain=0

3. Discussion

- A. Summer LAC schedule & In-Person meetings: Discussion regarding summer month off; Nichole not here in July, Jenny not here in Aug; Ron preference Aug; Kasy either; Alison no strong preference. Motion by R.vanOmmeren for August off, second by A.Meadow; motion passed 7=yes; no=0; abstain=0. Discussion for in-person meeting, hybrid, or remain virtual; would like hybrid option (potential to meet at Parks administration building if available, TW building alternate; both have hybrid capabilities). Motion for hybrid meeting by R.vanOmmeren, second by J.Moscato; motion passed yes=8; no=0, abstain=0.
- B. One Water Master Plan 2100 Update: presented by J.Galayda: orientation to structure of the plan; looking for comments to draft; send slides to LAC
- C. LAC open vacant member positions: 2 positions = 2 positions vacant – Landscape Contractor (3 applicants: Petr Chylik, AJ Raglow & Emma Stahl-Wert) and Educator (2 applicants: Eric Dhruv & Erin Posthumus); all 5 candidates have attended one of 2 past meetings. Discussion: what does Educator position do, no specific definitions, is it more about communications – who is audience (have dealt with ADWR, M&C), opportunity for growth in different areas, past representatives were connections to Ag Extension; recap of Eric and Erin – both strong candidates, Eric expressed equity lens, from Tucson, strong science background; Erin strong science background, skill in science communications/getting things done, did not express as strong in community engagement & equity. Everyone would be happy

with both. Motion to recommend Eric Dhruv for Educator Representative by N.Casebeer, second by J.Moscato; passed yes=9; no=0; abstain=0.

Landscape Contractor discussion: 3 candidates: Petr is with a large contractor and does work within the city, lengthy knowledge, could help LAC better understand contractor's role, could provide insight how large contractors operate; Emma and AJ strong on smaller scale green stormwater infrastructure installations, Emma has lead workshops on green infrastructure to city workers; all members felt all 3 candidates would bring value to the committee with different perspectives. Motion to recommend Petr Chylik for Landscape Contractor by N.Shipley, second by K.Shug, passed yes=9, no=0, abstain=0.

- D. Blue Palo Verde Testing Protocol: discuss for July meeting.
- E. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates: No Updates.
- F. City Updates: no updates

4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:

- Arizona Nursery Assoc. SHADE conference in Glendale: August 19, 2023

5. Call to Audience (time permitting): no time

6. Future Agenda Items:

- Metrics for Rainwater Harvesting
- Blue Palo Verde growing protocol
- Plant List
- Irrigation removal from installation plans

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm