

## **Landscape Advisory Committee**

## Minutes of Meeting April 17, 2024 Hybrid Meeting (In-person & Virtual)

This was a hybrid meeting: In-person at Tucson Water, 310 W. Alameda St, 3rd FL Conference Room; Virtual had a Teams link. All available materials related to the agenda items will be posted on the City Clerk's page: BCC listings, Landscape Advisory Committee [https://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards?board=44].

Members Present: Nichole Casebeer, Petr Chylik, Darbi Davis, Eric Dhruv, Rebeca Field, Jenni Moscato,

Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley

**Members Absent:** Flor Sandoval

Guests/Staff: Nicole Gillett, CMO; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER

• Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 8 members present, quorum present

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

• Approve March 20 2024 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by N.Casebeer, second by R.Field; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=8, no=0, abstain=0

## 3. Discussion

- A. StoneyField grant. J.Bonillas self-introduction; meeting with P&R Director and Pesticide Free group, P&R does not have resources to continue with grant; will provide Beyond Pesticide with final soil samples. From GeeGee: still working with Tempe group No action.
- B. LAC Vice-Chair: motion to nominate Nichole Casebeer by K.Schug; second by E.Dhruv. No Discussion. Motion passed 8-aye; 0-nay; 0-abstain.
- C. Summer Schedule: Discussion traditionally July is summer off; discussion of potential to take 2 months off. Motion to take July off, with potential to also take August off if possible (IOgata will check) by P.Chylik, second by K.Schug, no further discussion. Passed 8-aye, 0-naye, 0-abstain.
- D. Ad Hoc Committee Updates
  - Plant List: Group moving forward filling in criteria and plants; need to set a deadline, eric willing to take on shrub list with Jenny (will connect with Jenny). No action.
- E. City Updates: N.Gillett update on position open for grant manager (5-yr grant)-please distribute
- 4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:
  - Tuesday, April 23: Loft Common Ground (about pesticides)
  - May 19th: Empire Ranch Burt Lancaster film, filmed in area
  - Desert Horticulture Conference May 10, 2024
  - May 2-6: Tumamoc Lectures Eric Dhruv will send links (5/9 demise of mega beast)
  - May 15: Sonoran Institute-Sonoran Sustainers, \$60 @ Palyground Bar & Lounge
- 5. Call to Audience (time permitting): update provided by GeeGee Larrington

- 6. Future Agenda Items:
  - Contract Landscape Maintenance (DTM; Shawn Moore, John Bonilla)
  - Landscape Maintenance notes on landscape plans (Matt Carlton)
  - PDSD landscape architect to meet LAC Chad Keller
  - SERI update to LAC
  - Trees transpiring at night (ask Ursula)
- 7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm