



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting May 15, 2024
Hybrid Meeting (In-person & Virtual)

This was a hybrid meeting: In-person at Parks & Recreation Administration Building, Mesquite Room, 900 S. Randolph Way; 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: Darbi Davis, Petr Chylik, Jenni Moscato, Flor Sandoval, Nick Shipley
Members Absent: Nichole Casebeer, Eric Dhruv, Rebeca Field, Kasy Schug
Guests/Staff: Ursula Schuch, UArizona Ag Extension; Nicole Gillett, CMO; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 5 members present, quorum present

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- Approve April 17 2024 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by P.Chylik, second by J.Moscato; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=5, no=0, abstain=0

3. Discussion

- A. Update Palo verde Virus. Dr. Ursula Schug; Dr. Judith Brown's lab does all the diagnostics and essential molecular work; virus in genetic information of PVBV (Palo Verde Broom Virus, official designation); looked at other Parkinsonia species and location, virus present in all Palo Verdes, but asymptomatic in Palo Brea and Desert Museum – found in nursery stock; Discussion: does wind add to movement of mites to Palo Verdes, Foothills in natural areas have not been tested; Blue Palo Verde is most abundant in urban landscape. No action.
- B. Ad Hoc Committee Updates
 - Set due date in Sept. – will provide quick review in June No action.
- C. City Updates: N.Gillett update LID ordinance; may come to LAC in Sept.

4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:

- Juneteenth, 6/19 @ Kennedy Park
- SHADE conference in Gilbert, 8/9/2024
- Tree Party DFFM & neighborhood – Armory Park
- ACTC conference, Sept. in Camp Verde
- SERI 30th Anniv – will invite in Sept.

5. Call to Audience (time permitting): Movie Common Ground at Loft, sponsors were growers of food

6. Future Agenda Items:

- Contract Landscape Maintenance (DTM; Shawn Moore, John Bonilla)
- Landscape Maintenance notes on landscape plans (Matt Carlton)
- PSDS landscape architect to meet LAC – Chad Keller
- SERI update to LAC

- Trees transpiring at night (ask Ursula)
- Update by West Consultants
- Information on Stinknet

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm