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## Landscape Advisory Committee

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### Minutes of Meeting June 20, 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].*

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**Members Present:** Nichole Casebeer, Petr Chylik, Rebeca Field, Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley  
**Members Absent:** Darbi Davis, Eric Dhruv, Jenni Moscato, Flor Sandoval  
**Guests/Staff:** GeeGee Larrington, Beyond Pesticide; Chad Keller, PDSO; Jeraldo Robles, DTM; Nicole Gillett, CMO; Irene Ogata, TW

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m. by N.Casebeer; verbal roll call – 5 members present, quorum present

#### 2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- Approve May 15, 2024 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by N.Casebeer, second by R.Field; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=5, no=0, abstain=0

#### 3. Discussion

- A. Meet and Greet Planning & Development service Dept, Landscape Architect: Chad Keller self-introduced; a little background information, coming from the private sector; last place – Novak & Assoc.; has been here for 4 months; started with interest in golf course design. Discussion: maybe field trip to meet with city landscape architect and arborists to provide feedback on potential designs; LAC members self-introduced to Chad; No action.
- B. Landscape Plan submittals: how to get maintenance added to Landscape Plans as part of DP; most plans have some sort of maintenance requirements included; enforcement will require more staff time; currently maintenance schedules are written, a few had schematic on how to prune trees; maybe something another subcommittee can propose required standards to be included; some sort of CD inclusion
- C. Landscape Maintenance Contracts Update: for DTM – Jeraldo Robles : DTM does basic trimming, especially in areas with homeless; currently only one contract for all 4 quadrants; TEP has found veg around the substations have been used to hide unhoused populations' camps and have had repeated break-ins in the substations; TEP typically raises the canopies to get clear view of substations; DOC crews went away with COVID – may start up with group of 10 inmates; 3 crew leaders, will try to train non-perms. No Action
- D. Ad Hoc Committee Updates
  - Plant List. – Nichole shared screen; update with Rebeca of types of plants listing; beginning to populate categories of plants, plant criteria/characteristic; both technical and specific or less specific depending how viewer searches; goal to make it accessible; realize there a lot of info trying to include; seeking input from rest of group No action.

- E. City Updates: N.Gillett update on Tree Inventory completed by Davey Trees: later presentation as explore current data; transferring data to City's asset management software; TEP would like to look with overlay of utilities to work on maintenance; different groups have similar information (i.e., Brightview); city tree information will be public.
4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:
    - Tree Class ACTC – Marana Police Dept. half day seminar, CEU
    - SHADE conference in August 8, 2024 in Gilbert
    - Dia de San Juan June 24, Menlo Park Neighborhood; activity in Mission Garden
  5. Call to Audience (time permitting): GeeGeeLarington – meeting with Samantha Malinski, Cottonwood/Valley Verde changing golf courses to organic approach; nothing much happening with turf in Tucson;
  6. Future Agenda Items:
    - LID ordinance
    - Trees and gaps in inventory
    - SERI update to LAC
    - Trees transpiring at night (ask Ursula)
    - Update by West Consultants
    - Information on Stinknet
  7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm