



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting January 15, 2025 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: Petr Chylik, Teresa Dekoker, Eric Dhruv, Rebeca Field, Jenni Moscato, Flor Sandoval
Members Absent: Darbi Davis, Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley
Guests/Staff: Alex Breault, Sasha Thompson, Ethan Allerton – Tucson Clean & Beautiful; Jalal Mahmoudi, TW; GeeGee Larrington; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m. by T.Dekoker; verbal roll call – 6 members present, quorum present
2. Minutes and LAR for Approval
 - Approve December 18, 2024 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by J.Moscato, second by F.Sandoval; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=6, no=0, abstain=0
3. Discussion
 - A. Tucson Clean & Beautiful AAPP: presentation by A.Breault, S.Thompson and E.Allerton: Information program is grant funded; 8 weeks long; 5 out of 10 graduates placed for employment; recruited from various organizations (YOTO; Pima County One Stop, others); focus on place-based learning; whole person education; Ethan shared what he learned and is currently using as employee of TCB; looking to sustain program without reliance on grant funds; discussion with LAC members. No action.
 - B. Soil Heath Update: Vanessa Buzzard, UA researcher will provide information in April.
 - C. Goats at Sweetwater: presentation by J.Mahmoudi; cost and effect of using machinery; pilot use of goats to avoid use of machinery and compacting soil in recharge basins; first 4 basins success; continuing pilot for other basins; will do a cost benefit analysis post pilot; discussion/comments by members. No action.
 - D. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates
 - Plant List. – met in early Jan. prior to this meeting; goal to bring list to this larger group next meeting in.
 - E. City Updates: Nicole asking LAC members if they would like to nominate anyone for any Urban and Community Forestry Awards – call for nominations due by 1/31/2025
4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:
 - Beyond – activities throughout community; Ironwood Trees doing '[Beyond on the Chuk-son Trail](#)'
5. Call to Audience (time permitting): GeeGeeLarrington: impressed by TCB AAPP presentation/program including whole wellness into training; her cousin is goat herder at Sweetwater
6. Future Agenda Items:
 - Wildfire and wildland urban interface – potentially March
 - Potential tour of Prof. Bo Yang's watering tree research

- LID ordinance – potentially March
 - Update on Palo Verde growing protocol (UA no longer testing)
 - Update soil health @ Gunny Berera Park – Vanessa Buzzard in April
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm