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## Landscape Advisory Committee

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Minutes of Meeting March 19, 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].*

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**Members Present:** Darbi Davis, Teresa Dekoker, Eric Dhruv (arrived 4:17), Rebeca Field, Jenni Moscato, Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley  
**Members Absent:** Petr Chylik, Flor Sandoval  
**Guests/Staff:** 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 – 6 members present, quorum present

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- Approve February 19, 2025 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by J.Moscato, second by K.Schug; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=6, no=0, abstain=0

3. Discussion

- A. Meet & Greet Cody Wooden: self-introduction; Commercial Conservation Program Manager; came from Scottsdale – managed HOA program; worked on turf reduction program; currently working on turf reduction program for TW. Discussion. No action.

B. Summer Hiatus & Field Trips:

- Discussion of summer hiatus: July-August, June-July; discussion; motion to take June & July as summer hiatus by K.Schug, second by R.Field – no further discussion, verbal roll call, aye=6, no=0, abstain=0; motion passed
- Discussion to have May meeting for field trip to TW SHARP facility (9900 E Drexel Rd); motion to have May 21 meeting at SHARP at 9:00 a.m. by J.Moscato, seconded by T.Dekoker; verbal roll call, aye=6, no=0, abstain=0; motion passed

- C. UHI/Tree Workshop: I.Ogata presented new format for UHI workshops starting this year; to put more attention on connection between Trees and UHI/health; LAC is the Tree Board for the City's annual Tree City certification renewal; members present agreed move to elevate trees in community awareness is positive move; will ask for member involvement. Discussion. No action

D. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates:

- Plant list: discussion of tree selection; to leave or eliminate; currently all trees to remain; will continue discussion with shrub category; J.Moscato took notes for modifications; difficulty in categorizing small trees or large shrub (?new category of trubs??); ask PC NPN if they grow Condalia

4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:

- Cyclovia: [April 6, 2025](#)
- Desert Horticulture: May 9, 2025

- [ISA](#) conference: Westward Look, April 22-25, 2025
5. Call to Audience (time permitting): no comments
  6. Future Agenda Items:
    - Trees in basins – Nicole Gillett
    - Wildfire and wildland urban interface – potentially April
    - Potential tour of Prof. Bo Yang’s watering tree research
    - Update on Palo Verde growing protocol (UA no longer testing)
    - Update soil health @ Gunny Berera Park – Vanessa Buzzard in April
    - Data of pre and post high-water use letter use consumption
    - ANSI standard change on pruning – maybe in summer
  7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm