



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting April 16, 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, Darbi Davis, Rebeca Field, Flor Sandoval (logged in 3:40), Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley
Members Absent: Teresa Dekoker, Eric Dhruv, Jenni Moscato
Guests/Staff: KP Maxwell, TFD; Raul f. Berrellez, UA, CAPLA graduate candidate; Vanessa Buzzard, UA Ecology & Evolutionary Biology; Nicole Gillett, CMO; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 5 members present, quorum present (FSandoval logged on 3:40)
2. Minutes and LAR for Approval
 - Approve March 19, 2025 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by KSchug, second by RField; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=6, no=0, abstain=0
3. Discussion
 - A. Wildlands Urban Wildfires: KP Maxwell self-introduced; presentation on Wildlands Urban Wildfires; does not start as structural fires; not rural or forest fire-like fires – termed as Wildland Urban fires; preventative measures – reduce fuel loads, in desert this is brush and grasses, do mechanical thinning if possible, spraying pesticides to reduce grasses/weeds; advocate for sheet; TFD collaborating with ASDM to create door hangers (not ready for distribution). Discussion: TEP and Brightview would like to collaborate. No action.
 - B. Flow Forward: Re-Imagining Water Quality on SW Campus: Raul F Berrellez: self-introduction, presentation of potential project of water flow and capture on UA, Sierra Vista Campus; emphasis on soil microbes to clean water running off paved surfaces into water catchment areas; proposal for living canopies; no funding available at this time to implement. Discussion. No Action
 - C. Soil Health in GSI: Vanessa Buzzard self-introduced; covered research project done by graduate student at Gunny B Park, areas of wood mulch application and soil microbes; also referenced work/data on application of compost tea provided by West Consultants; short study time, need longer time frame to make conclusions; some research being done on Campus Farm. Discussion. No action
 - D. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates: no time.
4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events: no time for listing events.
5. Call to Audience (time permitting): no time.
6. Future Agenda Items: no time for updates/listings
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm