



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting November 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].

Members Present: Petr Chylik, Darbi Davis, Rebeca Field, Jenni Moscato, Flor Sandoval, Kasy Schug, Nick Shipley
Members Absent: Eric Dhruv,
Guests/Staff: Tony Figueroa, TAS; Teresa Dekoker, candidate for LAC; Irene Ogata, TW

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - Meeting called to order at 3:50 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 7 members present, quorum present
2. Minutes and LAR for Approval
 - Approve Oct. 16, 2024 minutes and Legal Action Report; motion to approve by R.Field, second by K.Schug; no discussion; motion passed: verbal aye/approved=7, no=0, abstain=0
3. Discussion
 - A. Stinknet: Presentation by T.Figuero: self introduction; presentation on how it was introduced in Tucson; how to ID plant; how to treat; need to keep in check; health (very allergenic) and environmental hazard; burns hot and smoke irritant to lungs; control burn is not solution; herbicide + manual removal; raising awareness is key – remove small patches as soon as possible; contact Tony to report and/or request assistance (stinknet.org); discussion. No action.
 - B. Cool Bus stop: Presentation by J.Moscato;– project initiated as part of Tucson Resilient Together funding for 6 pilot designs, goal: heat resilience, shade trees/native plants, water harvesting; additional funding for 80 pilot projects, may start construction next year (additional grant funding for other bus stops); looked at various locational placement criteria (at least 1 in each Ward) utilizing ridership, equity scores, tree canopy, capacity for vegetation/water harvesting (2 year hand watering for establishment), electronic info panel for weather alerts and cooling station locations. Maintenance of trash by Suntran; landscape maintenance by contractor for establishment period.
 - C. LAC Vice Chair: discussion introduced by D.Davis; former Vice-Chair resigned; potential – consideration: J.Moscato or T.Dekoker if appt by next month, further discussion next month.
 - D. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates
 - Plant List. – no meeting; will meet in Dec..
 - E. City Updates: No city updates.
4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events:
 - Southern Arizona Arborist Group; every 3rd Thursday @ First Watch – Oracle/River @ 7 a.m.
5. Call to Audience (time permitting): no audience
6. Future Agenda Items:
 - LID ordinance

- Trees and gaps in inventory (Nicole Gillett & inventory)
- Trees transpiring at night (ask Ursula)
- Update by West Consultants (soil health)
- Invasiveness of Pistache – D.Davis checking her contact

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm