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## Landscape Advisory Committee

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### Minutes of Meeting January 21, 2026 Virtual Meeting

*This was a Virtual meeting with 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:** Petr Chylik, Darbi Davis, Teresa Dekoker, Rebeca Field, Jenny Moscato, Ryan Stevenson  
**Members Absent:** Flor Sandoval, Kasy Schug, Bo Yang  
**Guests/Staff:** Nicole Gillett, CMO; Amanda Smith, COT PDS

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 6 members present, quorum present

#### 2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- Dec. 17, 2025 LAR + Minutes; Motion to approve both LAR and Minutes Nov. 19, 2025 by J.Moscato, second by R.Field; no further discussion. Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion passed

#### 3. Discussion

- A. Update of Middle Housing: Amanda Smith, COT PDS presentation: background – includes duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes; considered same as single family development; landscaping required; in effect 1/2026; landscape requirement: 1 tree/1000 sf, groundcover also required, existing veg counts (4” caliper), watering required, 6” depression for new tree planting. Discussion; 5’ bufferyard explained, basin dimension (50 sf) not specifying water quantity, may follow later with LID ordinance; use of low to very low water use (4<sup>th</sup> TAMA; but 5<sup>th</sup> TAMA is most recent); water requirement criteria may eliminate other plants that are medium water use. No action..
- B. LAC Ad Hoc Committee Updates: Plant list update; added a few updates: Chitalpa has big leaves, can burn in summer; keep Pistasche due to use; ? Ironwood used by TEP; conversation on Plumbago – ok in right spot; Salvia by species; globe mallow by spp; will Ice plant be invasive? Have not heard (Bold); Vine mesquite, could outcompete Bermuda? Cross out catclaw do not know 7, 12 & 19 same;; flag vines as needing review; succulents – Agave spp; Pedilanthus changed to Euphorbia; Totem pole has value in certain conditions . What is next step before signing off; started going thru ADWR list, this list was to available for general mass, designers, whoever; there is process where City can supercede ADWR list; how to make it useful, how to disseminate, online as resource, go through adoption process, or adopt as City of Tucson list for city projects; goal was to be as accessible as possible – would take more resources; recommendation for future action – city staff to talk about potential options, put on next agenda [official code update; use for Tucson operations; website on COT – who is resource for, how setup; pdf on COT website – start of list that can be modified; also post on UA site – extension program]. Darbi will send recap to be placed on next meeting. No action.
- C. City Updates: N.Gillett update on Tree RFP. No action.

#### 4. Chairperson's Summary of Current:

- Heat Summit: Save the date out Feb. 7, 2026 at ENR 2
- UA LA coordination review 2/23-26

- GSI mixer this Friday
- 5. Call to Audience (time permitting): no audience
- 6. Future Agenda Items:
  - Tree watering research by Bo Yang
  - Review Plant List: next steps
    - Official code update
    - Tucson operations plant list
    - PDF on COT website for download as plant resource
    - Interactive website: who would do this?)
    - Educational: UA, Extension, Pima County
- 7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 4:58 pm