



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting April 15, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

This was a Hybrid meeting: In-person will be at Parks & Recreation Administration Building, 900 S Randolph Way, Mesquite Room 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>].

Members Present: Petr Chylik, Darbi Davis, Teresa Dekoker, Rebeca Field, Amy Martin, Jenny Moscato, Kasy Schug, Ryan Stevenson, Bo Yang
Members Absent: Flor Sandoval
Guests/Staff: Ian Wan, PDSD; Melinda Pittman, TW; Chad Keller, PDSD; Steven Blood, PDSD; Nicole Gillett, CMO

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 9 members present, quorum present

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- March 18, 2026 LAR + Minutes; Motion to approve both LAR and Minutes by J.Moscato, second by R.Field; no further discussion. Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion passed

3. Discussion

- A. Review Plant List: Guests from PDSD, covered their charge with the direction given by M&C last week – one ask by Councilmember to have Ward specific list; LAC emphasized list put together as a ‘guideline,’ non-regulatory; Tucson basin is broad and Ward specific list may not have enough differentiation; members not leaning toward eliminating/forbidding plants – there can be exceptions on case-by-case conditions; list is basically available & informational; LAC needs to provide rational how list was formulated; start scheduling meetings with Ward office, include PDSD staff; recommendation to have memo when meeting so LAC members are on the same page with each ward office – introduce list and have backstory of LAC’s purpose and selection of plants on list – get feedback – modify list as needed/agreed by LAC; T.Dekoker recommending addition of Stretchberry, taller shrub addition; add this plant to list. Work on memo with Darbi and bring back next month for member approval.
- B. Herbicide/Pest Management: Revisit IPM draft plan; currently have no bans on any herbicide (slight difference between ‘glyphosate’ vs brand Round-up), also no preferred organic herbicide recommendation; question regarding hot steam – have not tested; TW piloting goats in basin; upside pyramid looks interesting; get through plant list then consider IPM
- C. Summer hiatus: Consider same as last year – July/August; operations and field members – summer months are busy (utility and contractors); most of tree damage happens in July/August; okay to meet with Council office during hiatus – mainly no LAC meetings; motion to take July/August hiatus by P.Chylik, second by K.Schug; no further discussion, yes-9; no-0; abstain-0; motion passed.

- D. Quarterly Newsletter topic: suggested by Darbi & Teresa to be the plant list; Teresa & Darbi will construct the draft 1 page newsletter to send out.
4. Chairperson's Summary of Current:
 - 2026 MLA Conference, 4/16/2026, at UA CAPLA 8-12; B. Yang will send link – in-person & zoom
 - Anniversary: Fri. April 17, 2026 – sunset celebration of Ann Day Bridge
 - Rio Relay: Sat. 18, 2026 – pick up trash and run
 - Sat. April 25, 2026 – Bioblitz at Colossal Cave
 - SHADE Conference, 8/21/2026, Glendale, AZ
 5. Call to Audience (time permitting): B. Yang and Kristie Currans researching university in Italy and vertical forest concept (P. Chyllik connection); no input from PDS staff
 6. Future Agenda Items:
 - Plant List – memo to present to Council members
 - Pest Management
 - Invite Ag Extension and discussion regarding Desert Horticulture Conference
 - Graywater concepts
 - Quarterly newsletter review
 7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 4:52 pm