



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting September 16, 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].

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; Sarah Meggison, PDSD; James MacAdam, TW: Daniel Bradshaw, The Planning Center; Leslie Ethan, PDSD

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by D.Davis; verbal roll call – 9 members present, quorum present

2. Minutes and LAR for Approval

- LAC has had no meetings in July and August 2026.
- June 17, 2026 Minutes; Motion to approve both LAR and Minutes by A.Martin, second by R.Field; no further discussion. Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-0. Motion passed

3. Discussion

- A. PDSD Living Landscape recap and interface with LAC Plant List: overview by I.Wan; overview of Phase 1 of Living Landscape process; Planning Commission meeting in August with discussion of Living Landscape review of current landscape codes being considered for amendments; introduction of LAC plant list, will postpone to Phase 2 – may be where public outreach comes in (this is more on cleaning up Commercial Rainwater Harvesting Ordinance); Mayor & Council study session (Oct 20) to answer questions on the plant list and get further direction how to move forward with the Plant List; D.Davis attending Planning Commission meeting tonight. No further discussion.
- B. ReCap of Ward Office meetings – Input by members who attended Ward office meetings:
- Ward 1: attended by T.Dekoker (LAC), R.Stevenson (LAC) I.Ogata (TW), J.MacAdam (TW), I.Wan (PDSD): a bit of confusion knowing of Tucson Basin list and where this fit in; general outcome, no objection to the plant list, positive response to native plants, more explanation of 'native/near-native' definition for better understanding; incorporate more shrub; landscape to support habitat
 - Ward 2: D.Davis (LAC), T.Dekoker (LAC), B.Yang (LAC), I.Ogata (TW), J.MacAdam (TW), I.Wan (PDSD), S.Meggison (PDSD): general outcome, no overall objection to plant listings, HOA's in this area, need shade for human comfort component, clarify 'desert adapted' terminology; no major concerns
 - Ward 3: D.Davis (LAC), T.Dekoker (LAC), A.Martin (LAC), I.Ogata (TW), E.Hamblin (PDSD): general outcome, question of what entails native & near-native, would like to promote Tucson basin plants which generally included local area 'natives' only, confusion where list was

going to be applied (Commercial Rainwater Harvesting basins vs general landscape requirements) glad to narrow list down from ADWR list

- Ward 4: virtual – D.Davis (LAC), B.Yang (LAC), I.Ogata (TW), I.Wan (PDSD), S.Meggison (PDSD): not much comments on species; more HOA's in this area – wanting to make sure tree Red Push available as is a popular tree in HOA's line streets, mesquites did get blown down in recent storm, general no objections to list reduction from ADWR list
 - Ward 6: J.Moscato (LAC), T.Dekoker (LAC), R.Stevenson (LAC), I.Ogata (TW), S.Meggison (PDSD): supportive of mix of native, near-native plant list, looked good for variety; important there is a protocol to be able to adjust list – add/subtract; also question of potential availability of plants for growers and availability to buyers, considerations of irrigation, drought-tolerance; reiterated recommendation from LAC for list to be guidance (vs regulatory)
 - Pending meeting with Ward 5 (J.Moscato contacting) and Mayor's office (D.Davis doing follow-thru).
- C. Plant List and M&C Memo: Updates have not taken place; IOgata need to put current draft list on google docs for those interested in updating list; A.Martin would like to add more grasses; suggest naming convention to be – most recent designation with “formerly” listed in parenthesis
- D. Quarterly Newsletter topic: D.Davis provided initial 1 page draft, will continue to refine and have for next meeting; purpose – (i) highlight LAC work, (ii) seasonal focus, (iii) highlight programs/people, (iv) maintenance issues
4. Chairperson's Summary of Current:
- Streets & Roads Conference: Orro Valley – next week: El Conquistador, Sept. 23-25, 2026
 - Tucson Meet Yourself, October 16-18, 2026
 - Pocket Park Tree Planting, Sat. Oct 24 @ 3535 Ellington Place
 - United Way of Caring, Oct 16-17, Tucson Clean & Beautiful
5. Call to Audience (time permitting): none
6. Future Agenda Items:
- Meetings pending: Ward 5 and Mayor's office
 - Integrated Pest Management
 - Quarterly newsletter review
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 4:57 pm