

Minutes for Sustainability meeting July 14, 2025

Location - Studio City Branch Library

- Call to Order - 6:16 PM
- Present: Tony, Adele, Laurie, Susan, Teri A, Jesse
- Adele moved, and Teri seconded the approval of the minutes from the June meeting, which was approved unanimously.
- Announcements from the Chair -
 - Heather Lee resigned from the committee.
 - Cambria Wells—Intro to wildlife next meeting. I will invite people and ask SCRA.
 - September 8th, Adele absent;
 - October meeting on the first week of October, 6th move due to Indigenous Peoples' Day;
 - Coastal clean-up day, 20th of September, Heal the Bay and Coastal Commission, 9 to 12:30 pm, Clean up the LA RIVER area before the rains come. This is the largest single-day volunteer event in the world. Ideas - Betty Davis Park? Work with Tess Taylor on a clean-up in that day.
- Report on Ridwell by Laurie R.
- Susan - Sustainability Alliance meets every 2 months, so there will be a report at the next meeting.
- Public comments:
 - **Scott Mandell** –last meeting of this committee. Read the bylaws and operating procedures. Felt that the motion was improperly presented. **Peter Cole:** This is the 4th meeting I've attended, and no one is here.
 - Tony responded -This is a long-term goal to engage the public in specific projects. Feels that the Committee is going down the wrong path. Encourage you to add to the agenda to address the environmental damage caused by the unhoused.
 - **Alex Ubicki**—Seems like we are not addressing the problems. We are turning a blind eye to leaf blowers, garbage program. Circles and going down the tubes. Attack the things staring us in the face.
 - **Jeff Hartwick**—chair of the public safety and homeless committee. Concerns about the homeless destroying native plants, putting toxic substances in the river. Examined our goals and did not find that area addressed. This is a significant source of trash. Add homeless. Teri responded that the homeless committee and safety committee could perhaps propose that this committee would discuss.
 - Chip Meehan arrived at 6:47 pm.

- Discussion of Sustainability Goals
 - Farmer's Market—plan for a meeting event—in the parking lot
 - Scott and Jeff continued to talk about the problem of homelessness.
 - How much garbage do the homeless produce? Call sanitation.
 - SCNC Native Tree and Plant Demo project is owned by the city. Triangular piece. Some native and a tree against the wall. Small area by the walk for shrubs. 3 sites. TreePeople would like to do it. Jack Smith would like to do it. Nevis Barberry. HW would fund the tree and material. Maintained down the road. Who owns the land? We have until October. Nice to have a design. Small demonstration in Betty Davis Park.
 - Idea discussed to plant a Desert Willow tree in the small pocket park on Laurel Canyon.
- Water Systems PFAS Liability motion. No time to discuss -Scott Mandel pointed out that the City Council already passed the Resolution.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm