



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 07, 2024

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Citizen interest provides the Sustainable City Committee with valuable information regarding issues of the community. Meetings are held four times in the 2024 calendar year: February 6, May 7, August 1, and October 1. Meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. There is a public comment period at the beginning of the regular meeting, as well as the opportunity to comment on each agenda item as it arises. Any meeting may be adjourned to a time and place stated in the order of adjournment.

The agenda is posted 72 hours prior to each meeting on the City's website and outside of City Hall and is available at each meeting. The agenda and related reports are available for review online at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org). You may also contact the Community Development Department at [comdev@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:comdev@cityofsignalhill.org) or by calling (562) 989-7340.

During the meeting, the Chair presents agenda items for Committee consideration. The public is allowed to address the Committee on all agenda items. The Chair may take agenda items out of order and will announce when the period for public comment is open on each agenda item. The public may speak to the Committee on items that are not listed on the agenda. This public comment period will be held at the beginning of the public portion of the meeting. Please direct your comments or questions to the Chair.

The City of Signal Hill Sustainability Committee is committed to striking a balance between economic growth, social responsibility, and environmental well-being by partnering with our neighbors, businesses, and the community to provide a healthy and enduring environment for future generations. The purpose of the Committee is to develop and recommend a sustainability framework to the City of Signal Hill City Council that promotes environmentally sound and financially practical objectives.

### To participate:

- In-person Participation: Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California.
- To make a general public comment or comment on a specific agenda item, you may also submit your comment, limited to 250 words or less, to the Community

Development Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Written comments will be provided electronically to City Council and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record.

**Sustainable City Committee Members receive no compensation.**

**(1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

**(2) ROLL CALL**

Local Business Representative:  
DEBRA LAYTON

Community Representatives:  
CECILIA FIDORA  
BOZENA JAWORSKI  
DAVID PERZYNSKI  
LISA WONG

Commission Representatives:  
KIRAN GIDWANI  
DIANA PHILLIPS  
SONIA SAVOULIAN - CHAIR

Commission Alternates:  
JULIE DOI  
PAMELA DUTCH HUGHES  
SAEIDA MILLER

Council Representatives:  
ROBERT COPELAND  
LORI WOODS

City Staff Representatives:  
COLLEEN DOAN  
CARLOS LUIS  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
JESUS SALDAÑA

**(3) PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AGENDA**

**(4) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(5) EDUCATION**

- a. A. SOCAL GAS
- B. SOIL AND SOLID WASTE

Summary:

- A. GUEST PRESENTATION - SOCAL GAS: Gabriela Medina of SoCal Gas will present on the utilization of hydrogen to power homes, exploring its potential as a clean and renewable energy source. The presentation will delve into some case studies to illustrate the real-world application and impact of hydrogen power.
- B. SOIL AND SOLID WASTE: California Senate Bill (SB) 1383 requires that clean streams of organic material be collected, recovered, and recycled into new end-products like compost or biofuel. This law allows jurisdictions the option of offering one, two, or three container collection systems. Composting organic waste enriches soil, helping retain moisture and suppress plant disease and pests.

In January 2022, all jurisdictions in California began to provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses. These organic materials are required to be recycled using recycling facilities such as:

- i. Anaerobic digestion facilities that create biofuel and electricity; and
- ii. Composting facilities that make soil amendments.

Recommendation:

Receive and File.

**(6) STAFF NEW BUSINESS**

- a. A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2024

Summary:

- A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2024 - The 2024 Concerts in the Park series will run from July 10 to August 14, taking place every Wednesday. Similar to previous years, the SCC will have a booth at the event each week to provide information to the public regarding sustainable practices and water conservation. Two SCC members typically run the booth, with staff providing some assistance with set up. A sign-up sheet is being circulated for members to sign up.

Additionally, staff invites recommendations for informational booth materials or giveaway items to handout during the event. The SCC has allocated funds within this fiscal year's budget to purchase sustainable items, such as reusable bags, seeds, food, etc. We encourage suggestions that align with sustainable practices.

Recommendation:

Sign up for a date and time to host the SCC Summer Concerts Booth.  
Discuss options for informational booth material and giveaway items.

**(7) LOCAL ACTIONS**

- a. A. MAYOR'S TREE PLANTING EVENT
- B. PANORAMA TRAILS
- C. STREET TREE PLANTING
- D. HILLBROOK PARK
- E. GARDEN SPOTLIGHT

**Summary:**

- A. MAYOR'S TREE PLANTING - The Mayor's Tree Planting event, part of the City's Centennial celebrations replaced the usual Mayor's Spring Clean Up event this year. The event took place at Reservoir Park on April 20, 2024, just ahead of Earth Day. Community members from across the City gathered at Reservoir Park to plant 14 trees. Staff wishes to extend our gratitude to all who participated in this meaningful event. The SCC members who volunteered may take a moment to reflect on their experience at the event.
- B. PANORAMA TRAILS - Following heavy rainfall this year, Panorama Walking Trail sustained damage requiring immediate repairs. Improvements to the trail have been made and the trail is open to the public. The Panorama Park Trail remains closed pending completion of repairs also caused by the heavy rainfall. Staff continues to work on reopening the trail.
- C. STREET TREE INSTALLATION PHASE 1 - Phase one of the street tree installation is underway, with a total of 55 trees proposed to be installed throughout the City. Two 72-inch box trees are proposed to be installed, one at Discovery Well Park and the second at Signal Hill Park. The Public Work's Department will provide an update on the progress of the tree installations throughout the City.
- D. HILLBROOK PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Construction for the Hillbrook Park Improvements project has commenced following a period of community outreach to finalize the park's design. The Public Works Department will provide an update on the progress of the park's construction.
- E. GARDEN SPOTLIGHT - Chair Savouliau's drought tolerant garden was recently featured and included in the 2024 Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour for its blend of native plants, succulents, cacti, and low-water shrubs that reflect the historical character of her nearly 100-year-old Spanish Revival home. The garden tour was held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The garden qualifies for the SCC "Kickin-Grass" award and an award sign will be presented to Chair Savouliau at the May 7, 2024, SCC meeting.

**Recommendation:**

Receive and file.

**(8) PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- a. A. SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS PROGRAM  
B. GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT UPDATES

Summary:

- A. SUSTAINABILITY AWARD PROGRAM - On February 21, 2024, the City Council presented a Sustainability Award to the Promontory West Bluff HOA for their continued promotion of solar panels with the HOA. Nominations remain open for SCC members to recommend other Signal Hill businesses or residents for consideration of a future award. As a reminder, the Sustainability Award is voted on by the SCC committee and presented by the City Council, and is for larger, more comprehensive sustainable practices, operations, energy efficient renovations, or large commercial solar installations, while staff awards the Kickin-Grass, Kickin-Gas and Sunshine awards.
- B. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ELEMENT - The City's General Plan Element consultant, MIG, has provided staff with a draft of the Environmental Resources Element, which is currently under review. A draft of the Environmental Justice Element is underway and should be provided for review soon.

Recommendation:

- A. Nominate a business or resident for a sustainability award.
- B. Receive and File

**(9) CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. Items will be acted upon by the Committee at one time without discussion. Any item may be removed by a Committee or member of the audience for discussion.

- a. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Summary:

Regular meeting of February 6, 2024.

Recommendation:

Approve.

- b. IN THE NEWS

Summary:

Articles compiled by staff that may be of interest to the Committee.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

(10) **COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS**

(11) **ADJOURNMENT**

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to the next scheduled meeting of the Sustainable City Committee to be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I, Phyllis Thorne, Management Assistant for the Community Development Department, do hereby certify that the foregoing agenda was posted at City Hall, at the Library, at Discovery Well Park, and at Reservoir Park 72 hours in advance of this meeting.