



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 06, 2025

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 2025 calendar year: February 4, May 6, August 7, and October 7. 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: Library Community Room, 1800 East Hill Street, 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

commdev@cityofsignalhill.org not later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2025. Written comments will be provided electronically to the Sustainable City Committee 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:  
CARLOS LUIS  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
ALEXIS LOPEZ SEVILLA  
JESUS SALDAÑA

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

**(4) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(5) EDUCATION**

a. EDUCATION

Summary:

A. GUEST PRESENTATION - Christy Padini of Farm and Craft Market will

present on the financials and logistics of starting and maintaining a Farmers Market program.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive and file.

**(6) STAFF NEW BUSINESS**

- a. STAFF NEW BUSINESS

Summary:

A. BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON APRIL 1, 2025 - KEY TOPICS

- a. Farmers Market: Committee Members will share updates on their findings and research related to the Farmers Market initiative. Discussion will include outlining the next steps to advance the project.
- b. Artificial Turf and Parkway to Garden Program: The Public Works Department will provide a brief presentation on the City's landscape standards for new and rehabilitation projects, and current parkway standards.
- c. Member Attendance Frequency: Staff will present the findings of the three-year SCC Members' attendance report requested by Committee Member Wong.

B. FUTURE PRESENTATIONS - Committee Members may consider scheduling a presentation suggested by staff.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBER TERMS AND REAPPOINTMENTS - Staff would like to remind SCC members that their terms are set to expire in June 2025. Members interested in continuing their service should apply during the recruitment period. Interviews will be conducted during the regular meeting of August 7, 2025.

Recommendation:

- A. Discuss and determine whether any of these items should be added to the August 7, 2025, meeting agenda.
- B. Discuss and direct staff to schedule the presentation for the August 7, 2025, meeting.
- C. Receive and file.

**(7) LOCAL ACTIONS**

## a. LOCAL ACTIONS

Summary:

- A. RESERVOIR PARK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS - The Public Works Department will provide a brief presentation of the Reservoir Park Stormwater Improvements project.
- B. MAYOR'S CLEAN UP - The Spring Mayor's Clean-Up event was held on Earth Day, April 22, 2025, in the Hilltop Neighborhood. Staff will share highlights of the event.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive and file.
- B. Receive and file.

**(8) PUBLIC OUTREACH**

## a. PUBLIC OUTREACH

Summary:

- A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2025 - Concerts in the Park are scheduled on Wednesday evenings, July 9th to July 30th. As in previous years, SCC will have a booth at the event each week providing information to the public about sustainable practices and water conservation. Staff would like to begin recruiting volunteers to assist with event setup, staffing, and cleanup. Two SCC members typically run the booth, with staff providing some assistance with the set-up.

During the February 4, 2025, SCC meeting, committee members discussed potential informational booth materials or giveaway items to hand out during the event. Committee members may discuss any other ideas or giveaways they find appropriate for these events.

- B. SUSTAINABILITY AWARD PROGRAM - On March 25, 2025, the City Council presented a Sustainability Award to Ground Education for their school garden learning program. Nominations remain open for SCC members to recommend other Signal Hill businesses or residents for consideration for a future award.

Recommendation:

- A. Sign up to volunteer at the SCC Summer Concerts Booth.
- B. Nominate a business or resident for a Sustainability Award.

**(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 4, 2025.

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 August 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Signal Hill Public Library Learning Center, 1800 E Hill St, 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.