



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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2175 Cherry Avenue • Signal Hill, California 90755-3799

THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR  
SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 07, 2025

The City of Signal Hill appreciates your attendance. Public 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 Sustainable City 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 Learning Center, 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 Thursday, August 7, 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**

Commission Representatives:

LINDA EDWARDS

MARIA GENGENBACHER

SONIA SAVOULIAN – CHAIR

Commission Alternates:

JENNIFER ARZATE

PERICA BELL

PAMELA DUTCH HUGHES

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**

**EDUCATION**

**a. EDUCATION**

Summary:

- A. GUNDRY RESERVOIR ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT - The Public Works Department will provide an update on the Gundry Reservoir Roof Replacement Project. The City's Water Master Plan identifies the Gundry Reservoir Roof Replacement Project as a critical priority project. The Gundry Reservoir, located within Reservoir Park at 3315 Gundry Avenue, is a cylindrical concrete water storage tank with a five-million-gallon capacity, originally constructed in 1929. Over the decades, the reservoir has undergone multiple upgrades, including the replacement of its original wooden roof framing with a steel structure in the 1990s and the application of a watertight coating in 2006. In March 2022, an interior and structural inspection identified failing or deteriorated roof members, necessitating a complete roof replacement and recoating to ensure

continued water quality and structural integrity.

In June 2024, following a competitive bidding process, the City Council awarded a Public Works contract to Spiess Construction Company. The construction is slated to begin toward the end of this year 2025.

Recommendation:

A. Receive and file

**(4) STAFF NEW BUSINESS**

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- B. COG ENERGY ACTION AWARD STATUS - Staff will provide an update on the City's newest award status of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) Energy Action Award program. As of August 1, 2025, Signal Hill has moved up to silver status and is on track to reach gold status by the end of the year. The deadline to report activities throughout the year is mid November.

Recommendation:

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

**(5) LOCAL ACTIONS**

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- A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2025 - The Concerts in the Park 2025 had four concert dates this year. Staff is thankful to the SCC members who volunteered. This year's giveaways included plant pencils, stickers, bracelet kits, and coloring books.
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C. JULY CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEM - At the July 8, 2025, City Council meeting, Council discussed the topic of City Committees in general. Staff provided the link for the meeting and will provide an update of the staff presentation and discussion.

D. SCC COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS MEMBER SELECTION - Selection of new SCC members is postponed to a future meeting date to be determined.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive and file
- B. Sign up for set-up or break down duties.
- C. Receive and file
- D. Receive and file

**(6) 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 May 6, 2025.

Recommendation:

Approve.

**(7) COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS**

**(8) ADJOURNMENT**

Tonight's meeting will be adjourned to the next scheduled meeting of the Sustainable City Committee to be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Signal Hill Library, 1800 E Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

If you need special assistance beyond what is normally provided to participate in meetings, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please call the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs to determine if accommodation is feasible.

**AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

I, Susana Martinez, Associate Planner 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.



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ASSOCIATE ENGINEER**

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**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Summary:

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Recommendation:

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### MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING SIGNAL HILL SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE May 06, 2025

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A Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill Sustainable City Committee was held in-person in the Signal Hill Public Library Community Room on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

(2) **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: LORI WOODS  
CHAIR SONIA SAVOULIAN  
CECILIA FIDORA  
BOZENA JAWORSKI  
DAVID PERZYNSKI  
LISA WONG

ABSENT: ROBERT COPELAND  
DIANA PHILLIPS  
JULIE DOI  
KIRAN GIDWANI  
PAM DUTCH HUGHES  
SAEIDA MILLER  
DEBRA LAYTON

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

There was no public business from the floor.

(5) **EDUCATION**

a. EDUCATION

Christy Padini of Farm and Craft Market presented on the financials and logistics

of starting and maintaining a Farmers Market program.

Committee Members asked questions regarding demand, location, and staffing.

**(6) STAFF NEW BUSINESS**

a. STAFF NEW BUSINESS

A. BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON APRIL 1, 2025

a. Farmers Market:

Committee Members discussed drafting a Request for Proposals to bring to a future meeting. City Council Committee Members suggested bringing up the idea at the next City Council meeting to obtain City Council direction before proceeding. Committee Members agreed with the suggestion.

b. Artificial Turf and Parkway to Garden Program:

Committee Members discussed an educational campaign for residents.

c. Member Attendance Frequency:

Committee Members are encouraged to attend, or to arrange for their alternate to attend.

B. FUTURE PRESENTATIONS

Associate Planner Susana Martinez gave the presentation.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBER TERMS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

Community Members and the Local Business Representative will need to re-apply to be considered for re-appointment.

**(7) LOCAL ACTIONS**

a. LOCAL ACTIONS

A. RESERVOIR PARK STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Associate Engineer Jesus Saldaña gave the presentation.

B. MAYOR'S CLEAN UP

Assistant Planner Alexis Lopez gave the presentation.

**(8) PUBLIC OUTREACH**

a. PUBLIC OUTREACH

A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2025

Committee Members shared ideas for information and give-aways to be available at the Summer Concerts booth.

B. SUSTAINABILITY AWARD PROGRAM

Staff provided an update on the Sustainability Award awarded to Ground Education for their school garden learning program. Committee Members were reminded that nominations remain open.

**(9) CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. PREVIOUS MINUTES

b. IN THE NEWS

It was moved by COMMITTEE MEMBER WOODS and seconded by COMMITTEE MEMBER JAWORSKI to approve the Consent Calendar.

**(10) COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS**

**(11) ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by COMMITTEE MEMBER JAWORSKI and seconded by COMMITTEE MEMBER PERZYNSKI, to Adjourn to the next regular meeting of the SCC to be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Learning Room, 1800 E Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

CHAIR SAVOULIAN adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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SONIA SAVOULIAN  
CHAIR

Attest:

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COLLEEN T. DOAN  
COMMISSION SECRETARY