



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL
WELCOMES YOU TO A REGULAR
SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 04, 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. You may also contact the Community Development Department at 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 E Hill St, 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, February 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
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 - GROUND EDUCATION: Holland Brown will present about Ground Education, a non-profit organization that partners

with local schools in the Long Beach Unified School District to teach robust lessons that encourage kids to explore the important connections between healthy food, a vibrant community, and environmental responsibility.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

(6) STAFF NEW BUSINESS

a. STAFF NEW BUSINESS

Summary:

- A. CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2025 - While dates have not been set for the concert series, staff would like to invite recommendations for informational booth materials or giveaway items to handout during the event. The SCC has allocated funds within this year's budget to purchase sustainable items, such as seeds, food, etc. We encourage suggestions that align with sustainable practices. Staff can bring back information on any potential materials or giveaways.
- B. MEETING FREQUENCY - At the last SCC meeting, Committee Member Wong asked to place an item on the agenda for a second time to re-discuss the possibility of increasing the number of SCC meetings during the calendar year. The purpose would be to allow greater discussion on agenda items and better recollection of action items from one meeting to the next.

During the last discussion on this topic, staff introduced a time saving meeting structure that focuses meeting discussions on priority agenda items only, leaving other items as informational unless a committee member requested to pull the item for discussion. The Committee also maintained the 8:30 pm hard stop rule for meeting adjournments. In 2024, the average meeting adjournment time was approximately 7:30 pm and meeting discussions included all priority and requested items. Also, during the last discussion on this topic, staff emphasized that committee members are encouraged to meet between regular meetings to make progress on action items themselves. Member Wong will describe the details of her request (purpose, suggested meeting date(s) etc.) for consideration by the members. Staff will assist with identification of methods to stay abreast of action items and for increased activity between meetings such as referencing agendas and minutes on the City web site and committee members meeting and making progress on assigned action items between regular meetings. Staff will remind the SCC that one of the purposes of reducing the number of regular meetings was to allow members time to make progress on action items outside of the regular meetings, thereby reducing staff workload while increasing

member progress on action items.

Recommendation:

- A. Discuss options for informational booth material and giveaway items.
- B. Determine whether to add SCC meetings to the annual calendar.

(7) LOCAL ACTIONS

a. LOCAL ACTIONS

Summary:

- A. GATEWAY CITIES 2024 ENERGY ACTION AWARD - Signal Hill has been presented with the Gateway Cities 2024 Energy Action Award at the Gold level. Chair Savouliau and Committee Member Phillips attended the award ceremony to accept the award. The Gateway Cities Council of Government will present the award to the City Council during the April 8, 2025, meeting. SCC committee members can attend the City Council meeting to show support.
- B. SCC SUBCOMITTEE: FARMER'S MARKET - During the October 1, 2024, SCC meeting, Committee Member Woods brought up the idea of a night market instead of a farmer's market. Subcommittee members specified that they would look further into the possibility of a night market, in lieu of a farmer's market. Subcommittee members will provide an update on their findings.
- C. SCC SUBCOMITTEE: POLYSTYRENE PACKAGING CAMPAIGN - During the October 1, 2024, SCC meeting, Committee Member Wong asked that this item be placed back on the agenda to discuss a policy banning of single-use foam. The subcommittee will provide a brief status report of the current polystyrene packaging educational campaign and any ideas for continued efforts.
- D. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN - SWA will provide a presentation on the next steps for the project.
- E. HILLBROOK PARK - The Public Works Department will provide an update on the completion of the Hillbrook Park renovation.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive and file.
- B. Discuss findings.
- C. Discuss findings.
- D. Receive and file.
- E. Receive and file.

(8) PUBLIC OUTREACH

a. PUBLIC OUTREACH

Summary:

- A. MAYOR’S CLEAN-UP - At the request of Mayor Jones, the Spring Mayor’s Clean-Up event will be held on Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Hilltop Neighborhood. Basecamp will be located at Discovery Well Park, 2200 Temple Avenue.
- B. SUSTAINABILITY AWARD - Staff nominates Ground Education, 2633 East 28th Street Unit 626, for a Sustainability Award, for their robust and growing School Garden Learning program. Ground Education serves 30 schools in the Long Beach Unified School District, including Signal Hill Elementary.

Recommendation:

- A. Sign-up to volunteer for the Mayor’s Clean-Up outreach team, set-up shift, and take-down shift.
- B. Select Ground Education as a Sustainability Award recipient.

(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 October 1, 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 Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room, 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.