



**Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission**  
Historic Landscapes Subcommittee  
Legal Action Report



**Monday, January 10, 2022**

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Grede at 12:02 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Members Present:**

Steve Grede, Chair  
Geoffrey Ellwand  
J.J. Lamb  
Jan Mulder

Helen Erickson: TPCHC Non-Voting Citizen Advisory Member

**Members Absent:**

Alyce Sadongei

**Guests:**

Jodie Brown, City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer  
Jason Isenberg, REALM  
Martha McClements, APHZAB  
Ava Butler, Villa Catalina Homeowner's Association  
Alinda Hakanson, President of Villa Catalina Villa Catalina Homeowner's Association  
Elaine Hegstrom, Villa Catalina Homeowner's Association  
Mary Pierce, Villa Catalina Homeowner's Association

**2. Approval of Historic Landscapes Subcommittee Minutes from Meeting of: 12/17/21 (Discussion/Action)**

Commissioner Lamb moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mulder and passed 4-0

**3. Review Cases**

- a. Villa Catalina, 521 N. Country Club Rd., Landscape – Long-term landscaping plan

The following vegetation substitutions were discussed, concerns raised and suggestions made.

- Turf as needed: substitution suggestions include Dalea x 'Sierra Gold' or the Rosmarinus officinalis 'Prostrata' or 'Huntington Carpet.'
- Juniper sp.: substitution suggestion include other low-growing juniper, Rosmarinus officinalis for texture, Simmondsia chinensis 'Vista.' Callistemon viminalis 'Little John' could also be a low juniper replacement. Juniper is also considered useful in its current context.
- Ligustrum lucidum: if hedged substitution suggestion is Buxus microphylla var. japonica. If foundation planting, Callistemon viminalis 'Little John.'
- Pittosporum sp.: substitution concern about intended height. Commissioner Lamb suggested selecting a shrub that does not require heavy pruning, as heavily pruned pittosporum will sunburn. Ms. Erickson pointed out that pittosporum fragrance is an important characteristic, especially in the desert. Substitution suggestions include other pittosporum, Euonymus japonicus, Myrtus communis 'Boetica.'
- Lantana camara mix: should be retained as historically used. Other cultivars can be considered.
- Bougainville sp.: substitutions should be made with reference to microclimates and location (especially at the entrance). Tecoma X 'Crimson Flare' might be an appropriate substitution in some cases.
- Leucophyllum frutescens: suggested substitution is another Leucophyllum of similar appearance.
- Nandina domestica: may be appropriate to retain. Substitution might include Hamelia patens 'Dwarf Red'
- Primrose jasmine: an appropriate species to retain if possible
- Tecomaria capensis: retained as possible. If a small shrub is needed then Justicia spicigera is suggested.
- Traditional annual beds: intended to offer color. Proposed plant selections are appropriate, excluding Echinococcus gursonii and Yucca rostrata.

b. Fort Lowell Park trees, 2900 N. Craycroft

Ms. Brown reported that the design team was not prepared to present at this time.

4. **Current Issues for Information/Discussion and Action**

a. Courtesy Review Anza Park

No one to present.

b. Rincon Heights

Ms. Erickson reported that Rincon Heights is developing their design guidelines and may come to the HLS for help with the landscape guidelines.

c. Reid Park and Zoo Expansion

Ms. Erickson gave an update.

d. TCC Music Hall temporary fence

Ms. Brown will follow up.

e. Incorporation of the TPCHC Task Force on Inclusivity Report Recommendations into the subcommittee's work

Commissioner Grede will update at a future meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.