



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



Wednesday, May 18, 2022

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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

Meeting was called to order by Chair Grede at 10:02 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Steve Grede, Chair
Geoffrey Ellwand
J.J. Lamb
Alyce Sadongei

Helen Erickson: TPCHC Non-Voting Citizen Advisory Member

Members Absent:

Jan Mulder

Guests:

Jodie Brown, City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer
Rebeca Field, Kimley-Horn Landscape Architects
Bryan Celius, Recreation Manager, Tucson Parks and Recreation
Martha McClements joined at 10:23

2. **Approval of Historic Landscapes Subcommittee Minutes from Meeting of 2-11-2022 (Discussion/Action)**

Commissioner Ellwand moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sadongei, and passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

3. **Review Cases**

a. **Fort Lowell Park trees, 2900 N. Craycroft**

Ms. Field presented the improvements to the existing pony field at Fort Lowell Park.

Ms. Erickson and Commissioner Ellwand asked for clarification about water-harvesting in turfed areas of the park. Field explained that the linear water-harvesting areas will be graded only along the property edges. These will be surfaced with decomposed granite.

Commissioner Lamb moved that the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee recommend the approval of the plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellwand, and passed with a roll call vote of 4-0.

4. Current Issues for Information/Discussion and Action

- a. Review of TPCHC Plans Review Subcommittee draft of best practices to follow when naming City- and County-owned assets (discussion/action).

Ms. Lamb drew attention to the note Page 2, Item 6 by Commissioner Majewski.

Commissioner Lamb moved that the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee recommend the approval of document to move forward acknowledging that there may be minor language changes as the TPCHC is divided. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellwand and passed with a roll call vote of 4-0.

- b. Historic Landscape Subcommittee's role on divided historical commissions

Ms. Brown gave an update from the April 27 meeting. Mayor and Council will make final decision on changes to the present practice. The newly formed commission will be welcome to institute subcommittees as needed. Joint subcommittees are a possibility. The split between City and County will take place at the same time.

Ms. Erickson asked if there could be staffing increases as part of the effort toward greater efficiency. Currently the TPCHC and Advisory Boards voluntarily supplement the work of the staff in research and nominations in recognition of the limitations of current City staffing. Ms. Brown responded that they are asking for more staffing. She mentioned that the City of Phoenix has nine staff members.

5. Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Commissioner Grede reported that the City of Tucson Landmark Nomination for the University of Arizona Campus Agricultural Center will be agendaized for a future meeting.

6. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

No comments were received.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.