



Historical Commission

TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 12:00 noon

via Microsoft Teams



Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Carlos Lozano
Carol Griffith
Geoffrey Ellwand
Helen Erickson
Jan Mulder
J. J. Lamb – Arrived at 12:07 p.m.
Joel Ireland
Ken Scoville
Peter Steere
Rikki Riojas
Savannah McDonald
Stephen Grede – Left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.
Teresita Majewski, Chair
Tim Hagyard

Members Absent:

Alyce Sadongei
Jennifer Levstik, Vice Chair
Sandee Brooke

Staff and Others Present:

Jodie Brown	City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office
Koren Manning	City of Tucson Planning & Development Services
Linda Mayro	Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division
Ana Juarez	City Clerk's Office
Amari Leon	City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of TPCHC Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 02/08/23 (Discussion/Action)

It was moved by Commissioner Ireland, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Lamb, Levstik, and Sadongei absent) to approve the minutes of the meeting of 02/08/23 as submitted.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events (Information Only)

No report was given.

4. Recently Posted Subcommittee Minutes (Information Only) (Chair Majewski)

Access posted minutes here: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards?board=61>

5. Removal/Appointments to TPCHC Subcommittees (Discussion/Action)

No removals or appointments were made, but Chair Majewski clarified Commissioner Erickson's relationship to the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee (HLS). When Commissioner Erickson attends an HLS meeting, she is listed as a "guest, TPCHC Member, and HLS advisor." She is not an "official" member of HLS.

6. Reports from City and County Staff (Discussion/Action)

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office (Jodie Brown and/or Staff)

Report was given by Jodie Brown and Koren Manning. Concerns were raised about a proposed code change to allow for parking structures in front yards and whether there has been enough outreach to property owners and neighborhood associations regarding potential impacts on the eligibility of historic properties. Discussion was held. Action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Griffith, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 14 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Levstik, and Sadongei absent) to ask Jodie Brown to investigate whether there could be additional language [added to the online permitting application] for these additional [parking] structures in front of houses that could alert property owners about the potential negative impacts to properties in either National Register or overlay districts; and [for Ms. Brown to prepare and send] educational information to neighborhood associations about the potential negative impacts of these parking structures and any other proposed construction that would visually impact the property negatively.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Department (Linda Mayro and/or Staff)

Report was given by Linda Mayro. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

C. Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (Jennifer Toothaker)

No report was given.

7. TPCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee/Council/Commission Status Reports (Discussion/Action)

A. Plans Review Subcommittee (Chair Majewski and Jodie Brown)

Report was given. Staff Brown noted that there is a Plans Review Subcommittee meeting on 3/9/23 at 1:00 p.m. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

B. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Commissioner Hagyard)

Report was given by Commissioner Hagyard. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

C. Historic Landscapes Subcommittee (Commissioner Grede)

Report was given by Commissioner Grede. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

D. Transportation Subcommittee (Commissioner Lozano)

Report was given by Commissioner Lozano. Discussion was held. Action was taken. It was moved by Commissioner Erikson, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Levstik, Sadongei, and Steere absent. Commissioner Steere was having technical difficulties) to appoint Commissioner Lozano as the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission's representative to the Steering Committee for the eTod Norte-Sur Project.

E. Commission on Equitable Housing & Development (Commissioner McDonald)

Report was given by Commissioner McDonald. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

8. District 5 Oral History Project (Commissioner Scoville)

Report was given by Commissioners Scoville and Riojas. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

9. Discussion of Possible Nominations for Elisabeth Ruffner Keystone Award for Community Leadership (Chair Majewski)

Commissioners brought up several names. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Review information on award and previous recipients here:

<https://www.azpreservation.org/keystone>

10. Updates to Plan Tucson (Jodie Brown and/or Koren Manning)

Report was given by Jodie Brown and Commissioner Erickson. No action was taken.

11. Update and Discussion on Process and Progress of Commission Separation (Discussion/Action)

A. City of Tucson (Jodie Brown and others)

1. Update from Jodie Brown and/or Staff

Report was given by Jodie Brown. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

2. Update: Study on the History of the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission and the Historic Zone Advisory Boards (Commissioners Erickson and Scoville)

Report was given by Commissioners Erickson and Scoville and Chair Majewski. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

B. Pima County (Linda Mayro and/or Staff)

Report was given by Linda Mayro. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

12. Tucson’s Birthplace / Tucson Origins Park Historic Landmark Status (Discussion/Action) (Jodie Brown, Commissioner Steere, Commissioner Sadongei)

Report was given by Chair Majewski, Commissioner Scoville, Jodie Brown, and Linda Mayro. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

13. Update on Archaeological Site Damage at the Border (Discussion/Action) (Commissioner Steere)

Report was given by Commissioner Steere. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

14. Commissioners’ Summary of Current Events (Information Only)

Commissioners Riojas and Scoville made comments.

15. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

No communications were received by the City Clerk's Office prior to the posted deadline.

16. Thoughts on Inclusivity (Discussion)

No report was given.

17. Schedule and Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Chair Majewski announced that the next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023, and asked that any suggestions for the agenda be emailed to her by March 27, 2023, to be considered for the agenda.

18. Adjournment: 1:42 p.m.