



TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 14, 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 – Left the meeting at 1:27 p.m.
Geoffrey Ellwand
Helen Erickson
Jan Mulder
Jennifer Levstik, Vice Chair
J. J. Lamb
Joel Ireland
Ken Scoville
Rikki Riojas
Savannah McDonald
Stephen Grede
Teresita Majewski, Chair
Tim Hagyard

Members Absent:

Sandee Brooke
Alyce Sadongei
Carol Griffith
Peter Steere

Staff and Others Present:

Jodie Brown	City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office
Koren Manning	City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office
Jennifer Toothaker	Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility
Jorge Castillo	Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility
Scott O'Mack	Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division
Courtney Rose	Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division
John Burr	Guest
Kathe Kubish	Guest
Sarah McDowell	Guest
Amari Leon	City Clerk's Office
Andrea Ochoa	City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of TPCHC Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 05/10/23 (Discussion/Action)

It was moved by Commissioner Ireland, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Griffith, Sadongei, and Steere absent) to approve the minutes of the meeting of 05/10/23 as submitted.

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

Chair Majewski referred commissioners to items that had been provided in the packet and a recent letter sent to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

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)

Appointment of commission members to the Awards Subcommittee.

Moved by Commissioner Erikson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13-0 (Commissioners Brooke, Griffith, Sadongei, and Steere absent) to approve the appointment of Chair Majewski and Commissioners Griffith and Levstik to the Awards Subcommittee.

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. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Report was given by Courtney Rose. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Report was given by Jorge Castillo. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

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

Reports were given by Jodie Brown and Chair Majewski. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

B. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Commissioner Hagyard)

No report was given.

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. No action was taken.

E. Awards Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

Report was given by Chair Majewski. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

F. Event Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

- Upcoming Events

Report was given by Chair Majewski. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Report was given. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

8. District 5 Oral History Project (Commissioner Scoville)

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

9. Update on City Outreach to Property Owners in Historic Districts Regarding Potential Impacts of Code Changes (Chair Majewski and Commissioner Erickson)

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

10. Update on Progress of Nomination for Elisabeth Ruffner Keystone Award for Community Leadership and Ideas for Award Fabricator (Commissioner Lozano and Chair Majewski)

Report was given by Chair Majewski. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

[Item 14.A.2 was taken out of order and heard at this point of the agenda; then agenda continued in original sequence.]

11. Update on Pima Community College–Owned Historic Motels on Drachman
(Commissioners Lozano, Scoville, Others)

Report was given by Commissioner Lozano. Discussion was held. Action was taken.

Moved by Commissioner Lozano and duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 13-0 (Commissioners Brooke, Griffith, Sadongei, and Steere absent) that the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission continue the commission’s recommendations to Pima Community College (PCC) regarding the historic Drachman motels in the form of our ongoing series of letters to the Chancellor and Governing Board, and if possible, in person. The intent of the commission’s dialogue has been to encourage restoration and adaptive reuse by PCC. Future recommendations could include implementing a more robust maintenance plan, seeking a second architectural opinion, and in the event of a sale, exploring ways to protect the properties prior to sale in a way that would require a buyer to restore the properties [per] the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards. That would give PCC a way out if they want a way out.

12. Plan Tucson Update (Jodie Brown and/or Koren Manning, Commissioner Erickson)

Report was given by Koren Manning. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

13. Commission Representative to Pima Prospers Discussions (Chair Majewski)

Report was given by Courtney Rose. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

14. 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

No report was given.

(Note: Item 14.A.2 was taken out of order.)

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 Commissioner Erickson. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

3. Update on Commission Budget Reinstatement (Commissioner Erickson)

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

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

No report was given.

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

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

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

No report was given.

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

Comments were made by Commissioner Riojas.

18. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

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

19. Thoughts on Inclusivity (Discussion)

No report was given.

20. Schedule and Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

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

21. Adjournment: 1:34 p.m.