



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

February 22, 2024

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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

Meeting was called to order by Chair Grede at 10:00 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Steve Grede, Chair
Helen Erickson
J. J. Lamb
Jan Mulder

Members Absent:

Geoffrey Ellwand

Guests:

Ryan Fagan, Project Manager, City of Tucson (COT) Department of Transportation
Tim Rhine, Kimley-Horn

2. **Approval of Historic Landscapes Subcommittee LAR/Minutes from Meeting of: 1-18-2024**

Commissioner Lamb moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of 1-18-2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erickson and passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

3. **Review Cases (Discussion/Action)**

a. **5th Street/6th Street Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Project**

Ryan Fagan presented the masterplan for improvements between Campbell Ave and Alvernon Way:

- Retention of historic and replica pedestrian lighting between Campbell Ave and Tucson Blvd with the addition of two-sided street lighting
- Street lights on traffic island at southwest corner of 6th St and County Club Rd
- One-sided street lighting on 5th St. from Country Club Rd to Alvernon Way
- Existing sidewalks to remain and new sidewalks to fill in missing portions. ADA improvements for continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street. Where possible, a planting strip will be maintained with low, desert-adapted plantings as depicted.

Commissioner Erickson commended the team for a design that is sensitive to the historic streetscape. She moved to recommend approval of the plan as presented.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamb and passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

b. City of Tucson Shared Spaces: Parklets + Streateries in Historic Districts

Commissioner Erickson suggested that

- If Shared Space Parklets or Streateries are proposed within historic streetscapes or districts, review by the Commission should be required
- The standards should be discussed at our next meeting to provide subcommittee members an opportunity to review the document. If possible, City representatives should be invited.

Commissioners Erickson and Mulder will review for the next HLS meeting. Commissioner Grede will reach out to Ms. Brown and COT.

4. Current Issues for Information (Discussion/Action)

c. Reid Park Masterplan

Commissioner Erickson reported that there is a proposed bicycle route through the historic golf course.

d. Armory Park Masterplan

Nothing to report at this time.

e. Armory Park Masterplan – Children’s Museum Block

Nothing to report at this time.

f. Drachman Motels- Tucson Inn, El Rancho Motor Hotel, and Frontier Motel, Miracle Mile District

Commissioner Lamb gave a status report. Commissioner Erickson added that the Miracle Mile Historic District is a historic streetscape nomination. The COT owns the right of way. She suggested that a letter be proposed at the March TPCHC meeting to recognize the impact on the streetscape of potential demolitions.

g. Issues for collaboration between Transportation Subcommittee and Historic Landscapes Subcommittee

Commissioner Lamb agreed to bring consideration of the Miracle Mile Historic District as a historic streetscape to the Transportation Subcommittee.

h. Historic Landscape Subcommittee's possible role in researching, nominating, and reviewing rural and cultural landscapes.

Commissioner Lamb suggested inviting Pima County historic preservation representatives to a future HLS meeting to discuss the role of the HLS in researching, nominating, and reviewing rural and cultural landscapes. She expressed concern for the historic Butterfield Trail in Vail.

i. Followup on Villa Catalina replacement of turf with artificial turf.

Commissioner Grede followed up with Rachelle Hornby. She is looking for grant funding for the project. Commissioner Erickson suggested she apply for a Jump-start grant from the Arizona Preservation Foundation.

5. **Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings**

- The COT *Shared Space Manual* and Historic Districts
- Pima County historic preservation representatives to a future HLS meeting to discuss HLS role in researching, nominating, and reviewing rural and cultural landscapes
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 10:00 a.m. In the future, meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of the month on a regular basis.

6. **Call to the Audience (Information Only)**

No comments were received by the posted deadline.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.