



Historical Commission

TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 12, 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:

Alyce Sadongei – Left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.
Carlos Lozano
Carol Griffith
Geoffrey Ellwand
Helen Erickson
Jan Mulder
Jennifer Levstik, Vice Chair - Arrived at 12:05 p.m.
J. J. Lamb
Joel Ireland
Ken Scoville
Rikki Riojas – Arrived at 12:07 p.m.
Sandee Brooke
Savannah McDonald
Stephen Grede – Left the meeting at 1:22 p.m.
Teresita Majewski, Chair

Members Absent:

Peter Steere
Tim Hagyard

Staff and Others Present:

Michael Taku	City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office
Linda Mayro	Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division
Ian Milliken	Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division
Scott O'Mack	Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division
Courtney Rose	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: 03/08/23 (Discussion/Action)

It was moved by Commissioner Grede, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioners Hagyard and Steere absent) to approve the minutes of the meeting of 03/08/23 as submitted.

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

Chair Majewski noted the items she sent prior to today's meeting, including the obituary for past commissioner Ms. Patricia (Patsy) Waterfall.

It was moved by Commissioner Erickson, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioners Hagyard and Steere absent) that the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission convey its regrets [to the family of Patricia Waterfall] on Ms. Waterfall's passing and that the commission recognizes and honors her great service to the commission and to the community.

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.

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

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

No report was given.

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

Reports were given by Linda Mayro and Ian Milliken. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Report was given. Discussion was held. No action was taken. Jennifer Toothaker introduced Jorge Castillo and Patrick Hartley.

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

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

Report was given by Michael Taku. No action was taken.

B. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Commissioner Hagyard)

No report was given.

C. Historic Landscapes Subcommittee (Commissioner Grede)

No report was given.

D. Transportation Subcommittee (Commissioner Lozano)

Report was given by Commissioner Lozano. Discussion was held. Action was taken. It was moved by Commissioner Lozano, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioners Hagyard and Steere absent) that the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission submit written comments to both the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) regarding the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Long Range Plan, and that these comments would be in the form of letters that would outline some of the Transportation Subcommittee’s historic preservation best practices. [To clarify, that would be two letters nearly identical in content.]

Commissioner Lozano also mentioned a letter sent on April 11, 2023, by Chair Majewski to the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of Pima Community College as an emergency follow-up to the commission’s letter to them in December 2021. The letter raised concerns about the Board of Governors possible plans to demolish the historic hotels on Drachman. Commissioner Scoville also commented that he could provide materials to the Board and give a walking tour.

E. Awards Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

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

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

No report was given.

8. District 5 Oral History Project (Commissioner Scoville)

Report was given by Commissioners Riojas. 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)

Reports were given by Commissioner Erickson and Michael Taku. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

10. Update on Nominations for Elisabeth Ruffner Keystone Award for Community Leadership (Chair Majewski)

Possible candidates for the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission’s nomination for the 2023 Elisabeth Ruffner Keystone Award were discussed, and the commission voted to prepare a nomination for Sandy Chan that will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for consideration.

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

Report was given by Michael Taku. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Reports were given by Commissioner Lamb and Linda Mayro. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

13. 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 Michael Taku. No 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. Action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Erickson, duly seconded, and carried by a roll call vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioners Hagyard and Steere absent) that given the Tucson–Pima County Historical Commission’s financial needs for the coming years that the commission write to Mayor and Council, the City Clerk, the City Manager, and other appropriate entities as may be determined and to the Board of Supervisor and other appropriate officials in Pima County to request that our funding be reinstated according to the direction given in Chapter 10A-2

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

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

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

No report was given.

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

No report was given.

16. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events (Information Only)

Commissioners Riojas, Lamb and Scoville made comments. Ian Milliken also made an announcement.

17. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

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

18. Thoughts on Inclusivity (Discussion)

No report was given.

19. Schedule and Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Chair Majewski announced that the next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2023, and asked that any suggestions for the agenda be emailed to her by April 28, 2023, to be considered for the agenda.

20. Adjournment: 1:41 p.m.