

2024

Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission
Plans Review Subcommittee (PRS)

LEGAL ACTION REPORT/Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2024

This was a hybrid meeting. The meeting was accessible at the provided link to allow for participating in-person, virtually, and/or calling in.

Note: A recording of the entire meeting (audio/video) can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUfRGd7RxAUv6rMbrNEurjg1iY8N4ZALR>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M., and per roll call, a quorum was established.

Commissioners Present: Teresita Majewski (Chair), Joel Ireland, Andrew Christopher, Jan Mulder, arrived at 1:28P.M. (virtual) and Savannah McDonald (in-person).

Commissioners Absent: Rikki Riojas

Applicants/Public Present: Stephen Farley (1:08 P.M. by phone and 1:10 P.M. virtual), Brent Jones (1:10 P.M. virtual) , Janice Cox and Mary Lou Fragomeni-Nuttall (virtual).

Staff Present: Jodie Brown (City of Tucson, Planning and Development Services Department [PDSD]) (in-person).

2. Approval of the Legal Action Report/Minutes for the Meeting of July 25, 2024

Motion: Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Legal Action Report/Minutes for the meeting of July 25, 2024, as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Christopher.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 4-0. (Commissioners Riojas and Mulder absent)

3. Historic Preservation Review Cases

*UDC Section 5.8/TSM 9-02.0.0/Historic District Design Guidelines
Revised Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines*

- 3a. SD-0724-00062, Stone Avenue Underpass and 6th Avenue Underpass**
Upgrade/restore existing lighting, patch, repair and paint exterior walls.
Full Review/Individually Listed

Contributing to the Warehouse National Register Historic District Resource/Rehabilitation Standards

Applicant, Roger Kestler was not present.

To be rescheduled for a future agenda.

[Note: This case was reviewed out of sequence and Commissioner Mulder joined at 1:28 P.M.]

3b. SD-0724-00068, 6th Avenue Underpass

Installation of artwork on the Stone Avenue Underpass walls
Full Review/Individually Listed
Contributing to the Warehouse National Register Historic District Resource/Rehabilitation Standards

Staff Brown presented background on the project and informed commissioners that the project was being reviewed consistent with the City's Administrative Directive.

Stephen Farley, public artist, manager and fiscal agent for Donovan Dean Durband Supports Tucson provided an overview of the project, clarified points, and answered questions during the presentation. The project is to restore the historic underpass and make it an inviting northern gateway to historic Downtown for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The underpass will be renamed, "*The Donovan Durband Sixth Avenue Underpass*". He described the work to be executed including 24 Downtown Tucson postcards from Donovan's collection. Noted that Donovan and wife will make a photoshopped appearance in a few of them. He expressed uncertainty about paint color and requested any assistance in identifying the 1930 real paint colors when the Underpass was built.

Discussion was held. Action was taken.

Motion: Commissioner McDonald moved to recommend approval of the project as presented with the following conditions:

- (1) the 6th Avenue underpass paint color to be researched and analyzed to determine the original; and,
- (2) a note be added to describe how the photos were altered to include Donovan and wife images and that the note to be attached will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Office.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Christopher.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Commissioner Riojas absent)

3c. SD-0624-00059, 5401 East Presidio Road

Modification of the doors, new sidewalk, landscape, and bike racks.

Full Review/Fort Lowell Historic Preservation Zone
Contributing Resource/Rehabilitation Standards

Staff Brown presented background on the project and read into the record the action taken by the Fort Lowell Historic Zone Board (FLHZAB) from the meeting of July 22, 2024. FLHZAB voted 4-0 to recommend approval of the as presented with the condition that the proposed new windows be separated and double-hung, with the vertical dimension greater than the horizontal.

Brent Jones provided an overview of the project, clarified points, and answered questions during the presentation.

Discussion was held. Action was taken.

Motion: Commissioner McDonald moved to recommend approval of the project as presented with the condition that the proposed windows to be separated with the vertical dimension greater than the horizontal.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Christopher.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Commissioner Riojas absent)

4. Public and Institutional Use in a Development Zone Discussion

4a. **Discussion on the Use of Public and Institutional buildings as Comparative Properties in Development Zones**

Given that all PRS members were not present, the consensus was to not discuss it at a meeting without all members present and to keep this item on the agenda for further discussion with PRS and staff.

No action was taken.

5. Task Force on Inclusivity Report Recommendations

5a. **Discussion on Best Practices for Naming of City- and County-Owned Physical Assets**

No report was given.

6. Current Issues for Information/Discussion

6a. **Minor Reviews**

Staff Brown read into the record the projects reviewed at 502 E 4th Street for a damaged door replacement and 826 N 7th Avenue for replacement of chain link

fence with a masonry fence /gate (both in West University). Commissioner Ireland assisted with these virtual reviews and recommended approval.

Further, 130 E Congress and 82 S Stone Avenue for installation of signs (RNA); 5841 E Fort Lowell Road for roof repairs at the Commissary building (Fort Lowell). Commissioner Riojas assisted with these virtual reviews and recommended approval.

Staff will request availability when new cases are ready for review.

6b. Appeals

Staff Brown noted no pending appeal(s).

6c. Zoning Violations

Staff Brown noted that there are ongoing and pending cases being worked on for compliance and/or in the review process, and that staff are working with their zoning violation code enforcement liaison. Staff noted that there are violation cases being worked on that eventually will be reviewed by PRS.

6d. Review Process Issues

Discussion on posting issues. This being an internal issue, staff Brown will follow up with posting staff members to ensure meeting connections are updated accordingly.

Commissioner McDonald volunteered to write summary of points discussed during courtesy reviews for LAR.

Commissioners will be sending their motions to staff and Chair Majewski. These motions will be used for LARs in lieu of listening to recordings.

7. Summary of Public Comments (Information Only)

No public comment was received by the posted deadline.

8. Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

The next scheduled meeting is August 22, 2024. Staff Brown noted potential cases-IID project, The HUT at 305 N 4th Avenue; Outdoor Café and full review of Capstone properties for new construction and demolition. PRS quorum was verified and confirmed for the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.