

2024

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

LEGAL ACTION REPORT/Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 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 1:02 P.M., and per roll call, a quorum was established.

Commissioners Present: Savannah McDonald (Acting Chair), Rikki Riojas, Joel Ireland, Andrew Christopher, Jan Mulder (virtual).

Commissioners Absent: Teresita Majewski (Chair).

Applicants/Public Present: Elaine Hill (virtual).

Staff Present: Michael Taku and Jodie Brown (City of Tucson, Planning and Development Services Department [PDSD]) (in-person). Gabriel Rascon and Jerry Robles (City of Tucson, Department of Transportation and Mobility [DTM]—virtual).

2. Approval of the Legal Action Report/Minutes for the Meetings of June 20th and August 8, 2024

The approval of the Legal Action Report/Minutes for June 20, 2024, was postponed to a future meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Christopher moved to approve the Legal Action Report/Minutes for the meeting of August 8, 2024, as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ireland.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Chair Majewski 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

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

Applicant Gabriel Rascon and Robert Stineman and Jerry Robles, from Department of Transportation and Mobility, provided an overview of the project, clarified points, and answered questions during the presentation. The project scope: On 6th Avenue Underpass-replacing the pedestrian tunnel lights for the 6th Avenue bridge with tamper-resistant fixtures. The pedestrian walkway is getting wall packs to light up the pathways beyond the tunnels. The existing historic pole lights are not operational, but they will be getting white plastic globes. All existing pole lights that have been damaged or removed will be replaced with replicas. The underpass will be painted with 4 known paint color schemes (ash gray, dark walnut, rosewood, and adobe [an earthly, warm desert neutral color]). Any traffic and safety signs removed during painting will be replaced. All cracks and missing portions of cement will be repaired. On Stone Avenue Underpass, the missing light panels from the existing pedestrian walkway lights will be replaced. There will be cleaning of the existing pedestrian tunnel lights. Any missing screens or glass for these lights will be replaced. Also, the missing lights in the traffic tunnels will be replaced with new wall pack lights, and glass lenses and protective grill will be replaced.

Discussion was held. Action was taken.

Motion: Commissioner Christopher moved to recommend approval of the exterior lighting, and the exterior paint as presented with the following conditions: (1) that DTM coordinates with the artists Steve Farley on the placement of the wall-mounted lights relative to the artwork layout. (2) that DTM performs an analysis by scraping to determine the existence of any original colors and to bring any new color scheme back to PRS for review.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riojas.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 5-0. (Chair Majewski 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 Taku provided a summary the projects reviewed at 341 E. 1st Street for a roof shingle replacement (in West University). Commissioner Christopher assisted with the virtual review and recommended approval.

Pending reviews are 5396 E. Fort Lowell Road for solar panels (Fort Lowell) and 345 S. 4th Avenue for solar panels (Armory Park). Commissioner Riojas volunteered to assist with these reviews.

6b. **Appeals**

Staff Taku noted no pending appeal(s).

6c. **Zoning Violations**

Staff Taku 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**

Staff advised the subcommittee that staff is considering moving the PRS in-person review meeting location from the 2nd Floor in the Palo Verde Conference Room to the 3rd Floor in the Yucca Large Conference Room, Public Works Building at 201 N. Stone Avenue.

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 September 12, 2024. Staff Brown noted potential cases- Rehabilitation of Corbett House (Courtesy review); new restaurant on 4th Avenue and West University Design Guidelines (Revision). PRS quorum was verified for the next meeting.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.