



**Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission**  
**(TPCHC)**

**TPCHC Plan Tucson Working Group**

Legal Action Report

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

**12:00 p.m. via Zoom**

The TPCHC Plan Tucson Working Group conducted a meeting on Wednesday, September 25, at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Helen Erickson, Chair  
Carlos Lozano  
Rikki Riojas (left at 12:50)  
Alyce Sadongei (arrived at 12:35)

COT Staff Present: Jessica Janecek  
Cesar Acosta  
Amanda Smith

**2. Approval of TPCHC Plan Tucson Working Group LAR/Minutes from Meeting of 9-06-2024 (Discussion/Action)**

Commissioner Riojas moved and Commissioner Lozano seconded that the LAR/Minutes from the 9-06-24 minutes be approved. The motion passed 3-0.

**3. Plan Tucson: Goals and Objectives (Discussion/Action)**

Staff and Commissioners introduced themselves. A productive discussion was held, focused on the draft policies made available by the Plan Tucson team on the COT website (<https://www.plantucson.org/plan-tucson-draft-policies-survey>). Staff was able to direct Commissioners to specific policies

that intersected with issues of heritage and historic preservation, and recommendations were noted. Commissioners presented concerns about the protection of “middle” housing that was more than 50 years old, but cannot be considered “historic” by National Register standards; changes to historic parks without Commission review and protection of open space in parks; rehabilitation of historic landscapes with xeric and climate-appropriate vegetation rather than replacement; the need to protect and support legacy businesses; the protection of heritage trees; support for cultural tourism; and the need for transportation projects to identify and make every effort to avoid negative impacts to historic and cultural resources.

The commissioners thanked the staff for their collaborative approach and willingness to incorporate Commission concerns into the draft plan.

#### **4. Call to the Audience (Information Only)**

No comments from the audience were received by the posted deadline.

#### **5. Schedule and Future Agenda Items**

The working group will meet again when the next draft of Plan Tucson is released.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.