



Historical Commission

TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 12:00 noon

via Microsoft Teams



Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Majewski at 12:05 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Alyce Sadongei - Departed at 1:15 p.m.
Andrew Christopher
Carlos Lozano
Courtney Marks
Gary Minor
Geoffrey Ellwand - Arrived at 12:23 p.m.
Helen Erickson
J. J. Lamb
Jan Mulder
Julie Rigoli
Kathe Kubish
Ken Scoville
Peter Steere
Savannah McDonald.
Stephen Grede
Terry Majewski, Chair
Tim Hagyard

Members Absent:

Joel Ireland
Rikki Riojas

Staff and Others Present-In Person/Virtual:

Koren Manning	City of Tucson Deputy Director Planning and Development Services
Dan Bursuck	City of Tucson Planning and Development Services
Maria Gayosso	City of Tucson Planning and Development Services
Jorge Castillo	City of Tucson Transportation and Mobility
Ian Milliken	Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources, Cultural Resources & Heritage Preservation
Courtney Rose	Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources, Cultural Resources & Heritage Preservation
Scott O'Mack	Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources, Cultural Resources & Heritage Preservation
Carla Inclan	City Clerk's Office
Ana Juarez	City Clerk's Office

2. Land Acknowledgment (Information Only) (Commissioner Lozano)

Acknowledgment was given by Commissioner Lozano. No discussion was held.

3. Approval of TPDHC Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 11/13/2024 (Discussion/Action)

It was moved by Commissioner Mulder, duly seconded by Commissioner Lamb, and carried by a roll call vote of 16 to 0 (Commissioners Ellwand, Ireland, and Riojas absent) to approve the revised TPDHC meeting minutes of 11/13/2024.

4. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events (Information Only) (Chair Majewski)

- Update on TPDHC Annual Report (Chair Majewski)

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

5. Recently Posted Subcommittee LARS/Minutes (Information Only) (Chair Majewski)

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

6. Removal/Appointments to TPDHC Subcommittees (Discussion/Action)

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

It was moved by Commissioner Grede, duly seconded by Commissioner Christopher, and carried by a roll call vote of 16 to 0 (Commissioners Ellwand, Ireland, and Riojas absent) to reappoint Commissioner McDonald to the Plans Review Committee.

7. Reports from City of Tucson, Pima County, and City of South Tucson Staff Discussion/Action)

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office (Koren Manning)

Report was given by Koren Manning and Dan Bursuck. Discussion was held. Action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Lozano, duly seconded by Commissioner Lamb, and carried by a roll call vote of 16 to 0 (Commissioners Ellwand, Ireland, and Riojas absent) to issue a letter of support to Mayor and Council (cc The Tucson Native Youth Council, the Board of Supervisors, etc. [others normally cc'd]) regarding the matter of the proposal to rename Christopher Columbus Park, 4300 N. Silverbell Road to "Danny Lopez Park."

B. Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources, Cultural Resources & Heritage Preservation (Ian Milliken and/or Staff)

Report was given by Ian Milliken and Courtney Rose. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

C. City of South Tucson (Josué Licea)

No report was given.

- D. Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) (Jorge Castillo)

Report was given by Jorge Castillo. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

- A. Plans Review Subcommittee (Michael Taku and Chair Majewski)

Report was given by Commissioner Mulder and Daniel Bursuck. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- B. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Commissioner Hagyard)

Report was given by Commissioner Hagyard. No action was taken.

- C. Historic Landscapes Subcommittee (Commissioner Grede)

Report was given by Commissioner Grede. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- D. Transportation Subcommittee (Commissioner Lozano)

[Original Motion] Report was given by Commissioners Lozano and Lamb. Discussion was held. Action was taken. Two motions were made.

Motion 1.

It was moved by Commissioner Lamb, duly seconded by Commissioner Scoville for TPCHC to issue a letter of concern to RTA Next, copying the Mayor and Council and both the Historic Landscapes and Transportation Subcommittees regarding a name change for the Colossal Cave Road project.

A friendly amendment to the motion was offered by Commissioner Scoville requesting the issued letter having strong verbiage. The friendly amendment was accepted by the motion maker.

Discussion ensued to also include the Silverbell Project in the letter.

[Final Motion] It was moved by Commissioner Lamb, duly seconded by Commissioner Scoville, and carried by a roll call vote of 17 to 0 (Commissioners Ireland and Riojas absent) that TPCHC write a to the RTA Next board, copying Mayor and Council [and others], in strong opposition to RTA Next projects #14 as written and #33. Both the TPCHC Transportation and Historic Landscapes Subcommittees have reviewed and determined that projects #14 - Colossal Cave Road: I10 to Camino Loma Alta as currently described and #33 – Silverbell Road: Camino del Cerro to Ina Road will have irreversible, negative impacts. Project #33 will impact sacred burial and archaeological sites identified by the Tohono O’odham Nation, and Project #14, as written, impacts what remains of historic Vail, jeopardizing the relationship between the remaining historic buildings, the 1899 transit route, and the character-defining historic landscape.

Motion 2.

It was moved by Commissioner Lamb, duly seconded by Commissioner Rigoli, and carried by a roll call vote of 17 to 0 (Commissioners Ireland and Riojas absent) for TPCHC to write a letter to the RTA Next board requesting a designated seat on the RTA Next board.

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

Report was given by Commissioner McDonald. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

F. Budget Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

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

G. Outreach and Training Subcommittee (Commissioners Ellwand and Lamb)

Report given by Commissioner Lamb. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

H. Event Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

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

9. Pima County Update on Proposed Historic Zone Code Text Amendment Revisions and Schedule (Courtney Rose)

Report was given by Courtney Rose and Ian Milliken. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

10. City of Tucson Silverbell Road Widening Project (404 Violation) (Ian Milliken and Koren Manning/Dan Bursuck)

Report was given by Koren Manning. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

11. Update on City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer Vacancy (Discussion/Action) (Chair Majewski and Koren Manning)

Report was given by Koren Manning. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

12. Update on City of Tucson and Pima County Preservation Program and Process (Discussion/Action)

A. City of Tucson (Koren Manning, Others)

Report was given by Koren Manning. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

B. Pima County (Ian Milliken)

Report was given by Ian Milliken. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

13. Update on Pima Community College–Owned Historic Motels on Drachman (Discussion/Action) (Commissioners Lozano, Scoville, Others)

Report was given by Commissioner Scoville. Discussion was held. Action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Lozano, duly seconded by Commissioner Scoville, and carried by a roll call vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioner Grede abstaining; Commissioners Sadongei, Ireland, and Riojas absent) that TPCHC issue a letter of concern to Pima Community College (cc Mayor and Council, the Board of Supervisors, and the State Historic Preservation Office) regarding the Pima Community College demolition of the three (3) historic Drachman properties, fully supported by both the TPCHC Transportation and Historic Landscapes Subcommittees, requesting an immediate halt to the demolition of the historic Drachman motels, expressing concern over the lack of community involvement in that decision, and renewing our offer to discuss the RFP adaptive reuse proposal in courtesy review with our Plans Review Subcommittee.

14. Monitoring and Preserving Historic Buildings and Landscapes Owned by the City of Tucson (Discussion/Action) (Commissioner Scoville)

Report was given by Commissioner Scoville. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

15. Plan Tucson Update (Discussion/Action) (Koren Manning, Commissioner Erickson)

Report was given by Koren Manning and Commissioner Erickson. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

16. Pima Prospers Update (Discussion/Action) (Courtney Rose and Commissioner Lamb)

Report was given by Courtney Rose and Commissioner Lamb. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Report was given by Commissioner Steere. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Comments were made by Commissioners Lamb, Kubish, and Scoville.

19. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

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

20. Thoughts on Inclusivity (Discussion)

Chair Majewski referred back to the motion regarding the renaming of Christopher Columbus Park under Item 7A.

21. Schedule and Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

- Note: All agenda items for the next meeting should be emailed to the chair by no later than December 27, 2024, to be considered for the January 8, 2025, agenda.

22. Adjournment: 1:55 p.m.