



**Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory Board
LEGAL ACTION REPORT/Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Virtual Meeting**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting Opened 6:31 P.M

Board Members Attending: Maurice Roberts (Vice Chair), Stan Schuman and Lynda Southerland.

Member(s) Absent/Excused: Helen Erickson.

Guests: Michael Taku (Staff), Maria Gayosso (Staff), Elliot Welch (staff), John Burr, Matt Smith, Michael Becherer, Eric Barrett and John Burr

2. Review and approval of 01/21/2025 Legal Action Report (LAR) and Meeting/Minutes

Motion: Southerland moved to postpone approval of the LAR Minutes for the meeting of January 21, 2025, to allow all members the opportunity to review before approval. Schuman seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote 3-0 (Erickson absent).

3. Call to the Audience

None.

4. Reviews

- a. **TC-DMO-0225-00043/TD-DEV-1122-00054, 410 S 6th Avenue.**
Full demolition of existing contributing structure(s) for redevelopment of parking.
Full Review/ Contributing Resource/ Rehabilitation Standards
Estimated time: 30 minutes

Case withdrawn from agenda. To be scheduled for a future agenda. No discussion held.

- b. **SD-0924-00098, 222 S 5th Avenue,**
Final review for the addition of dog park, park lighting, colors, and pavement surfaces.
Full Review/Contributing Resource/ Rehabilitation Standards
Estimated time: 30 minutes

Staff Taku provided a summary of the courtesy and full reviews before the board. Staff noted that applicants are on a time constraint to get final approvals for permitting and

construction work to start. Next step will be Tucson Pima County Historical Commission, Plans Review Subcommittee (PRS) on 3/27.2025.

Architect Michael Becherer (SWAIM Associates), provided an overview of the pavilion, clarified points, and answered questions during the presentation. The presentation focused on the shade structure to be painted in brown color. Showed the effect of proposed lighting on the structure when lit at night. Discussion on the diamond roofing, seating and benches, tables materials.

Architect Eric Barrett (ABC Studios), provided an overview of the site improvements, clarified points, and answered questions during the presentation. The presentation was on site improvements: dog run fence, and all site amenities (benches, tables, etc.) will be painted black. Discussed light fixtures around the dog park and additional light within the park; addition of handicap parking; relocation of some light fixtures; seating benches within the park, big dog park and dog running park; addition of new park light poles; color of fences to be carbonized wood black. Site Plan: Provided fence detail to be 5'tall with picket and round tubing. Dog Park is equipped with drinking fountain, and waste station. Provided plant palette for the park. Discussion on security at the park and an irrigation plan for the park.

Discussion was held. Action was taken.

Motion: Schuman moved to recommend approval of the project as presented with the following conditions: (1) that the color of lighting be any shade of brown and (2) the seat to be dark rock rather than smooth.

The motion was seconded by Southerland.

Amended Motion: Roberts moved to add a memorial tree in the park. Both motion maker and seconder concurred

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 3-0. (Erickson absent)

5. APHZAB Design Guidelines Project

No updates. Still working on the draft.

6. Minor Reviews

A minor review for stucco and lead abatement at 330 S Scott Avenue; and 340 E 13 for a roof replacement. Staff will contact the Chair for any new reviews.

7. Call to the Board

The board expressed concern about not getting review materials in a time to review prior to scheduled meetings. Staff will be sending out materials to the board at least one week prior to the meeting.

Another concern was the delay in appointing prospective board members -Steve Grede and Matt Smith - to the Special Qualification status. The board noted that the delay is preventing the use of their expertise in review. Staff will contact the City Clerk's Office to follow up with progress in these appointments.

The issue of late submission of the Annual Report was raised. Staff is working on a template to use for all HPZABs. The template is being finalized and the report for APHPZAB will be provided to the Acting Chair this week.

Finally, it was reported the Helen Erickson was out of the country and not able to attend today's meeting.

8. Staff Updates & Future Agenda Items – Information only

The position of the Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) has been filled. The new City HPO is Desiree Aranda. She starts on March 24, 2025.

9. Adjournment

Schuman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Southerland second. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 3-0. (Erickson absent)

Meeting adjourned at. 7:52 P.M.