



Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission

Historic Landscapes Subcommittee
Legal Action Report

March 27, 2025

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. hybrid via Zoom and at Pima Community College, Downtown Campus, Advanced Manufacturing Building, M369 Conference Room, 1255 N. Queen Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85709

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Grede at 10:03 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Steve Grede, Chair
Helen Erickson
J. J. Lamb (Virtually)

Members Absent:

Julie Rigoli

Guests:

Jasmine Chan, Tucson Parks and Recreation

2. Approval of Historic Landscapes Subcommittee LAR/Minutes from Meetings of: 2-27-2025 *(an error in the agenda deleted the joint meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee and the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of 2-19-2025).*

Commissioner Erickson moved approval of the minutes of the joint meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee and the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of 2-19-2025 and the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee meeting of 2-27-2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamb and passed by a roll call vote of 3-0.

3. Review Cases (Discussion/Action)

a. Fort Lowell Park, 2900 N. Craycroft Rd. - Cottonwood Lane

Ms. Chan presented a plan for the partial reconstruction of the historic allée of cottonwoods adjacent to the reconstructed officers quarters in Fort Lowell Park. Commissioner Erickson moved and Commissioner Lamb seconded that the Subcommittee supports the proposal as an appropriate reconstruction reflecting both

the military history of the site and the work of the 1960s in preserving its history as demonstrated by the care and interest of the community during that period. The future completion of the allée on the west side of Craycroft is encouraged. The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 3-0.

4. Current Issues for Information (Discussion/Action)

a. City of Tucson, Parks and Recreation – Jasmine Chan

Discussion was held. The Subcommittee expressed their interest in participating in planning for Tucson's historic parks in early stages of proposed projects. The legal distinction between National Register Districts and City of Tucson Historic Districts was discussed, but agreement was reached that the overall goal of facilitating these collaborations was to preserve the character of all of Tucson's historic parks. The Subcommittee will follow up by providing a list of these parks to Ms. Chan, who will consider how to implement a mechanism that will alert Parks and Recreation to initiate conversations with the Subcommittee when appropriate. Commissioners thanked Ms. Chan for meeting with the Subcommittee and for her efforts towards the establishment of an ongoing collaboration.

b. HLS Composition and Appointing of Citizen Advisors

It is anticipated that a newly appointed landscape architect will be joining the Subcommittee. Commissioner Grede will investigate the possibilities for adding former Commissioner Mulder to the Subcommittee as a Citizen Advisor.

c. Historic Landscapes Definition and Criteria - Review

a. National Parks Definition of Landscape

b. CALDOT historic guidelines

c. HLS Modifications to a Designed Historic Landscape document

The revision of the 2016 guidelines will continue to be discussed.

d. TEP Midtown Reliability Project

No update was available.

e. RTA Next: Colossal Cave Road and Environs

No update was available.

5. Current Issues for Information (Discussion only)

a. Fox Theatre

No update was available.

b. Drachman Motels - Tucson Inn, El Rancho Motor Hotel, and Frontier Motel, Miracle Mile District

No update was available.

c. Villa Catalina replacement of turf with artificial turf

Commissioners Grede and Erickson will assist in the search for grant funding.

6. **Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Discussion of Landscape Review criteria passed by TPCHC in 2016
- b. Pima County RTA Project 33, Wilmot Road improvement north of Sahuarita Road.
- c. Commissioner Lamb will invite someone from Transportation and Mobility to discuss transportation impacts on historic neighborhoods.
- d. Next HLS meeting is planned for 4-24-2025 at 10:00 a.m.

7. **Call to the Audience (Information Only)**

No comments were received by the posted deadline.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.