



Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission

Historic Landscapes Subcommittee
Legal Action Report

May 1, 2025

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Thursday, May 1, 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 10:01 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Steve Grede, Chair
Helen Erickson
J. J. Lamb (Virtual)
Blake Houghton (Virtual)

Members Absent:

Julie Rigoli

Guests:

Jasmine Chan, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation
Matt Christian, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation
Daniel Hill, Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board
Elaine Hill, Fort Lowell Resident (former Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board member)

2. HLS Approval of HLS Subcommittees LAR/Minutes from Meeting of: 4-24-2025 (Discussion/Action)

Commissioner Erickson moved approval of the minutes of the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee meeting of 4-24-2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamb and passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

3. Review Case (Discussion/Action)

a. Santa Rita Park Revitalization, 401 E. 22nd St.

Mr. Christian and Ms. Chan presented the plan for park revitalization. Discussion was held. Action was taken. Commissioner Erickson moved and Commissioner Houghton seconded the following items, noting that the

subcommittee thanked Ms. Chan and Mr. Christian for their presentation and open discussion:

- The subcommittee recognizes that no landscape features associated with the pool house remain;
- The pool house and structures are not integral to the landscape form of the park;
- The subcommittee defers recommendations on the pool house and associated structures to the Plans Review Subcommittee;
- Historic picnic tables and benches are character-defining features and should be inventoried; they should be preserved on site when possible, or replicated as needed elsewhere if preservation /relocation is not possible;
- The subcommittee commends the proposed park design for
 - the preservation of historic linear features (remnant allées of trees, in particular)
 - the planting of additional rows of trees to define the historic pattern of roads and site divisions; and
 - the retention of turf as a historic feature.

The motion passed 4-0.

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

- a. Continuing discussion of Landscape Review criteria passed by TPCHC in 2016.
- b. Commissioner Lamb will invite someone from the City of Tucson Department of Transportation and Mobility to discuss transportation impacts on historic neighborhoods.
- c. The retention of turf as a historic character-defining feature in parks.

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

No comments were received by the posted deadline.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.