



Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission

Historic Landscapes Subcommittee
Legal Action Report

June 26, 2025

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. hybrid via Zoom and at Pima Community College, Downtown Campus, Advanced Manufacturing Building, M335 Conference Room, 1255 N. Queen Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85709

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Grede at 11:03 a.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Steve Grede, Chair
Helen Erickson
Julie Rigoli
J. J. Lamb (Virtual)

Members Absent:

Blake Houghton

Guests:

None

2. HLS Approval of HLS Subcommittees LAR/Minutes from Meeting of: 5-01-2025 (Discussion/Action)

Commissioner Lamb moved approval of the minutes of the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee meeting of 5-29-2025 with a date correction from May 1 to May 29 in the first paragraph. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erickson and passed by a roll call vote of 4-0.

3. Review Cases (Discussion/Action)

- a. Barrio Histórico HPZ draft Design Guidelines, review of Landscaping section.
Discussion was held. Sections of the Draft Guidelines referencing landscape were discussed point by point.

Commissioner Grede moved, and Commissioner Rigoli seconded:

- a) The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee commends the Barrio Histórico Historic Zone Advisory Board for the impressive effort revealed by this draft; the

opportunity to review it is greatly appreciated. The following recommendations were made:

b) Reorganization of the landscape section will provide greater clarity and utility. By combining all landscape issues into one section rather than scattering them throughout the guidelines it will be possible to reference this section when relevant in other sections of the guidelines, promoting consistency. Items dealing specifically with buildings or structures should be relocated to other sections.

The landscape section should be separated into two units: streetscape and landscape. The streetscape section should deal with elements that are drawn from the general characteristics of the determined development zones (street width, curbing, planting strips, street lighting, etc.), while the landscape segment should focus on the landscape features (walls, fences, landscape materials) frequently located on individual properties. It may be helpful to reference two typical development patterns of the Barrio (potentially termed “Sonoran” and “Post Railroad”). Both streetscape and landscape sections should divide guidance into “preservation and maintenance” and “new construction or added features.”

Realizing the complexity of this task, Commissioners Grede and Erickson will supply additional guidance in a separate and more detailed document. This document will be discussed at the next meeting of the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee.

The motion passed 4-0. (Commissioner Houghton absent)

- b. Historic Landscapes Definition and Review Criteria
This item was postponed to the next meeting.

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

- a. Review of Additional Landscape Guidance for Barrio Histórico HPZ draft Design Guidelines
- b. Working Categorization of Tucson Parks: Presence or Absence of Historic Elements
- c. Historic Landscape Definition and Review Criteria (continued).

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

No comments were received by the posted deadline.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.