

LEGAL ACTION REPORT / MEETING MINUTES

Tucson-Pima County Outdoor Lighting Code Committee

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Amy Oliver at 1:02 p.m.

Members:

Amy Oliver	Present
Dennis Coon	Present
Craig Barron	Present
Rob East	Present
Buell Jannuzi	Present (remote)
Daniel Sleator	Present
Alec Zimmermann	Present (remote)

Staff:

Clayton Trevillyan, COT
Dan Ice, PC
Christina Anaya, COT

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Craig Barron to approve the January 29 meeting minutes and duly seconded by Daniel Sleator. The motion passed with a vote of 6:0. Dennis Coon abstained.

3. Consideration of Chair and Vice Chair positions

A motion was made by Daniel Sleator to elect Amy Oliver as Chair and Dennis Coon as Vice Chair duly seconded by Craig Barron. The motion passed with a vote of 7:0.

4. Lighting Consultant, Fisher Marantz Stone, technical responses

Charles Stone provided a summary of the responses provided to the committee regarding the technical inquiries from the subcommittee. Discussion ensued regarding skyglow, blue light wavelengths, DarkSky International Municipal Template, and IES standards. Rob East suggested comparing lighting regulations from other cities in a matrix layout. Clayton requested that the committee provide a list of comparable cities for staff to assess.

5. Subcommittee Report

No report was provided during this meeting.

6. Purpose and Intent Statement

Clayton shared new proposed language for an expanded purpose and intent statement. Rob East inquired about unshielded uplighting and if the proposed intent statement would further limit the allowed uplighting. The committee agreed the current efforts do not include an intent to reduce the allowed uplighting. Amy Oliver indicated that the subcommittee would review the proposed language further.

7. Reducing the maximum correlated color temperature (CCT)

The committee discussed available lamps and market trends for warmer colors of light. The committee agreed that 3,000 K was reasonable, and 2,700 K was possible. No decision was made on the new CCT limit.

8. Future meeting schedule

Discussion ensued on future agenda items including the definition of developed area. Buell Jannuzi requested that a future agenda item be dedicated to IES standards. Alec Zimmerman requested that a future agenda item be dedicated to minor modifications to existing buildings such as a new egress door. Rob East inquired about phased projects with different color lighting potentially being required in different portions of a single project if the code changes. The committee agreed to continue meeting in a hybrid format.

9. Code Enforcement

Laurie Pumphry with the City of Tucson Code Enforcement division provided information on the current protocol. Rob East asked if there were reports available for the quantity of complaints specifically about outdoor lighting. Laurie indicated that such reports are not currently available but possible to provide. The City's code enforcement division responds to between 6,000 and 8,000 complaints per year in total. Amy Oliver asked if educational materials are provided to property owners regarding the outdoor lighting regulations and also examples of common outdoor lighting violations.

10. Call to Audience

Comments from Paula Redinger, Christina McVie, Joey Schwanz, Kent Blumenthal, Bill Read, Lisa Vickery.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.