



Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission

Event Subcommittee

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Virtual Meeting via Teams

Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., and a quorum was present.

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair

Kathe Kubish

J. J. Lamb (joined at 2:06 p.m.)

Members Absent:

None

Guests / audience present:

Kate Avalos, Presidio San Agustin del Tucson Museum

Desiree Aranda (City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer, Planning & Development Services

Justin Germain, Tucson Museum of Art

Amy Hartmann-Gordon, Presidio San Agustin del Tucson Museum

Ian Milliken, Pima County Historic Preservation Officer, Pima County Conservation Lands & Resources,
Cultural Resources & Heritage Preservation

Marianna Pegno, Tucson Museum of Art

Rikki Riojas, Los Descendientes de Tucson & TPCHC Non-voting Advisory Member

**2. Approval of TPCHC Event Subcommittee LAR/Minutes from Meeting of 8/11/25
(Discussion/Action)**

It was moved by Commissioner Kubish, duly seconded by Chair Majewski, and carried by a roll call vote of 2 to 0 to approve the Legal Action Report/Minutes from the Meeting of 8/11/25 as submitted. (Note that Commissioner Lamb had not yet arrived when this vote was taken; but a quorum of two was still present with Commissioner Kubish and Chair Majewski.)

3. Discussion/debrief regarding August 2025, 250+ event (Discussion/Action)

A summary of the discussion follows. Despite the heat, over 1,000 people were in attendance for the event (possibly more). Amy Hartmann-Gordon asked how we can capitalize on the success of the event and messaging. Commissioner Lamb commented that the event was tremendous. Ian Milliken said that the event would have been even better if it had a different date/month. Different dates were suggested: October to commemorate when people moved from Tubac to Tucson (Amy Hartmann-Gordon), during a month set up for a Tucson/Pima County “history month” (Desiree Aranda), or on Arizona Statehood Day (February 14) (Kate Avalos). Mr. Milliken already suggested to the mayor and to the Supervisor Rex Scott that the date should be moved.

The combined partnership efforts of the Presidio Museum, Tucson Museum of Art (TMA), and TPCHC allowed for excellent logistical coordination for separate stages in each venue and community partners and food vendors in the areas between the Presidio and TMA (Kate Avalos from the Presidio and Justin Germain from TMA received the group’s thanks for all of their work on the details and coordination). Other comments included: set up went very well, the timing worked; and lighting, table spacing, and street closures were good. Entertainment provided a good representation of Tucson’s multiethnic nature, and the program of elected officials was excellent (what a nice touch when the Lion Dancers danced into the Presidio area through the side entrance!). Ian Milliken was commended on his advance work with Supervisor Scott for Pima County comments. Amy Hartmann-Gordon commented on the level of participation by community partners (amazing). She heard no complaints.

Negatives included: the extreme heat, need to hire out someone to help move things after the event, lack of event programs available at the welcome table, and more intentionality needed for table layout (e.g., TPCHC table was too far away to effectively support the event by passing out programs. Ian Milliken identified the need to get more youth in attendance. Commissioner Lamb added the need to make it a more family friendly event (encourage community partners to have activities at their tables), and she suggested offering volunteer opportunities to young people. Desiree Aranda also noted that having more activities would be good. Marianna Pegno noted that flyers needed to go out earlier to “save the date.” Better signage would have helped.

4. Website update and plans moving forward (Discussion/Action)

Discussion was held regarding whether the commission would continue to support the 250+ website, and the consensus was to do so until December 2025 or later as had been previously planned. No action was taken.

5. Call to the audience (Information Only)

No comments were received by the posted deadline.

6. Schedule upcoming meeting(s)

Future meeting dates were discussed (possibly in November), but none was set.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.