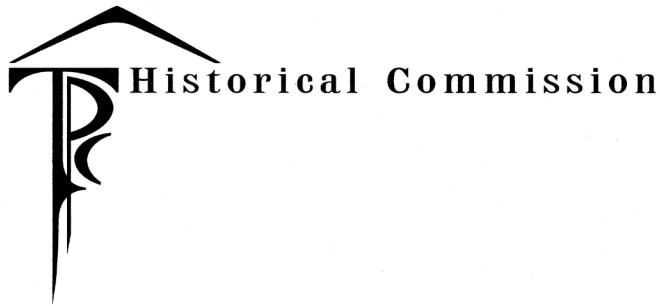




Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission

Historic Landscapes Subcommittee

September 2, 2026

Legal Action Report

The Historic Landscapes Subcommittee of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission conducted a meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at 10:00 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 at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Helen Erickson, Chair

Jessica Bassi (arrived 10:12 a.m., left at 11:14a.m., via Zoom)

Tim Hagyard

Blake Houghton (via Zoom)

J.J. Lamb (arrived 10:12 a.m., via Zoom)

Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Stephen Grede, TPCHC Non-Voting Advisory Member

Desiree Aranda, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Tucson (left at 11:35 a.m.)

Ian Milliken, Historic Preservation Officer, Pima County (left at 11:00 a.m.)

2. Approval of Historic Landscapes Subcommittee (LAR/Minutes from Meeting of: June 24, 2026 (Discussion Action)

Commissioner Hagyard moved to approve the minutes of the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee meeting of 6-24-2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houghton and passed by a roll call vote of 3-0 (Commissioners

Lamb and Bassi had not yet arrived).

3. Change of Meeting Format from Hybrid to Virtual (Discussion/Action)

Discussion was held. Those present stressed the value of maintaining the hybrid option.

Commissioner Hagyard moved and Commissioner Houghton seconded that the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee will retain the practice of hybrid meetings. The motion passed 3-0 (Commissioners Lamb and Bassi had not yet arrived).

4. City of Tucson Plan of Work 2026-2027

Ms. Aranda presented, noting that the increase in City staffing meant that staff were now available to review projects that had minimal impact on historic park resources. She would like to minimize duplicate presentations, given that the code already requires presentations to historic zone advisory boards and to the Plans Review Subcommittee.

Mr. Milliken reported that Pima County staff review cases determined to be routine and suggested that definitions of landscape resources and values would provide a common basis for evaluation practice in both City and County.

Mr. Grede provided a brief history of the origin and intent of the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee, which was initiated at a time when landscape features were excluded from the review of historic resources. The work of the subcommittee has supported recognition and evaluation of landscape resources, and it is important that this work continue.

Mr. Milliken suggested that the Subcommittee - and indeed the Commission as a whole - should move toward a programmatic approach to evaluating change to historic landscape resources before these occur.

Commissioner Lamb pointed out the need for staff (and, indeed, Commission) education, which would help to avoid contentious issues before they arose.

Ms. Aranda suggested the creation of two categories of review: review of minor projects or of projects that do not involve historic resources to be handled by staff, and more extensive projects involving significant historic resources, which would take advantage of the subcommittee's expertise.

Commissioner Lamb moved and Commissioner Houghton seconded that Commissioners Lamb and Erickson meet with TPCHC Non-Voting Advisory Member Stephen Grede to develop and share for comment to City and County staff a preliminary list of landscape resource changes that could be reviewed by staff or would require review by the Historic Landscapes Subcommittee. This work will be evaluated by the subcommittee at their next meeting. The motion passed 4-0 (Commissioner Bassi had left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.).

5. Next Meeting: October 28, 2026

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Subcommittee usually meets at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We will **not** meet on the fourth Wednesday of September.

6. Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Commissioner Lamb requested that members of the congregation of Santa Rita in the Desert in Vail be invited to discuss landscape issues of new construction with the subcommittee at the meeting on October 28.

7. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

No public comments were received by the posted deadline. No audience was present at the meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.