



2015

**Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission
Plans Review Subcommittee**

LEGAL ACTION REPORT

**Thursday, March 12, 2015,
4th Floor Conference Room, Joel D. Valdez Main Library,
101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona 85701**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call:

Meeting called to session at 1:07 PM

Commissioners: Terry Majewski (Chair), Arthur Stables, Sharon Chadwick, Helen Erickson, Jim Sauer, Patsy Waterfall

Staff: Frank Dillon, Michael Taku, Alexandra Hines (PDSD), Jonathan Mabry, Jennifer Levstik (OIP), Tom Fisher, (TDOT)

2. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary of Minutes of 2-26-15

Motion by Commissioner Waterfall to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary of Minutes of 2-12-15. Motion seconded by Commissioner Erickson.

Motion passed. Vote 6-0.

3. Historic Preservation Zone Review Cases

- a. **HPZ-15-20, -21, & -22** – TDOT – Proposed 6th Street Wall Project – 307/309 West 6th Street & 433 North Main Avenue (El Presidio District)

Tom Fisher, from Department of Transportation, provided background to the Downtown Links Roadway.

Staff Taku read the LAR from El Presidio Historic Advisory Board (EPZHAB) into the record. Staff Taku stated that EPZHAB preferred a 7-8 foot wall.

Marcellus Rusk, from Vint Associates, presented the wall to the commissioners. Chair Majewski held concern that the proposal does not reflect what is intended.

One of the owners of the associated houses noted that the residents have worked with Vint and Associates for the wall design. Mr. Fisher noted that the wall will be privately owned by the residents and that the right of way goes up to the wall. Mr. Rusk said one property entrance is off Main Ave and two properties enter off St. Mary's St.

Staff Levstik stated that SHPO did not express concern during their past site visit of El Presidio. Chair Majewski requested that the applicant coordinate with SHPO to make sure the proposal does not delist the properties.

Commissioner Erickson does not want to see this proposal become a precedent for future projects. She also noted that this proposal is not an ideal solution.

Commissioner Sauer inquired about the number one purpose of the wall. The response was sound mitigation. Commissioner Sauer would like for the public to still have a connection with the historic houses via a relief in the wall or opening for those passing by.

Commissioner Stables held concern that the contributing historic properties could lose their eligibility due to the construction of the proposed wall. Commissioner Sauer noted that visual connection by the public to the houses will be lost.

Motion by Commissioner Erickson to recommend approval of proposal as presented with condition that SHPO is consulted to ensure project does not cause delisting of the historic houses from National Registrar, the proposed planting areas be implemented and be shown on submitted plans, and the proposal is not a precedent for future projects. Seconded by Commissioner Waterfall.

Motion passed. Vote 5-1.

4. Current Issues for Information/Discussion:

a. Minor Reviews

Four minor reviews conducted Friday, March 13, 2015.

b. Appeals

Nothing at this time.

c. Zoning Violations

Zoning violations will come to T-PCHC PRS soon. Staff Dillon has communicated with Code Enforcement Division in making sure there is steadfast action. Code Enforcement has been instructed to issue a stop work order and contact staff Dillon or staff Taku.

d. Historic Landmark Presentation – Information and Discussion.

Demion Clinco gave a presentation on the City of Tucson Historic Landmark Program with particular highlight to raised concerns.

7. **Call to the Audience**

No one to speak.

8. **Future Items**

TCC Landscape - Update
Grant Road Project - Information

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.