



**Convention Center Commission, Tucson (TCCC)  
Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 11:30 A.M.  
260 S. Church  
Tucson, AZ 85701**

**Summary of Minutes**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Ward 1 Representative, Betty Villegas, at 11:33 a.m. A quorum was established. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Betty Villegas	Ward 1 Representative
Richard Small	Mayor Representative
Kristin Almquist	Ward 3 Representative
John Cesar	Ward 6 Representative
Michael Lundin	Ward 5 Representative

**Absent:**

Joseph Blair	Ward 2 Representative
Steve Anderson	Ward 4 Representative

**2. Approval of Minutes: (January 08, 2015)**

Motion to approve the minutes of January 08, 2015, was passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0.

**3. TCC Today update – Helen Erickson**

A update was given on what has been accomplished on the project to improve a portion of the Eckbo's Plaza outside the Leo Rich Theater. The University of Arizona heritage conservation program has adopted the landscape. They will be giving two college courses of architecture and landscape architecture graduation seminars. The Tucson-Pima County historical commission landscapes subcommittee is developing a plant list for renovation, based on Eckbo's original planting design while giving consideration to today's xeric conditions. A small area was chosen to test renovation strategies. The renovation offers a welcome respite of green space a place to rest and relax – people are using the benches!

Replica pots have replaced those in poor condition. Signage has been placed along with bilingual information which has been much appreciated.

**4. SCAAB update – Elaine Becherer**

In reference to the monument sign related to Rio Nuevo and Tucson Convention Center project. At the follow up public hearing that was closed. Rio Nuevo removed their variance request. Rio Nuevo is further analyzing and working with the U of A to see if there is new technology on how they can get the monument sign at the street that is within the code and that works for everyone. Rio Nuevo is in the redesign phase

**5. Bond Advisory Committee update - Elaine Becherer**

Elaine spoke in regards to four items. The City of Tucson bond advisory committee stated this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked project and gave recommendation to Pima County. The project consist of renovation to music hall, a small renovation to the Leo Rich lobby and entrance and a renovation of the main component plaza and landscaping to include the trees outside the arena. The Pima County bond advisory committee funded \$23.5 million.

**6. Eckbo Plaza-interim actions - Greg Jackson/Elaine Becherer**

The City of Tucson is contracting with Drachman Institute and the U of A to have educational classes. The City of Tucson is also partnering up with Pima Community College and their club to build a 3D model on the landscape. Rio Nuevo, SMG and TCC Today are all working together to improve and maintain the landscape.

**7. Borderlands Theatre – Marc Pinate**

A proposal for a theatrical play on March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 of the barrio stories project. Borderland is proposing to perform outdoors using the Eckbo Plaza, The Freemont-Sosa House and the Gazebo/La Placita. The director of marketing and outreach of borderlands theater Milta Ortiz also spoke in regards to their partnership with Pima College, TRIO Upward Bound, U of A Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology and Arizona Historical Society.

**8. General Managers Report - SMG**

Report provided

**9. 2014 TCC Commission Annual Report**

Report provided

**10. Call to Audience**

None

**11. Future Agenda Items**

Capital Improvement Program.

Kristin requesting a park wise update on downtown parking.

Betty is also requesting a quarterly report on parking fees.

**12. Adjournment – 12:44 p.m.**