



TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 12:00 noon
Main Library, 4th Floor Conference Room
101 N. Stone Avenue
Tucson, Arizona, AZ 85701



LEGAL ACTION REPORT and SUMMARY OF MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Majewski at 12:01 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Members Present:

Albin Littell arrived at 12:02 p.m.
Beth Grindell
Carlos Lozano
Denice Osbourne
Helen Erickson
Jennifer Levstik
Jim Sauer
Josephine Hilliard
Marty McCune
Michael Becherer
Mikki Niemi
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair
Patsy Waterfall arrived at 12:02 p.m.
Peter Steere
Sandee Brooke
Sharon Chadwick
Teresita Majewski, Chair

Members Absent:

Arthur Stables
Diana Hadley
Harry Walker
John Langellier
Randall Madsen
Stephen Grede

Others Present:

Jonathan Mabry City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer
Jennifer Toothaker City of Tucson TDOT
Tom Fisher City of Tucson TDOT
Sam Credio City of Tucson TDOT
Luke Guastaderro City of Tucson TDOT
Michael Taku Planning & Development Services Department
Alison Miller Ward 6

Ana Juarez Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

(Commissioner Littell and Waterfall arrived at 12:02 p.m.)

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of T-PCHC Actions/Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 6/15/16
- B. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions/Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 6/23/16
- C. Approval of Budget Subcommittee Actions/Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 7/13/16
- D. Approval of Preservation Awards Subcommittee Actions/Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 6/20/16
- E. Approval of Birthday Celebration Subcommittee Actions/Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 6/30/16
- F. Approval of Transportation Subcommittee Actions/Minutes from Meeting(s) of: 7/12/16

It was moved by Commissioner Niemi, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 17 to 0 (Commissioners Grede, Hadley, Madsen, Langellier, Stables, and Walker absent), to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 2F.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events (Information Only)

Report was given by Chair Majewski. No discussion was held, no action taken.

4. Removal/Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees

No report was given.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

- A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Officer (Jonathan Mabry)

Report was given by Jonathan Mabry from the City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office. Discussion was held. Action was taken.

- C. Tucson Department of Transportation (Jennifer Toothaker)

(Item 5C was taken out of order)

Report was given by Jennifer Toothaker. Discussion was held. No action was taken. Handouts were passed out for viewing only.

- B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

No report was given.

- C. Tucson Department of Transportation (Jennifer Toothaker)

(This item was taken out of order and discussed after item 5A.)

6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports

- A. Plans Review Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

Report was given by Chair Majewski. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

(Commission Littell departed at 12:45 p.m.)

- B. Transportation Subcommittee (Commissioner Chadwick)

Report was given by Commissioners Chadwick and Lozano. Discussion was held. Action was taken. Handout was provided.

Commissioner Lozano reported that at the April Mayor and Council meeting regarding the Broadway project, they approved the acquisitions to move forward and as part of the motion, empowered Bob Vint's Working Group to help with the design. He said the Vint Working Group had the greatest respect for this body and actually wanted the TPCHC to participate in their first major recommendation.

Commissioner Lozano said the document that he distributed was the first major recommendation. He said it was a comprehensive list of goals and guidelines which in some ways specific was specific to Broadway and in other ways was applicable to potentially any road project. He said it was fully in accord with Plan Tucson.

Commissioner Lozano pointed out that page two of the handout contained the major recommendation that included language from the original motion. Further into the report it included seven major goals and guidelines; private property, relocation, overlay zoning, incentives, utility impacts, streetscape impacts, and classification survey. He reiterated the report was very comprehensive, heavy on preservation and intended to be used as a handbook.

Commissioner Lozano stated what the Vint Working Group wanted was TPCHC's approval and to forward the document to the Mayor and Council and City staff. In other words, adopt the handbook so that it could be used for future policy.

Commission Lozano stated the motion he wanted to make was to have the Transportation Subcommittee fully review the report and that a recommendation

be made to the full commission for approval and to forward it to the Mayor and Council.

Chair Majewski questioned that the TPCHC had not been asked by the Mayor and Council to produce the report. She said they established the Vint Working Group and were expecting a report from them. She stated she did not think TPCHC should submit the document, and suggested that the commission could submit a letter in support.

Discussion continued.

Chair Majewski suggested the motion should say that a letter of support be written.

Discussion continued.

Chair Majewski asked Carlos if he wanted to modify or withdraw his motion.

Discussion continued regarding the timeliness of the report and the timeline to get questions/concerns to Chair Majewski.

Jonathan Mabry, Historic Preservation Officer, stated he wanted to clarify something in the report on page 6, Item b, reclassifying buildings that had reversible façade alterations. He said that because of the way the National Register worked this was not possible; integrity was evaluated in terms of the current condition of the building and the ability to visibly convey significance, so a building could not be evaluated to meet the integrity criteria.

Discussion ensued regarding the intent to recognize that some buildings, if current conditions were reversed, would likely be considered eligible.

Chair Majewski asked about the motion on the floor and if Commissioner Lozano wanted to withdraw to state a new motion.

Commissioner Becherer stated he would be recusing himself due to conflict of interest.

It was moved by Commissioner Lozano, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioner Becherer recused due to conflict of interest and Commissioners Grede, Hadley, Langellier, Littell, Madsen, Stables, and Walker absent), to approve the document and write a letter of support to the Bob Vint Group contingent upon new wording for item 7b and recommend to the Mayor and Council that the document be adopted as a design manual to move forward on the Broadway project.

C. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Commissioner Grindell)

No report was given.

D. Outreach and Training Subcommittee (Commissioner McCune)

No report was given.

E. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Commissioner Lozano)

No report was given.

F. Historic Landscapes Subcommittee (Commissioner Erickson)

Report was given by Commissioner Erickson. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

G. Birthday Subcommittee (Chair Majewski)

Report was given by Chair Majewski and Commissioner McCune. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

(Commissioner Levstik departed at 12:55 p.m.)

7. Update on Downtown Links Project (Sam Credio and Tom Fisher, TDOT)

Report and presentation was given by Sam Credio and Tom Fisher from TDOT. Handout was distributed for review only.

Discussion was held. Action was taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Lozano, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 15 to 0 (Commissioners Grede, Hadley, Langellier, Levstik, Littell, Madsen, Stables, and Walker absent), to write a letter to the director of the Department of Transportation requesting that estimates for moving/alternative strategies to full demolition be investigated for the 1910 building at 25 E. 6th and 503 N. Stone [the two latter buildings owned by the city], and with the permission of the owner of the privately owned warehouse at 121 & 125 E. 7th St., obtain an estimate to shorten that warehouse and move the façade back.

8. Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation Update (Commissioner Levstik)

No report was given.

9. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events (Information Only)

Comments were made by Chair Majewski and Commissioner Steere.

10. Call to the Audience (Information Only)

No one spoke

11. Schedule and Future Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Chair Majewski mentioned TPCHC will be having a meeting in August and asked that any agenda items for the August meeting be turned in to her by the end of July.

12. Adjournment 1:41 p.m.