



## T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Mayor and Council Conference Room, City Hall, 1st floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair  
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair  
Sandee Brooke  
Annette Campbell  
Sharon Chadwick  
Demion Clinco  
Albert Guidero  
Sarah Herr

Joe Joaquin  
Kathy Nabours  
Sybil Needham  
Patsy Waterfall  
Gal Witmer

Members Absent:

Gerald Juliani  
Bettina Lyons

Renee RedDog  
Estevan Rodriguez

Others Present:

Jonathan Mabry	Historic Preservation Officer, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design
James Glock	Director, City of Tucson Department of Transportation
Lisa Cuestas	Staff Assistant, City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
Steven Herzog	Guest
Stacy Semas	Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2008
- B. Approval of Budget Subcommittee Minutes of July 9, 2008
- C. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meeting of:
  - 1. June 26, 2008

It was moved by Sarah Herr, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Juliani, Lyons, RedDog, and Rodriguez absent) to approve Consent Agenda Items A through C.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Majewski announced flowers were sent to Linda Haptonstal on behalf of the Tucson Pima-County Historical Commission.

The Downtown Tucsonan wrote an article in which Jonathan Mabry said great things regarding preservation in the community.

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

No appointments or removals were made.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

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

Jonathan Mabry reported:

- 1. The Grant Road Improvement Project was in the early stages of the planning process. The first phase of the historic properties assessment was completed. The assessment was to be presented at a workshop on July 12, 2008, at the Tucson Realtors Association.

Commissioner Chadwick asked if there would be a note made of the various names that had been attached to Grant Road throughout its history.

Dr. Mabry stated he thought that was a good suggestion and would like the names she had in mind.

- 2. The Oracle Area Revitalization Plan incorporated a historical assessment of the resources in the area.
- 3. The final version of the National Register Nomination for the Barrio El Hoyo Historic District had been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). It had been approved and forwarded to the keeper of the National Register in Washington. In the next forty-five days they would be officially listed ~~on~~ in the National Register as a Historic District.

4. The first draft of the National Register Nomination for the Barrio El Membrillo Historic District was submitted to SHPO and would be placed on the State Historic Sites Review Committee's agenda soon.
5. The process for a National Register Nomination for the Jefferson Park Historic District and the Barrio Santa Rosa Historic District were just beginning.
6. The Downtown Facade Program already received several applications. The focus of the program was on the historical buildings downtown. The improvements to the facades would be restoration work and meet preservation standards.
7. The Tucson Origins Heritage Park construction was scheduled to start in the fall of 2008. The final construction plans and permits were in the process of being completed.
8. In the Old Pascua Neighborhood, a 1920s adobe house was in distress. The house was one of the original houses in the neighborhood and already listed in the National Register of Historic places. They would do fundraising and apply for grants to start stabilization and restoration of the building. The end result would be a community use like a museum or an art gallery.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

No report given.

C. Tucson Department of Transportation (Jim Glock)

Jim Glock reported:

1. The modern streetcar project was moving forward to the development phase. This phase would allow the Federal Transit Authority to match all local funds being spent.
2. The El Paso and Southwestern Greenway project was in the planning process. The project would provide a trail along the historic El Paso and Southwestern Greenway Rail Road. As the project moved forward there would be opportunities for historical interpretation.
3. The design build team for the Downtown Infrastructure project was run out of the City Manager's Office. The design team was looking to upgrade utilities to accommodate future development and possibly rebuild portions of the streetscape in the process.
4. The Mayor and Council showed support for the Downtown Links Alignment at the Mayor and Council meeting of July 8, 2008. The next Downtown Links Citizen Advisory Committee (DLCAC) meeting was scheduled for the second Monday in August. They would begin to identify a starting point for construction. The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) funding for the project would not be available until 2011.

Dr. Mabry stated they were in the beginning stages of consultation with SHPO. Now that an alignment had been identified they would start working toward a Memorandum of Understanding.

Chair Majewski announced Commissioner Juliani had devoted a lot of time and effort into this project and helped to see it through.

Dr. Mabry stated he would be working closely with both Commissioner Juliani and the Commission during the project.

Mr. Glock stated the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) owned various warehouses along the alignment. The City had expressed interest in acquiring the properties. Once the properties had been acquired the challenge would be to stabilize them.

Sharon Chadwick stated she thought putting a preservation easement on the properties would be a good idea in some instances. After the hard work she and others had done to preserve the buildings she wanted to be able to suggest possible ways of handling these properties.

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

A. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

B. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Santee Brooke)

No report was given.

C. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

D. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

No report was given.

E. Downtown Neighborhoods and Residents Council (Terry Majewski)

No report was given.

F. T-PCHC Birthday Celebration (Kathy Nabours)

Chair Nabours announced the next Subcommittee meeting would be July 30, 2008, at 11:00 in the Mayor and Council Conference Room. She invited everyone to come and join in the celebration. She also stated the Subcommittee was still looking for a Master of Ceremony.

7. Proposed Letter of Support to U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant Program for Environmental Cleanup of the Adkins Property in the Fort Lowell Neighborhood (Lisa Cuestas, COT Environmental Services)

Lisa Cuestas, City of Tucson Environmental Services Department, stated she worked with the Brownfields Program. They were responsible for overseeing the cleanup of the City owned land that was environmentally challenged. Brownfields properties were abandoned, idle, or underutilized, and when the properties undergo redevelopment or expansion it would become complicated because of real or perceived environmental concerns. The City and Pima County had been working together on the former Adkins Property in the Fort Lowell Neighborhood. A steel tank business was operated on the land for more than seventy years. They already removed two underground storage tanks and were now working on soil analysis. Some of the results from the analysis had indicated there were lead and petroleum products in the soil. Most of the waste on the site was removed but there were still environmental issues. There were two wells to abandon and soil contamination to cleanup. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offered Cleanup Grants and Assessment Grants to help with different environmental projects.

Ms. Cuestas stated the Adkins property project would like to apply for a \$200,000 EPA Cleanup Grant that would assist in additional environmental work. The Brownfields Program had been very successful in obtaining grants in the past due to community involvement and support. In the end the Adkins property would be combined with the Fort Lowell Park.

Commissioner Clinco asked if they had tested the soil to the north to see if the contamination had spread due to water flow.

Ms. Cuestas stated they had not but had anticipated they would in the future.

Commissioner Chadwick asked if they had looked for archeological remains during the removal of the steel tanks and other objects on the property.

Dr. Mabry stated they had an archeological monitor for the project.

Ms. Cuestas stated for more information regarding the Brownfields Program go to [www.tucsonaz.gov/ets](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/ets).

It was moved by Sharon Chadwick, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Commissioners Juliani, Lyons, RedDog and Rodriguez absent) to direct Chair Majewski to draft a letter of support regarding the Environmental Cleanup of the Adkins Property in the Fort Lowell Neighborhood.

8. City of Tucson Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (Jonathan Mabry)

No report given.

9. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Demion Clinco and Sharon Chadwick)

Commissioner Clinco stated a small group was working on the historical assessment of the 1920s adobe house in the old Pascua Neighborhood.

10. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Herr announced the Arizona State Museum director, Hartman Lomawaima, died Tuesday after an eleven-month battle with cancer.

11. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

12. Future Agenda Items

13. Adjourn: 12:58 p.m.