



## 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 12:01 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2008.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair

Norma Niblett, Vice Chair

Annette Campbell

Sharon Chadwick

Demion Clinco (arrived 12:06 p.m.)

Albert Guidero

Sarah Herr

Steven Herzog

Joe Joaquin

Bettina Lyons

Kathy Nabours

Sybil Needham

Patsy Waterfall

Gal Witmer (arrived 12:05 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Sandee Brooke

Gerald Juliani

Renee RedDog

Estevan Rodriguez

Eileen R. Warshaw

Others Present:

Jonathan Mabry

Historic Preservation Officer, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design

James Glock

Director, City of Tucson Department of Transportation

Linda Mayro

Cultural Resources Manager, Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office

Kristi Jenkins

Planning Technician, Department of Urban Planning and Design

Fran LaSala

Assistant to the City Manager, City of Tucson

Tom Wolf

Stantec Engineering

Doug Moseke

Stantec Engineering

Lisa Ribes

Wheat Scharf and Associates

Stacy Semas

Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2008
- B. Approval of Budget Subcommittee
- C. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meetings of:
  - 1. August 28, 2008
  - 2. September 11, 2008
  - 3. September 25, 2008

It was moved by Norma Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 14 to 0 (Commissioners Brooke, Juliani, RedDog, Rodriguez, and Warshaw absent) to approve Consent Agenda Items A through C.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

No announcements were made.

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

No removals/appointments were made.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

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

Jonathan Mabry reported:

- 1. The Menlo Park National Register Nomination would significantly expand the district boundaries.
- 2. The Barrio Santa Rosa National Register Nomination had been started.
- 3. Jonathan stated they were currently seeking neighborhood input and support for the National Register Nomination for Barrio Anita.
- 4. Demion Clinco had completed a historical assessment for the Oracle Area Revitalization Plan. This assessment was currently under review.
- 5. The Grant Road widening historical properties assessment had been completed. The assessment helped reform the decision-making process for the alignment and minimized the impact on the properties along Grant Road.
- 6. The Department of Urban Planning and Design was assisting in the research and development of a revised Landmark Sign Code. The revisions would allow repairs and replicas of historic signs. The department would also assign planners to assist in the process of updating Development Standards in the historic preservation zones and the Downtown area. They would have to ensure the changes would not adversely effect the astronomy research in the region.
- 7. Mapping specialists were updating the boundary information regarding historical districts. The goal was to have a master map of all the historical districts and make it available to the public.

8. The City was working with the County to restore adobe structures on the Adkins Parcel. The parcel was in the process of being added to the Fort Lowell Historic Preservation Zone.
9. Grant applications were being worked on for the Santa Cruz Church, which was the largest unfired adobe building in the state, and to do additional stabilization repairs to the Marist College Building.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Linda Mayro reported:

1. By February of next year, the 2009 Bond Advisory Committee would reach a decision regarding whether to go forward with bonds and if so, how much they would allow.
2. The Board of Supervisors approved state land acquisitions under the Arizona Preserve Initiative.
3. Construction on the exterior of Canoa Ranch was making progress. On November 8, 2008, Canoa Ranch would be hosting an event called the Round Up. This would be an open house and an opportunity for those who had lived on the ranch to come back.
4. Empirita Ranch was completed, and soon the County would put a caretaker on the premises.
5. The work on the Performance Arts Center was completed. The facility would not be used as a theater, but the building was structurally sound.

C. Tucson Department of Transportation (Jim Glock)

Jim Glock reported:

1. Corky Poster was conducting workshops with adjacent neighborhoods regarding roadway amenities and land-use options for the Downtown Links Project.
2. The I-10 Project was ahead of schedule. Mr. Glock stated he hoped the majority of the underpasses would be open for the 2009 Gem Show.
3. The Street Car Project was now in the procurement selection process. The cars should be ordered by February of 2009.
4. The Grant Road Alignment was available on the internet at [www.grantroad.info](http://www.grantroad.info). There would be three public meetings held. The first would be held on October 15, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Executive Inn Suite on West Drachman; the second meeting would be held on October 16, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Salpointe Catholic High School; and the third meeting would be held on October 18, 2008, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Catalina High School.

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 (Sandee 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)

No report was given.

7. Scott Avenue Infrastructure and Streetscape Project (Project Team)

Assistant to the City Manager Fran LaSala stated the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project began about one year ago. The main goal was to identify the current utilities and either remove them or update them. They decided to address the streetscape issues within the project. The streetscape would be focused on the areas on Congress from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Church Avenue, on Scott Avenue from Pennington Street to the Temple Of Music and Art, and on Arizona Avenue from Congress Street to Armory Park. The goal was to make the areas more comfortable and safer for the community.

Scott Avenue would be the first and most significant project because it offered an opportunity to do something they would not be able to do in other areas. They were reducing the lanes to two 11-foot lanes and removing the angled parking. They met with the business owners on Scott Avenue at least twice to discuss the proposed changes.

Mr. LaSala stated the residents and business owners south of Broadway believed Scott Avenue should be more of a pedestrian walkway. The sidewalks would be widened to create an 8–10-foot walking path. This would create a more inviting atmosphere. The existing concrete would be removed, and a more decorative patterned concrete would be put in place. They wanted to take advantage and draw attention to the historic buildings in the area. They will be implementing a passive water harvesting technique by collecting the water from the streets.

The Armory Park Neighborhood Association and the Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory Board were consulted due to lighting concerns. The preservation of globe lighting was important to the two groups. The globe lighting would not provide safe lighting therefore it would only be used as ornamental lighting. Parking would be reduced from 53 spaces to 19 spaces. This was done with the approval of the business owners on Scott Avenue. Parking would still be available on Pennington Street, the surrounding side streets and a parking garage.

Dr. Mabry and Don Ryden were helping to develop a streetscape that would not take away from the historic buildings. The tentative start for the project was the end of November. This would be a fast project and would possibly be completed in April of 2009.

Commissioner Nabours suggested incorporating porous concrete into the design of the streetscape.

Tom Wolf stated there were things they would have to look into before they considered utilizing porous concrete. The cost tended to be high, and it required certified people to pour concrete. There were existing ideas about the sidewalks that include glass stones and etched designs. The original budget was estimated to be \$36 million, but in the end the project only received \$27 million.

Chair Majewski stated she was glad the Project Team came to the Commission with their plans but going to the Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory Board was just the first part of the process. The Plans Review Subcommittee was usually involved in the conceptual stage. She suggested that any future projects be brought to the Plans Review Subcommittee, this way they would be able to help the project at a much earlier stage and be able to identify red flags before they become problems.

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

Commissioner Clinco stated they were finalizing the structure of the foundation and would begin regular meetings, elections of chair and vice chair at the next meeting

9. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Herr announced that the Statewide Historic Preservation Conference put out a call for papers through mid-November. The theme was "Arguing for Preservation."

10. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Support letters for two Heritage Fund Applications.

12. Adjournment: 1:13 p.m.