

Arizona America250 Commission

History, Heritage & Historic Preservation Subcommittee

Virtually via Zoom

Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025

1. Call to order and welcome.

Chair Harder called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

Subcommittee Members Present:

Ashley Harder, Chair	Jim McPherson	Holly Henley
Leah Stagg	David Turpie	Margaret Hangan
Helana Ruter	Caitlin Dichter	Kelly McDonald
Kathryn Leonard	Eric Vondy	J.J. Lamb

Subcommittee Members Absent:

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2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from February 19, 2025.

MOTION Minutes of February 19, 2025, adopted as previously distributed. Ashley Harder motioned; Eric Vondy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Informational member presentation on their organization and/or 2026 plans.

Kelly McDonald from the Daughters of the American Revolution shared an informative presentation about the DAR and their work at both the national and local level.

4. Updates, discussion and possible action on projects and initiatives relating to history, historic preservation, and heritage for the Semiquincentennial.

a. Two Lights for Tomorrow.

An invitation and a press release have been created. The event will be on April 18th with doors opening to the public at 5:30pm and programming beginning at 6:30pm. There is an

opportunity for more exhibitors to participate. The links to apply to be an exhibitor or a volunteer were shared in the chat.

b. Interpretation document for events and educational materials.

Vice Chair Leah Stagg gave an update on the working group. They have established an audience. They are working on recruiting cultural heritage stewards. They want to create guidelines for local initiatives to help them connect with A250 projects and to share what they are doing locally. She will have an update in April and hopes to have a draft ready in May. Chair Ashley Harder added that there is a shared Google doc in which people can drop ideas and/or talking points. Kathryn Leonard asked if the document will be circulated to the subcommittee members, and Ashley said that it will eventually be shared.

c. Curated lists for Passport250

Ashley shared that people have been talking about reviewing lists of heritage sites around Arizona to come up with a list of 250 sites.

d. Route 66 Centennial.

Kathryn gave a history of the Preservation Youth Summit and then an update on the partnership between the Youth Summit and the centennial of Route 66. Kathryn would like to have A250 assist/sponsor the students in whatever way is practicable.

e. May Hicks House preservation.

Update from Lauren Clementino. Prep work for the moving of the house is being performed.

f. Member share out on events across the state.

Members shared information about upcoming conferences and events and provided links in the chat.

5. Discussion and possible action on subcommittee membership and future meeting dates.

It was suggested to have the next meeting on 22 April at 11:00. No one objected. May's meeting will be on 22 May. June's meeting will be held on 25 June.

6. Call to the public.

No members of the public commented.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09pm.