

Arizona America250 Commission
History, Heritage & Historic Preservation Subcommittee
Virtually via Zoom
Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025

1. Call to order and welcome.

Chair Harder called the meeting to order at 11:04am.

Subcommittee Voting Members Present:

Ashley Harder, Chair	Helana Ruter	Jim McPherson
Leah Stagg	David Turpie	J.J. Lamb
Stuart Rosebrook	Caitlin Dichter	

Subcommittee Voting Members Not Present:

Verlon Jose	Kathryn Leonard	David Breeckner	
Margaret Hangan	Eric Vondy	Holly Henley	Kelly McDonald

2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from March 20, 2025.

MOTION Chair Harder motioned to approve the March 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Caitlin Dichter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Stuart Rosebrook presented on the Governor's Mansion in Prescott. It was built in 1864 near downtown Prescott. It has never been moved from its original location. The Sharlot Hall Museum was built around it. It was a two-story log building. The mansion has not received any major preservation efforts since 1983. It has changed hands over time. It was updated and modernized by Dougherty. Sharlot Hall's goal was to restore it to its former state. The Sharlot Hall Museum is on a four-acre campus. They are looking to refresh/update the exhibits. Ashley asked who the original governor was to live in the mansion. Goodwin and then McCormick. The mansion was built when the town was founded with raw materials on hand. Only a few territorial governors lived in the building. Ashley suggested using the mansion as an aid to teach about the fluidity of the state capitol until Phoenix was settled upon. The museum is looking to perform rehabilitation of the mansion through legislative funding this session. A goal is to make this a legacy project for A250. Tonia thanked Stuart for his presentation. Jim McPherson appreciated that the rehab project will be done in phases and encouraged anyone who is doing projects like

this to do the same. Jim also asked about the centennial of the US Highway system. Prescott has US 89, and Stuart gave a short history about that. JJ Lamb thanked Jim for mentioning this and asked Jim to contact her. Stuart asked if ADOT is part of the commission or any subcommittee. Tonia offered to make that connection.

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. Ashley thanked everyone who was involved in the event.

b. Interpretation document for events and educational materials. Leah Stagg gave an update on the interpretive document. They want to help people plan their own community events. First draft will be ready for May. Edits/additions can be sent to Leah. Work group will meet to discuss and edit the document. A clean draft will be ready for final review at the July subcommittee meeting.

c. Curated lists for Passport250. No update.

d. Route 66 Centennial. No update.

e. May Hicks House preservation. Lauren Clementino gave an update and is hopeful a big announcement can be made soon.

f. Member share out on events across the state. No update.

5. Discussion and possible action on subcommittee membership and future meeting dates. The next two meetings are 22 May and 25 June.

6. Call to the public.

None received.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.