

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

1. Call to order, roll call, and welcome.

Chair Harder called the meeting to order at 11:03am.

Subcommittee Voting Members Present:

Ashley Harder, Chair
Leah Stagg
Stuart Rosebrook

Margaret Hangan
David Turpie
Caitlin Dichter

Jim McPherson
Eric Vondy
Kelly McDonald

Subcommittee Voting Members Not Present:

Verlon Jose
Holly Henley

Kathryn Leonard
Helana Ruter

David Breeckner

J.J. Lamb

2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from April 22, 2024.

MOTION Chair Harder motioned to approve the April 22, 2024, meeting minutes. Caitlin Dichter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

None shared.

4. Arizona Preservation Foundation presentation on Treasures250.

A formal presentation from APF was tabled for a future date. Executive Director Terech shared an update on a potential partnership with the Arizona Office of Tourism for Passport250 and let the group know that more details will be coming this summer in terms of how lists will be utilized and content developed. Will be working closely with the 3H group to ensure that history, heritage, and preservation sites are highlighted. Discussed existing lists such as the Green Book Historic Tour, SHPO Registers, DAR Historic Marker site, AZ Highways, and the AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management's Arizona Heritage Trees list. Discussion around collaboration with Visit/Experience [city] groups, the Southern Arizona Attraction Alliance, and

more. Sharlot Hall is looking at restoring a covered wagon that can be used in parades and will have a statue of Sharlot Hall.

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

a. Interpretation document for events and educational materials.

Working group met last week to discuss progress on the interpretation guide to be used for public programming. David Turpie and Leah Stagg are also working together on interpretation that supports communities and organizations with their planning efforts as well as engaging historical and cultural organizations for the Traveling Museum. Hoping to present the document next month for feedback. Aimme Quinn, Stuart Rosebrook, and Jeannette Holverson are interested in helping with interpretation.

b. Curated lists for Passport250.

See agenda item #4.

c. Route 66 Centennial.

Continued promotion of Route 66 events and collaboration with the Centennial planning groups.

d. May Hicks House preservation.

The May Hicks house has been moved to its new location. They are looking at getting an evaluation for future use. Fundraising for rehabilitation work and a condition assessment. Potentially share a presentation on May Hicks, the house, and the move at a future Commission meeting.

e. Member share out on events across the state.

None shared.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 11am.

7. Call to the public.

No public comment received.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.

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