

Arizona America250 Commission
History, Heritage & Historic Preservation Subcommittee
Virtually via Zoom
Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2025

1. Call to order and welcome.

Chair Harder called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

ATTENDEES: Ashley Harder, Eric Vondy, Caitlin Dichter, Jim McPherson, Leah Stagg, Stuart Rosebrook, Linda McCleary, Ryan Ehrfurth,, Lauren Clementino, Tammy Snook, Douglas, Jaynie Adams, David Turpie, Ginger, Carolyn Rearley, Margaret Hangan.

2. Discussion and possible action on meeting minutes from October 23, 2025.

MOTION: Approval of draft minutes from October 23, 2025, as written. David Turpie motioned, Caitlin Dichter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Report from Executive Director.

a. Traveling Museum content development. ED Terech shared details about the Traveling Museum, including a slide show with concepts from MRA, the company awarded the contract to build the TM. There will be two staffers – a driver and a tour manager. Development of the content is currently underway. There will be an Arizona side and an America side with the Liberty Bell in the middle. A group of western states have been working on developing content focused on five principles from the Declaration of Independence. This can be utilized for the national moments, and that content can be shared with locations the TM isn't able to visit. ED Terech shared a working doc with themes and sample photo assets that have been developed so far. The tentative kickoff plan to send the TM on its way involves a media and sponsor event with the Liberty Bell at the Polly Rosenbaum Archives.

b. Passport250 toolkits. Chair Harder shared that she has been excited about starting to visit the sites. ED Terech solicited feedback on elements that would be helpful for selected sites to promote and share the pass.

c. Our American Story. Our American Story is a year-long, cross-country journey, collecting thousands of recorded interviews. Each tour stop will feature local activation events, media opportunities, and community engagement activities. Facilitated by trained interviewers, sessions will follow curated storytelling prompts centered around themes of identity, service, community, and personal legacy. Conversations will be recorded and archived, and a portion will be

preserved at the Library of Congress, ensuring these voices become a permanent part of the American record. ED Terech shared that they are coming to AZ in January, but we do not know dates or locations yet. Details for how to apply to be a part of the storytelling project will be shared.

4. Update, discussion, and possible action on the next steps for the Arizona Heritage Youth Council. Eric Vondy shared that the applications have closed. Ten applications were received, and they are now trying to figure out when they can schedule interviews. They are aiming for the first week of December. It is moving along quickly. Most applicants are from Maricopa, and they are hoping to be able to include students from all over Arizona. Chair Harder reported that there will be engagement opportunities for subcommittee members.

5. Informational member presentation on their organization and/or 2026 plans. Stuart Rosebrook shared that Yavapai Magazine is now digitized and part of the Arizona Memory Project through a grant they received.

6. Call to the public. No public comments were received.

7. Adjournment. 10:52am. The next meeting will be on December 17, 2025.