

**Action Minutes
City of Sedona
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers, 102 Roadrunner Drive, Sedona, Arizona
Monday, November 10, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & ROLL CALL

Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested roll call.

Roll Call:

Commission Members present: Chair Nate Meyers, Vice Chair Steve Segner and Commissioners Jack Fiene, Karen Stupak and Bobby Woods.

Staff Present: Cari Meyer and Donna Puckett

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BY COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

Cari announced that we have a new Community Development Director. He was double-booked for 4:00 p.m. but might try to stop by, so we might be reintroducing this item for him to introduce himself.

Chair Meyers indicated he participated in a community meeting about the Mystery Castle in Phoenix. The event was held with SHPO, and it was an interesting discussion. The foundation was put in place by the original owners to preserve its legacy, and they are trying to figure out what to do with it, so they were seeking public input. Commissioner Fiene noted that unfortunately the vandals are doing quite a bit to it and Chair Meyers indicated that is what has precipitated this and led the current owners of the Foundation to file a petition for demolition.

Chair Meyers added that tomorrow the City and the Historical Society are jointly hosting the annual Veteran's Day memorial event at the Sedona Heritage Museum at 11:00 a.m. on 11-11-25.

3. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

a. October 13, 2025

Chair Meyers referenced the minutes of the October 13th meeting and asked for any corrections, and hearing none, he then stated that the minutes are approved by consent.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: (This is the time for the public to comment on matters not listed on the agenda. The Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.)

Opened the public forum at 4:05 p.m. and, having no requests to speak, closed the public forum at 4:06 p.m.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible direction regarding assignment of tasks related to a report to City Council regarding the Historic Preservation Commission's accomplishments in the past year.

Introduction by Chair Meyers

Presentation by Cari Meyer who referenced the City Council's agenda item last year regarding the Historic Preservation Commission and that the Council wanted the matter brought back to them prior to making further decisions. We currently have it scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th. At the Commission's December 8th meeting, we will finalize what the Commission wants to present.

Commission's Questions and Comments

Cari Meyer indicated that she would provide documents to Vice Chair Segner for him to start putting something together. Commissioner Stupak and Woods will put together a list of the surveys that they have completed in the past year. Cari will update the number of meetings, Certificates of Appropriateness and Certificates of No Effect that has happened in the past year, and the budget numbers. Then, all of the information needs to be provided the first week in December, so it can be distributed in the packet for the next Commission meeting.

No action was taken.

b. Discussion/possible direction regarding ongoing updates to historic surveys and potential landmarks.

Introduction by Chair Meyers who indicated he and Commissioner Stupak were invited to speak to the Governing Council for the Church of the Red Rock. They will be celebrating their 65th anniversary this year, so there are some who are interested in landmarking, and we discussed the process and restrictions, etc. No action was taken, but they plan to take action at their next meeting.

Commissioner Stupak provided an update on the Start Motel after talking to Blair Morton, and then reported that Hermeen Peterson, who owns the Legacy Ranch with 33 acres, has John Wayne's house from his 1944 movie, "Tall in the Saddle". The original site was up Schnebly Hill, and she thinks it was moved in 1954. It is only 900 sq. ft. and possibly moved without taking it apart. Hermeen and her daughter love the idea of landmarking it and it is well protected.

Commissioner Woods provided an update regarding Tawn Albright's house and the Commissioner explained that we could do a survey. Mr. Albright mentioned that another house across the street from him was built at the same time, so he asked Mr. Albright to provide them with his number.

Commissioner Woods indicated that there is another house of age, but possibly nothing that makes it special. It is another Tawn Albright house that is a little adobe house built in the late 60's; however, when Mr. Albright wanted to do work on the house, he found that sometimes the current building codes work against historic preservation.

Commission's Questions and Comments

No action was taken.

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

a. Monday, December 8, 2025; 4:00 pm

Cari Meyer indicated that for the December 8th meeting, the Commission will discuss what will be presented to the City Council. Commissioner Fiene requested adding an agenda item regarding an update of the Commission Handbook, and Commissioner Stupak requested continuing the agenda item regarding the updates on historic properties.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. If an Executive Session is necessary, it will be held in the Vultee Conference Room at 106 Roadrunner Drive. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Commission may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:

- i. To consult with legal counsel for advice on matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).**
- ii. Return to open session. Discussion/possible action on executive session items.**

No Executive Session was held.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Meyers adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m. without objection.

I certify that the above is a true and correct summary of the actions of the Historic Preservation Commission in the meeting held on November 10, 2025.

Donna A. S. Puckett, Administrative Assistant

Date