

**Action Minutes  
City of Sedona  
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
City Council Chambers, 102 Roadrunner Drive, Sedona, Arizona  
Monday, April 10, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.**

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

Chair Unger called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested roll call.

**Roll Call:**

**Commission Members present:** Chair Brynn Burkee Unger and Commissioners Jack Fiene, Bob Huggins and Steve Segner were present. Vice Chair Nate Meyers was excused.

**Staff Members present:** Larry Farhat, Cynthia Lovely, Sandy Phillips and Donna Puckett

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

Commissioner Huggins announced that after creating and managing it for 17 years, he officially retired from the Sedona Volunteer Park Rangers today, so he could devote more time to this. Commissioners, staff and attendees expressed their appreciation for his service.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**a. March 13, 2023**

*The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 13, 2023, and hearing none, the minutes were approved.*

**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 4:08 p.m. The following person spoke: Janeen Trevillyan, Sedona, AZ, who recommended adding the Walter and George Jordan Pump Station as a local landmark.*

*Closed the public forum at 4:11 p.m. having no additional requests to speak.*

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. Update on status of Ranger Station Park development**

Introduction by Chair Unger.

PowerPoint Presentation by Larry Farhat, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, and Sandy Phillips, Assistant Director of Public Works, discussing the park's history, status, and plans.

Commission's questions of staff and comments, including the suggestion to seek approval to use Owenby Ditch water, consider funding through the State Historic Preservation Office and the need to delineate the restroom structure from the historic structures.

*Opened the public comment period at 4:48 p.m. The following person spoke: Jina Geurts Glaser, Sedona, AZ, spoke in support of having pickleball or at least bocce ball, horseshoes and covered structures over the tables.*

*Closed the public comment period at 4:51 p.m. having no additional requests to speak and returned to the Commission.*

*No action was taken.*

**b. Discussion regarding meetings with the owners of two potential landmark applications, and discussion on next steps:**

**i. Tlaquepaque chapel and tower**

Introduction and presentation by Chair Unger who indicated that she and Commissioner Segner met with Wendy Lippman who is in favor of landmarking the Tlaquepaque chapel and tower in its 50<sup>th</sup> year. Ms. Lippman can provide blueprints and a written history of the property, and the Chair was told by SHPO that they were fine with the Commission doing it.

Commission's questions of staff and comments.

Chair Unger and Commissioner Fiene indicated they will pursue the landmark application and Commissioner Huggins agreed to do additional research.

*No action was taken.*

**ii. 56 Lynx Drive**

Introduction by Chair Unger.

Presentation by Commissioner Fiene regarding his recommendation to consider for landmarking a completed landmark application that was submitted for 56 Lynx Drive. Lin Ennis has provided an aerial survey of the roof which gives a better indication of the size of the property, and the Commissioner stated that he has taken pictures and completed the property inventory form. The Commissioner noted that it is probably one of the most unique residences in Sedona and, having worked with the Taliesin architects before, it mimics a Frank Lloyd Wright concept, and the way the stuccoing was done with a wash on it mimics a Pueblo construction. It also has a circular meeting area that mimics a Hopi kiva, and it is locally known as the Kiva House. A portion of the kiva appears to have a hard core that could be some adobe, again a tribute to the Hopi. Even the wall of the carport connects to the house, so it is consistent.

Commission's questions of staff

Commission's comments included the tie to the Chapel of the Holy Cross in that the same builder and architectural firm was involved from the Frank Lloyd Wright conception of the Chapel to finalizing the drawings and creation of this property. It also was published in *Arizona Highways*.

*No action was taken.*

**c. Discussion on partnering with the Sedona Historic Society**

**i. Joint event or activity in May for Historic Preservation Month**

Introduction by Chair Unger.

Presentation by Commissioner Segner regarding Wendy Lippman's interest in an event for Tlaquepaque's 50<sup>th</sup> year, and he and Chair Unger said the Commission would plan an event for the history week that the museum is paid to help put on, so we thought we would do it at Tlaquepaque when we designate the tower and chapel. Ms. Lippman would open Tlaquepaque's doors and we would have our banners and properties, do a mailing and tie it

all together. Commissioner Segner stated that he will get with Nate Meyers as it is his responsibility to put it on, but we were both looking for an event. Commissioner Segner added that he also talked to Wendy about, out of her own money, we would help her design more of a "state-looking" plaque like you would see on the side of a building with its history. She may also have some historic drawings to put up.

Commission's questions of staff and comments.

The date will be determined with Wendy Lippman and the Sedona Historical Society.

*No action was taken.*

**ii. HPC training session topics and scheduling (by July 1, 2023)**

Introduction by Chair Unger.

Cynthia Lovely explained that it would be City of Sedona historic training; not SHPO training. A suggestion for the training is for Janeen Trevillyan to take the Commissioners on a tour of Sedona's Landmarks, with the possibility of looking at the pump station as well.

*No action was taken.*

**6. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS**

**a. Monday, May 15, 2023; 4:00 pm**

Staff and the Commission determined that the training will be done in May.

**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**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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 April 10, 2023.

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Donna A. S. Puckett, Administrative Assistant

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Date