

**City of Sedona
Historic Preservation Commission
Work Plan**

The City of Sedona Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) works to identify and preserve landmarks which represent distinctive elements of our community's history; promotes the use of historic landmarks for education about our shared past; and fosters civic pride in the accomplishments of the past.

The HPC sets standards for historic preservation community-wide in accordance with the Sedona Community Plan and the requirements set forth in the Land Development Code (LDC).

Through our work, the HPC supports the preservation of and education about Sedona's history, supports the economic development of our community, and boosts civic pride in the unique history of our community.

Landmarks

The main work of HPC is to landmark historic buildings and neighborhoods within Sedona city limits. The baseline for landmarking a building or neighborhood is that it must be at least 50 years of age. Priority for landmarking ought to be given to properties whose history makes the property notable or stands out as unique. Candidates for landmarking may come from the Commission or the general public. The Commission aims to landmark one or two properties/neighborhoods annually.

Certificate of Appropriateness/No Effect

Another function of HPC is to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/No Effect for maintenance or renovation projects on landmarked properties. The criteria for these Certificates is found in the LDC.

Historic Resource Survey

The completion of a periodic Historic Resource Survey is foundational to a healthy HPC. The Survey identifies buildings and neighborhoods which meet the baseline 50 year age requirement to qualify for historic preservation. It also includes vital information about construction, design, architectural features, notable history, and alterations to the structures.

The City of Sedona leads the Survey process. The most recent Survey was completed in 2014. HPC, working with City of Sedona staff, will explore options for funding a new survey in FY26. HPC commissioners will, on a volunteer basis, begin the research to discover which properties have hit that 50 year threshold in the elapsed time since the 2014 Survey. The completion of a new survey will give direction to HPC as to where to focus on new building and neighborhood landmarks.

Public Education and Further Recognition

The HPC collaborates with the Sedona Historical Society (SHS) to accomplish its mission to educate the community about historic preservation.

Recognition beyond the landmarking program should be completed in collaboration with SHS and should proceed in a way that neither overlaps nor conflicts with the Landmark program. HPC will explore, with SHS, the designation of historical neighborhoods. These historical neighborhoods will be vital for planning future HPC actions, boost civic pride for people who live there, and could ultimately result in landmarking of neighborhoods down the road.

SHS, with input from HPC, will improve the extant driving tour of Sedona's Landmarked properties, available at <https://theclio.com/tour/2732>.