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Meeting Minutes - Draft Task Force on Honoring Founders

*Mayor Nancy Smith
Councilmember Eric Goettl
Councilmember Bob Marsh*

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

4:00 PM

John Wayne Conference Room

Rescheduled from January 12, 2026

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 3 - Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Eric Goettl, and Councilmember Bob Marsh

3. Agenda Items

3.1 MIN 26-01

The Task Force will approve the minutes from the November 20, 2025 and December 8, 2025 meetings. Discussion and Action.

The Task Force discussed the approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2025, and December 8, 2025 meetings.

Councilmember Goettl motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Councilmember Marsh seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

3.2 TFHF 26-01

The Task Force will discuss how the "Founders Pedestal" will be developed by staff in collaboration with the Historical Society. Discussion and Recommendation.

Quinn Konold shared that for the Founders Memorial specifically, he had been working with research provided by Vanessa Bueras and had discussed potential images with Denny Hoeh with the Historical Society. He suggested including photos from the incorporation process, such as images of committee meetings or petition gathering. Mr. Konold noted that during incorporation, it took just under three months to collect 95% of signatures from 739 registered voters across 27 square miles. He suggested images showing this historical context would be valuable.

Councilmember Goettl suggested incorporating the original city seal or perhaps both the original and current seals together as iconic imagery from the city's incorporation.

3.3 TFHF 26-02

The Task Force will discuss potential quotes for the monument to be suggested by the Historical Society. Discussion and Recommendation.

The Task Force reviewed various quotes provided by the Historical Society for consideration on the Founders Memorial.

Mr. Konold had previously suggested a quote: "Never doubt that a small group of

thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," which Councilmember Marsh noted was a good quote. Councilmember Goettl identified it as being from Margaret Mead, an American cultural anthropologist.

The Task Force discussed several other quotes, including an unknown quote that states

"Greatness grows where community leads. Maricopa stands as a testament to the people who believed in possibility"

a quote from the 2005 New Homeowners Handbook that described what Maricopa would be like in 2025 and a quote from Kelly Anderson that states "October 15, 2003, was a historical day for our community as old timers and newcomers celebrated the birth of a city. We are rapidly changing from a rich agricultural area to a vibrant and exciting new city - a city with something for everyone and opportunities for all."

Councilmember Goettl suggested finding quotes from Maricopa Wells or Maricopaville that might show early vision for the area.

After discussion, the Task Force reached consensus on recommending the Kelly Anderson quote that references October 15th, which would provide a meaningful date for a potential ribbon-cutting ceremony. The quote was described as being shorter and more appropriate for the pedestal.

3.4 [TFHF 26-03](#)

The Task Force will hear budget information from Quinn Konold for the project.
Discussion Only.

Quinn Konold reported that there was currently no budget allocated for the project, and after investigating, confirmed there would not be leftover funds available from other park projects. He explained that city policy requires three quotes for projects over \$10,000, though they do have existing contracts with some vendors.

Mr. Konold shared that an initial estimate for the pedestal and structure came in at approximately \$30,000. He indicated a new budget request would need to be submitted for leadership and council to consider, either as a mid-year adjustment or as part of the new fiscal year budget. He stated that given the timing of the design work and park completion, it made sense to include it in the new fiscal year budget request.

Councilmember Marsh expressed concern that delaying the project would lead to increased costs due to inflation. Councilmember Goettl asked if Public Works could handle the project internally, but Quinn explained he had already checked with the Public Works director who indicated this would be outside their purview, particularly since they focus on streets projects.

Mr. Konold noted that once approved, the design would take about 3-4 weeks and construction would take another 5-7 weeks, meaning completion would be a couple of months after the fiscal year begins in July.

3.5 [TFHF 26-04](#)

The Task Force will discuss drafting a letter of intent regarding the History Walk.
Discussion and Recommendation.

Quinn Konold explained that a draft letter had been shared with the Historical Society. The letter clarifies that while the timeline walk belongs to the city, the Historical Society has volunteered to help maintain it. He emphasized that this arrangement doesn't impact the lease agreement.

Mr. Konold stated that the letter also addresses the Historical Society's ability to host events. He added that if events are free, open to the public, and focused on educating people about Maricopa's history, they can request to use the space at no charge. He stated that fundraisers would still require normal reservation procedures and fees.

Mr. Konold noted that the purpose of documenting this understanding is to provide clarity for future leadership changes, protecting both the city and the Historical Society.

3.6 **TFHF 26-05**

The Task Force will discuss future agenda items and next meeting date. Discussion and Recommendation.

The Task Force discussed what items would be presented to the full City Council. Mayor Smith summarized that during Future's Planning, the Task Force would update council on included the list of founders they decided on honoring, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Historical Society, budget information, as well as provide a preliminary design concept and the chosen quote for the pedestal.

After discussion, it was determined that a formal approval would only be needed for the MOU, with other items being for discussion purposes. The group decided that no further Task Force meetings would be necessary unless issues arose from the Council's review.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.