



City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes - Final Task Force on Honoring Founders

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9:30 AM

City Hall Executive Conference Room

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Agenda Items

3.1 [TFHF 25-02](#)

The Task Force will discuss defining the criteria for eligibility for consideration in the program. Discussion and Recommendation.

The Task Force discussed defining criteria for eligibility for consideration in the program. Councilmember Goettl explained they were looking at large donors, not just land donors, but also intellectual donors who helped move the needle forward. He also mentioned consideration should be given to individuals who gave their lives to preserve others.

Members discussed the importance of honoring those with history of leadership and service to the community. There was also discussion about what to call the monument, with clarification that "founders" would be a specific category that would only include a handful of people, while other recognitions would need a different designation, possibly "heritage" or another term.

Councilmember Marsh noted that residents and landowners who helped develop a positive influence in the community should be included. He mentioned that research showed almost a dozen people were truly involved with Maricopa becoming what it is today, including those from the original petition for incorporation. Some had higher leadership involvement than others.

The Task Force also discussed whether politicians should be included, noting that they are often already memorialized in historical records, but the initial city council or town council members could be recognized as they were very involved and had a vision for the city.

3.2 [TFHF 25-03](#)

The Task Force will discuss and possibly decide on individuals to be included in the program. Discussion and Action.

The Task Force discussed and decided on individuals to be included in the program. Mayor Smith shared information from interviews she conducted with Denis Fitzgibbons, Mike Ingram, Vanessa Bueras, and Edward Farrell.

Mayor Smith presented criteria developed for determining founders of the City of Maricopa, which stated individuals "must have direct involvement with the creation of goals and required action to accomplish the incorporation of the City of Maricopa."

Mayor Smith explained that Mike Ingram was considered a founder because without his efforts to create a community, Maricopa might never have incorporated. Edward Farrell was also highlighted for creating the incorporation committee in August 2002 through his Project Central internship.

The Task Force reviewed a list of 18 incorporation committee members identified as potential founders: Edward Farrell, Kelly Anderson, Sonny Dunn, Brent Murphree, Will Dunn, Cindy Dunn, Richard Jackson, Kathy Paulson, Alma Farrell, Mary Lou Smith, Bobbie Arp, Kelly Haddad, Scott Ries, Paul Scarlett, Dan Ashton, Louie Mercado, Phyllis VonFleckinger and JW Salazar.

Mayor Smith noted that the first city council members were included in this list, as Pinal County chose the initial council from those involved in the incorporation effort. She also shared that the incorporation committee's most important responsibility was collecting the required number of valid landowner signatures for approval by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.

The Task Force also discussed other individuals who helped with widening Highway 347 and the transportation district but determined they would not be considered founders based on the established criteria. These individuals, including Pinal County Supervisor Dean Weatherly, John Smith, Fred Enke, and others, might be considered as "decade champions" instead.

Councilmember Goettl moved to formally adopt the list of 18 individuals, including Mike Ingram, to be recognized as founders. Councilmember Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.3 **TFHF 25-04**

The Task Force will hear from Quinn Konold on current status and plans for the design at Heritage Park. Discussion Only.

Quinn Konold was present to discuss current status and plans for the design at Heritage Park. He noted that the rains a couple of weeks ago had pushed back the completion timeline for Heritage Park to mid-January.

The Task Force discussed the need for Mr. Konold to prepare mock-ups and cost estimates based on their design preferences. Mr. Konold requested that Task Force members send him design inspirations that they liked, and he would prepare mock-ups with approximate costs.

Mr. Konold mentioned that once they had a design concept they liked, they could start looking at different materials and provide cost projections. He emphasized that they should not be afraid to provide honest feedback on the mock-ups to help refine the design.

3.4 **TFHF 25-05**

The Task Force will discuss ideas and location for proposed monument. Discussion and Recommendation.

The Task Force discussed ideas and location for the proposed monument. There was consensus that Heritage Park would be an appropriate location for the monument.

The initial concept involved a wall at the end of the effort, oriented either east-west or

north-south that could be walked around on both sides. Councilmember Goettl suggested it could be similar to a war memorial but not as tall, perhaps 2-3 feet off the ground with engravings for the various decades in chronological order.

There was discussion about including a roof structure or pavilion to provide shade and protection from inclement weather. The Task Force also discussed lighting options, with Councilmember Goettl suggesting simple lighting along the base of the monument.

Quinn Konold indicated that various design options were possible depending on the budget. Councilmember Marsh suggested looking at historical designs like the table and benches near the post office box that looked historical yet inexpensive.

The Task Force agreed to send design inspirations to Quinn Konold, who would then prepare mock-ups and cost estimates for the next meeting.

3.5 **TFHF 25-06**

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

The Task Force discussed future agenda items and the next meeting date. Councilmember Goettl suggested a project to video record the history of current community members who have valuable knowledge about Maricopa's history, specifically mentioning Oliver Anderson as an example.

Councilmember Marsh shared that Denny Hoeh, with the Historical Society, and he had spent time with Oliver Anderson recently, hearing fascinating stories about the community's history, such as how Headquarters was originally built with vertical railroad ties before it burned down and was rebuilt.

Quinn Konold expressed support for the idea but emphasized the importance of having a clear purpose and goal for such recordings, noting that they should help forward the city's vision and objectives. He mentioned that someone from his staff had already interviewed over a dozen people about their feelings on Maricopa and its history.

The Task Force agreed to include discussion of recording current history as a future agenda item, along with continuation of the decade champion conversation.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 20, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:09 a.m.