



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Minutes

### Task Force on Honoring Founders

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Thursday, November 20, 2025

10:00 AM

City Hall Executive Conference Room

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#### 1. Call To Order

*Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.*

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 2 - Mayor Nancy Smith, and Councilmember Eric Goettl

**Excused** 1 - Councilmember Bob Marsh

#### 3. Agenda Items

3.1 **TFHF 25-07** The Task Force will have a follow up discussion on the process for recording current history. Discussion and Recommendation.

*The Task Force discussed a collaborative process where the Historical Society could propose new stories or updates to existing plaques, working with city staff to implement these changes. It was noted that while some plaques near the beginning of the timeline should remain static to preserve the chronological history, others, particularly toward the end of the timeline, could be more fluid and changed to highlight recent achievements or honor notable citizens.*

3.2 **TFHF 25-08** The Task Force will discuss the process for the continuation of the Decade Champion. Discussion and Recommendation.

*The Task Force discussed the process for recording current history and the continuation of the Decade Champion concept. Based on the earlier discussion about the timeline walk, the Task Force agreed to move away from the formal "Decade Champions" approach, which presented challenges in selection criteria and maintaining continuity with future councils. Instead, the Task Force favored the more fluid approach of utilizing the existing timeline walk pedestals to highlight important events, achievements, and individuals as appropriate. This would allow the Historical Society and city staff to collaborate on updating and refreshing the displayed stories periodically, creating opportunities for community engagement through new story unveilings.*

3.3 **TFHF 25-09** The Task Force will review any remaining questions on Founders List. Discussion and Recommendation.

*Mayor Smith reported that she had investigated a discrepancy between two lists of founders. She stated that the list from the Historical Society included Rick Buss but not Cindy Dunn, while the list compiled from interviews with Edward Farrell, Vanessa Bueras, Denis Fitzgibbons, Mike Ingram, and now Will Dunn included Cindy Dunn but not Rick Buss.*

*Mayor Smith explained that she contacted Will Dunn, as Cindy Dunn was out of the country, to clarify this discrepancy. She stated that Will Dunn confirmed that Cindy Dunn was actually part of the incorporation committee before he was, and that she had encouraged him to join. She added that according to the interviewed individuals, Rick Buss was invited by Edward Farrell to help the incorporation committee as part of his master's degree program requirements, but was not officially part of the committee.*

*Mayor Smith noted that she had discussed this new information with Councilmember Marsh by phone, since he was not able to attend the meeting, and he stated that he was comfortable with moving forward with the list including Cindy Dunn.*

*Councilmember Goettl concurred with this assessment. It was clarified, that at the previous meeting, the Task Force had already approved the list with Cindy Dunn included, so no new motion was needed.*

*Mayor Smith also addressed a question about two additional names from the Historical Society notes, Joanne Carl and Laura Benson, who were listed as city council founders and petition leaders. She stated that after research and consultation with the previously interviewed individuals, no one recognized these names. It was determined they might have been petition circulators but not incorporation committee members. The Task Force agreed to continue with the previously approved list.*

**3.4      TFHF 25-10**

The Task Force will hear suggestions from Quinn Konold on location and style of monument. Discussion and Recommendation.

*Quinn Konold presented suggestions for the monument location and style. He shared that the current timeline walk in Heritage Park provides an excellent framework for celebrating the city's heritage.*

*Mr. Konold explained that the timeline walk currently consists of pedestals with metal plaques that cost approximately \$20 each to produce. He proposed creating a larger version of these pedestals specifically for the founders, positioned at the end of the timeline walk. He added that this would maintain visual consistency while making the founders' memorial distinctive.*

*Mr. Konold noted that the existing pedestals and plaques along the timeline walk could be used as a fluid storytelling mechanism, with the ability to change out stories periodically while keeping the founders' memorial as a permanent installation. He stated that this approach would allow for highlighting different aspects of Maricopa's history, significant events, and notable citizens over time.*

*The Task Force liked the idea of a larger pedestal in the same style as the existing timeline walk, with the understanding that the founders' plaque would remain permanent while other plaques could be changed to feature different stories. Mr. Konold estimated that building a new, larger pedestal would cost between \$15,000-\$30,000, depending on whether a shade structure was included.*

*Mr. Konold agreed to create a mockup design of the larger pedestal for the founders' memorial to present at the next meeting.*

**3.5      TFHF 25-11**

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

*The Task Force agreed to meet again on December 8th at 4:30 PM. For the next meeting, the Historical Society representatives were asked to evaluate the existing timeline walk plaques and identify which should remain static and which could be fluid for story changes.*

*Mr. Konold agreed to prepare a mockup design of the larger founder's memorial pedestal and draft a letter of understanding between the City and Historical Society regarding the process for updating the timeline walk plaques in the future.*

**4. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:51am.*