

HISTORIC SITES REVIEW COMMITTEE (HSRC) – The meeting was conducted virtually via Google Meets.

Friday, July 25, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC SESSION / AND ROLL CALL

- 1. Chair, Majewski called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM**

B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

HSRC Committee Members Present

Terry Majewski, Chair
Don Ryden, Vice Chair
Margaret Hangan
Taz Khatri
Douglas Kupel
Bill Otwell
Kit Gallup

HSRC Committee Members Not Present

Lucas Lindsey
Karl Hoerig

SHPO Staff Members Present

Kathryn Leonard
William (Bill) Collins
Arianna Urban
Eric Vondy
Joseph Roth
Jessica LaPota
Susan Lawson
Theresa Cano

Guests

Andrew Christopher
Benjamin Fortna
Bob Field
Chuck Emmert
Karen Krause
Lisa Hagarty
Lyda Longa
M.T. Baker
Mary Dickson
Robert Falk
Stephen Pauken, City of Bisbee, City Manager
Jennifer Levstik
Suzanne Allen
Randy Proch

C. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

Majewski called for open nominations or volunteers for Chair. Kupel nominated Hangan for Chair and Khatri for Vice-Chair. Khatri nominated Kupel for Chair. Kupel turned down the nomination. Hangan turned down the Chair nomination, but was willing to be the Vice-Chair nominee citing that they did not feel that they had enough time served on the committee to be Chair. Khatri turned down the nomination as well for the same reasoning as Hangan. Leonard suggested tabling the discussion for voting on a new Chair and Vice-Chair until the next HSRC meeting. Majewski also noted that part of being Chair or Vice-Chair is serving as a member of AHAC (Arizona Historical Advisory Commission) which meets multiple times a year.

MOTION: Kupel called for a motion to table Item C on the agenda until the next HSRC meeting. The motion was seconded by Hangan. – (00:09:40)

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, and it was passed by a vote of 5-0. - (00:10:43)

***Hangan was not present for the vote due to technical issues.**

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	NP
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	NP
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

D. OLD BUSINESS:**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 28, 2025 HSRC MEETING**

MOTION: Kupel called for a motion to accept the minutes as received. The motion was seconded by Hangan. – (00:13:16)

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, and it was passed by a vote of 6-0. - (00:14:04)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y

Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	NP
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

E. NEW BUSINESS**NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS****1. ~~Wilshire Heights Historic District, Neighborhood east of Craverof Road, between Broadway Boulevard and 22nd Street, Tucson, Pima County~~**

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting because the district was listed in the National Register. The nomination had previously reviewed by the committee and preparer was able to make the recommended changes working with SHPO and the Keeper's office found the nomination quite agreeable.

***Otwell joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m. due to technical issues.**

2. Warren Historic District, Generally bounded by Bisbee Road and Cole Avenue to the north, Adsit Street to the east and south, and Center Avenue to the west, Bisbee, Cochise County

Collins provided an overview of Warren Historic District.

***Ryden recused himself from the meeting at 9:53 a.m. as his firm, Ryden Architects, did much of the narrative and research in years past.**

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (00:23:12)

Khatri moved that the State Historic Preservation Officer place the **WARREN HISTORIC DISTRICT** on the Arizona Register of Historic Places at the **LOCAL** level of significance under **CRITERIA A** and **C** and that the nomination be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for placement in the National Register. The motion was seconded by Hangan.

Preparer, Levstik, was available for questions from the committee. Pauken spoke as well.

After open discussion, the following recommendations were made by the Committee:

- Make sure that the nomination consistently references Criterion A and C in the summaries.
- Trim the discussions about "City Beautiful" and Washington, D.C.
- Introduce the concept of "City Beautiful" in Section 7 so that the description that follows clearer.

- Group photos by architectural style rather than in numerical order.
- Add a commercial style architectural subcategory and description in the text.
- Better describe the current state of Vista Park. What is the integrity?
- Remove City Hall from the contributor list and create a new inventory form.
- Create a stronger justification for 1974 as the end date of the period of significance.
- Add a paragraph to Section 7 discussing civic architecture, i.e. schools, churches, and the Warren Ball Field. Also, in Section 7 discuss where commercial architecture is relative to that.
- Remove social history from the area of significance.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 6-0. - (01:03:21)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	AB

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

***Ryden returned to the meeting at 10:35 a.m. following the vote.**

3. Rancho La Loma Homestead, 5402 North Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park, Maricopa County

Collins provided an overview of Rancho La Loma Homestead.

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (01:09:55)

Hangan moved that the State Historic Preservation Officer place the **RANCHO LA LOMA HOMESTEAD** on the Arizona Register of Historic Places at the **LOCAL** level of significance under **CRITERION B** and that the nomination be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for placement in the National Register. The motion was seconded by Kupel.

The applicant, Dickson, was available to answer questions from the committee.

After open discussion, the following recommendations were made by the Committee:

- Kupel suggested removing the word “homestead” from the name since it is not technically a homestead, but the fact that Litchfield referred to it as “the homestead” can remain, making sure that statement appears within the text of the nomination. It needs to be clear though that this is not a homestead in the legal sense.
- The summary paragraph needs to be trimmed, as it is too long.
- Stronger argument needs to be made that this is the best property representing the productive life of Paul Litchfield. This statement needs to be made in the nomination and include who Litchfield was in Arizona, i.e. why this property and not another.
- Description of the surrounding landscape needs to be strengthened, both during the period of significance and as it is now in terms of its integrity.
- The committee debated whether this should be listed as a single building or as a district, district won out.
- The order that Cottage Two is discussed needs to be fixed. Additional/better photos need to be added for Cottage Two.
- Khatri would like to see a global replace of cement for concrete throughout the nomination.
- Minimize the discussion of Litchfield’s decadency as it is not necessary in understanding what his contributions are historically.
- Additional details about the status of the land prior to Litchfield’s purchase and platting, including the land of the property and Litchfield Park. Add a paragraph about how Litchfield Park came to be.
- The discussion of using Native Americans and Mexicans to do the labor needs to be more than a blanket statement, i.e. were their contributions de facto or more purposefully sought out. It is important in understanding the type of labor that was used to build the facility.
- In Section 8, more discussion is needed about Litchfield Park’s development and Paul Litchfield’s oversight and role in that. It is needed to strengthen his significance at the local level.
- A more nuanced integrity statement is needed about the main house and how the addition meets the preservation standard in terms of being distinctive, yet compatible by carrying over some character defining elements. The addition also has some unique elements in its own right as well.
- More photos are needed from the period of significance, i.e. showing Paul Litchfield enjoying his house. Additional photos in Sectional 8 would help to make it clear what his residency status was in the house, i.e. year-round, occasional?

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 7-0. - (01:42:52)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

* Break was taken by the committee from 11:22 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.*

4. Joesler-Loerpabel House, 306 North Longfellow Avenue, Tucson, Pima County

Collins provided an overview of the Joesler-Loerpabel House.

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (01:58:51)

Khatri moved that the State Historic Preservation Officer place the **JOESLER-LOERPABEL** on the Arizona Register of Historic Places at the **LOCAL** level of significance under **CRITERION C** and that the nomination be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for placement in the National Register. The motion was seconded by Otwell.

Applicant, Fortna, was on hand to answer questions raised by the committee.

After open discussion, the following recommendations were made by the Committee:

- Clarify and be consistent with the date it was listed as a City Historic Landmark.
- Large quotes need to be formatted appropriately with indents, etc.
- Remove reference to the Secretary of Interior's Standards on page 23 when describing the addition.
- Make clear why the state disposed of the property, if possible.
- Strengthen the discussion about how the property was influenced by Irving Gill. Clearer statement that there are aspects of the building that are evocative of Gill's work, but it is unclear if Joesler ever meet him?
- More information is needed on page 4 on the architect that did the work on the addition. Did she do any other residential or commercial commissions in Tucson?
- For consistency throughout the nomination, use "adobe" when saying mud adobe and use "brick" when saying clay brick.
- When using the term "in harmony" to describe the addition, more detail on what that means. How is it harmonious?
- More description is needed on the loss of integrity, specifically the windows.

- Strengthen the description of the arcade in the compound and make sure it is noted as contributing. The arcade frames view the Catalinas and provide shade. Also, a reminder that several of the arches were incorporated into the addition.
- Describe how the noncontributing carport is located outside of the compound.
- Read-through is needed to check for typos and spelling errors.
- Majewski mentioned that the Tucson CLG sent in comments expressing their support for the nomination which included a couple questions on the property that should be looked at by the preparer.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 7-0. - (02:25:05)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

5. Quinn Cabin, 2262 Cedar Avenue, Lakeside, Navajo, County

Collins provided an overview of the Quinn Cabin.

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (02:33:04)

Kupel moved that the State Historic Preservation Officer place the **QUINN CABIN** on the Arizona Register of Historic Places at the **LOCAL** level of significance under **CRITERION B** and that the nomination be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for placement in the National Register. The motion was seconded by Ryden.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which failed to pass with vote of 0-7. - (02:51:26)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	N

Margaret Hangan	N
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	N
Douglas Kupel	N
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	N
Bill Otwell	N
Don Ryden	N

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

Leonard noted that SHPO will send a summary letter to the Keeper's office with the concerns raised by the committee, which included:

- This is a vernacular building in relatively good condition, but it does not meet any of the National Register criteria.
- The case was not made for Criterion B that this particular building was associated with the productive life of Mr. Quinn and his contributions to Arizona history.

6. Indian Ridge Historic District (Additional Documentation). Reclassification of eight (8) resources. Tucson, Pima County

Collins provided an overview of a reclassification of eight (8) resources in Indian Ridge Historic District.

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (02:57:10)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee approve the recommendation of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office that the house at **7060 EAST KATCHINA COURT** and **6910 EAST SOYALUNA PLACE** in the **INDIAN RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT** be changed to a contributor and that the recommendation be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for possible action. The motion was seconded by Hangan.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 7-0. - (02:58:19)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (03:02:17)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee continue the status of **2422 NORTH INDIAN RUINS ROAD** as a noncontributor to the **INDIAN RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT** due

to the impact of the large addition to the property which has impacted its integrity. The motion was seconded by Hangan.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 7-0. - (03:04:13)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (03:05:10)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee maintain **7055 EAST KATCHINA COURT** as a noncontributor to the **INDIAN RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT** due to the impact of the addition of the property. The motion was seconded by Hangan.

*Collins noted that the recommendation of Scott O'Mack of Pima County is that this property should be a contributor.

*Khatri and Hangan noted that they had a difficult time evaluating what the property was like before the addition and what the impact was after the addition. Both commented that they struggled on evaluating all the properties due to lack of photos. Leonard and Collins agreed that SHPO also had difficulty in their evaluations.

*Kupel noted that there was no compelling information to change the property's status as a noncontributor.

*Urban noted that SHPO has all the original documentation for the Lusk models and suggested digging out the renderings to see how different they might be. Leonard agreed that was a good idea.

*Kupel noted that by maintaining its status as a noncontributor would not prevent the public or SHPO staff from doing what Urban suggested and bringing it back to HSRC for discussion in the future.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 6-1. - (03:11:16)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y

Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	N
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (03:12:07)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee approve the recommendation of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office that the house at **2645 NORTH INDIAN RIDGE DRIVE** be reclassified as a noncontributing due to the large, incompatible addition, that the house at **6825 EAST KIAM STREET** be reclassified as a noncontributor due to incompatible windows and a new entry which disrupts the front façade, and that **6849 EAST OPATAS STREET** be moved to noncontributing status since it is a new construction building and not of the historic era, and that **6911 EAST ACOMA PLACE** be reclassified as noncontributing due to the construction of a very large garage which is incompatible in style, massing size, and scale with the original property; all of these properties that are in the **INDIAN RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT** and the recommendation for these four reclassifications to noncontributing be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for possible action. The motion was seconded by Hangan.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 7-0. - (03:17:14)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

7. Armory Park Historic District (Additional Documentation) Reclassification of 410 South 6th Avenue to Noncontributing, Tucson, Pima County

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

8. Encanto Palmero Historic District (Additional Documentation) Reclassification of 1838 Palmero Way NW to Noncontributing, Phoenix, Maricopa County

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

9. Clarkdale Historic District (Additional Documentation) Reclassification of 1410 Main Street to contributing, Clarkdale, Yavapai County

Collins provided an overview of a reclassification of 1410 Main Street to contributing.

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (03:21:00)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee approve the recommendation of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office to reclassify the property in the **CLARKDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT** at **1410 MAIN STREET** from a noncontributor to a contributor and that the recommendation be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for information and possible action. The motion was seconded by Otwell.

*Otwell noted that the sense of scale of the whole row of houses on this block is not impacted by the changes to this property. He continued that he believes the property maintains a small town, low-profile scale. Ryden agreed that the streetscape as a whole appears to remain intact.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which passed with vote of 7-0. - (03:27:35)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	Y
Margaret Hangan	Y
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	Y
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	Y
Bill Otwell	Y
Don Ryden	Y

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

10. Windsor Square Historic District (Additional Documentation) Reclassification of 220 East Oregon to contributing, Phoenix, Maricopa County

Collins provided an overview of a reclassification of 220 East Oregon to contributing.

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (03:31:27)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee approve the recommendation of the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office to reclassify the building at **220 East Oregon** in the **Windsor Square Historic District** from noncontributing to contributing and that the recommendation be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for information and possible action. The motion was seconded by Otwell.

After open discussion, the committee concluded that there was not enough information to change the property's current National Register status.

*The committee zoomed in on a 1949 aerial photo that had evidence that the original drive went to a detached garage in the back of the property. It appeared that the port was added after the period of significance, which would change the integrity of the property.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which failed to pass with vote of 0-7. - (03:43:45)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	N
Margaret Hangan	N
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	N
Douglas Kupel	N
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	N
Bill Otwell	N
Don Ryden	N

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

F. REVIEW FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Determination of eligibility for 4 South San Francisco Street, Flagstaff, Flagstaff Southside Historic District

MOTION TO OPEN DISCUSSION: - (03:47:39)

Kupel moved that the Historic Sites Review Committee support the determination that the **4 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO STREET** in the **FLAGSTAFF SOUTHSIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT** is eligible for inclusion on the Arizona Register of Historic Places and that it be assigned contributing status in that historic district and forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for information and possible action. The motion was seconded by Khatri.

*Hangan felt that other than the shape of the façade, the building has been modified significantly. Hangan noted that the windows and stone have been added. Hangan also noted that the relief where the original sign was is gone. Hangan noted that other than in the shape, it hasn't retained much in the way of integrity. Ryden spoke of the same issues.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion, which failed to pass with vote of 1-6. - (03:55:12)

ROLL CALL VOTE	
Kit Gallup	N

Margaret Hangan	N
Karl Hoerig	NP
Taz Khatri	Y
Douglas Kupel	N
Lucas Lindsey	NP
Terry Majewski	N
Bill Otwell	N
Don Ryden	N

KEY

Y - For

N - Against

AB - Abstained

NP - Not Present

* Break was taken by the committee from 1:29 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.*

F. PROGRAM REPORTS**1. SHPO REPORT****a. National Register update, listings, property status, workflow -**

Collins reported that since the March 28, 2025 HSRC meeting Properties Listed in National Register include: Wilshire Heights Historic District, Tucson; Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum (Additional Documentation), Superior (Picket Post House)

b. SHPO Staffing and Program News -

Leonard reported that SHPO intern Brian Forkum's term has ended after two years. Forkum assisted Sean Hammond with the Site Steward Program. Forkum was an AmeriCorps/Public Allies Fellow. At Forkum's graduation, SHPO received an award for the ally of the year. Leonard noted that there the biannual Site Steward Training took place at Camp Verde in June. SHPO did execute a new land agreement with the Arizona State Land Department to renew steward activities on state lands. In CLG news, Leonard noted that SHPO did receive a return on a CLG application for the City of Chandler. SHPO spoke with the National Parks Service and received good direction on how to move forward, but Leonard noted that it is a concern in Arizona because NPS is looking for is designation that is not subject to change unless a property loses integrity. Leonard noted that what NPS is looking for at the local level is HP zoning that you can't opt in or opt out of. But with Proposition 207 here in Arizona, it's almost impossible to get a city to have a zoning overlay that's immutable. Leonard continued that voluntary designation and voluntary zoning is really the only way these things seem like they are going to happen. Leonard noted that Urban has been working with been working with Paradise Valley and Clarkdale who have expressed interest in becoming CLGs and continues to work with our other local governments that are investigating that process as well including Lichfield Park and Douglas. Leonard reported that SHPO participated in the Preserve America Youth Summit which was held in Flagstaff in June. Leonard noted that the summit included over 30 students from schools throughout Arizona that learned all about Route 66 history, visited sites spanning from Williams to the Petrified Forest, where the students took a tour of the park and saw some of the Route 66 road segments, to Winslow. Leonard continued that the group also did a lot of work in Flagstaff at Riordon Mansion and the Observatory and Museum in Northern Arizona. Leonard noted that the students also visited Homolovi State Park. Leonard noted that it was a long, full three days, but it really made an impression on several kids. Leonard reported that several students formally proposed to SHPO their desire to form the Arizona Youth Historic Preservation Council that would draw its membership statewide. Leonard continued that they've asked SHPO to assist them with getting that up and running. Leonard noted that she is going to have some conversations with the Secretary of State's office for the AZ250 commemoration. Leonard noted that she thinks that might be a

good and fast way to get a youth council going and they could possibly advise on that initiative. Leonard reported that SHPO is helping to work on celebrations for the Route 66 Centennial next year along with Arizona 250. Leonard reported that she is on a panel with people from state and local tourism and the Route 66 Association to work on various events for celebrate the Route 66 centennial.

c. Review and Compliance -

Leonard reported that there has been a lot of change at the Federal government. Leonard noted that due to reductions in force, SHPO has lost a least one reviewer from every Federal agency and for some, all have been lost as is the case with HUD and GSA. Leonard reported that SHPO has a slate of Executive Orders that direct SHPO to follow emergency measures for certain classes of undertakings. Leonard used the undertaking on the energy emergency directing SHPO to use emergency measures for all non-renewable energy projects as an example. Leonard explained emergency measures as a notification process where the federal agency notifies tribes and the SHPO and THPO as applicable. Leonard noted that it's a notification stipulation, not true consultation. Leonard reported on another EO for border mobilization for the border crisis which is affecting all consultation coming out of Fort Huachuca. Leonard reported that they've basically stopped doing Section 106 consultation. Leonard noted that SHPO was informed in one letter that everything's an emergency. **Which means that** SHPO won't be getting subsequent notifications. Leonard reported that SHPO received a consultation from the Navy recently stating that they're going to be taking over management of the Roosevelt Strip. Leonard continued that everything there is now effectively an emergency and SHPO will be notified and not consulted. Leonard reported that the state of Arizona is suing the Trump administration, specifically the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, for promulgating guidance on what they believe to be an EO that is predicated on false pretenses and that would be the energy emergency. It is part of a multi-state lawsuit. Leonard reported that the Loper Bright decision that the Supreme Court made about two years ago, is wreaking havoc with environmental compliance. Leonard explained that the Supreme Court's decision essentially was that the Council of Environmental Quality never had the ability to promulgate regulations for NEPA, which essentially vacated all of the CEQ's guidance and regulations. Leonard noted that the decision is that federal agencies can make their own rule making and regulations for complying with Section 106. Leonard noted that predictably what SHPO is seeing are federal agencies that are making rules that are basically, we're not going to do Section 106, but in slightly different ways. Leonard reported that the FCC are just basically going to say that self-construction of new cell phone towers is not considered to be an undertaking and would not be an action subject to NEPA and therefore, it will not be an undertaking subject to Section 106. Leonard noted that the logic of that is flawed. Leonard reported that the Forest Service is saying that if a project falls under a categorical exclusion in NEPA, it does not need to go through Section 106 review. Leonard gave an example with the Forest Service decision, there's a comment period right now that ends on August 26, but they've already implemented the change. Leonard reported that DOD is going through a program comment process to basically not do Section 106 altogether and just do NEPA reviews for cultural resources. Leonard noted that they are committing to consulting with tribes separately. Leonard reported that BLM has put out more guidelines than regulations, which looks like they're doing a softer roll out of this NEPA change. Leonard reported on Resolution Copper, noting that the Apache Stronghold's case for the Supreme Court was not taken up by the Supreme Court which makes the Ninth Circuit decision the decision that will be held in force. Leonard reported that there essentially will not be an injunction on development of the mine and permitting can proceed. The final EAS comment period ends on August 6 and there's an expected record of decision in December. Leonard reported that SHPO's participation in long-term consultation with the people at the Grand Canyon about the Transcanyon Waterline project. Leonard noted that SHPO has done site visits where SHPO has looked at various treatments for new construction and avoidance measures for historic properties. Leonard continued that SHPO has done that at the South Rim and at Phantom Ranch where they're constructing a new wastewater treatment facility. Leonard noted that after trying to schedule a visit for over a year, SHPO team members did wind up at the North Rim about five weeks ago. Leonard noted that SHPO staff stayed there for a week working with engineers and park service staff, looking at treatments for new construction and doing some really excellent work especially in the vicinity of the lodge and the cabins to look at creative

engineering solutions for replacing water line that services all of various cabins that don't exist anymore due to the recent wildfires. Leonard expressed that it has been poignant for SHPO having just visited there and really being engaged in a project that would have been a gamechanger for the Grand Canyon. Leonard continued that there are a lot of unanswered questions and reported that SHPO has been in contact with our park service colleagues. Leonard noted that they're not allowed to talk publicly very much about what's going on just because there's so much speculation, but asked if anyone in the meeting knows anybody who works up at Grand Canyon, to send them some support because it's been a really hard year for them.

d. Survey and Inventory -

Nothing to report.

e. Grants -

Leonard reported that legislature did pass a budget that had 1.5 million, set aside for Heritage Fund grants, and 30% of that will be available for preservation projects. Leonard reported that Lapota is working on a revision to SHPO's grant manual which will hopefully make the grant process less complicated especially since there will be less money to award for this particular grant season.

f. Legislative Issues -

Federal level – Leonard reported that SHPO had a bit of a crisis over the summer when SHPO realized that there was a strong possibility that SHPO wasn't going to get SHPO's federal fiscal year 2025 grant award from the feds which SHPO absolutely fundamentally needs in order to operate. SHPO does not receive any cash appropriation from the state as a standard practice. Leonard explained that SHPO subsists on federal funds for payroll and supplement with a few other grants that SHPO has with Forest Service, BLM and BOR. Leonard noted that those mostly run site steward programs and internships, so fiscal year 2025 money was not coming even though it was appropriated back in March. Leonard reported that there was some thought that it might be included in the rescission package that is currently going through the Senate. Leonard reported that it did shake loose and SHPO has it. Leonard continued that at the same time, President Trump had produced his skinny budget and that had zeroed out all funding for federal fiscal year 2026 for THPOs and SHPOs, which created an enormous amount of concern. Leonard noted that this played out right around the time of the annual Historic Preservation Conference. Leonard reported that a team of the preservation community and preservation advocates got together and developed a strategy. Leonard continued that she had never seen anything like it in Arizona. Leonard noted that it was letters to the governor and the legislature, from municipalities, from various members of industry, from advocacy groups, the public, phone calls. Leonard reported that the efforts worked and SHPO has \$865,000 or \$875,000 set aside in the state budget for fiscal year 2026. Leonard reported that SHPO probably won't need to use it, if SHPO gets the news that Leonard thinks SHPO is going to get which is that Congress is going to SHPO HPF funding at a level funding, so SHPO may not need to use it but the benefit is that it's there. Leonard reported that it's coming from Arizona State Parks revenue fund but it's also more importantly putting the legislature and the governor's office on notice that we do have a funding issue here at SHPO. Leonard continued that SHPO does need to create a sustainable funding source that can be relied on year after year because there's too much unpredictability at the federal level.

State level – Leonard reported that The Historical Society also did well in the state budget, receiving funds to open up the Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff and staff it with three to four people. Leonard reported that the Prescott Historical Society at Charlotte Hall Museum received funds for rehabilitation of the Governor's Mansion.

g. HP 2025 Conference update –

Leonard reported that as of now, there is no Preserve AZ Conference scheduled for 2026. Leonard noted that while the conference is a collaboration with the Arizona Preservation Foundation, it is not SHPO's conference alone and it does involve a lot of SHPO's staff's resources. Leonard reported that she plans to meet with Jim McPherson of the Arizona Preservation Foundation about the possibility of creating a series of events that will take that role of bringing people together and that can be tied to AZ250 and Route 66 centennial celebrations.

2. AHAC REPORT

Majewski reported that there has not been a quorum for the AHAC meeting and that she was on vacation for the last meeting. Vondy attended the meeting and reported that the main topic of the meeting was creating or updating bylaws by AHAC chair David Breeckner.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None to report.

H. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

None to report.

I. ADJOURNED:

The Chair called the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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