

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Development Services Conference Room, 119 East First Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Law
Commissioner Black
Commissioner Evans
Commissioner Hartman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Emigh

STAFF

David Coolidge, City Manager
Brandee Leary, City Liaison
Ashley Salyers, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Law at 4:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called, and Commissioner Emigh was absent.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to excuse Commissioner Emigh. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Black, Evans and Hartman voting yes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES –March 27, 2025

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Hartman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Black, Evans and Hartman voting yes.

STATUS REPORTS

A. Update regarding Vargas Field Historic Overlay Creation

Commissioner Hartman provided information regarding the Hayden Walton Sports Complex, particularly Vargas Field, which holds significant historical value as part of a federally funded Works Progress Administration (WPA) project from the 1930s. Winslow was notably the only Arizona town listed in a 1935 New York Times article to receive an initial WPA grant, which funded a large-scale recreation project that included a swimming pool and baseball fields. City council leadership at the time played a key role in expanding the site to a four-block complex. The project progressed over several years, with stadium construction beginning in 1938. Winslow also has deep roots in Little League history, potentially having the first purpose-built Little League field in Arizona, still located on its original site. This legacy, along with Winslow's possible status as the home of Arizona's first lighted baseball field, underscores the city's long-standing cultural connection to baseball. While no decisions are being made yet, the information helps justify the project's historic relevance and will support further site evaluation and discussion.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**A. Discussion and/or Action Regarding the Potential Expansion of the Downtown Signage Project.**

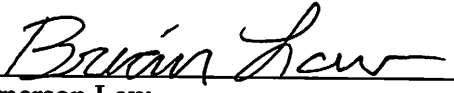
The commission briefly discussed the continuation of the downtown sign project, noting that there is currently no funding allocated in this year's city budget. Members were encouraged to start thinking about potential locations and design options over the next year so a proper budget request can be submitted for the next fiscal cycle. Possible locations mentioned included the lot where Troutners was and the Root-beer stand site. The group agreed it would be helpful to build a list of desired sign placements to estimate costs. No immediate action is required, but the topic can be revisited at future meetings as needed or when new ideas arise. The recording secretary will make a note to bring this topic back for discussion on the February 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- SHPO Status report update

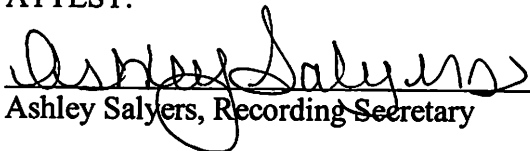
ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Hartman, to adjourn at 4:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Black, Evans and Hartman voting yes.



Chairperson Law

ATTEST:



Ashley Salyers, Recording Secretary