



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

In Person: Clark Memorial Clubhouse, 19 N. Ninth St., Clarkdale, AZ

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/82434856112>

Meeting ID:824 3485 6112

Unless otherwise stated, the public will have physical access to the meeting place 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

**Town of Clarkdale Vision**

The Town of Clarkdale connects our unique history, proximity to the Verde River, and small-town charm to a future with a vibrant economy.

We cultivate an environment where residents and businesses can thrive; providing services and jobs for our residents and capitalizing upon tourism.

We sustainably enhance our infrastructure, support the arts and education, and develop recreational opportunities to create a bright future for our entire community.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Regular Meeting open to the public on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 5:30 PM at 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona, Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge. A quorum of Town Council members may be present at this meeting. However, they will not deliberate or take action on any items. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

**ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Historic Preservation Commission invites the public to provide comments at this time. Members of the Historic Preservation Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Persons interested in making comments on a specific agenda item are asked to complete a brief form and submit it to

the Clerk or liaison during the meeting. Each speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes unless a different amount of time is noted on the agenda or is determined by the Presiding Officer or by a majority vote of the Council, Commission or Committee.

#### **4. MINUTES**

##### **A. Approval of Minutes**

Discuss, consider, and act upon the draft minutes from the regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Feb. 3, 2026.

#### **5. STAFF UPDATES**

##### **A. Certified Local Government (CLG)**

Staff update on current status.

##### **B. Gazebo Maintenance Schedule**

Staff update on current status.

##### **C. 4th of July Event**

Staff update on current status.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Meeting Start Time**

Discuss, review, and act upon the meeting start time for the Historic Preservation Commission.

#### **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY - NO ACTION TAKEN**

##### **A. Historical Marker Language**

Discussion only regarding the language for the historic markers in Town.

##### **B. Gazebo Language**

Discussion only regarding the language for the Gazebo marker in Clarkdale's Town Park.

#### **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Historic Preservation Commission may propose items to be placed on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Values**

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**COPPER**

**Customer focused**

**Open, transparent and equitable**

**Preserving our history, charm, and environment**

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# Staff Report

Item Number: 4.A.

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- Agenda Item:**           **Approval of Minutes**  
Discuss, consider, and act upon the draft minutes from the regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Feb. 3, 2026.
- Staff Contact:**           Scott Ellis, Community Development Director
- Meeting Date:**           March 3, 2026
- Strategic Goal:**           Not applicable.
- Background:**            Discuss, consider, and act upon the draft minutes from the regular Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Feb. 3, 2026.
- Budget Impact:**         No budget impact.
- Recommendation:**     Staff recommends that the Commission approve the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on Feb. 3, 2026.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 AT 5:30 PM**

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**Municipal Officials Present:** *Community Development Director Scott Ellis, Community Development Admin Guss Espolt.*

**Audience:** *Two members of the public were present.*

**Zoom:** *No members of the public were present.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER** *Chair Guebard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** *Present: Matthew Guebard, Mike Westcott, Cynthia Malla, and Kimberly Hellin.*

**Absent:** *Amy Stein, Kerrie Snyder.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comment.*

**4. MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Discuss, consider and act upon the draft minutes from the regular meeting on Jan. 6, 2026.

**Motion:** *To approve the draft minutes from the regular meeting held on Jan. 6, 2026.*

**First:** **Malla**

**Second:** **Wescott**

**Vote:** **3-0**

**Commissioner**

Vice Chair Guebard

Commissioner Snyder

Commissioner Westcott

Commissioner Malla

Commissioner Stein

**Aye/Nay**

Aye

Absent

Aye

Aye

Absent

**5. NEW BUSINESS** *None*

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY - NO ACTION TAKEN**

**A. Gazebo Sign**

Discussion only regarding updating the language in the Gazebo sign to reflect the recent renovation.

**B. Historic Markers**

Discussion only regarding the Historic Marker project.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Historic Preservation Commission may propose items to be placed on a future agenda. This item is for discussion only.

**A.** *Discuss, consider and act upon recommendations for meeting times Town code update, and Strategic plan update.*

**B.** *Discussion only of the Historic Preservation Commission’s Strategic Plan.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT 5:59 p.m.**

**Motion:** *To adjourn meeting.*

**First:** Malla

**Second:** Westcott

**Vote:** 3-0

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye/Nay</b>
Vice Chair Guebard	Aye
Commissioner Snyder	Absent
Commissioner Westcott	Aye
Commissioner Malla	Aye
Commissioner Stein	Absent

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# Staff Report

Item Number: 6.A.

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- Agenda Item:**            **Meeting Start Time**  
Discuss, review, and act upon the meeting start time for the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Staff Contact:**            Scott Ellis, Community Development Director
- Meeting Date:**            March 3, 2026
- Strategic Goal:**            Not applicable.
- Background:**            The Commission and staff would like to find a start time that works for everyone.
- Budget Impact:**            No budget impact.
- Recommendation:**        Staff recommends approving the new meeting start time for the Historic Preservation Commission.



# Staff Report

Item Number: 7.A.

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**Agenda Item:**            **Historical Marker Language**  
Discussion only regarding the language for the historic markers in Town.

**Staff Contact:**            Scott Ellis, Community Development Director

**Meeting Date:**            March 3, 2026

**Strategic Goal:**            This agenda item supports the following Clarkdale Strategic Goal Area:

- Goal Area 1 - Enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to Clarkdale.

**Background:**            The Historic Preservation Commission and local partners are developing updated language for Clarkdale’s historic markers to more fully reflect the community’s Hispanic and Native American heritage.

**Budget Impact:**            No budget impact.

**Recommendation:**        No recommendation. Discussion only.



# Staff Report

Item Number: 7.B.

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<b><u>Agenda Item:</u></b>	<b>Gazebo Language</b> Discussion only regarding the language for the Gazebo marker in Clarkdale's Town Park.
<b><u>Staff Contact:</u></b>	Scott Ellis, Community Development Director
<b><u>Meeting Date:</u></b>	March 3, 2026
<b><u>Strategic Goal:</u></b>	This agenda item supports the following Clarkdale Strategic Goal Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Goal Area 1 - Enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to Clarkdale.</li></ul>
<b><u>Background:</u></b>	We are developing updated language for Clarkdale's marker for the Town Park Gazebo to reflect the recent renovation and that the project was the recipient of the 2025 Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award.
<b><u>Budget Impact:</u></b>	No budget impact.
<b><u>Recommendation:</u></b>	No recommendation. Discussion only.

**CLARKDALE, Ariz. (2025)** — The *Clarkdale Bandstand Rehabilitation* was honored as a winner in the 2025 **Governor’s Heritage Preservation Honor Awards**, recognizing outstanding achievement in preserving Arizona’s historic built environment.

The project focused on the careful restoration and rehabilitation of the historic Gazebo — a beloved structure at Town Park in Clarkdale’s historic district — that has been a focal point for community events, concerts and civic gatherings for more than a century. Efforts included stabilizing the structure, replacing deteriorated elements with historically appropriate materials, upgrading support systems to meet modern safety standards, and retaining as much original fabric as feasible while ensuring the pavilion’s long-term durability. The work was carried out in collaboration with the community, preservation professionals and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office to maintain its contributing status within the Clarkdale Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

The rehabilitation not only preserved a signature community landmark but also reinforced Clarkdale’s commitment to safeguarding its cultural heritage for future generations.