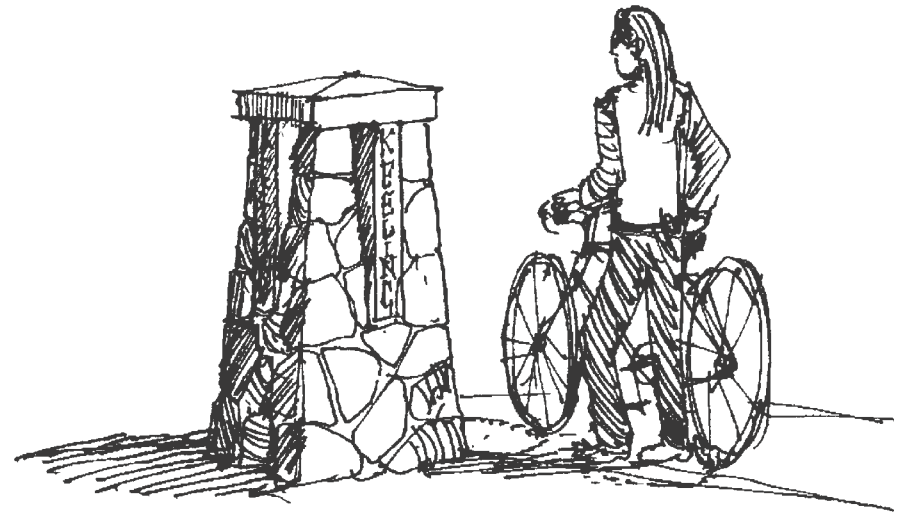


Goal

To commemorate the history of Stone Avenue as one of the oldest corridors in the City of Tucson.



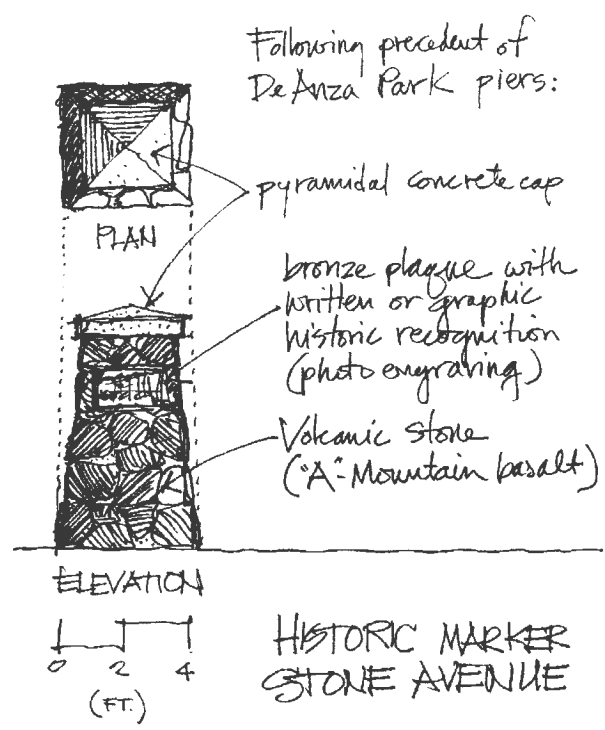
Recommendation

Create a series of historic markers that together would create the “Rolling Stone Trail.”

- The “trail” would be accessed by walking or bicycling, thereby further encouraging the use of alternative transportation along the Stone Avenue Corridor.
- Markers should be tied together geographically and/or chronologically.
- Markers must be durable. Text and photos might be “etched” in metal or in some other way made permanent. Markers must be mounted to be as vandal proof as possible.
- A trail guide would be developed and made available at various public places, such as the Tucson Convention and Visitors Bureau and public libraries.

- Students could be used to help research the history and write the trail guide as part of a school or after-school program. A video program could be developed as a mini-documentary with interviews from people who have stories that help make the history of Stone Avenue come alive. This could be used in school curriculums and shown on the City of Tucson cable channel.

- Funding for the trail could be pursued through both public and private sources. For example, individuals or businesses might sponsor one or more markers, neighborhoods might raise money to mark a site of relevance to residents, and educational institutions might contribute in-kind services for research. Once a plan is in place, markers could be funded and installed individually.



- Over thirty potential sites and/or event locations have been identified for possible marking. These are listed on the reverse side of this card.

“Rolling Stone Trail”

Possible Sites/Events to Be Marked on “Rolling Stone Trail”

Note: Sites/events of historic significance along Stone Avenue both within and beyond the specific boundaries of this corridor study are included in this listing.

SITE/EVENT	MARKER LOCATION in relation to Stone Avenue	COMMENTARY ON SIGNIFICANCE
Site of Colonel John Finkle Stone home Center of Tucson	Southeast corner of McCormick Street Congress Street	First house on Stone Avenue. One time center of downtown activity – base of addressing for the metropolitan region.
Site of 1st automobile use in Arizona Territory	Southeast corner of Pennington Street	On December 30, 1899, Dr. Hiram Fenner drove first automobile from the railroad depot to his home on this corner.
Stone as the route to Camp Grant Town site platting	Alameda Street Council Street	Indian wars and Camp Grant massacre. Origin of Stone Avenue as a street. Council was transition point between Stone Ave. & Eighth Ave.; later it all became Stone Ave.
One-way Stone Avenue	Franklin Street & Toole Avenue	History of one-way streets in Downtown Tucson.
Southern Pacific Railroad crossing Tucson Arroyo	Underpass North of Sixth Street	Grade crossing prior to underpass, building of underpass. Location and significance of the bridge over the arroyo.
Site of streetcar/bus barn	Northeast corner of 5th Street	Location and history of the streetcar barn.
Site of Apache Tire Company Historic gas station Paving/widening over the years	Northwest corner of 5th Street Southeast corner of 4th Street University Boulevard	Location of a Tucson landmark, the “flying red horse” – highway business. Highway business. Aerial photos show varying widths of Stone Avenue in 1930.
Site of early cemeteries De Anza Park Central Drive-In Site	Southwest corner of Speedway Southeast corner of Speedway Northwest corner of Speedway	Three relocations of Tucson cemeteries prior to Evergreen Cemetery. History of early Tucson parks and selection of De Anza Park site. Highway business, local gathering place for cruising Speedway.
World Gym Historic Motels Stone as a U.S. highway	Between Helen and Mabel Streets, east side Southeast and northeast corners of Mabel Street Drachman Street	Former bowling alley, good example of historic commercial building. Highway businesses. Highway turned west at this location – trace development and later abandonment of Stone Avenue as a U.S. highway.
Historic residential Historic bungalows	Three residences on southeast corner of Adams Street Northeast and northwest corners of Lee Street	Concentration of residences – history and transition of land use along the corridor. History and transition of land use along the corridor.
Historic auto repair shops Supreme Cleaners Site	East side, north of Flores Street Southeast corner of Grant Road	Auto related businesses. Explosion destroyed building. One of the worst industrial accidents in Tucson’s history.
Grant Road – arterial street Historic commercial storefront	Grant Road Northeast corner of Jacinto Street	Evolution of arterial streets in Tucson. Typical storefront built near or on the right-of-way line of the arterial street.
Auto courts Adobe house Historic greenhouse	East side, north of Jacinto Street Southwest corner of Kelso Street Southeast corner of Blackledge Street	Early form of lodging for automobile travelers. Land use evolution – good example of an early adobe residence. Good example of specialty commercial building.
Paul Bunyan statue Amphitheater Schools Pastime Park	Northwest corner of Glenn Street Northeast corner of Prince Road Pastime Road	Local landmark – folk art. History of early Amphitheater schools, the school district, and this area of town. Early development of this area and its relation to the Veterans Hospital at Pastime Park.
Original Stone Avenue Historic ranch building	Southwest corner of Thurston Lane Southeast corner of Limberlost	Thurston Lane is on the original location of Stone Avenue, which continued directly north to Limberlost where it ended. History of early ranches along the Rillito River.

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