

# Park School Progress Report

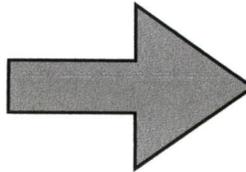
Presented at Draper City Council August 19, 2014

## **Determine Support For Adaptive Reuse of the Draper Park Building**

1. Creation of social media pages: Facebook and Pinterest
2. Creation of online survey. 93% or 87 of the 94 Respondents supported the idea of adaptive reuse of the building.
3. Creation of online pledge form-pledges are currently at \$15,610
4. Draper Days booth. Received 253 signatures over 2 day period in support of adaptive reuse of the Park School building.

## **Determine Need For Arts Center**

1. Discussions with State Director of History Brad Westwood, State Director of Arts and Heritage Julie Fisher
2. Research Benefits of Community Arts
3. Research Benefits of Historic Preservation
4. Research Successful Public Spaces



Research can be viewed on Pinterest page located at <http://www.pinterest.com/daatp/>

## **Attain Non-Profit Status**

1. Permission to act as an enterprise fund under the Draper Community Foundation.

## **Networking to locate potential interested parties. Discussions held with:**

Draper City Council Members  
Draper City Mayor  
Darren Hensley-Founder of Pioneer High School Performing Arts Charter School  
LaVar Christensen-State Legislator  
Glen Sisam-Former President of the Draper Community Foundation  
Darrell Smith-Former Draper Mayor  
Johnny Patterson-Founder of "The Dreamathon"  
Draper Historic Preservation Commission  
Draper Arts Council  
Draper Visual Arts Foundation  
Hannah Turpen-Utah Heritage Foundation  
Derek Huffaker-Director of the Utah Heritage Foundation  
Allen Roberts-CRSA  
Julie Fisher-State Director of Heritage and Arts  
Brad Westwood-State Director of History  
Brian Somers -State Deputy Director of Heritage and Arts  
Nelson Knight-State Tax Credit Program Coordinator

## **Creation of Database of Charitable Donors**

Created by Katie Shell. The extensive database includes information on potential donors, all deadlines, and grant amount possibilities.

## **Next Steps:**

Funding:

**Draper Historical Society**

1054 E. Pioneer Road

Draper, Utah 84020

July 28, 2014

Subject: Draper Park School at 920 E. Pioneer Road

Dear: Todd Shoemaker

You have asked one of the members of The Draper Historical Society to state our opinion on whether the old Draper Park School should be razed, or should the City of Draper try to restore the school.

The Board of Trustees discussed this request and The Draper Historical Society is always about saving the old or historic buildings or artifacts that can be saved. We are all about history. The Draper Park School had the elementary, Junior High and at one time the Draper High School, and has been known for those that attended have gone on the higher education and also their children went to school there.

The Draper Historical Society Board of Trustees voted that if the school can be saved at a worthwhile cost and provide many more years of service to the Community, then by all means we should see if we can save it.

The Draper Park School has always been a landmark in Draper for over 100 years and many of us went to school there and remember the years we spent there and the friends we made.

If we can assist you in any way, please feel free to call upon us.

Draper Historical Society - President Esther Smith Kinder

## Comments from Draper Historical Society Board Members:

Esther Smith Kinder, President -

I have so many wonderful memories of time spent in the old Draper Park Grade School. I would love to see this historic building saved.

Paul Smith -

Not for a historical museum.

Anne Covington -

I would prefer to have the Park School Renovated and used for the betterment of our Draper Residents. Thanks.

Bob Day -

I would like to see the old Draper Park School, or at least parts of it, saved. Hopefully it would become an icon for the Pioneer Heritage that is so richly a part of Draper's past. I realize that saving it may be costly and difficult, but things of worth, even old buildings with appropriate sacrifice should be done. Give it a go!

H. Ray Terry -

The school is "The Landmark" for Draper City. The Roundhouse was torn down with many regrets - but it is too late for the Roundhouse but not for the Draper Park School.

Luana Guyman -

Some things are worth saving and preserving. The Draper Park School is one of those things. Please don't be in such a rush to tear it down. Everyone who remembers the "Round House", or even those looking at the picture, feels now like a big mistake was made in tearing it down. Where "there is a will, there is a way". We just need you to have a desire to save it. It can be done!

August 19, 2014

Honorable Mayor Walker and Draper City Council:

I support the current efforts to renovate the Draper Park School without a tax increase to Draper citizens. There are very few buildings left in Draper that connect us to our rich heritage. The Park School is the most iconic and most significant historic building remaining in Draper and should be preserved as a meaningful anchor in our historic Town Center area.

Much is at stake and the time is right for you, as our elected officials, to earnestly support preservation of the school and allow advocates for the Park School to submit and execute workable, current-day solutions and opportunities for preservation of the school. By so doing you will uphold Draper City's Mission Statement, which promises "Draper City is a community that preserves its unique identity and heritage, and provides protection and services for its citizens."

Please show your good will towards this project by granting a reasonable amount of time for advocates to secure funding, a developer, or other third party to renovate the school. We look to you and your ability to protect this valuable asset for the people of Draper and foster a win-win solution for everyone. Together, we can ensure Draper's bright future by building on and honoring its past.

Please, do not demolish the Historic Park School.

Sincerely,

1. Ruth Carter | Highland, UT
2. Bunny Ankney | Murray, UT | Personal Message: We have fought for many historical sites in Murray. We have found that with enough interest and support from the residents, we can save our history for future generations. Without such historical buildings that teach us about the past how will our children learn this valuable information? A picture just doesn't do justice. Why are we in such a hurry to tear down our history?
3. Marc Navez | West Valley City, UT
4. Ramona Bailey | Holladay, UT
5. Dodi Brooks | Sandy, UT
6. Julie Walker | Salt Lake City, UT

Internet responses

7. Christine Shell | Draper, UT | Personal Message: The Park School is so much more than a building to me. It's a symbol of the community I grew up in. Well-made new buildings are wonderful, but without also building on the bedrock of the past and remembering from where we've come we risk untethering ourselves from a crucially important shared heritage. Historic structures like the Park School are tangible reminders of our history, firmly rooting us in a past that matters and giving us direction as we grow forward.

8. Chrisanne Sultz | Draper, UT

9. Janet Thomas | Draper, UT

10. Katie Shell | Draper, UT

11. Caralyn Buehner | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Draper needs to preserve the historic character of this neighborhood and capitalize on it. Every local city has the same major box stores; the only differences lie in the individual character of the historic areas. Draper needs an elegant venue for artistic purposes - a professional draw beyond the active community arts we currently have.

12. ChrisAnn Perry | Magna, UT | Personal Message: There should be something that the school can be used for. It should not be torn down. It's a beautiful piece of our history that should be preserved. Thank you.

13. Claudia Smith | South Jordan, UT

14. Neil Smith | South Jordan, UT | Personal Message: I relive treasured childhood memories every time I drive by that school. Please save it!

15. Angie Lee | Draper, UT

16. Daniel Staker | Draper, UT | Personal Message: We are defined by what we choose to care about. If ease, convenience, or the saving of a buck is our highest priority, then at best we will be metaphorically corpulent and at worst knaves. But if our concern is pointed to those who came before us, and our hearts are touched by the memory of their sacrifices on our behalf, then how much more we may find within ourselves the courage to sacrifice today for the generations yet to come. Memory is the bedrock of advancement, and how careful we should be to erase the vestiges of the past that surround us.

17. Winn Greenwood | Las Vegas, NV | Personal Message: The Park School is the only thing left that reminds us of what Draper was. To tear down that building would rob the area of its heritage. People need to be reminded of where they came from.

18. Bonnie Rae Jean | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Our family are long-time citizens of Draper. We feel it would be a great shame to destroy this landmark. We DO NOT WANT ANOTHER in its place. I enjoy being able to share with my children the stories that have been passed down to me. I have memories from wonderful times and events spent in that building. I

hate how our society always thinks newer is better. There are plenty of new buildings. We need to preserve our heritage here in Draper.

19. Bonnie Tolman | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Preserve our heritage.

20. Robert Tolman | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Save the Draper Park School. It's the right thing to do.

21. Robert A. Jones | Draper, UT | Personal Message: This is a beautiful historic building that needs to be preserved. SAVE IT.

22. Venna Rice | Draper, UT | Personal Message: This building makes such a beautiful statement for Draper that houses too many memories to mention for those of us who had the wonderful opportunity of growing up here! As my cute 90 year old mother says...."it's our heart! We loved our school!"

23. Jane Raymond | Sandy, UT | Personal Message: I think it is a shame so many beautiful buildings like this one with so many memories are not valued and preserved for our younger children to experience and enjoy.

24. Shawna Ovard | Draper, UT | Personal Message: So much of Draper's history is tied to this school. To even consider tearing it down should be unimaginable.

25. Celeste Gates | Coalville, UT | Personal Message: Hello to the City Council. My name is Celeste Kemp Gates. I grew up in the awesome city of Draper. My ancestors were sent to Little Willow in 1854. My Grandfather's statue stands proudly at the little park near the Old School. I know the difficulties of trying to save these historic buildings. I am currently saving one myself. I am the executive director of a restoration project here in Summit County. It is hard work but very rewarding. This old school can be saved...The question is why not? Why not save it? It isn't as hard as you may think. Why tear it down? Lose it's historic significance. Then build something new? You will spend less money on preservation then you would on building something new. And you'd keep the unique character of old Draper. I understand that you may think that tearing it down may be easier...but truly it is not. The loss of this building will be a loss to Draper and the history that we so easily take for granted. All the sweat, blood and tears of the people who built this town with their bare hands. To me, it's like forgetting them as well. Let them all be remembered by saving these old buildings. Saving the history. Saving the character of Draper. Out with the old, in with the new is never the only or the best choice. There is an extreme amount of support from the public, to save this school. But someone will have to step up to the plate, put together a preservation board of directors. Get all the necessary permits, preservation guidelines. Apply for 501c3 tax status. And the rest can and will happen. Volunteers is how it can happen. And I'm positive it wouldn't be hard to get all the work done by volunteers, locals that love this building! There are several historic preservation groups in Utah and on the national level that will stand strongly behind any project. But to have local support from city and county council is imperative to the success. Please just take a moment....to ponder the importance these old buildings have on a town. The sweet historic character they add to our Utah communities. Once gone, they can never be replaced! Build new buildings. ..but keep the old, one is silver...The other is gold.

26. Derrick Stephens | South Jordan , UT | Personal Message: Our state has very few historic school buildings remaining. This particular building is in remarkable shape for its age and has a unique architecture that you don't see in any of today's new buildings. It is definitely a valuable asset worth keeping--nothing a little paint and renovation can't fix. Please keep this school.

27. Marissa Burrige | Draper , UT

28. Karen Hunter | Draper , UT

29. Daniel Washburn | Sandy , UT | Personal Message: I grew up in Draper with a lot of family history in the community. I also went to Mt. Jordan Junior High and Jordan High Schools, both of which have been torn down, to be remembered no longer. I have lots of fond memories and beginnings at the Draper Park (elementary) school. I always get a smile and warm feeling whenever I drive by.

30. Ronald John Gates | Coalville , UT | Personal Message: I was in 2nd grade in that school. Draper needs this old building to stay put.

31. Cynthia Ovard | Draper , UT

32. Krystal Roberts | Spring, TX via Draper , UT

33. Grace Anderson Wallace | Cottonwood Heights , UT

34. Bonnie Jean Thomas | UT

35. Michelle Sanderson| West Valley City, UT| Personal Message: I grew up in Draper about a block from this school. Plz dont get rid of building. Should be on the historical site!

36. Janet Wachs | Draper , UT | Personal Message: They have taken all the schools I've attended except this one. Please don't take this one too.

37. Connie Lund | Manti , UT | Personal Message: Please save our awesome historical Draper Park School!!!

38. Rochelle Broadhead | Sandy , UT | Personal Message: What defines us as a community is how we take care of the community we live in and honor the memory of the lives that came before us and the sacrifices they made for us to have what we have today. Please re-purpose and save the Draper Park building don't demolish it!

39. Linda Lees | Draper , UT | Personal Message: Please keep this building alive and around us, always to remind us of what others gave so that we might enjoy where we live today! Save Draper School!!! Please!

40. Ellen Harris | Draper , UT

41. Brenda Gulbrandsen | Bountiful , UT | Personal Message: Save this great historical building. Let future generations enjoy what we have enjoyed throughout our years. I am saddened that bringing it down is even a consideration. It's a grand building rich in traditions and can be again!

42. Angelique Palmer | Texas

43. Mark Richins | Magna , UT | Personal Message: I was in the last 6th grade class at this school and have many happy memories there. Once you tear something like this down you can never get it back.

44. Freida Franchina | Draper , UT

45. Erika Andrus Iverson | Herriman , UT | Personal Message: My ancestors were original settlers of Draper. I didn't attend the "old school" as a student as most of my family did. But I did visit it as a Halloween celebration participant. I also attended it as a library patron and many city council meetings as we're were trying to build our family home there. It's current condition makes my heart ache. Such a beautiful structure should have the opportunity to impact our children's lives the way it did ours growing up there.

46. Gina | Draper , UT

47. Rosalie Summerhays | Draper , UT | Personal Message: We need to preserve what's left of our historical buildings. Too many changes have already been made to our detriment. We don't need any more retail shops especially in the heart of old Draper.

48. Hollie Summerhays Pollick | Draper , UT | Personal Message: Draper is slowly losing it's quaintness, becoming like every other nondescript city. The Park School is what makes the historic city center unique and special. It would be tragic to destroy it. Our history is too important to just throw away.

49. Brian Pollick | Draper , UT

50. Greg Summerhays | Draper , UT

51. Judy Cleverly | Salt Lake City , UT

52. Elisse | Murray , UT | Personal Message: We need more performance facilities in the south end of the valley. Don't demolish- renovate into a beautiful stage and rentable place for gatherings!

53. Marilee Sjoblom Funkhouser | Sandy , UT | Personal Message: I was raised in Draper. The school holds many memories. I know everything can't be saved but some things are so much a part they should be preserved. Please don't destroy all of old Draper. Learn about it. It was a small, beautiful community where people were important. The school and church were the heart of the community. Leave the school intact, please!!!!

54. Brittany Yates | Murray , UT

55. Gloria Oglesbee Santa Cruz | West Jordan , UT

56. Danace Nelson Mace | Draper , UT | Personal Message: Please save the school. Maybe a recreation center for the kids of Draper or Boys and Girls club, etc. it was built for teaching the children of Draper lets keep the heritage going. If anyway possible..... thank you.. I went to this school as a child. I am now 53 years old. Many memories of Draper and that school.

57. Madison Pollick | Draper, UT

58. Esther Smith Kinder | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I grew up in this beautiful community of Draper. I attended Draper Park Elementary School. I have so many fond memories of the time spent in that beloved school and I would hate to see it torn down. I too think that we need to preserve Draper's history. I feel we have lost so much already. Please do not let another historical building be torn down. I still cry every time I drive by where our beloved old Jordan High School stood and now it is gone for eternity. I am sure there is a solution of some kind to save our beloved Draper Park School.

59. Randall M. Rogers | Saint George, UT | Personal Message: That building is Draper, I can't imagine coming home to visit family and it not being there. I would love to see it renovated and used for a community center or some useful function.

60. Robin Taylor-Granda | Cottonwood Heights, UT | Personal Message: Draper's drastic new growth in the last 15 years has really obscured the rich history of the city. Don't take even more of that away!

61. Megan Metekingi | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Draper Park school is what makes Draper, Draper. Wouldn't be the same with out this historical building.

62. Sueann Fraga | Salt Lake City , UT

63. David Phillips | Heber , UT

64. Shannon Rasmussen | , UT

65. Peter Pedersen | Draper , UT

66. Peter Conover | Ephraim , UT | Personal Message: I grew up in Sandy, Utah, and I have many fond memories of the South Salt Lake valley. I hope for, and encourage, the preservation of as much history there as we can. There is so little left. Please save the Park School for future generations. Thank you.

67. Greek | Spokane, WA | Personal Message: It's sad when we come to town to see the old HISTORICAL landmarks/buildings etc... GONE!! This is the town's history along with past/present/future residents story...

68. V. Gubler | Draper , UT
69. George Stringfellow | Kalispell, MT
70. Trisia Smith Pickett | Draper, UT
71. Jocelyn P Allred | Draper, UT
72. Janet Wachs | Draper, UT
73. Heidi Pratt | Sandy, UT | Personal Message: I love this block of Draper featuring this charming school, the Draper cemetery, and the Draper Park. It would be a shame not to restore it maintaining part of Drapers past.
74. Trish Olson | Draper, UT
75. Briawna Anderson | Draper, UT | Personal Message: We moved to Draper three years ago, just blocks away from this historic building, because we loved the character and community of "downtown Draper." PLEASE don't demolish the building! It is in an area that deserves to be respected and protected. My neighbors and I would gladly participate in renovation efforts! This is an important issue to Draper residents and we don't want this building replaced with some modern commercial development. There are plenty of those all around the city already.
76. Emily Williams | SLC, UT
77. Kimberli Howard | American Fork, UT
78. Mary Jane Allen Beck | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Long time citizen of Draper. My Family has been here since the first 20 Families arrived here. Please save our history. Save The Draper Park School....It is the Heart of our City .
79. Erin McCarthy | American Fork, UT
80. Dayne Howard | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Maintain our historic sites!
81. Mary Jean Cartwright Frodsham | Bountiful, UT
82. Dallas Harris | Highland , UT | Personal Message: I lived for years in this area and am hoping and praying decisions can be made to restore and preserve this school. In America we are so quick to tear down historical buildings instead of preserving.
83. Norman Curtis | Riverton , UT | Personal Message: Please save the school. I attended all Elementary years there. It would be a shame to destroy the history of one of the oldest schools left.
84. Phillip Shell | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Putting the old Park School to new use,

all with private money and no tax dollars, makes good economic sense for Draper. It will provide an anchor and be a draw to Draper like no new construction ever could be. To design the development of the historic downtown core of Draper around a renovated and revitalized Park School building would be a gift of planning and wisdom by the City Council that could never be matched, and it is a once in a lifetime opportunity that will never come again for Draper and its citizens. Proposals and money for development will come if private enterprise knows the city supports the project. We need the council as partners not adversaries in working together to help this happen. Council members, granting time and support will cost virtually nothing compared to the priceless legacy you will leave our community.

85. Jeremy D. Butler | Draper, UT

86. Shalise Benjamin | Draper, UT | Personal Message: We need to keep historical buildings, it was sad to see the great Jordan High School demolished, please keep Draper Park School.

87. Jenny Orgill | Draper, UT | Personal Message: This is all that Draper has left that is really from the past and has so many memories. It is the heart of Draper. Why are we in such a big hurry to tear it down?? Please don't take away what is left of the OLD Draper.

88. Connie Hales Richins | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I have lived all my life in Draper. And I have attended Draper Elementary from K-6. What happened to keeping Draper, Draper? Everything that is Draper is being torn down. Save some part of Draper. And this will be a start..

89. Jessica Ballard | Draper, UT

90. Frank B. Newman, third generation Draper Park Student, | Kanab, UT

91. Connie Evans | Sandy, UT | Personal Message: Draper Park School is the most iconic historic building in Draper. It is the framework in which many memories of thousands of townspeople and students reside. It is still basically a sound building in which, when restored, more memories may be made. To lose it would be tragic - it is irreplaceable. What would be left to represent the history of Draper!

92. Matt Walker | Salt Lake City, UT | Personal Message: I believe in preserving the history of people, places and time through visible representations of those things. I think the City and State would benefit from restoring and re-purposing more places like this. There are so many places in this country, as well as the world, that benefit from tourism centered around historic buildings. This building was once the heart of Draper and should be remembered that way.

93. Lindsay Goeckeritz | Draper, UT | Personal Message: So many options for this wonderful building. What about a community arts center? [Www.artsatthepark.net](http://www.artsatthepark.net)

94. Annie Baxter | Riverton, UT

95. Laura Eakin | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I used to drive past this building everyday. It holds a lot of memories. Don't tear it down or all is lost.

96. Maurine Beckstead Christofersen | Draper, UT | Personal Message: This is a grand old building. It would make a great performing arts center for Draper. It's the only thing really left in Draper that signifies of this great community. Let's save it!

97. Lisa Evans | Draper, UT

98. Michael Evans | Draper, UT

99. Merrill Evans | Draper, UT

100. Peggy Evans | Draper, UT

101. Joe Staker | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Though I no longer live in Draper, I have many fond memories of growing up there, and the sense of community Draper had. Destroying the Park School would be a huge loss to Draper's community and legacy. It is our only public building on the National register, and served as the civic heart of Draper for nearly a century. Allowing this building to be lost forever is short-sighted and foolish.

102. Coleen Ju | Levan, UT | Personal Message: The old school could be used for low income housing !! Why not help the people that's in need and not try to steal our memory's !! Old Draper is gone why can't we keep a piece of it !!

103. Barbra Lee | West Jordan, UT | Personal Message: This edifice is important to my children, part of their history. Old isn't useless it is priceless.

104. Christine Green | Sandy, Ut | Personal Message: How are we supposed to become an advanced society if we keep demolishing the past?

105. L. Blake Bowthorpe | South Jordan, UT

106. Shelley Flores | Sandy, UT

107. Lindy Davis | Midvale, UT

108. Carrie Bayliss | Clinton, UT

109. Jackie Bennett | Boulder City, NV | Personal Message: I went to this school from kindergarten to 6th grade. Many years ago I had a chance to take my own children into the building and walk the halls & tell them this was my kindergarten, 1st, and so on up to 6th grade classrooms. They were so impressed, the wood on the rails of the stairs they don't have a school like this where we come from. They loved it. This goes to show that we need to keep this building around for not just memories but for history. So much has changed in this town. Don't tear down something so beautiful and has the history this building has. Hope you don't - it would be a shame and a mistake.

110. Kristen Staker | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Please don't tear down one of the few

symbols left of when Draper was an actual community.

111. Jenie Mills | Draper, UT

112. Peter Conover | Ephraim, UT | Personal Message: I grew up in that area and support preserving as much history as possible. The Draper School is a great candidate for preservation, and can be repurposed for any number of things. Thank you.

113. Heather White | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Please try to find a way to renovate. It has been done so many other places. Tearing down so you can build a useless car wash, or office space is not the answer! This is a piece of Draper history. Our children need to appreciate these places!!

114. Kelley Kremer | Toole, UT | Personal Message: I loved my elementary school years at the Park School. It would be a shame to see it demolished if there are other options to renovate.

115. Valaine Brown | Draper, UT

116. Casey Balding | Draper, UT

117. Riley | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I am a teenager living in Draper and although I have no personal stories associated with the school, I still love seeing the building everyday. With all the new roads being widened and more houses popping up, the old feel of Draper is going away. This building still adds character to the city. Please don't take it down.

118. Josh Stika | Draper, UT | Personal Message: Let's preserve our older buildings and give the community a sense of its past.

119. Shawn Walker | Draper, UT

120. Michelle Walker | Draper, UT

121. Pesmi Symes | Murray, UT

122. Morgan Greenwood | Saratoga Springs, UT

123. Dinah Svedin | West Jordan, UT

124. Megan Shewell | South Jordan, UT | Personal Message: Stop tearing down all the beautiful landmarks that brought Draper to life.

125. Julie Losser | Herriman, UT | Personal Message: Don't demo

126. Verna Cruz | South Jordan, UT | Personal Message: It is sad to see what all the people are doing to my home town. They all moved there to have the small town atmosphere and now they are going to destroy the historical sites that made it the great place it is today. Please save the

historical sites in Draper!

127. Ashlyn Steadman Elsworth | Gilbert, AZ | Personal Message: Draper will forever be a part of me. Growing up there I watched the town transform into a city. Where markets turned into chain grocery stores and where one lane streets turned into some of the busiest roads in Salt Lake. More importantly than all that is the heritage that Draper means to me. My dad, to my grandmother, all are from Draper. My father would be heartbroken to learn that his school was being torn down. His dental office sat right across the street and I often times got to explore this old building. My dad would want this heritage to be restored. I hope you remember the generations that call Draper their town- those people who grew up here and watched it transform to what it is now.

128. Heather Shepherd | Draper, UT

129. Olivia Cella | Draper, UT

130. Brenna Martinez | Draper, UT | Personal Message: You keep building new and new. And that's great. But preserve the old. What makes Draper... Draper. Historic Draper. :) Please don't demolish it. Too many memories even performing plays there. Driving by it every day. Don't take it away.

131. Greg Reid | Draper, UT

132. Susan Stillman | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I think it is important to keep some of Draper's heritage alive. Too many things have been sacrificed in the name of progress...

133. Brian Rees | Draper, UT

134. Jennifer Day Woods | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I love this school. my grandfather attended this school and as a child I thought that was really cool to attend the same elementary school my grandfather went to when he was young. As a kid I imagined what it must have been like for him then. I still remember the sounds, laughter and even the smells. The Halloween parties were amazing! The whole town showed up. How sad to lose such a huge part of Draper City history.

135. Linsey Sorensen | Draper, UT

136. Ryan Sorensen | Draper, UT

137. Ryan Christopherson | Logan, UT | Personal Message: Let's keep some of the character that makes our hometown special. Progress is wonderful, but it doesn't need to wipe out our history. What a great opportunity Draper has to maintain some flavor in its center instead of becoming another bland, homogenized intermountain town. Keep the building and do something amazing with it.

138. Jill Wahlquist | Draper, UT

139. Tiffany Steadman Kerbs | Chandler, AZ | Personal message: My family's history resides in the hallways of this historic building. Funds have been poured into turning Draper into a metropolitan city, but little has been done to preserve the small country town it once was. Where are we today if we have nothing to look back on. Most residents living in Draper are new and therefore do not understand the importance of restoring this iconic building. I only hope the elected officials of Draper realize the decision to restore keeps Draper's history alive. To me, and countless others, this is priceless!

140. Jennifer John Smith | Highland, UT

141. Cynthia Smith Carman | Highland, UT | Personal Message: I grew up in Draper and have some fond memories of this building. Please save one of the last treasures left in Draper.

142. Brady Petersen | Draper, UT

143. Sondra Terry | Draper, UT | Personal Message: I was born and raised in Draper, my great grandparents were some of the first settlers in Draper, so you can imagine how attached I am to the history of Draper. My parents were born in 1900, they both went to Draper Park school. My mother graduated from eighth grade in that building, I have a picture of that graduation. All seven of my brothers, sisters and I went to the school. My nieces and nephews have gone there to, also some of my great nieces and nephews. It's a grand building that ought to be saved, let's keep a few historical buildings in Draper, there are fewer and fewer around. I hope we can truly take a look at renovating it, and let the town be proud of a building that holds so many wonderful memories for many of us. Thanks