

1 **HEBER CITY CORPORATION**
2 **75 North Main Street,**
3 **Heber City, UT 84032**
4 **Heber City Historic Preservation Commission**
5 **July 28, 2025, 12:30 PM**

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7 **DRAFT Minutes**

8 **I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

9 Chairperson Ron Carlile called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

10 **Members Present:** Chairperson Ron Carlile
11 Commissioner Catherine Dalton
12 Commissioner McKay King
13 Commissioner Michael Seiter
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15 **Excused:** Commissioners Kristy Bond and Harvey Horner

16 **Staff Present:** Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
17 Deputy City Recorder Robin Raines-Bond
18 Planning Department Jacob Roberts
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20 **Also Present:** Rachel Kahler, CAMS (Community Alliance for Main Street) Director
21 and Denver Morris, True North Restoration.

22 **II. Consent Agenda**

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24 **III. General Business**

25 **1. Review of Recent Activities**

26 **a. St. Lawrence Church Visit**

27 The Commission discussed the need to support St. Lawrence Catholic Church's Fall Festival.
28 Mrs. Kahler recommended assisting with the promotion of the event to foster goodwill within the
29 community. Commissioner Seiter expressed interest in the City acquiring and restoring the
30 church building when the current owner sells. Mrs. Kahler emphasized the importance of
31 building a relationship with the Bishop.

32 **b. Utah Historic Preservation Conference**

33 Chairperson Carlile and Mrs. Kahler reported on attending the conference, praising Mt.

34 Pleasant’s preservation efforts and the importance of storytelling in historical preservation.
35 Discussion included the need for a County archivist. Mrs. Kahler referenced the 1965 book *How*
36 *Beautiful Upon the Mountain* and highlighted the need for a follow-up history covering recent
37 decades.

38 **c. 1925–2025 History Display at the Wasatch County Library**

39 The ongoing 100-Year History Display received positive public feedback. Commissioners and
40 staff emphasized the importance of collecting community stories and supported the idea of hiring
41 a historian. Commissioner Seiter shared a personal story involving Cider’s Bakery and telephone
42 operators, reflecting the community connection of earlier times. Mrs. Kahler noted use of the
43 “You Know You’re From Heber City When…” Facebook page to gather local memories.

44 **d. Historic Signs Display**

45 The Commission reviewed the 30 existing historic plaques throughout Heber City. Mrs. Kahler
46 expressed a desire to expand the plaque program and open applications to the public for future
47 additions. Mr. Roberts inquired about plaque costs, which were noted as \$13,000 total.

48 **2. Historic District Survey Status**

49 A historic survey is pending to identify properties that meet National Register standards and
50 justify the creation of a historic district. Chairperson Carlile and Commissioner Dalton would
51 assist with the evaluation process once the RFP (Request for Proposals) closes in mid-August.
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53 **3. Drafting of Historic Overlay Zone**

54 Discussion focused on the creation of a historic overlay zone to allow property owners access to
55 grants and support preservation efforts. The commission discussed drafting code for this district,
56 consulting other cities such as Mt. Pleasant for reference. Commissioners McKay King and
57 Catherine Dalton expressed interest in participating. Mrs. Kahler noted 13 buildings in Heber are
58 already on the National Register, and that a Historic District designation does not restrict
59 property use. Next steps include defining district boundaries, drafting code, and issuing an RFP
60 for planning assistance.
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62 **4. Crook Cabin Restoration / Statue**

63 Chairperson Carlile discussed the restoration of the Crook Cabin statue and suggested holding a
64 community open house or event in conjunction with the project.
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66 **5. Wasatch County Historian – Input and Ideas**

67 The Commission reiterated the need for a County Historian and expressed interest in
68 collaborating with County leadership to develop a job description and outline qualifications for
69 the role.
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71 **IV. Communication Items**

72 Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley reported that \$15,000 from the TAP (Trails, Arts, and
73 Parks) tax was allocated to the Historic Preservation Commission, designated for use on the old
74 Railroad Depot building. Discussion followed on preserving the building at its current location to
75 maintain historic integrity, as moving it would jeopardize historic status.
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77 Mrs. Kahler reported on adding an audio tour to the Utah Historic District website for Heber City
78 sites.

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80 She said that Kate Mapp, Wasatch County Adult Services Librarian, proposed a reception and
81 storytelling event related to the 100-Year History Project. She noted that collecting oral histories
82 would be labor-intensive, but valuable.

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84 The next meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2025.

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86 **V. Adjournment**

87 Chairperson Carlile adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

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Robin Raines-Bond, Deputy City Recorder

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