

HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street,
Heber City, UT 84032
Heber City Historic Preservation Commission
July 28, 2025, 12:30 PM

APPROVED Minutes

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Members Present: Chairperson Ron Carlile
Commissioner Catherine Dalton
Commissioner McKay King
Commissioner Michael Seiter

Excused: Commissioners Kristy Bond and Harvey Horner

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
Deputy City Recorder Robin Raines-Bond
Planning Department Jacob Roberts

Also Present: Rachel Kahler, CAMS (Community Alliance for Main Street) Director
and Denver Morris, True North Restoration.

II. Consent Agenda

1. None

III. General Business

1. Review of Recent Activities

a. St. Lawrence Church Visit

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

b. Utah Historic Preservation Conference

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

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

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

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

d. Historic Signs Display

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

2. Historic District Survey Status

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

3. Drafting of Historic Overlay Zone

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

4. Crook Cabin Restoration / Statue

Chairperson Carlile discussed the restoration of the Crook Cabin statue and suggested holding a community open house or event in conjunction with the project.

5. Wasatch County Historian – Input and Ideas

The Commission reiterated the need for a County Historian and expressed interest in collaborating with County leadership to develop a job description and outline qualifications for the role.

IV. Communication Items

Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley reported that \$15,000 from the TAP (Trails, Arts, and Parks) tax was allocated to the Historic Preservation Commission, designated for use on the old Railroad Depot building. Discussion followed on preserving the building at its current location to maintain historic integrity, as moving it would jeopardize historic status.

Mrs. Kahler reported on adding an audio tour to the Utah Historic District website for Heber City sites.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2025.

V. Adjournment

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



Robin Raines-Bond
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