

Draper Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
 March 18, 2026  
 Approved Minutes

Attendance: Annie Bommer, Christa Hutchison, Nancy Nichols, David Hales, Corina Pace, Wendy Atzet, Melissa Day, Elizabeth Allen  
 Council Liaison: Tasha Lowery  
 Staff Liaison: Jennifer Jastremsky  
 Absent: Jordan Putnam, Jason Wiggins,  
 Guests: Kirk Huffaker

Start Time: 6:12pm

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Annie Bommer welcomed everyone and started a roll call for those in attendance.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.

2.a Approval of February 18, 2026 Minutes

Annie asked if everyone had read the minutes and if anyone had any changes. No one had any changes and Corina Pace made a motion to approve the minutes as is. Elizabeth Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Annie Bommer	X		
Christa Hutchison	X		
Jason Wiggins			X
Jordan Putnam			X
Nancy Nichols	X		
David Hales			X
Corina Pace	X		
Wendy Atzet	X		
Melissa Day	X		
Elizabeth Allen	X		

Annie stated that Nancy Nichols had to leave the meeting early and has asked that her items be moved up on the agenda. She asked for a motion. Elizabeth made a motion to move items 3d and 3e after 3a. Corina seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

	Yes	No	Absent
Annie Bommer	X		
Christa Hutchison	X		
Jason Wiggins			X

Jordan Putnam			X
Nancy Nichols	X		
David Hales			X
Corina Pace	X		
Wendy Atzet	X		
Melissa Day	X		
Elizabeth Allen	X		

### 3. Agenda Items

#### 3.a Reconnaissance Level Survey

Kirk Huffaker with Preservation Strategies, provided an overview and update to the planned Phase 2 of the Reconnaissance Level Survey. He will be working with the city, the Commission and Utah State Historic Preservation Office. The Reconnaissance Level Survey will comply to National Park Service and Utah State Historic Preservation Office standards. The required field work will be completed by April 30, 2026, and the first draft of the survey will be provided to the Commission by June 30, 2026. After the draft is completed, he will be back before the Commission to report on the findings of the survey, possibly in August. It is planned that the final survey will be completed by end of September. They will be reviewing 423 properties which are older than 1975 and some less than 50 years old that have unique architecture in the city. Kirk went over the criteria for contributing structures and gave examples of what they look at when conducting the survey.

David Hales joined the meeting.

#### 3.d Walk-through Video Tour of Historic Homes

Nancy stated that she will be meeting with the owners of the house next to the historic Draper Theater after Easter to discuss a possible video tour of their home.

It was discussed that someone should reach out to the videographer, Bryce Johnson with GoBig Creative, that has been used in the past to let him know that a new video may be done soon. Nancy and Melissa Day will call him on Friday.

#### 3.e Kimballs Station Area Homes

Nancy drove around the Kimballs TRAX Station area and took some pictures of homes that could be added to a new walking tour. She went over what she knows of each home that she took pictures of. The thought is the Commission can create a new walking tour for that area to add online. Jennifer Jastremsky pointed out that one of the homes will be demolished as part of a development. She stated that the others could potentially put into a walking tour.

### 3.b Draper Historical Society Coordination

Elizabeth reported on what was talked about at the last Historical Society meeting. The Historical Society is wanting old music at this year's Heritage Banquet. Nancy still needs to talk to the High School about making flyers for the school instrumental music departments. Tasha Lowery suggested talking to the School of Rock or the Piano Place. It was discussed that the Utah State Historic Preservation Office has placed the grant for oral histories on hold.

Annie gave an update on the inventory project and stated another project date is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to know if others could attend. Melissa and Nancy stated they can.

Nancy said that she can attend the next meeting.

### 3.c National Register Nomination

Jennifer gave an update on the status of the Chapel by the Wayside. It has been put on National Register of Historic Places. She stated the city is still finalizing the nomination contract with Korral Broschinsky. At the volunteer breakfast Mayor Walker mentioned that maybe the Chapel by the Wayside would be a good place for the museum. Tasha stated that it is a possible use for the building and the City Council would look into that in that in the future.

### 3.f Walking Tour Brochures

David stated he is still out of display stands and since the Commission will not have the money to buy more until the new fiscal year in July, he has spoken with Lynne Orgill of the Historical Society. Lynne has given permission to buy the holders through the Historical Society since David also puts out one of their flyers as well as the walking tours. Jennifer will provide David and Lynne the information about what kind of stands the Commission has bought in the past.

David attended a Sons of Utah Pioneer lecture where a professor from BYU talked about the sheep industry. This professor specializes in Western and Native American history. Since Draper played a big role in the sheep industry, David handed out our walking tour brochures to attendees to learn more. It was well received and there was interest in the tour and museum.

### 3.g America250 Participation

Christa Hutchison didn't attend the last meeting but will be at the next one on April 1, 2026. Wendy Atzet asked to be removed from the assignment since she cannot attend the meetings.

### 3.h Juneteeth Article

Wendy stated that the draft article hasn't changed since last month. They are not sure if the Bankhead children came to Draper or not and they are still trying to pin down some of the details. David has done some research on this by checking census records but has not been able to find anything. Annie has also been working to track down information on the family after slavery. They were able to find information on the owners of the Bankhead's. While it is not really important to the specific article, it's good to know how many people were in the house in addition to the slaves.

It was mentioned that Lynne is going to ask at the next Historical Society meeting if anyone knows about the Bankhead's and if there are any Bankhead's left in Draper. Tasha stated she thought there was a Bankhead family in Draper. The Commission's next steps in the article is to pare it down, the Draper Forward article is only allowed to be 500 words and the article currently has 1,200 words. The Commission is exploring the option of directing readers to the city website to learn more. Wendy stated that Alex Getts with Communications says they can only have 500 words and no pictures. Pictures can be included with the full article on the website.

The draft is due in April. David found a picture of George Washington Bankhead, the slaveowner. Wendy said the family in Wellsville was large and powerful.

Draper Senior Center is doing a program on the history of Draper that Draper Journal's Katherine Weinstein will be speaking at. It is coordinated by Lynne. They want someone from the Commission to speak as well.

### 3.i Draper Ethnic and Minority History Research

David was able to meet with Mike Akagi and was given permission to scan photos from Mike's photo album. Mike plans to put the photos on Family Search and work with family members to identify individuals in the photos. David does not know if Mike will donate the digital or the physical photos to the Historical Society. The album included photocopies of the outbuildings on the Akagi House property that David will take to the Historical Society. The property originally had a home owned by WB Ennis and the titling house which still stands. The current owners were once interested in getting the property on the National Register of Historic Places, but have changed their mind. Maybe by gathering Mike's information first and then presenting it to the owners, it will re-spark interest.

### 3.j Widowmaker Plaque Updates

Jennifer provided an update on the plaque. An agreement has been signed with Salt Lake County. Jennifer has talked to the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments. Both are on board to do the irrigation and concrete work to install the sign. She can possibly use money from the Community Development budget for the install work and materials. Jennifer needs to order the mounting plate with the Salt Lake

County logo. This mounting plate was tentatively added to the Commission budget last month, and a formal vote will be required.

A ceremony will be held to unveil the plaque once its installed.

David made a motion to approve the \$830 cost for the mounting plate. Christa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Annie Bommer	X		
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Jason Wiggins			X
Jordan Putnam			X
Nancy Nichols	X		
David Hales	X		
Corina Pace	X		
Wendy Atzet	X		
Melissa Day	X		
Elizabeth Allen	X		

### 3.k Demolition Permits

Jennifer went over the four homes subject to demolition permit requests. They will be demolished by Edge Home for the Kimballs Junction development by the TRAX Station. The city has images of the homes, which Jennifer went over. Of the three off of 11900 S, one is not in period and two are non-contributing. Lyn Kimball's home at 600 E Kimballs Ln is contributing. Edge Homes was able to get us photos of the home prior to the Police/Fire training that damaged it earlier in the month. We will use the Reconnaissance Level Survey for information on the structures.

### 3.l Smith Fundraising

Annie stated that she was contacted by Lynne regarding historic bricks that Sherri Smith is selling to get money for their home renovations since the Certified Local Government grant application was denied. These bricks come from the Carlisle Home in Alpine City and are available if anyone is interested in buying bricks. They can reach out to Sherri.

## 4. Review Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. Jennifer to share Kimball's area homes document with Commission and link to Reconnaissance Level Survey.
- b. Nancy will attend next Historical Society meeting.
- c. Jennifer to get David and Lynne information on the brochure holders.
- d. Annie to organize the next inventory day at the Historical Society in March.

- e. Christa to attend America250 meeting in April.
- f. Wendy to work on the Draper Forward article for Juneteenth and one for the city website.
- g. David to scan in Mike Akagi photo album information.

Christa asked if Draper Days home tour could be added to the next agenda. Jennifer stated she will add it.

#### 5. Adjournment

Motion: Elizabeth

End Time: 7:18pm