

Grantsville City

Grantsville Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Meeting Facilitator: Alta Calcagno, Chair

- Call to Order

- Roll Call
 - Clint Thomsen updates
 - Vacant spot on commission

Bill Cobabe present

Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Alta Calcagno	X	Dee Mair		Sidney Rasher	X
Linda Batterman	X	Patrick Hearty	X	Vickie Matthews	X
Byron Anderson	X	Rhett Butler	X		

- Approval of Minutes:

Minutes to approve are from March 12, 2026

Alta made a motion to approve.

Second by Vickie.

- City Minute

- Rhett Butler

There is an effort to fix some of the roads in town. Grantsville City is starting to invest in some equipment and the employees in order to start some major road repairs and keep those repairs in house, meaning not contracted out.

Grantsville City Council approved the building of the new sewer treatment plant, including the approval of the bond and the contract. The sewer treatment plant will cost \$48 million dollars. The City is working on the financial end of that to get the interest rate down. Sewer fees are increasing but the new plan is to create a base rate and individuals will be charged on their average usage, plus added fees if they use additional. This should help smaller households and homes. Some exceptions are livestock.

Sidney asked about the landswap idea, behind the Clark Historic Farm, that was brought to the City Council a month or two ago, the City Council has yet to vote on that.

Developments are starting to grow. The Romney Group has a couple of large projects coming online that should be done in the next couple of months. They are very big developments in the Lake View District. The tenant will take the space, then build it out, increasing jobs and more taxes coming in. This will be near the Motorsports Park.

- **Social Media Updates**

- Sidney Rasher

During the last meeting, we discussed doing a post on the new members of the commission. Sidney was able to post Linda's bio and picture on Facebook. Sidney still needs information from Vickie in order to do a post about her. Vickie will send her information to Sidney by next Thursday.

Sidney would like to have individual pictures of everyone for the website and Facebook page since it's been hard to get a group photo. These will be sent to Sidney by next Thursday.

- **Open Issues**

- Creation of Grantsville Historic District

- City Planner, Bill Cobabe, is invited to help with discussion and planning

Bill was able to attend this meeting and discuss more about the Historic District - SHPO map shows what buildings are qualifying for the historic district and what isn't qualifying, which will help once the HPC is able to pick the boundaries for the district.

Green = Qualifying

Red = Doesn't Qualify

The website and online map shows most of the relevant information on the buildings such as building information, date built, how it qualifies, etc. If a building has been over modified, they might not qualify so we will still need to get additional information about each of the buildings that we want to identify for the purpose of the historic district. Some additions on homes might also be considered historic or contributing modified

buildings because of the ages of them. The map does a pretty good job but we might have to dig a little deeper on each of the buildings.

It is recommended that Historic Districts are inclusive but as tight as possible in regard to sizing, but it doesn't have to be a specific shape or size necessarily.

With the Historic District, there could be zoning ordinances in place that say "follow the guidelines as by the HPC". This doesn't change the nature of anything that you can do, but there are benefits to being in a Historic District and having those guidelines put in place by the HPC.

Once we are locked in and planned, then we can reach out to the SHPO and they can help us on how to move forward with their office, the City, and any other parties that will need to be involved. Alta will be in contact with them. Once we have our plan in place, we will need to request a time to go in front of the City Council to present it.

Along with the Historic District application, we will need to get a list of stories and important facts to sell it to SHPO and the City Council. The County might have some information available as well that would benefit us.

Homework for the HPC Members:

- Drive North Street and get a feel for the area, do we want to include it in the historic district?
- Sidney will attach the interactive map on SHPO website for everyone to look through

- o Video Project - Grantsville History

- Jason Arbon, is invited to assist the HPC with this project

After some discussion and seeing the Weber Historical Society's informational videos, that might be the route we want to take instead of one longer video.

Ideas that we discussed:

- A video explaining the creation and process of the Historic District that we are creating
- Picking a home - 60 seconds or less filled with information about the house, fun facts, etc.
- Having a group of people we can rely on to be in the videos or doing voice overs in the videos
 - People discussed were: Paul Cook, Janet Nelson, Karma, Merrill Nelson, Byron. We need recognizable and personable people in our community. Everyone will think of some ideas for us to discuss at the next meeting.

- One video once a quarter?

Alta brought up how it is important at this stage of the HPC to figure out if we need funds, what role the city wants us to play, what abilities we have to give money, etc. As members of the HPC, we want to be able to be more influential in the community and we need to be able to get more structure.

Alta mentioned the idea of creating an instagram page for the HPC.

Byron left the meeting.

Bill Cobabe will talk to the City Attorney with some ideas and how we want to do things and if the HPC can be an arm of the City instead of just a commission.

- Additional Projects
 - A Preservation Walk on Main Street
 - 12-15 historically significant locations to be featured on this virtual historic map

Everything that we are putting together for the Historic District can be used later to help with this project.

- Historic Home Tour 2026
 - Date, Deadlines, Etc.

We discussed the pros and cons of keeping the Historic Home Tour the same week as the Honey Harvest Festival at the Clark Historic Farm. Sidney will no longer be able to help with the tour or have her home participate in the tour if it is the same weekend as the Festival due to her new role as the Executive Director of the Clark Historic Farm.

The Festival is a good way to be able to easily advertise the Home Tour.

It was decided to keep it on the same week.

- **New Issues**
 - Updating member information and photo on HPC section of the Grantsville City website
 - Taking the new HPC group photo

Discussion took place on this topic at the beginning of the meeting.

Bill Cobabe will talk to the City about being officially assigned to the Historic Preservation Commission as a staff liaison.

- **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: May 20th @5:30-7:00

At the following meeting, we will vote for a permanent time for the HPC meetings.

Motion to adjourn: Vickie

Second: Linda