

Draper Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
April 15, 2026
Approved Minutes

Attendance: Christa Hutchison, David Hales, Corina Pace, Wendy Atzet, Melissa Day, Jordan Putnam, Elizabeth Allen, Shanda Gonzalez

Council Liaison: Tasha Lowery

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Jastremsky

Absent: Annie Bommer, Jason Wiggins, Nancy Nichols,

Guests:

Start Time: 6:07pm

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Christa Hutchison welcomed everyone and started a roll call of those in attendance.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.

2.a Approval of March 18, 2026 Minutes

Christa asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and if there were any changes.

Nobody had changes. David Hales made a motion to approve the minutes as is. The motion was seconded by Wendy Atzet and approved 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		
Shanda Gonzalez	X		

3. Agenda Items

3.a Draper Historical Society Coordination

Elizabeth Allen did not attend the last Historical Society meeting so did not have an update. Nancy Nichols had attended the meeting and she was not present to provide an update. An email message from Annie Bommer was reviewed since she was not at the meeting. She will send out an email to coordinate the next inventory

service day at the Historical Society. It was mentioned that it might be easier if the inventory day was a set day of the month rather than changing every month. That was something that could be mentioned to Annie.

Melissa Day joined meeting

3.b Juneteenth Article

Wendy provided an update on the article. Alex Getts with Draper City Communications has the article for inclusion in the Draper Forward newsletter. He also has been sent the longer version of the story to put on the website. The Commission stated they are looking forward to feedback on the article.

3.c Walk-through Video Tour of Historic Homes

Melissa is planning on taking over for Jason Wiggins when he leaves the Commission. Nancy, Jason, and her met with Bryce Johnson with GoBig Creative and she will communicate with him when the time comes for another video tour to be filmed. Melissa stated that Nancy was going to talk to the homeowners next to the Draper Theater.

3.d Walking Tour Brochures

David provided an update on the brochure holders. The Historical Society bought more holders and David has them. He is working on getting them out to area businesses. The new City Hall lobby remodel has resulted in the brochures being moved. They are now next to the desk. He will make sure they get refilled. The Commission discussed how many brochures there are left. Jennifer Jastremsky indicated that there are several boxes of brochures left. They are at City Hall, so when more are needed just let her know and she can get them out.

3.e. Native American Recognition

Wendy stated last time the Commission discussed this they talked about writing an article about Dominguez Escalante for the fall Draper Forward newsletter. She asked if everyone felt good about that and Commission members said yes. The Utah Historical Society has made a coloring book and a children's activity book about Dominguez and Escalante for free downloads on the Utah Historical Society website. Jennifer suggested including the links in the article.

The Commission discussed what else they could do to bring more information into the community besides just a once-a-year recognition. They discussed including something in Draper Historical Park that mentions Native Americans and their lives here.

The Draper Senior Center will have Katheryn Weinstein come and give a History of Draper talk. People say they don't know the history of Draper. It could steer people to the memorials and plaques in the Draper Historic Park.

Christa asked what archeological evidence is on file within Draper for Native American history. Wendy stated there isn't another excavation site with archeological evidence besides Galena Soo'nkahni Preserve. People say farmers would find arrow heads and other things while working the ground in Draper, but it is not documented. It was pointed out that the Stewart house interview talked about Native Americans coming to trade with those living in Draper.

It was mentioned that anything the Commission does would have to be collaborative with local tribes. It would be a long-term thing and involve a lot of conversations. Wendy stated that Jason mentioned creating a plaque that could be placed along the Jordan River trail system where the drainages come together to educate about the activities of the Native American ancestors. The plaque could discuss why this area was a critical place for Native Americans. It was mentioned that a plaque could also look at why so many communities were building forts, but that isn't the same as representing the Native Americans. The Commission would like to give a complete history.

Tasha Lowery stated that Draper used to be named Sivogah, which means Willow. Wendy added that Brad Parry with the Northwestern Band of Shoshone worked with Ogden City and the Utah State Historic Preservation office on an interview as to why willow habitats are important for Native Americans. It was asked if the Commission is interested in consulting with Brad or Forrest Cuch from the Ute tribe. The Commission is interested in consulting. The more the Commission can tie information to Draper, people will care more. Tasha mentioned that Draper looks very different now. It used to be very wet with ponds and water and that could be mentioned.

The Commission will have to think through this and think about a direction. Melissa asked Wendy to share the Brad interview with the Commission. Wendy stated that the Commission could have someone join us at a future meeting for a conversation, but the Commission would want to know what they want to ask the person. Having Forest here for Native American History month would be appropriate.

3.f America250 Participation

Christa provided an update on the last meeting on April 1st. The community potluck is the cornerstone event. There are health department concerns for such a large event. The America250 Committee discussed the potluck for a while. There will be eight city locations for the potlucks with the City providing something like ice cream for the event. July 5th is the day of the potluck. Pens were ordered with the America 250 logo to give out. To get the pen you have to pledge to walk or do service. There is also America's birthday card. People can sign it at the potluck events and at Draper Days. The next meeting is May 6th. They will talk more about Draper Days at that meeting.

3.g Draper Days

An update from Annie was read to the Commission. She said that if no one is interested in taking charge of this since Angie Quinlan is no longer on the Commission, Annie would be happy to. She does need volunteers to help.

Melissa said she is happy to help but not take over the event. Christa said she will show up to the event and participate but is unable to help plan it. The Commission discussed the day and time that would be best. July 14th is the Tuesday before Draper Days events. Last year that day worked well. The Commission stated they wanted to keep the same timeframe as that also worked well, 6pm-8pm.

Jennifer suggested they do the area off 800 East and 12000 South as the Commission was discussing that area last meeting for potential addition to the historic walking tour.

Melissa will get with Annie and discuss tour options and bring something back to the Commission.

3.h Draper Ethnic and Minority History Research

David has been trying to find out what happened with the Bankhead children. He can't find them in the history records.

He has made plans to talk with Ray Glad with the Historical Society and they are going to chat about ethnic groups in 1940s and 1950s within Draper City. He will look at yearbooks too in order to collect names.

David has been doing research into the sheep industry in Draper. A lot of the large historic homes in Draper were funded with sheep money. The historic owners of the David J. Smith House at 12660 South Relation St, known as the zebra house, would bring sheep in from Montana and herd them down Fort St where those who had purchased the sheep would come and collect them.

He would like to compile a report on Italian, Mexican, Greek, and Japanese influence and people.

3.i National Register Nomination

Jennifer provided an update. The contract is signed with Korral Broschinsky. She should be working on the nomination research.

4. Review Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. Jennifer to get Communications the date and time for Draper Days tour.
- b. David to fill walking tour brochures.
- c. David to meet with Ray Glad on ethnic groups in Draper.

- d. Melissa and Annie to work on Draper Days tour.
- e. Christa to attend next America250 meeting.
- f. Wendy to get Communications the Juneteeth info.
- g. Annie will send out email on inventory project.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Melissa

End Time: 6:44pm