

Draper Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
May 20, 2026
Approved Minutes

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

Council Liaison: Tasha Lowery

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Jastremsky

Digital Attendance: Jason Wiggins,

Absent: Annie Bommer, Corina Pace,

Guests: Gary Free, Kathy Free, Lyle Beecher,

Start Time: 6:05pm

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 April 15, 2026 Minutes

Christa asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and if there were any changes. No changes were mentioned and Melissa Day made a motion to approve the minutes. Wendy Atzet seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 9-0 vote.

	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

Commission Assignments: Elizabeth

- Inventory Project

Jennifer Jastremsky went over an email Annie Bommer sent with an update since she was not present at the meeting. Annie wrote that she needed to figure out another day that the Commission can do inventory. She will send an email once she gets it nailed down. She also said she would love to do a standing day/time, but her schedule has been way too hectic. Hopefully once things settle down, she be able to.

Nancy Nichols gave a background on the Historical Society's annual Heritage Banquet. They are going to have a band with old time music. David Hale said he is on the board for the Draper Senior Center and they will have history day in June with Katherine Weinstein. Lynne Orgill wants to have once a month a history hour there. Nancy asked if the people there could share their histories and David said a lot of them have moved here because of their children who live here so they don't know the history.

David talked to Lynne about the buildings to be torn down at 1249 E Pioneer Rd, next to the Joshua Terry House. He thinks the old wooden shack is from the Draper Irrigation Company. Lynne took pictures of the cabin. Lynne told him that Anne Covington remembers the irrigation company used it for a shed to store things and thinks it went back to founding in 1888. Terry was the president of the irrigation company. Nancy went over a land conveyance deed that Lynne's daughter found in the barn on the property.

Elizabeth wants to double check the date of the next Historical Society meeting. Nancy will text Lynne and ask.

3.b Museum Update

- Gary Free

Jennifer welcomed Gary Free to the meeting to discuss his proposed museum at 1054 E Pioneer Rd. He stated his foundation was not comfortable in funding a theater as it wasn't financially feasible to have with a museum. He had Lyle Beecher, with Beecher Walker Architects, here to show what he has worked on for a possible museum design. It is at a standstill right now though, everyone on the City Council wants to do it but don't know if they want to do it right now.

Tasha Lowery said there is just no money for a museum. Gary said there is a check he can give to the City tomorrow for a museum, but the Council hasn't said absolutely no but it's on hold. The Check would have to go in escrow though.

He gave an update on digital Artificial Intelligent (AI) experience rooms. He wants to show two AI experience rooms for the historic Lehi train station and former Draper train station. The Commission watched two short videos.

There is so much to the history of Draper and he talks to people everyday about the history. They could put the AI on big walls in the museum. Lyle said Hale Center Theater has it on all sides of the stage. Gary stated that Quinn Dietlen, with Hale Center Theater,

and Brent Lange, with Thanksgiving Point, have been helping him and think it's a unique experience.

Lyle went over the proposed layout and stated that it doesn't include a big theater anymore, just a museum of 10,000 square feet of area on two floors. It can house old artifacts at the entrance of the museum with the experience rooms on the rest of the floor, and a function room in the basement. The city could lease out the function room for events.

Gary said he will take the AI to Lehi City regardless. Part of the cost includes the production, plus a museum director. He passed out a handout that went over his proposal.

3.c Draper Days Walking Tour

Jennifer reviewed an email from Annie. She said that her and Melissa met and went over a route. As soon as they get it nailed down, the Historical Society would like to be informed.

Melissa went over the route and said that it would include Draper Theater, the Park School, and Draper Cemetery. The tour would concentrate on business, and the old post office and Sorenson house too.

Melissa asked who was going to help with the tour. Shanda, Nancy, and Christa all said that they will help with the tour.

The tour is on July 14th 6pm-8pm.

The Commission discussed the Sorenson House and how the tour has run in the past.

3.d Juneteenth Website Information

Wendy is happy about the positive comments received on the Draper Forward article, and would like to put more info on the website. Wendy can get additional info for Alex Getts, Draper City Communications, to put on the website.

3.e Walk-through Video Tour of Historic Homes

Commission Assignments: Jason, Nancy, and Melissa

Nancy is talking to the owners of the Rasmussen House, next to the Draper Theater, about meeting with them in June to discuss possibly doing a video tour in July. She wasn't sure if they would be ready that quick. They need to set up an appointment to meet with them.

3.f Walking Tour Brochures

Commission Assignments: David

David provided an update. He has replenished brochures and the library hands out brochures more than anyone else. He needs more brochures, QR stickers, and holder labels. Jennifer will get him what he needs.

3.g Native American Recognition

Commission Assignments: Wendy

Wendy doesn't have an update, but wants to know if the Commission has direction on what to do. Is the website still good or do we want to add content to the website with more information. Christa thinks so, David would still like a plaque.

Jason Wiggins said that for website content it would be wonderful with a monument, but in his experience having conversations with people outside Utah, having online resources providing clarity on Native American and slavery roles in history and having concrete talking points is impactful in talking to others. People don't think we understand history. Being clear on the truth is important, so the Commission should continue to flush out that history. The website is gold.

Christa said that the Commission has a small budget, and mentioned the possibility of the Commission seeking grants. The Commission went over the budget. Nancy would like the Rasmussen Home video tour on the budget, not the Fitzgerald Home.

Jennifer said that research and writing for a plaque would take a year so a plaque would be another year out.

Wendy stated the Commission could do the research now and put it on the website first, then do a plaque later.

Christa said that there are state agencies which create a wish list for future years as they put together their budgets for the upcoming year. That could be something that the Commission looks at doing.

Wendy will look at the website to see how to integrate information to the structure already there.

David said that Deena Williams heard from someone who wants to come to her house. She didn't know who she was contacted by. Jennifer will reach out to Korral Broschinsky to see if it was her and will let David know. Korral is working on the national register listing of Deena's home.

3.h. America250 Participation

Commission Assignments: Christa

Christa said the last meeting on May 6 was canceled, but an email went out to the America250 Committee talking about it. For the 2,500 step and 250 service minutes there were 20 applicants in a week. Draper will get the mobile tour, do the walking program and a potluck. They will be meeting again on June 3rd. Tasha stated that Squire Coca Cola said they would sponsor the potluck.

3.i Draper Ethnic and Minority History Research

Commission Assignments: David

David talked to Ray Glade with the Historical Society. He remembers families from his time in Draper and knows all about various groups, including Greeks, Italians, and Mexicans. Rays said he will write down what he can remember of the names of families and where they lived and get it to David. He said there were Mexicans trying to pass as Italians since they were higher up on the social ladder. That will give David a starting point in research. Linda Richins will also provide what she remembers. David did get a nice comment at the Senior Center from someone who read the article in the Draper Forward and couldn't believe it. Others heard the conversation and didn't know about slavery in Draper.

3.j Widowmaker Plaque Update and Ceremony

Commission Assignments: Jason

Jason provided an update and stated that they were getting close to installation of the plaque. He wanted to talk to the Commission about doing a ceremony and about involving the former racers. He wants ideas for the ceremony. The Kimball family said they would help facilitate getting other racers there. The Kimballs are going to have limited involvement due to age and they don't want to be in the heat of the summer.

Jennifer met onsite with representatives of Salt Lake County Parks, and Draper City Public Works, and Draper City Parks and Recreation. Public Works will be doing the concrete work to install the plaque, with the Parks and Recreation team doing the sprinklers. She thinks in a couple of weeks they will be able to do that. She will keep in communication with them. The timeline for install is a month and we need to make sure everything is done before the event.

Tasha asked if the ceremony should be in the fall? The installation and clean up should be completed by the unveiling. The Commission will want it to be completed. Jason stated it might be better to do it sooner, as they may miss an opportunity to have the Kimball family there.

Jason let the Commission know the sign will be located by the bathrooms on the southwest side of the park. It will be in concrete with a little bit of landscaping,

Christa said we could do it early in the morning so that it is cooler. Melissa asked if it could be part of Draper Days?

It was asked if any of the former riders still have old motorcycles that they could bring? The Commission thought that would be great. Jason stated the Kimballs do, but he doesn't know if they could get it up there or if they would be willing to do it. Jennifer stated there would be no riding the hill at the event.

Nancy asked if there is footage of the races? Jason said yes there is footage, but he didn't know the City's policy on using it? Nancy stated that riders may have footage they took.

Nancy asked if anyone knew what happened to Even Stevens memorabilia. It was said that the person who loaned it to Even Stevens took it back when they closed. Jason stated that the Kimballs could bring what they have.

The Commission discussed advertising the event. The Bees Motorcycle Club could be a good place to advertise. The Kimballs could reach out to contacts. They asked about Draper City Communications team. Jennifer stated she can get with Linda Peterson; they should be able to do social media and maybe a press release.

Melissa mentioned gathering living histories at the event could be good. Jason said at the event the Commission could ask for stories.

Jason said the Commission will need to get with Rhett Ogden, Draper City Parks and Recreation, and if it can be ready for a ceremony. His personal opinion is that it can look clean sooner rather than later.

Elizabeth left meeting

3.k Akagi House- Tithing Building Tour

Nancy generally parks outside of the Akagi House when she picks up kids from school. She was talking to the owner and he is going to contact her about scheduling a tour of the historic tithing building at the back of the property. He said they have a tree that they need to take out first.

Nancy wants to add to next month's agenda Draper Bank sign. Nancy also mentioned she has heard from Lynne, and that Lynne is at the old Draper irrigation building now on the old Joshua Terry property.

4. Review Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. Annie to coordinate Historical Society inventory day.
- b. Jennifer to get photos from Lynne on Joshua Terry building.
- c. Melissa and Annie to continue working on Draper Days tour.
- d. Jennifer to get with David on brochures and labels.
- e. Wendy to get Draper City Communications info on Juneteenth for the website.
- f. Wendy to work on website for Native American info.
- g. Jennifer to call Korral about Williams home, let David know.
- h. Christa to continue working on America250 committee.
- i. David to continue working with Ray and Linda on the history they remember.

- j. Jennifer to get with Linda on policy for open source footage usage for Widowmaker and advertising for the event.

5. Adjournment

Motion: David

End Time: 7:15pm