



Midway Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes July 28, 2026 – 5:00 PM

Attendance

Present

Cathy Philpot
Camie Hardy
Tom Haus
Athina Koumarela
Diann Glenn
Mike Glenn

City Attendees

Michael Henke (Community
Development Director)
Melissa Jones (Staff)

Absent

Chuck James
Jim Kohler

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.

2. Approve May 27 and June 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

May 27 and June 23, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Agenda Items

a. Main Street Discussion

This item was moved forward on the agenda.

- Community Development Director Michael Henke provided an overview of the Midway General Plan as it relates to Main Street and historic preservation.
- Explored the potential for a local historic register and historic district.
- Recent changes to Utah law have limited historic preservation tools available to municipalities; additional research is needed to determine what options are available.
- The Committee would like to provide input on proposed code changes affecting historic preservation.

- Potential preservation options include the Historic Main Street Program and a local historic district.

Action Items:

- ✓ **Mike:** Contact the Office of Historic Preservation to ask a representative to speak to the Committee about preservation options.

b. Historic Markers

- Phase 2 marker installation is complete, except for the Agnes O'Neill Hotel marker at 303 East Main, due to ongoing construction.
- The Committee agreed to focus on completing the walking tour brochure before beginning the next phase of historic markers.

Action Items:

- ✓ **Melissa:** Work with Public Works to install the Agnes O'Neill Hotel marker once construction is complete.

c. Walking Tour Brochure

- The walking tour brochure will focus on Main Street and the surrounding historic core to create a manageable, walkable route.
- The Committee considered options for including additional historic properties in the brochure.
- Audio could be incorporated into the walking tour in the future.

Action Items:

- ✓ **Melissa:** Continue coordinating with John Spencer on the next brochure draft.

d. Oral Histories

- The Norman Kohler oral history spreadsheet was reviewed, along with options for making the recordings accessible to the public.
- Volunteers, students, or interns could assist with organizing recordings, preparing descriptions, locating related photographs, and making the collection accessible online.
- Current oral history interviews remain a priority, with several potential interview subjects identified.

Action Items:

- ✓ **Committee:** Listen to selected Norman Kohler recordings to identify interviews with compelling stories and good audio quality.
- ✓ **Athina:** Continue coordinating oral history interviews, including Peg Sabey and other priority interview subjects.
- ✓ **Melissa:** Transfer approximately 117 Midway-related recordings to the City's cloud storage and cross-reference the audio with the interviews on the spreadsheet.

e. Midway Visitor Center

- Historic photographs, information, and artifacts could be incorporated into future Visitor Center displays.
- The Committee agreed to begin with a simple pilot display before committing to additional exhibits.
- The sheep industry was identified as a potential theme for the initial display.

Action Items:

- ✓ **Athina:** Develop a simple initial Visitor Center display featuring Midway's sheep industry.

f. Committee Meeting Schedule

- The Committee agreed to continue meeting at 5:00 PM rather than 5:30 PM.

g. Swiss Days Parade

- Committee members will participate in the upcoming Swiss Days Parade.

Action Items:

- ✓ **Mike, Cathy, Athina (ride in car), and Melissa:** Participate in Swiss Days Parade on September 5, 2026.

4. Adjournment: 6:23 PM

- Motion to adjourn by Diann Glenn, seconded by Camie Hardy. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Next meeting: August 25, 2026