

Draper Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
August 19, 2026
Approved Minutes

Attendance: Annie Bommer, Christa Hutchison, Jason Wiggins, Nancy Nichols, David Hales, Corina Pace, Wendy Atzet, Melissa Day, Jordan Putnam, Shanda Gonzalez

Council Liaison: Tasha Lowery

Staff Liaison: Jennifer Jastremsky

Absent: Elizabeth Allen,

Guests: Kirk Hunsaker

Start Time: 6:10pm

1. Welcome and Roll Call

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

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.

2.a Approval of June 17, 2026 Minutes

Annie asked if everyone had read the minutes and if there were any changes. Nobody had any changes to the minutes. David Hales made a motion to approve the minute, and Shanda Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0.

	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. Reconnaissance Level Survey

Jennifer Jastremsky welcomed consultant Kirk Huffaker with Kirk Huffaker Preservation Strategies. Kirk went over the results of the Reconnaissance Level Survey Phase 2. The consultant looked at all structures that were built in the City up to 1977 and there are 269

primary structures eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Kirk went over various findings of the study, including age and architectural type distributions in the 269 structures. Since the City does not have full neighborhoods with historic structures, his recommendation is for the creation of several small historic districts based on buildings or themes like era or architecture. The report also includes a list of 10 structures that the Commission should consider for the National Register of Historic Places, or an Intensive Level Survey.

3.b National Register of Historic Places Nomination Reviews

Jennifer shared the draft version of the National Register of Historic Places nomination paperwork for the Isaac Stewart House and the Smith-Steadman House. She asked if there were any changes or comments that she can pass along to the consultant, Korral Broschinsky with Preservation Documentation Resource. No changes or comments were made. Jennifer stated she will let Korral know there are no changes. The next step is to have the documentation reviewed by the Utah State Historic Preservation Office.

3.c Budget Review

Jennifer reviewed the final budget for the last fiscal year, 2025/2026, and then went over the proposed budget for the new fiscal year, 2026/2027. The Commission reviewed various projects that the funds could be used for during this coming year. They liked the ideas presented by Kirk Huffaker for historic districts. The Commission could look at the information in the Reconnaissance Level Survey and make new walking tour areas. They could do Intensive Level Survey's on select properties, a historic district, or do an information campaign, social media, and presentation to City Council. They asked to review the budget some more at the next meeting.

3.d Draper Days Historic Walking Tour Recap

Nancy Nichols asked about the big signs that were left with David Wilks and stated they were never put up. Jennifer will talk to David Wilks about them. She wasn't sure what happened, but now the Events team has the signs and can put them up next year. The person who said they would open up the Draper Theater for the tour never came, so it was closed during the tour. Next year the Commission needs to follow up with everyone right before it happens to make sure they will be there. Some stops on the tour had people there past the event end time and went as late as 8:35pm. It was busy, kids were there, and someone stopped while driving past. It was fun to have attendees go inside the Park School and the Sorenson House

The Commission discussed having a tour that allowed people to go inside buildings. It was brought up by an attendee. Jennifer stated Preservation Utah does a tour like this every year and they would be a good resource. Christa Hutchison stated the Historical Society used to do these types of tours. The Commission discussed how this type of tour could have a charge for it and how the funds could be used.

Tasha Lowery said that history is missing from the Draper City Rodeo. Nobody is telling the history of the rodeo in Draper and it would make the rodeo more meaningful if there was history provided for or at the event. Wendy Atzet said Utah State Historical Society has information on the rodeo queens.

3.e Draper Historical Society Coordination

Nancy attended the last meeting. They talked about the Heritage Banquet plans. David said the Draper History talk with Katherine Weinstein at the Draper Senior Center was well attended. They will do another one September 25 at 10:30 a.m. Lynne Orgill is coordinating it.

3.f Draper Bank Sign

Nancy discussed the Draper Bank sign she found at the Historical Society and the need to see if Zions Bank wants to have it since they are located in the old Draper Bank building. Annie, Nancy, and Lynne, will go over to Zions Bank and talk to them. Annie to call them and set up a time to meet.

3.g Widowmaker Plaque Update and Decisions

Jennifer gave an update on what she has found. Kellie Challburg said that David Wilks would be able to help support the event. Salt Lake County said they can clean the restrooms and can look into speakers once a date is set but that they can't close down or block off any part of the park amenities for the event. Jason Wiggins said the Commission could have six potential speakers or contributors from Bees Motorcycle Club as they are interested in attending. Jennifer said she thinks that David Wilks can help us in the best way would be in layout and set up. The Commission should have access to the City's microphones and other things needed because no other activity is happening that day. October 10th would be the weekend that Jason and the Kimball's are available. Annie can help with set up but can't be there. Neither can Jennifer.

Jason made a motion to hold the event on October 10, 2026. Wendy seconded the motion and it passed on a 10-0 vote.

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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		

The Commission needs to revisit the planning spreadsheet and look at and narrow in on what to focus on. Melissa Day asked about sponsorships if a business would like to bring or provide something for the event. Jennifer said that the Commission can do a sponsorship but we need to get with the Draper Finance Department beforehand.

The Commission discussed the need to bring in Linda Peterson in Draper Communications to coordinate the press and promotion of the event.

Jason suggested a secondary meeting for planning in event outside of the regularly scheduled meeting. Jennifer stated the regular meeting is September 16, 2026, so maybe the 23rd or 30th of September. Jennifer can check available days so there is not a conflict with other commissions.

David and Shanda left the meeting.

3.h Walk-through Video Tour of Historic Buildings

There were no updates on this item.

3i Dominguez-Escalante Expedition Article

Wendy stated she would love to get Alex Getts in Draper Communications the final article. She will send to Jennifer. She will want to talk to Alex about the maps and images for the article before finalizing everything.

3.j Draper Ethnic and Minority History Research

Item not discussed as David was not present at the meeting.

3.k Slavery in Early Draper

Wendy stated she had no new news. She then asked if anyone had looked at the Draper Cometary map? Annie and Melissa found the Bankhead family in the Draper Cemetery. Wendy talked to Robert Burch, Director of Sema Hadithi African American Heritage and Cultural Foundation, who is doing genealogy for African Americans. They would be interested in putting a marker in the cemetery if there are slave remains there. They would do lidar/radar to verify remains are there before hand. Jennifer asked Wendy to send information about how we could work with them. Jennifer doesn't think the Commission needs to wait on what she wrote to get it on the website. Annie and Melissa stated they did not find the mystery Bankhead wife while in the cemetery. Wendy said that Hannah Heward's, who danced with the boy at the dance, grave is there. She died young.

Jennifer stated she will get with City Recorder, Nicole Smedley, about a potential marker in the cemetery.

3.l America250

Christa Hutchison stated the America250 Commission has been disbanded now that the July activities are over.

3.m Walking Tour Brochures

This item was not discussed as David was not present at the meeting.

4. Review Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. Jennifer to put the budget on for discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Jennifer to talk to David Wilks about what happened to the big signs for the Draper Days walking tour.
- c. Annie, Nancy, and Lynne Orgill will visit Zions Bank to talk to them about the Draper Bank Sign. Annie will call the bank manager to schedule a time.
- d. Jason to revisit the Widowmaker event spreadsheet and send out information.
- e. Jennifer to schedule a second meeting in September to plan for the Widowmaker event.
- f. Wendy to send the final article to Jennifer on the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition.
- g. Wendy to send Jennifer information on the group that would like a marker for the slave graves at the cemetery.
- h. Jennifer to get with the City Recorder about slave markers in Draper Cemetery.
- i. Jennifer to work with Wendy on getting slavery information in Draper on the website.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Melissa

End Time: 7:27 p.m.