



# City of Independence Minutes

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Monday, September 15, 2025**

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1. **Call to Order.** Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Commissioner Rebecca Berry  
Commissioner/Chair Jennifer Flores  
Commissioner/Co Chair Liz Boisvert  
Commissioner Anne Devane  
Commissioner Catherine Underwood-Bush  
Commissioner Willis Homann

Absent: Commissioner Miranda Garrison, Excused

City Staff Present: Myra Russell, City Recorder  
Fred Evander, City Planner  
Marilyn Morton, Council Liaison

3. **Minutes.**

3.1. **Regular Meeting 07/21/2025.**

**Action:**

Commissioner/Co Chair Boisvert moved to to approve minutes as submitted;  
Commissioner Underwood-Bush seconded.

Voice vote. Motion 5-0-0

**Ayes:** Rebecca Berry, Jennifer Flores, Liz Boisvert, Anne  
Devane, Catherine Underwood-Bush

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.

5. **Staff Reports/Presentations - Other.** None.

6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **New Business.**

7.1. **Public Hearing for CA 2025-04 – Removal of Three Trees in Pioneer Park.**

Chair Flores read the hearing script regarding how the meeting would be  
conducted. State Law Required Statements read.

- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest, Ex-Parte Contact, Bias: Commissioner Underwood Bush disclosed that she lives adjacent to Pioneer Park but does not stand to gain anything by this action
- Public Hearing opened at 5:35 pm by Chair Flores.
- Staff Report as submitted in the agenda packet was reviewed by Evander. Hearing is regarding the removal of three trees in Pioneer Park due to hazard concerns identified by a certified arborist. Recommends approval with one condition.
- Discussion: Discussed and reviewed specific criteria for tree removal and replacement, including specifications for new trees and proper care requirements.
- Further questions from the Commission. None
- Objections or testimony received: None
- Public Testimony: Jordan Perez, Luckimute Water Council. Recommended native species for replacement trees. Commissioners asked questions about types of trees and size to have the best outcome.
- Discussion: Staff Response to testimony- Discussion of the condition added with approval.
- Hearing closed at 5:59 PM.

**Action:**

Commissioner Devane moved to approve the application with the condition that the applicant shall remove the trees, grind the stump and replace each of the trees with a new tree of the same species, to be planted from November through March, and protected by caging or similar protection from deer; Commissioner Homann seconded.

Voice vote. Motion 6-0-0

**Ayes:** Rebecca Berry, Willis Homann, Jennifer Flores, Liz Boisvert, Anne Devane, Catherine Underwood-Bush

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**8. Other Discussion/Information Items.** Evander had video to present but commission decided to adjourn tonight and postpone the video to the next meeting.

**9. Adjournment. Action:**

Commissioner Homann moved to adjourn; Commissioner Devane seconded. Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Myra Russell, City Recorder