



City of Independence

Historic Preservation Commission
Monday, December 15, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Civic Center - Council Chambers

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting 10/20/2025
4. Visitors/Public Comment
5. Staff Reports/Presentations - Other
 - 5.1. Continued Training about the Independence Historic District
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Other Discussion/Information Items
9. Adjournment

Meeting Attendance Information:

The Historic Preservation Commission will hold this meeting in-person in City Hall Council Chambers, via video conference (Zoom) or by phone. Meetings are also live-streamed on the City's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofIndependenceOR>.

- To attend in person, the City Hall address is 555 S. Main St.
- For Zoom login
visit: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81204732749?pwd=1hwbbJPY01PJMa437W6OYA1bIOWGJX.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone**, dial **US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 812 0473 2749** and **Passcode: 899240**

Written comments are also welcome and may be delivered to City Hall or emailed to PlanningComments@ci.independence.or.us no later than 4:00 pm the day of the meeting.

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City of Independence Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm
2. **Roll Call.**

Present:	Commissioner Miranda Garrison Commissioner Rebecca Berry Commissioner/Chair Jennifer Flores Commissioner Anne Devane Commissioner Catherine Underwood-Bush
Absent:	Commissioner Willis Homann, excused Commissioner Liz Boisvert, excused
City Staff Present:	Fred Evander, City Planner Myra Russell, City Recorder Marilyn Morton, Council Liaison
3. **Minutes.** Commissioners asked that City Recorder check
 - 3.1. **Regular Meeting 09/15/2025.**
Commissioner Devane questioned the wording of the motion in 9-15-205 minutes. Recorder Russell will verify and bring minutes back to the next meeting.
4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations - Other.**
 - 5.1. **Continued Training about the Independence Historic District.**
Evander led the commission through an exercise to analyze architectural changes on a historic street using Sanborn maps and Google Earth, with the goal of understanding how buildings evolve over time. The group discussed various historical houses in a neighborhood, identifying and analyzing different architectural styles such as Italianate, Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Victorian. They estimated the ages of several houses. The discussion included observations about modifications to some properties, such as the additions and modifications to porches. Various historical images and maps were analyzed to demonstrate how buildings evolve over time. They examined specific examples of porches, windows, and structural modifications, noting that many current buildings have accumulated changes from different time periods.
6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **New Business.** None.

8. **Other Discussion/Information Items.** 8.1. Video: How Buildings Learn by Stewart Brand 3 of 6 “Built for Change” Evander shared about 7 minutes of a BBC video series about buildings and their ongoing evolution, emphasizing that cities and their historic districts are constantly changing through accumulated decisions. Brief discussion of the adaptability of buildings over time and how modern conveniences (plumbing and electricity) have transformed spaces like kitchens.

9. **Adjournment. Action:**

Commissioner Garrison moved to Adjourn; Commissioner Underwood-Bush seconded.

Roll call vote. Motion 5-0-0

Ayes: Miranda Garrison, Rebecca Berry, Jennifer Flores, Anne Devane, Catherine Underwood-Bush

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder