



City of Independence

Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Monday, July 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Liz Boisvert at 5:33 PM.

ROLL CALL.

Commissioners Present:

Liz Boisvert, Catherine Underwood-Bush, Willis Homann-arrived at 5:34PM,
Rebecca Berry, Anne Devane, Miranda Garrison

Commissioners Absent: Jennifer Flores, excused

City Staff / Others Present: Fred Evander, Planning Manager; Myra Russell, City Recorder, Marilyn Morton, Council Liaison

MINUTES.

The minutes of the June 30, 2025, meeting were submitted in the agenda packet.

ACTION: Commissioner Garrison moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Commissioner Devane seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0:

Ayes: Boisvert, Berry, Homann, Underwood-Bush, Devane,
Garrison

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS – OTHER.

5.1. Continued Training about the Independence Historic District. Training focused on reviewing historical changes in the district, with a detailed analysis of how the city's development evolved over time, including discussions of early plat maps, housing styles, and architectural transformations. The presentation covered the evolution of housing construction methods and styles, from the Arts and Crafts movement to post-World War II mass production, while emphasizing the district's dynamic nature rather than being limited to a single era or style.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS. None

OTHER DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS.

8.1. Video: 20 years that changed Home Building- Brent Hull. The commission watched approximately 10 minutes of video to see how building styles changed through history, and the switch from building to manufacturing housing between 1950-1970.

8.2. Discussion about the historic district's boundaries and potential expansion, including the potential benefits of being in the historic district.

8.3. Evander mentioned walking tours open to the public on August 14 and 28, with more details to follow.

ADJOURNMENT. Vice Chair Boisvert asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garrison moved to adjourn, Commission Homann seconded. Vice Chair Boisvert declared the meeting adjourned 6:32 PM

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder

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