



City of Independence

Historic Preservation Commission
Monday, October 20, 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 09/15/2025
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/85465237482?pwd=WZXgs8vG5u4prHz3bQ7rtmpO0gbb6Q.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone, dial US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 854 6523 7482** and **Passcode: 132234**

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.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to Myra Russell, City Recorder, 503-838-1212/TTY: 800-735-2900.



City of Independence Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2025

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