



City of Independence

Historic Preservation Commission
Thursday, April 23, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
Heritage Museum, 281 2nd Street,
Independence

(see agenda footer for meeting attendance information)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes**
 - 3.1. Regular Meeting 03/26/2026
4. **Visitors/Public Comment**
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations - Other**
 - 5.1. The History of Independence, a presentation by Amy Christensen, Museum Director
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.

- To attend in person, the Heritage Museum address is 281 2nd Street
- For Zoom login
visit:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86177396083?pwd=IxEbANNcRsD1YwX4J8Po8UWjVBf5A.1>
- To participate in the meeting **by phone**, dial **US: +1-253-215-8782** and enter **Webinar ID: 861 7739 6083** and **Passcode: 879695**

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
Thursday, March 26, 2026**

1. **Call to Order.** Co-Chair Boisvert called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

2. **Roll Call.**

Present: Commissioner/Vice Chair Liz Boisvert
Commissioner Anne Devane
Commissioner Catherine Underwood-Bush
Commissioner Kevin Kryger

Absent: Commissioner Miranda Garrison
Commissioner/Chair Jennifer Flores
Commissioner Willis Homann, Excused

City Staff Present: Fred Evander, City Planner
Myra Russell, City Recorder

3. **Minutes.**

3.1. **Regular Meeting 02/23/2026.**

Action:

Commissioner Devane moved to approve minutes; Commissioner Kryger seconded. Discussion: None
Roll call vote. Motion 4-0-0

Ayes: Liz Boisvert, Anne Devane, Catherine Underwood-Bush,
Kevin Kryger

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

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

5. **Staff Reports/Presentations - Other.**

5.1. **Continued Training about the Independence Historic District.**

The meeting focused on discussing the historic district, primarily centered around Victorian and bungalow homes. Planner Evander highlighted how the district has evolved over time, with changes visible even in the transition from Victorians to bungalows, and noted the presence of later-era homes, particularly ranch-style homes on the district's periphery. The period of significance for the historic district was established as before 1904 (primary) and 1904-1940 (secondary contributing), with anything after 1940 considered non-contributing

to the historic character. Planner Evander presented findings from the historic homes video series the city put out about a series of identical houses built in the 1940s, including specific houses at 590 and 570 Monmouth Street, and 565 C Street. The houses, described as "minimal traditional" homes, were built with the same floor plan (22 feet deep with 12x30 basements) across multiple properties, with some variations in roof design between hip and gable roofs. Planner Evander noted that while the houses were originally identical, modifications over time, including moved front doors and removed garages, have altered their appearance. The discussion included exploring potential connections between these houses and Camp Adair military housing from World War II, with suggestions to study this further through future historic preservation grants. The group also discussed boundary mapping issues for the historic district, noting that some historically significant homes were not included due to mapping limitations from 1989, and acknowledged the complexity of making boundary changes which would require state approval and legislative action. Commissioner Devane left the meeting around 5:50 PM, which meant there was no longer a quorum. Discussion continued, but no decisions were made.

6. **Unfinished Business.** None.
7. **New Business.** None.
8. **Other Discussion/Information Items.** Prior to the staff report, the commission discussed the meeting date which had been changed at the previous meeting. Two commissioners were absent from that meeting. One had expressed via email to the city recorder that the new date and time didn't work well for him. The city recorder plotted all the dates of other meetings and holidays on a calendar and emailed it to the commissioners prior to this meeting. The three dates that have no other meetings or holidays are the 2nd Monday, 1st Thursday or 2nd Thursday. Commissioner Homann had expressed via email, which was printed out for each commissioner to review, that Thursday does not work well for him, but he could try to make them work if the meetings started at 5:00 PM instead of 5:30 PM. The commissioners present discussed the pros and cons of each date but ultimately decided to leave the date as is for now and table the decision until more commissioners could attend the next meeting on April 23rd to reach a final conclusion. All commissioners are encouraged to attend the next meeting on April 23 to make a final decision.
9. **Adjournment.** Vice Chair Boisvert adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm.
Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder