



# City of Independence Minutes

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Monday, July 13, 2026**

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1. **Call to Order.** Chair Flores called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call.**  
  
Present: Commissioner Miranda Garrison  
Commissioner Willis Homann  
Commissioner/Chair Jennifer Flores  
Commissioner Anne Devane  
Commissioner Catherine Underwood-Bush  
Commissioner Kevin Kryger  
  
Absent: Commissioner Liz Boisvert, Excused  
  
City Staff Present: Fred Evander, City Planner  
Myra Russell, City Recorder
3. **Minutes. Action:**  
Commissioner Garrison moved to to approve the minutes as presented.; Commissioner Homann seconded. Discussion: None.  
Roll call vote. Motion 6-0-0  
**Ayes:** Miranda Garrison, Willis Homann, Jennifer Flores, Anne Devane, Catherine Underwood-Bush, Kevin Kryger  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstentions:** None
  - 3.1. **Regular Meeting 03/26/2026.**
  - 3.2. **Regular Meeting 04-23-2026.**
4. **Visitors/Public Comment.** None.
5. **Staff Reports/Presentations - Other.** None.
6. **Unfinished Business.** None.
7. **New Business.**
  - 7.1. **Training about project review in the Independence Historic District.**  
The training focused on recent changes in state land use laws and their impact on project review in the historic district. Planner Evander explained how new state legislation has increased the complexity of permit processing, reduced public input, and introduced mandatory adjustments that allow developers to

modify development codes for housing projects. He discussed the potential effects on the historic district, including the possibility of exempting it from some state mandates due to its status as a resource land. The commission reviewed how permit applications involving housing would now include pre-approved adjustments, limiting their ability to deny certain aspects of projects.

**8. Other Discussion/Information Items.**

- CLGL Grant: Planner Evander updated the commission on the successful use of the Certified Local Government grant for outreach and preservation activities including the historic home show video series, walking tours and digitizing pictures of homes with addresses.
- Questions from commissioners about Stonehenge project status—land use application has to be processed on facts and the record.
- Commissioner Kryger asked for training on standards that pertain to the commission. Evander will bring subchapter 33 back to the next meeting for training.
- Chair Flores expressed appreciation for the educational training, noting it provided the clearest explanation of the planning and development process they had received. She also mentioned a Vintage Window restoration company based in Albany that offers classes.
- Planner Evander ended with a reminder about the quasi-judicial role of commissioners and the importance of maintaining impartiality when projects come before them.

**9. Adjournment. Action:**

Commissioner Devane moved to Adjourn; Commissioner Homann seconded.

Discussion: None

Roll call vote. Motion 6-0-0

**Ayes:** Miranda Garrison, Willis Homann, Jennifer Flores, Anne Devane, Catherine Underwood-Bush, Kevin Kryger

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

Chair Flores adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Myra Russell, City Recorder