



City of Independence

Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Monday, May 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Flores at 5:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Jennifer Flores, Rebecca Berry, Liz Boisvert, Catherine Underwood-Bush, Willis Homann, Miranda Garrison

Commissioners Absent: Anne Devane, Excused

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 21, 2025, meeting were submitted in the agenda packet. Commissioner Underwood-Bush had contacted City Recorder Russell prior to the meeting with a correction to her name in the minutes. Russell corrected the scrivener's error, and both published and printed out corrected copies for the commissioners.

ACTION: Commissioner Homann moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Commissioner Boisvert seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS – OTHER. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Discussion about the Independence Historic District. Planning Manager Evander explained that the Historic District dates around the Victorian period from 1869-1904. It includes properties zoned residential, commercial and industrial. Evander brought up Sanborn maps and showed downtown Independence in 1888 and 1913. Downtown was very dense with all kinds of buildings both commercial and industrial as well as residential. Evander compared Sanborn maps to current maps of the Historic District.

OTHER DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS.

8.1. Video: Why Victorian Houses Look Like They Do. Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT. Chair Flores asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioner Homann moved to adjourn, Commission Garrison seconded. Chair Flores declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43PM

Minutes submitted by:
Myra Russell, City Recorder