



Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

Location: Santa Fe Conference Room, Independence Municipal Commons

Commissioners Present: Mark Scherer, Lee Argo, Audrey Elder, Haven Herndon, Cassie Nave, Jason Pearson, Sam Rushay, and Kristen Stalling.

Commissioners Absent: Robert Prunte, Jr.

Staff: Wendy Shay, Historic Preservation Manager

I. AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Elder, seconded by Ms. Herndon, and approved 6-0 (Rushay and Stalling abstained) to accept the agenda for June 2, 2026.

II. MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Herndon, seconded by Mr. Pearson, and approved 6-0 (Rushay and Stalling abstained) to accept the March 3, 2026 meeting minutes.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chair

It was moved by Mr. Argo, seconded by Ms. Elder, and approved 5-0 (Rushay, Scherer, and Stalling abstained) to elect Mark Scherer as Chair.

B. Vice-chair

It was moved by Mr. Argo, seconded by Ms. Herndon, and approved 6-0 (Rushay and Stalling abstained) to elect Robert Prunte, Jr. as Vice-chair.

C. Secretary

It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Ms. Elder, and approved 5-0 (Herndon, Rushay, and Stalling abstained) to elect Haven Herndon as Secretary.

IV. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Presentation by the Independence Square Association on their Missouri Main Street designation and the historic Square. Jeff and Cindi Rogers, 106 South Liberty, spoke about the benefits of being a Missouri Main Street community.

V. REPORTS & COMMENTS

A. Public Comment

No members of the public who were present spoke.

B. Heritage Commission

Commissioner Rushay inquired about the historic sites report and wanted to see more options for the sites such as utilizing transient guest tax or a restaurant tax.

Cassie Nave and Kristen Stalling were welcomed as new members of the Heritage Commission.

C. Staff

Ms. Shay provided an overview on the success of this year's Preservation Month events.

She then gave an update on recent Section 106 reviews submitted to the State/Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. They included a submittal for the proposed historic trails project, 1829 South Home, and 1427 South Hardy.

Ms. Shay also updated the Commission on the 35% state preservation tax credits and how they might affect future applications.

VI. ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Ms. Herndon, and approved 6-0 (Rushay and Stalling abstained) to adjourn.