



**BLUFFDALE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
Thursday, September 7, 2023**

Notice is hereby given that the Bluffdale City Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Business Meeting on **Thursday, September 7, 2023**, at 5:30 PM at the Bluffdale City Hall located at 2222 West 14400 South, Bluffdale, UT 84065. Notice is further given that access to this meeting by members of the Historic Preservation Commission may be by electronic means via telephonic conference call. Please note that the meeting start time is approximate and subject to change. The agenda is as follows:

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING 5:30 P.M.**

1. Welcome and Roll Call.
2. Approval of the January 5, 2023, March 16, 2023, and July 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes.
3. Other Business (Reports, Updates, Upcoming Items, Follow-Up, etc.).
4. Adjournment.

Dated this Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

I hereby certify that copies of this agenda were posted on the Bluffdale City website [www.bluffdale.com](http://www.bluffdale.com), Bluffdale City Hall and the Utah Public Meeting Notice website [www.pmn.utah.gov](http://www.pmn.utah.gov), and sent by email and each member of the Bluffdale Historic Preservation Committee.

Tami Timothy  
City Recorder

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**BLUFFDALE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 5, 2023**

**Present:** Jenny Bass, Chair  
Arlene Parry  
Rhonda Pilcher  
Susan Bills  
Andrea Hales

**Staff:** Ellen Oakman, Associate City Planner

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Chair Jenny Bass called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Roll Call.**

All members of the Historic Preservation Commission were present with the exceptions of Ross Jones, Kory Luker, Susan De Hann, and Robin Thraen.

**2. Approval of the November 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes.**

Prior to the motion and vote to approve the minutes, Chair Bass reviewed the substance of the minutes.

**Susan Bills moved to APPROVE the November 3, 2022, meeting minutes. Arlene Parry seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Arlene Parry-Aye; Susan Bills-Aye; Andrea Hales-Aye; Rhonda Pilcher-Aye; Jenny Bass-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Other Business (Reports, Updates, Upcoming Items, Follow-Up, Etc.)**

Chair Bass reported that she and Commissioner Parry had a lovely visit with Denny Neilsen, whose daughter, Kathy, was also present. She showed photos from the interview and displayed some fascinating artifacts he has in his home that he still uses. One item was an old metal flour bin he keeps in his kitchen. He also had a metal tube for storing papers his father made. The Historic Preservation Commission was permitted to display it if they desired.

There was discussion of an old shop of a former resident. Chair Bass hoped to find a photo of that shop. It was noted that a book exists with pictures of the building.

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Chair Bass stated that she will have the opportunity to interview Connie Webb, who is anxious to be interviewed.

Commissioner Bills reported that she visited with Jan Wilde to ask if the Commission as a group could visit and have a tour of her old home. Commissioner Bills showed pictures of Jan Wilde's home, which has retained its old, original charm. Ms. Wilde has a fascinating collection of items as well that would be fun to look at. The building was originally a school that was converted into an apartment building. Years ago, it was called the Honeymoon Hotel because it was divided into tiny apartments.

Commissioner Jones would contact people about Camp Williams. The Parry Family will provide items for the old Parry Station.

Rick Crane would be getting information regarding the Lions Club.

The Display Room was to be set up after the meeting.

Commissioner Bills talked about a book she found that was commissioned by the Bluffdale Historic Preservation Committee in 1994. It contained a lot of interesting information about the layout of the town then and the community leaders at the time. It also addressed how the railroad influenced the City. It contained information about the Rockwell and Angus Cannon properties, early pioneer farmsteads, and dugouts-to-adobe cabanas. It included the addresses of people and important dates. The title of the book is *Bluffdale Reconnaissance Survey*.

Chair Bass received an email from Communications Specialist, Amanda Luker, regarding a video project she learned about at a Public Information Officers ("PIO") conference. She explained that a videographer from Salt Lake County talked about a highly successful video series he had been doing called the Salt Lake City History Minutes. The videos were posted on Salt Lake City's YouTube channel. Ms. Luker provided the links to some of her favorite videos from the series. The project breaks the history down into one-minute segments, which makes the videos more accessible than a long documentary.

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Ms. Luker visited with Mayor Hall about this project, and she expressed interest in seeing Bluffdale City do something similar. The City's Motto, Life Connected, will be the guiding motif for the videos. Ms. Luker asked if there was interest among the Historic Preservation Commission Members and noted that she would be more than happy to make the video if someone would help write the script. Chair Bass offered to visit with Ms. Luker to discuss this idea. Something could also be included in the newsletter or the City's Facebook page. Chair Bass stated that a great starting point would be the Honeymoon Hotel discussed earlier.

There was discussion regarding the use of the City's Instagram page for historical information. The City will have just one Instagram page to ensure consistency and proper control. Chair Bass wanted to make sure that community members are invited to share historical information they may have for consideration or inclusion in the newsletter, Facebook page, or tours. Ms. Luker was acknowledged as the primary contact person for disseminating information from the Historic Preservation Commission on behalf of Bluffdale City.

Chair Bass reported that a non-Bluffdale resident attended Town Days and ended up staying for a long time visiting the different booths. She was so fascinated with the abundant history that exists in Bluffdale. Since there is so much time between each newsletter, it was recommended that information be posted on the City's social media sources.

Mayor Hall made an unannounced visit to the meeting. Chair Bass asked her if there were any options for making Instagram or Facebook page posts for Bluffdale history. Mayor Hall thought it would be possible but referred the Commission to Ms. Luker to discuss the options. She would review City Policy to see how the Commission's request could be carried out properly. Mayor Hall stated that the most important consideration would be to assure Ms. Luker that she has access to the site to ensure the propriety of what is posted. Mayor Hall stated that Ms. Luker is always interested in getting information to include in the monthly newsletter. Each newsletter needs to contain a Historical Corner piece. Commissioner Hales commented that she will need to step down from the Historic Preservation Commission due to numerous family obligations.

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Ideas were discussed to spotlight people and places with simple contests regarding where something is located. Whatever is done would need to be coordinated with Ms. Luker.

**4. Adjournment.**

The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m. The Commission Members proceeded to the Display Room to set things up.

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Tami Timothy  
Deputy City Recorder:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thursday, March 16, 2023**

1 **Present:** Jenny Bass  
2 Ross Jones  
3 Arlene Parry  
4 Rhonda Pilcher

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6 **Staff:** Ellen Oakman, Associate City Planner  
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8 **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
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10 Chair Jenny Bass called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.  
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12 **1. Welcome and Roll Call.**  
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14 Those present were identified. It was noted that Ross Jones arrived a short time later.  
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16 **2. Other Business (Reports, Updates, Upcoming Items, Follow-Up, Etc.)**  
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18 The minutes from the last meeting were not available for review. Chair Bass recalled that they  
19 reviewed the plans for the Historic Preservation Commission Room at City Hall. They were currently  
20 at a standstill as they were waiting for donated projects to be completed. That needs to occur before  
21 they can continue with the current plans. Chair Bass hoped the delay would be short-lived. One of  
22 those who was helping had school-related time constraints.  
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24 Chair Bass received an email from Mayor Natalie Hall asking if anyone on the Historic Preservation  
25 Commission (“HPC”) would be interested in judging a Student History Fair on April 27 and 28. Last  
26 year it was an all-day event that was taxing on her schedule. As a result, she was asking for help this  
27 year.  
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29 Ross Jones joined the meeting.  
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31 It was reported that Old West Days will not be taking place this year. Last year’s Love Where You  
32 Live Event was returning. Mayor Hall asked if HPC Members were interested in participating in the  
33 event again. She liked what they did for Old West Days last year and wondered if they would take  
34 their Before and After Exhibit again at Love Where You Live.  
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1 Arlene Parry presented a photo of a home in Independence that was torn down that was owned by her  
2 maternal grandparents. Commissioner Parry reported that it was purchased by the Day Family who  
3 ran cattle on the property. At some point, the cows got into the basement of the home via a ramp.  
4 They caused some damage and the owner was concerned that it was unstable and unsafe and had it  
5 bulldozed the day before the HPC went to see it. The claim was that it was where Porter Rockwell  
6 had his brewery. Chair Bass suggested that it might be a good item to display along with some text  
7 about its history.

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9 Ross Jones commented that he had heard that Orrin Rockwell lived there but had heard he had lived  
10 a couple of other places as well. He thought it was most likely that he lived in this home.  
11 Commissioner Parry stated that her friend, Lorraine Day, has the transcripts for the property and she  
12 wondered if any of them indicate when the home was built. Commissioner Jones was interested in  
13 going through them. There could also be deeds and signatures. He has a picture of another wood  
14 frame house that some claim to be Porter Rockwell’s hotel and brewery. Chair Bass wondered if  
15 there might be census records. Commissioner Parry thought that one of Lewis Mousley’s wives lived  
16 in an old adobe home around 14600 South. Commissioner Jones pointed out that Lewis Mousley  
17 lived closer to his home and both of his wives lived with him. Commissioner Parry realized it must  
18 have belonged to one of his sons, possibly also named Lewis.

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20 Associate City Planner, Ellen Oakman wondered if Salt Lake County might have those records. Chair  
21 Bass knows someone she might call to ask about the census records. Commissioner Jones pointed  
22 out that deeds and titles might not exist from that time. Chair Bass mentioned the cost of printing,  
23 and Ms. Oakman stated that they may be able to obtain digital copies to print out themselves.  
24 Commissioner Jones was interested in knowing where Porter Rockwell and others lived. He believed  
25 they were near the hot springs and imagined they would use them.

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27 Commissioner Parry presented a photo of the volunteer Fire Department from 1990 provided by Joan  
28 Neilson. Commissioner Jones was sure he would recognize some of the people pictured but could  
29 not see them clearly enough in the photo. Chair Bass thought a before and after photo comparing this  
30 one to a present-day photo would be fun.

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2 A news article was referenced on the home assumed to be Porter Rockwell’s. Chair Bass pointed out  
3 a line in the article about it not being a concern until it was about to be torn down. The Commissioners  
4 were unsure when it was built. It was between the train tracks up on a hill. The canal was behind it  
5 and the railroad tracks in front.

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7 Chair Bass thought it would be interesting to copy that and do a write-up and frame it for a display.  
8 She reminded the Commission that last year it was very windy, especially when the helicopter went  
9 through, as Rhonda Pilcher pointed out. Commissioner Jones offered to bring up what he has. The  
10 Commission began making an inventory of items from the Old West Days exhibits to gather back for  
11 Love Where You Live. Chair Bass took a picture of the booth and offered to send it to the  
12 Commission group chat to reconstruct.

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14 Commissioner Parry identified a few photo subjects such as Bob Adams and Dick Bell. They lived  
15 off 14200 South and 2200 West in the First Ward and possibly the Second Ward when it split. Chair  
16 Bass suggested putting a post-it note on the back of the photo with the subjects identified.

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18 Chair Bass continued reviewing items they already have and items they will need. They have tables,  
19 a canopy, and posters with pictures. Commissioner Jones offered to bring the display from the Love  
20 Where You Live event. The Commission discussed the bracelet station from the Old West Days  
21 event last year. Commissioner Parry questioned the relevance as it is a newer area and not many  
22 residents would have been there long enough to qualify for a bracelet.

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24 At Old West Days, they had a poster board with Before and After photos, which Chair Bass has. They  
25 borrowed pictures of the school in pink frames but they have since been returned. They also had  
26 Commissioner Jones’s case. That made up their display, other than some books that were for sale.

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28 Chair Bass suggested including the Fire Department picture and seeing if they could find a current  
29 and older one. The City was incorporated in 1978 and Commissioner Parry suggested they might  
30 find a newspaper clipping about it. Chair Bass suggested contacting the Fire Department and seeing  
31 if they could get some older photos for the project and schedule an appointment to get a picture of the



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1 new crew. Ms. Oakman found the number for Station 92. Commissioner Jones was curious as to  
2 which was the main fire station and where the Fire Chief will be stationed. Ms. Oakman presumed it  
3 would be at the main station. The new Fire Chief was identified as Matt Evans. Some Commissioners  
4 took images of the photos so they could zoom in and try to identify subjects.

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6 Chair Bass stated that she would contact Commissioner Susan Bills when she returns from vacation  
7 to find out if she scheduled anything for the Historic Home Tour she was planning.

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9 Chair Bass hoped to schedule a Friday to come look through the room. Ms. Oakman was not sure an  
10 appointment would be necessary. She sent an email to Amanda Luker to make sure but she believed  
11 it would be available anytime during working hours. Chair Bass hoped to get everyone together to  
12 do so before May.

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14 Chair Bass expected a better turnout for this event as people can walk out of their homes and go to  
15 the park. They weren't sure of a start time yet.

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17 Commissioner Pilcher asked for clarification about the park opening event and whether the City  
18 wanted them to do anything about that. Ms. Oakman was not sure that would be an event with booths.  
19 Chair Bass believed they were going to do a parade on a different route than usual starting or ending  
20 in the park and celebrating the park opening.

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22 Chair Bass reviewed the plan to get pictures of the new firefighters, get some older pictures, and see  
23 if they can identify anyone in them either themselves or by asking people who might know them.  
24 Commissioner Bills had to step back for a while and has the canopy, but Chair Bass had one she could  
25 bring. Some of the items they need are in the basement. Chair Bass wanted to narrow down a date  
26 for everyone to get them. The last week of March is Spring Break so Chair Bass was not sure if HPC  
27 members might have conflicts.

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29 Ms. Oakman received an email with confirmation from Mayor Hall that the Day Ranch Park opening  
30 will not have other booths but it would be appropriate for the Historic Preservation Commission to  
31 have one if they wish.

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2 The HPC discussed availability over the next three Fridays. They narrowed it down to Friday,  
3 March 24 at 1:00 p.m.

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5 Commissioner Parry shared the news that Wally Neilson wrote a book on the history of his life with  
6 the help of his daughter. Joan Neilson was trying to get him to donate a copy to the City. Chair Bass  
7 expressed interest. She pointed out that everyone has a different takeaway from the same events they  
8 live through and it would be interesting to get his perspective. Commissioner Parry was trying to get  
9 an interview with him to see what he remembers about Bluffdale.

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11 Chair Bass summed up the Commission’s work going forward as follows:

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- 13 • Help identify people;
  - 14 • Search through storage for the needed items;
  - 15 • Chair Bass will call the Census Records; and
  - 16 • The following Friday, they will begin pulling items for the Love Where You Live Event.

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18 Commissioner Parry wondered if one of the individuals in the photo might be Kelly Holt. Chair Bass  
19 was pretty sure it was not him.

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21 Chair Bass asked if Commissioner Parry had gotten in touch with Helen Schroeder, but she had not.  
22 Chair Bass spoke with Paula Neilson who confirmed that she would love to talk with Commissioner  
23 Jones. Commissioners Parry and Jones had a list of questions they asked Denny Neilson about his  
24 military service and summer memories.

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26 Chair Bass expressed interest in interviewing all of the siblings. Although they were raised in the  
27 same family, they will have different experiences, especially the boys versus the girls. Commissioner  
28 Jones recalled a story about Paula running into some sheep on the road and killing about a dozen on  
29 the way home from a school dance.

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1 Chair Bass talked with Valerie Wardle who said that her mother, Connie, would love to be  
2 interviewed but she wants to get through the winter months first. Chair Bass hoped to get that done  
3 during the spring.

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5 Chair Bass asked Commissioner Parry to prepare a writeup of the history she shared at tonight’s  
6 meeting. Commissioner Jones asked for an extra copy of the newspaper article. Ms. Oakman offered  
7 to copy any needed items on Friday.

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9 The HPC reviewed more photos identifying local residents, including a picture of the Lions Club  
10 Building from 1975. There was a picture from 1978 of locals dressed up for a parade. There was a  
11 picture from an Easter Egg Hunt in 1984. There were photos dating back to 1899. Commissioner  
12 Jones suggested labeling them while the names are fresh in their minds.

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14 Commissioner Parry recalled that they used to have an old folks' dinner on George Washington's  
15 birthday before it was Presidents Day. They continued identifying photo subjects.

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17 Ms. Oakman had an idea for a booth display. She suggested using old journals and putting post-it  
18 notes pointing to interesting passages, perhaps about moving to Bluffdale or building their first house.  
19 Chair Bass offered to bring Denny Neilson’s family’s book.

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21 **3. Adjournment.**

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23 The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 p.m.

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28 Tami Timothy, City Recorder

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30 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thursday, July 6, 2023**

1 **Present:** Jenny Bass  
2 Linda Crane  
3 Arlene Parry  
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5 **Staff:** Associate City Planner, Ellen Oakman  
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7 **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
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9 Jenny Bass called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  
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11 **1. Welcome and Roll Call.**  
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13 Those present were identified.  
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15 **2. Other Business (Reports, Updates, Upcoming Items, Follow-Up, Etc.)**  
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17 Chair Jenny Bass welcomed those present the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission was  
18 meeting to discuss a game plan to make over the History Commission Room at City Hall and look over  
19 some options.

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21 Associate City Planner, Ellen Oakman reported that there will be a Day Ranch Park Opening on  
22 August 12. Members of the Commission were invited to attend and bring some history. Ideas were  
23 welcomed. There will be a Parade at 9:00 a.m. followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a children’s  
24 entrepreneur fair, events, shows, food trucks, games, and night festivities starting at 6:30 p.m., including  
25 a movie and fireworks. Chair Bass informed the Commission that Mayor Hall has invited members of  
26 the Historic Commission to attend and set up a booth. Ms. Oakman offered to find out when would be  
27 a good time to set one up. Commissioner Crane wasn’t sure if anyone else was doing booths and  
28 wondered if the Commission should if others are not. Chair Bass preferred to focus on putting together  
29 the History Commission Room.

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31 Chair Bass mentioned that as Commissioner Crane is new to the Historic Preservation Commission, they  
32 will have to arrange a tour of the History Commission Room.

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34 Chair Bass brought up a project to organize, order, and plan a display for pictures. Commissioner Parry  
35 brought up a plan they had been working on to insert some pictures in books and procure shelves to put  
36 them on. Chair Bass mentioned that Mayor Hall has some bookshelves available. They wanted to try

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1 to find needed items in storage before ordering new ones. Mayor Hall offered to provide books by  
2 Shirley Nelson on local history and pageants for the project. Chair Bass would like to have volumes  
3 there that people can come in and look at.

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5 The Commission adjourned the meeting to begin planning the project.

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7 **3. Adjournment.**

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9 The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

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14 Tami Timothy, City Recorder

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16 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_