



MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025, AT 10:00 AM

AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER

126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UT 84767

The meeting convened at 10:00 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Jean Krause, Robert Carlton, Rich Levin, and Judi Rook

EXCUSED: Commissioner Heidi Madsen Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Thomas Dansie, Principal Planner Niall Connolly, Zoning Administrator Kyndal Sagers, Town Clerk Aren Emerson, and Deputy Clerk Robin Romero

See the attached list of attendees

Approval of Agenda

Judi Rook made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Rich Levin.

Vote on the motion:

Levin: Ave

Krause: Ave

Carlton: Ave

Rook: Ave

The motion passed unanimously.

General Announcements: None

A. Information/Discussion

1. Rich Levin Reflects on the SHPO Conference from June 13, 2025

Rich Levin reported on the Utah State Historic Preservation Office Conference held June 13, 2025. He said the annual conference was something not to be missed, and that it gave him a greater understanding of the puzzle that was historic preservation. He said he believed it was incumbent on the Historic Preservation Commission to look around and identify historic elements that may not yet have been identified. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the conference.

B. Action Items

1. Discussion on Implementing the General Plan Natural and Cultural Resources Goals, Sub-Goal D

Zoning Administrator Kyndal Sagers said Sub-Goal D of the Natural and Cultural Resources Goals in the General Plan was to preserve and promote cultural appreciation of the Town's heritage and cultural history. She highlighted two of the five methods of accomplishing the goal included in the Plan:

- Develop educational and social events that celebrate the diversity of culture that make up the Town of Springdale, past and present.
- In partnership with Zion National Park, the Town will participate in Utah History Week by scheduling activities and events, including keynote speakers, to highlight Utah and Springdale's prehistoric and historic past.

Ms. Sagers suggested assigning two Commissioners to work with staff for Utah History Week planning, and suggested the following possible activities: a root beer fundraiser for Town jail landscaping; partner with Community Development for a two-cent event; and partner with America 250 Committee to add the speaker series to the Nation's 250 celebration. She emphasized that the Historic Preservation Commission's contribution could be limited to one date.

Chair Carlton asked if members of the Commission were available to participate in planning efforts. He said he was not. Ms. Sagers encouraged the two-cent event with Community Development, noting it was fairly easy to plan with staff. Judi Rook volunteered to participate in planning. Jean Krause expressed interest in the 250 celebration and asked what the Town had planned. Ms. Sagers said events would be sprinkled throughout the year. She explained that at a "two-cent" event, residents were invited to join in a planned activity, and to share their "two-cents" on topics related to the community.

Ms. Krause asked about one of the other five methods of accomplishing the goal included in the General Plan, the complete construction of the history/visitor center. Community Development Director Tom Dansie responded that the project was on hold at that time. Ms. Krause said she would find out whether she would be available to participate in event planning and that she thought a root beer fundraiser sounded fun.

2. Discussion and Possible Approval Recommendation to Enter into a Partnership with Preservation Utah Tours

Ms. Sagers explained that the Preservation Utah Tours app was a free app for Apple and Android users. The app helped residents and visitors to explore historic Utah architecture, cultural sites, and local stories through walking and driving tours. Ms. Sagers said a Preservation Utah app partnership would involve a minimum of two years, with a possible extension. Preservation Utah would develop and launch Springdale's tour on the app and produce narration with content approved by the Town. The Town would select a theme and format (walking or driving), provide stories, images, and details for each stop, and designate a contact person for coordination.

Mr. Levin showed a map of a walking tour he took as part of the SHPO Conference and said the Historic Preservation Commission had been discussing putting together a walking tour for some time. He expressed willingness to help develop the materials.

Rich Levin made a motion to enter into a partnership with Preservation Utah Tours for the walking tour concept. Jean Krause made a substitute motion to recommend to the Town Council that the Town enter into a partnership with Preservation Utah Tours, as discussed in the Commission meeting on November 13, 2025. This motion was based on the following findings:

1. **The Historic Preservation Commission had wanted a walking tour for years, but had been unable to bring it to fruition. The partnership with Preservation Utah Tours would make it happen.**
2. **The partnership would save Springdale the time, effort, and money to create the walking tour on their own.**
3. **The partnership would support the General Plan Natural and Cultural Resources Goals, Sub-Goal D(3).**

The motion was seconded by Rich Levin.

Vote on the motion:

Levin: Ave

Krause: Ave

Carlton: Ave

Rook: Ave

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rook asked about the budget and available visuals. Ms. Sagers responded that entering into the agreement was free for Springdale. She said more photographs could be taken to provide necessary content. The Council discussed the possibility of adding a driving tour in the future.

3. Discussion and Possible Approval Recommendation for a Historic Artifact Display Policy

Ms. Sagers presented a draft Historic Artifact Display Policy and a Deed of Gift form and asked for input from the Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Display Policy would provide a framework to ensure the preservation and integrity of the Town's collection of historical items, support the preservation of cultural heritage, and promote responsible practices. She said the Town had a display case in the Community Center.

The Collections Committee responsible for artifacts would be composed of staff and commissioners from the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Krause recommended that the Town invite the Utah Humanities Council to provide a free heritage workshop on the care of artifacts. She said she had taken the class before. Members of the Commission discussed having the ability to hire a professional/expert to assess the authenticity of artifacts. Mr. Levin commented that the framework and policy needed to be in place before discussion of the minutiae.

Rich Levin made a motion to recommend that the Town Council adopt the proposed Historical Display Policy, as discussed at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on November 13, 2025, to be refined and amended in the future as needed. The Historic Preservation Commission also recommended approval of the Gift of Deed document. The motion was based on the following findings:

1. **The policy needed to be in place for a future museum/visitor center.**
2. **Expertise was needed for the acquisition of artifacts by Springdale.**
3. **In order to preserve the history of the Town of Springdale, the Historic Artifact Display Policy was needed.**

The motion was seconded by Judi Rook.

Vote on the motion:

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Rook: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Consideration of Lila Moss's Proposed Donation of Artifacts and Antiques

Chair Carlton said he knew Lila Moss had several items she would like to donate, and emphasized that such offers were the reason a Historic Display Policy was needed. Mr. Levin said he had experience with museums in California and stated that Springdale did not want to be in the position of being a junk shop. He said the future of museums would be based on technology and on looking at collections critically to determine real needs.

Mr. Levin expressed the opinion that, unfortunately, the Town needed to decline Ms. Moss's offer at that time because it did not yet have everything in place for such a donation. Ms. Krause said she understood Mr. Levin's concerns, but said she did not want to lose the possibility of acquiring the materials. She suggested finding a place to accept and store donations until such time that a committee was in place. Ms. Sagers said if the items were accepted, a place would need to be found to display them.

Mr. Levin commented that the items were very important to the individuals who held them, and said it was simple enough for the individuals to continue holding them and document a donation to the Town in a will. He suggested that the individuals should take responsibility for identifying and doing all research necessary to support what the artifacts represented. Ms. Krause added that the drafted Historic Artifact Display Policy addressed bequests, and suggested the Commission approach Ms. Moss with a request that she keep the items and include a bequest in her will. Mr. Levin pointed out that the Town did not currently have a place to store bequests when they were made.

Ms. Rook emphasized the importance of provenance. Ms. Krause responded that the drafted policy would address such issues. Ms. Krause said she believed Ms. Moss had been trying to donate the items to the Town for quite some time. Chair Carlton suggested referring the storage space issue to the Town Council.

Ms. Sagers said if the Commission chose to acquire any of Ms. Moss's items, staff would make storage arrangements. Mr. Levin expressed support if Ms. Moss was willing to provide provenance, and staff were willing to provide storage space. The Commission discussed asking staff to review Ms. Moss's items and provide a recommendation at the next meeting. Ms. Krause volunteered to review the items with the staff.

Responding to a question from Ms. Krause, Principal Planner Niall Connolly said staff had reached out to stone masons and requested proposals for a wall at the cemetery. He said staff were working with a sign maker on a plaque and reported that a grant from Rocky Mountain Power was received to help pay for a monument. Ms. Sagers reported she and Ms. Rook had been working on the jail project.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from January 30, 2025

Jean Krause made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Rich Levin.

Vote on the motion:

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Rook: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Adjourn

Jean Krause made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 am. The motion was seconded by Judi Rook.

Vote on the motion:

Levin: Aye

Krause: Aye

Carlton: Aye

Rook: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Robin Romero, Town Clerk

APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

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