



PLANNING DIVISION
HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 5:30 PM
City & County Building
451 South State Street, Room 326
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and not a word-for-word transcript. Attendance for the Historic Landmark Commission meeting is kept on file. An audio recording is retained temporarily, and available upon request. Video recording of the meeting is available at www.youtube.com/slclivemeetings.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Chair Carlton Getz, Vice Chair Alan Barnett, Commissioners Michael Abrahamson, Steven Cornell, Babs De Lay, Emoli Kearns, Mark McGrath, and Taymour Semnani

Commissioners Absent

Adrienne White

City Staff in Attendance

Planning Deputy Director Michaela Bell, Planning Manager Amy Thompson, Senior City Attorney Katherine Pasker, Senior Planner Aaron Barlow, Senior Planner Brooke Olson, Principal Planner Seth Rios, Office Facilitator Aubrey Clark and Administrative Assistant Vanessa Nelson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Getz at approximately 5:30 PM.

Roll called by Commission Secretary Vanessa Nelson.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

The chair shared that a Commemoration ceremony celebrating Abravanel Hall's listing on the National Register of Historic Places would take place Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 11:30am in the Abravanel Hall lobby, 123 W South Temple.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Nothing to report.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2026

Motion	Vice Chair Barnett motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Kearns seconded the motion.
Vote	Yes: Barnett, Getz, Kearns, McGrath, Semnani No: Abstained: Cornell, De Lay
Result	The motion passed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Modification to Kinney House New Construction at 563 N Center – James Cocks is requesting a modification to the approved design, originally heard by the HLC on October 3, 2024, at the above-listed address. The new design changes the door and window configuration on the front facade. Currently, the land is vacant, and the property is zoned SR-1A. The subject property is within Council District 3, represented by Chris Wharton. (Staff Contact: Seth Rios 801-535-7758 or seth.rios@slc.gov) **Case Number: PLNHLC2023-00629**

Principal Planner Seth Rios reviewed the modification request as outlined in the staff report and stated staff is recommending approval.

Commissioner McGrath asked about railing requirements in relation to the window well and the porch placement. Staff clarified that they had already inquired with a building code official and no railing is required.

Public Hearing

The Chair opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing

Executive Session

Commission and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Commissioner Kearns asked why the front door placement changed. The architect, Dave Brock explained the reconfiguration of the home's interior layout changed the original plans.

Motion	Commissioner De Lay motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Semnani seconded the motion.
Vote	Yes: Barnett, De Lay, Cornell, Kearns, McGrath, Semnani, Getz No: Abstained:
Result	The motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSIONS

- 3. Capitol Hill Community Plan Update** – This work session is intended to provide a briefing and update on the process of updating the Capitol Hill Community Plan, including an overview of the existing conditions for the community and a summary of the public input received so far. The Capitol Hill Community Plan establishes land use and growth-related policies for the area and will be used to help guide zoning, transportation, housing, and other growth-related decisions. (Staff Contact: Brooke Olson at 801-535-7118 or brooke.olson@slc.gov)

Planning Manager Amy Thompson and Senior Planner Brooke Olson reviewed the plan update outlined in the staff report including the engagement timeline, the plan area, neighborhoods, demographics, zoning types, housing types and affordability,

transportation, parks and open spaces, the public engagements so far, and a timeline of future engagements.

Commissioners and staff discussed questions about traffic counts, UDOT projects in the area, and potential impacts on the plan from proposed bills of the 2026 Legislative Session.

- 4. New Construction Application Briefing** – The Historic Landmark Commission will be briefed on the process for New Construction (and some Major Alteration) applications. Specifically, the commission will discuss how work sessions should be better integrated into the review process. The purpose of this discussion is to facilitate a more predictable process that encourages collaboration between commissioners, applicants, and staff. (Staff Contact: Aaron Barlow at 801-535-6182 or aaron.barlow@slc.gov)

Senior Planner Aaron Barlow reviewed the pros and cons of Work Sessions and proposed a few concepts intended to enhance transparency and efficiency.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:46 PM.

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