

August 1, 2024

The HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION met in the Bell Building Upstairs Conference Room at 215 "D" Street. Chair Boots called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Leah Boots, Chair; Dennis Ohrtman; Bob Reitz; Vice Chair; Laurinda Riggs (at 10:02 am); Tamara Berlik; Ed King, Greg Follett; Lisa Hasenoehrl; (via Zoom);

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Kayleigh Philippi

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Hollingshead, Assistant Planner;

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Kasee Forsmann (at 10:05 am)

GUESTS: None

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Ohrtman and Follett moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the June 6, 2024 Regular meeting minutes. The motion passed 7-0 (Commissioner Riggs arrived after the vote).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. PRIORITIES PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

Staff Hollingshead reviewed the Priorities Plan and the highlighted the items that the Commission had wanted to explore deeper for projects. Staff Hollingshead provided a spreadsheet of churches in Lewiston in response to Commissioner Ohrtman's idea that a project on historic churches could be interesting. The spreadsheet also included properties currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, commercial structures in the West End Historic District and homes that have been honored with Orchid Awards since 2000.

The Commission discussed each member of the Commission pick a few of the churches listed and do a drive by and take a picture of the church so that the Commission could review and start compiling information. Each Commissioner was assigned four (4) churches to visit prior to the September meeting.

The Commission discussed that if this manner of research proved productive then the Commission could next tackle the list of homes and decide if they wanted to pursue grant funds for another plaques project.

Staff Hollingshead will provide the Commission with the list of assigned churches and will confirm with the National Parks Service what the cut off date is for a building to be deemed historic.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ohrtman stated that the Liberty Alliance is working with a consultant on the Liberty Theater project and a structural analysis of the marquee has been completed and thankfully showed very little damage. The Alliance and the consultant are exploring ideas for sidewalk repair, vault preservation and stormwater removal.

Commissioner Ohrtman also shared that the interior work at Heritage House is complete and the repaired windows and doors have been installed and the building will be open again for tours soon.

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

Council Liaison Forsmann had no comments.

VII. STAFF-COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff Hollingshead asked for a show of hands of Commissioner's to attend the September 5, 2024 meeting. Chair Boots said that she may not be able to attend.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioners Follett and Riggs moved and seconded, respectively to adjourn the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 10:31 a.m. Motion passed 8-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Katie Hollingshead
Recording Secretary



Chairperson or Acting Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

Approved this 5th day of September, 2024.