

February 06, 2025

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; Ed King, Vice Chair (at 10:01 am); Greg Follett; Tamara Berlik (via Zoom); Dennis Ohrtman; Laurinda Riggs; Bob Reitz (at 10:02 am);

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Lisa Hasenoehrl; Kayleigh Phillipi;

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Hollingshead, Assistant Planner;

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Kasee Forsman (via Zoom)

GUESTS: Jan Johnson, Liberty Theater Preservation Alliance

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes, January 9, 2025 Special Meeting

Chair Boots asked if the Commission had any questions or amendments to the minutes. There were none. Commissioners Ohrtman and Riggs moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0 (Commissioner's King and Reitz arrived after the vote).

2. Liberty Theater Preservation Alliance Request for letter of support for Commemoration of Walt and Lillian Disney's wedding in Lewiston on July 13, 1925.

Jan Johnson from the Liberty Theater Preservation Alliance introduced herself and provided an informational handout. She provided a brief history of Lillian Bounds and her marriage to Walt Disney in 1925. The Lewis Clark Chamber of Commerce received a \$10,000 grant from the Disney Foundation and are working with the Liberty Theater Preservation Alliance, Beautiful Downtown Lewiston and the Nez Perce Tribe to organize a celebration recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Disney marriage. The Liberty Theater Preservation Alliance is asking for a letter of support

from the Historic Preservation Commission and for possible volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to organize and plan this celebration. The Commission directed staff to draft a letter for them to approve and sign. Chair Boots asked if there were any Commissioners interested in volunteering their time for the celebration planning committee and Commissioner's Riggs, King and Reitz would like to participate. Staff will provide the Liberty Theater Alliance with contact information.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Priorities Plan – review and discussion

Staff Hollingshead read through the amended version of the Priorities Plan for 2025 with the changes requested by the Commission at the January meeting.

Historic Churches project

Staff Hollingshead reviewed the information that has been collected thus far by the Commission and the information she had been able to collect from the Historic Lewiston Facebook page. Almost all of the churches listed have some information collected now. The Commission will continue to work on this project.

Commissioner Ohrtman left the meeting at 10:29 am.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. COUNCIL LIASION COMMENTS:

Councilor Forsman stated that she would share the information about the Disney celebration with Council at the February 10, 2025 City Council meeting.

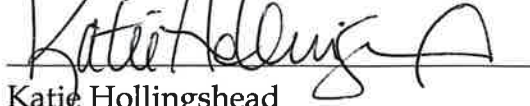
VII. STAFF-COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff Hollingshead asked if there were any Commissioners who were unable to attend the March 6, 2025 meeting as there is tentatively a Certificate of Appropriateness review scheduled for that meeting. Chair Boots stated that she would not be able to attend.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioners King and Follett moved and seconded, respectively to adjourn the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 10:39 a.m. Motion passed 6-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Katie Hollingshead
Recording Secretary



Chairperson or Acting Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

Approved this 6th day of March, 2025.