



**Lewiston Historic Preservation Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
August 7, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Bell Building – Second Floor Conference Room – 215 D Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - II. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
 - III. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JUNE 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING: - Action Item**
 - IV. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. HISTORIC CHURCHES PROJECT - REVIEW LETTER AND NARRATIVES**
 - V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
 - VI. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**
 - VII. STAFF COMMENTS**
 - A. QUERY OF COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.: - Presentation ()**
 - VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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June 5, 2025

The HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION met in the Bell Building Upstairs Conference Room at 215 “D” Street. Chair Leah Boots called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Leah Boots, Chair; Ed King, Vice Chair; Tamara Berlik; Dennis Ohrtman (at 10:06 am); Bob Reitz; Greg Follett; Lisa Hasenoehrl (via Zoom);;

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Kayleigh Phillipi; Laurinda Riggs

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Hollingshead, Assistant Planner;

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Kasee Forsmann (via Zoom)

GUESTS: Jessica Ridinger

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes, May 8, 2025 Special Meeting:

Chair Boots asked if the Commission had any corrections or additions to the minutes. Commissioners Follett and Berlik moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 6-0 (Commissioner Ohrtman arrived after the vote).

2. Certificate of Appropriateness Review for 523 ½ Main Street in the West End Historic District, an application by Jessica Ridinger of Hops and Vine wine bar to install 4 metal pergola’s on the east side of the building, adjacent to Brackenbury Square, to provide patio shade:

Staff Hollingshead reviewed the application and photos provided and introduced Jessica Ridinger if the Commission had any questions. Chair Boots walked the Commission through the West End Historic District Design Guidelines review sheet. The Commission found the project to be compliant with guidelines K-1, K-2, K-3, L-10, L-11, L-13 and L-14. All other guidelines were not applicable to this project. Commissioners Ohrtman and King moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 523 ½ Main Street. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ohrtman let the Commission know that he had reached out to Herb Boreson for information on Gateway Church at 707 7th Avenue and Mr. Boreson was collecting information for him.

Commissioner King stated that he had been in touch with Steve Branting and had received various information regarding the Churches project and would organize it into a usable format.

Commissioner Ohrtman let the Commission know that the Idaho Heritage Trust had approved grant funding for chimney work at the Heritage House and that fundraising has begun for a building to house the Buki Temple.

VI. STAFF-COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff Hollingshead told the Commission that the next regular meeting would be July 3 but that there were currently no agenda items. The Commission agreed to cancel the July 3 meeting and if a Certificate of Appropriateness application is received, a special meeting will be scheduled. Staff Hollingshead also invited the Commission to the City's employee appreciation BBQ on June 25th and handed out the associated flier.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioners Ohrtman and Follett moved and seconded, respectively to adjourn the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 10:27 a.m. Motion passed 7-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Katie Hollingshead
Recording Secretary

Chairperson or Acting Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.



August 07, 2025

Church
1234 whatever street
Lewiston, ID 83501

Dear XXXX,

The Historic Preservation Commission is pursuing a project collecting historic information on several church buildings in Lewiston. The Commission hopes to generate a plaque or historical marker for these buildings with a short narrative and QR code. The QR code would link the reader of the plaque to the City of Lewiston website and would feature a more in-depth history of the building and photos when available.

This project is similar in nature to a plaques project completed in 2023 that installed historic markers on 23 buildings in the West End Historic District. You can visit those photos and narratives at <https://www.cityoflewiston.org/430/Historic-Preservation-Commission>.

The Commission would like to include the building at 1234 Whatever Street in this project and we are asking for your help. If you are able to provide any historical information regarding your building; when it was constructed, what congregation occupied it first, changes to the building over time and any historical photographs of the building that could be used in this project, please contact Katie Hollingshead, Historic Preservation Commission staff liaison at khollingshead@cityoflewiston.org or 208-746-1318 ext 7261.

Thank you for working with the Historic Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Historic Preservation Commission

ADDRESS	CHURCH		
707 7th Ave	Gateway Church	Dennis	
822 Bryden Ave	Orchards Community Church	Dennis	
			Property for the church was purchased by F.B. Surbeck and the Rev. G.B. Cronek on July 5, 1921. A small portable chapel was placed in the center of the 3 lots that would be combined for the new church site. Trinity and Zion Lutheran churches merged in 1925 and continued to use the First Christian Church at 417 2nd Ave. The building at 417 2nd Ave was built in 1899 for the First Christian Congregation. It was the first church built on Normal Hill. The Zion Lutheran congregation moved in after the First Christian group opened their new church on 7th Ave in 1920. Trinity Lutheran took over the building in the later 1920's and moved to 8th Ave in 1947. The Apostolic Church then moved in to 417 2nd Ave.
920 8th Ave	Trinity Lutheran	Bob	
1212 19th Street	Lewiston Seventh Day Adventist	Leah	
731 8th Street	Espiscopal Church of the Nativity	Leah	In October 1948, a new rectory was constructed at 713 8th Street.
			1904 Idaho Supreme Court Building. Harry Madgwick was the contractor. With the passage of House Bill 38 on February 20, 1903, the Idaho Legislature authorized the construction of a Supreme Court Building and Library. The City donated 3 acres from the 5th Street Park (now Pioneer Park). A commission, including James El. Babb, was appointed to oversee the construction of the building and library. A total of \$15,000 (\$375,000 in today's dollars) in bonds were approved, with at least \$10,000 (\$250,000 in today's dollars) going toward the structure. Idaho is one of the few states to have a "circuit riding" court, which meets in various cities during each term. In 1951, the 4000-book collection and the shelves were removed to be placed in the remodeled court-room at the County Courthouse. The building, which had been returned to the County a few years previously, was sold at public auction on August 8, 1951, and has since been used by various churches.
231 5th St	Granite Lake Church	Greg	
633 5th Ave	Old Saint Stan's	Greg	

709 6th Street	Congo Pres	Laurinda	The Lewiston Presbyterian Church was organized March 14, 1873. It was organized in the school house between 10th and 11th Street on Idaho Street where the old Whitman School was located. In 1908 Mrs. S.C. Thompson left the church \$12,000 in her will. That money was used to purchase the lots where the church now stands in 1911. It was ten years later that the church board okayed the construction of the present building. The church was constructed between 1921 and 1922 at a cost of \$30,906. The first service was held on March 26, 1922. On December 2, 1949, Pilgrim Hall was dedicated, giving long needed room for Sunday School classes.
812 8th Street	Truth Baptist (First Baptist Church)	Laurinda	Originally completed in 1911 for the First Baptist Church. Architect James H Nave designed the building.
823 7th Ave	New Spring Missionary Baptist	Kayleigh	Built in 1908, started as First Church of Christ Scientist and was bought by New Spring Missionary Baptist in 2010. The First Church of Christ Scientist built a new church in 1964 at 818 18th Ave (now First Naz).
1622 15th Ave	Unity Church	Kayleigh	Built in 1905 as part of the Blanchard Heights development, one of nine houses built. Former the Patrick J. and Lydia Hester House. The church was founded in 1970 and purchase the current building in 1999.

			In January 1952, Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Lewiston voted to sponsor the building of a mission church in the Orchards. Construction of a small chapel with Sunday School Facilities was begun, and an intern Pastor, called by Trinity, began the task of developing the Orchards congregation. The first worship service was held October 26, 1952, with 31 members who transferred from Trinity. In 1954, the first full-time pastor was called. The ranch-style parsonage was constructed the same year. On May 3, 1959, ground was broken for the building of what is now the sanctuary. The first worship service was held in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960. A kitchen, more Sunday School rooms, and expanded Fellowship Hall were added in the summer of 1962. A fire destroyed the Fellowship Hall and severely damaged the rest of the building in July 2011. Members returned to the building in May of 2012 with the addition of ADA bathrooms and a wheelchair lift.
3434 6th Street	Grace Lutheran Church	Lisa	
			The building was erected in 1960 as a funeral home. On September 6, 1964 the Missouri Synod Lutheran Mission Congregation moved its service from the Lions Club Civic Building to the Chapel of the Flowers, a permanent church would be constructed later. The first service was held on September 6, 1964 Rev. Ronald Kudick, Pastor of the Grangeville Trinity Lutheran Church, lead the Congregation of the newly formed Lewiston Good Shepard Lutheran Church. The chapel most currently serves the Calvary Chapel.
1015 Burrell Ave	Calvary Chapel	Lisa	
1213 Burrell Ave	Orchards United Methodist	Ed	
1519 Ripon Avenue	Hillside Church	Tamara	
3521 7th Street	Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens	Tamara	
1220 21st Street	Our Lady of Lourdes		
805 6th Ave	Former Methodist Church/Civic Theater		
3330 14th Street	All Saints Catholic Church		
615 Stewart Ave	Beacon Christian School		
417 2nd Ave	Former River City Church		
302 Southway Ave	Church of Christ		
1010 21st Ave	Apostolic Church of Lewiston		
2200 11th Ave	Emanuel Baptist		
710 13th Ave	Still Waters Baptist		
1105 7th Street			
1006 10th Ave	Pentecostal Church of God/Victory TV		
651 Thain Road			
2102 8th Street	River City		

3215 Echo Hills Drive	Echo Hills Church	
1906 Bradview Drive	Lewiston First Methodist	
1700 8th Street	First Naz	
1205 8th Ave	Lions Club/Lewiston Foursquare Church	
1127 8th Ave	American Legion	
514 Warner Ave	Faith Bible Church	
1033 Burrell Ave	Blessed Hope Assembly of God	
3436 11th Street	Missionary Bible	
1002 Bryden Ave	Orchards Baptist	
707 Preston Ave	Living Word Missionary Baptist	
1423 Powers Ave	Grace Pentecostal	
3732/3736 20th Street	Tammany View Baptist	
3810 16th Street	Latter Day Saints	
1434 Ripon Ave	Jehovah Witness	
2502 16th Ave	Word of Life Church	1976
836 Preston Ave	Latter Day Saints	Ed