



**Lewiston Historic Preservation Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
September 3, 2026 - 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, AUGUST 13, 2026 MEETING (ACTION ITEM)**
 - B. REVIEW UPDATED PRIORITIES PLAN AND ADD PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES (ACTION ITEM)**
 - IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
 - V. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**
 - VI. STAFF COMMENTS**
 - A. QUERY OF COMMISSIONER'S FOR THE REGULAR OCTOBER 1, 2026 MEETING.: -
Presentation ()**
 - VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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August 13, 2026

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 10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Leah Boots, Chair; Bob Reitz; Dennis Ohrtman, Vice Chair (via Zoom); Greg Follett; Jennifer Dreadfulwater

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Lisa Hasenoehrl; Laurinda Riggs;

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Hollingshead, Assistant Planner;

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None.

GUESTS: None.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

Staff Hollingshead introduced new Commissioner Jennifer Dreadfulwater to the Commission. Commissioner’s present each introduced themselves.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes, June 4, 2026 Regular Meeting:

Chair Boots asked if there were any questions or corrections. There were none. Commissioners Follett and Reitz moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the meeting minutes for the June 4, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Review of Priorities Plan and determination of projects and activities:

Staff Hollingshead read through the current priorities plan with the Commission and then reviewed items from the Envision Lewiston 2044 Comprehensive Plan Action Plan that may be of interest to the Commission to add to the existing priorities plan. Staff Hollingshead stated that she would email the full Action Plan to the Commission for their review. Commissioners were asked to come up with projects or activities that they would like to see be added to the priorities plan for the Commission to

concentrate on in the coming year and to bring those ideas to the September meeting for discussion.

IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ohrtman provided a brief update on the Liberty Theater and the marquee work. A structural beam was replaced and work should be completed for a lighting ceremony on August 21st. He also shared that Steven Branting was giving a presentation on the Vollmers at the Lewiston City Library on August 20th at 5:30.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Matthew Wright was not present at the meeting.

VI. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner's Ohrtman and Follett moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 10:41 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Katie Hollingshead
Recording Secretary

Chairperson or Acting Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

FY 2026 HPC Priorities Plan

Goal: Protect the City's Historic and Cultural Resources

The City of Lewiston has codes and standards crafted specifically for maintaining the unique characteristics of the community. Code enforcement and HPC help to guide historic property owners efforts in preservation, and in making appropriate modifications to the exteriors of historic properties.

Goal: Inform and engage the people of Lewiston to better integrate historic preservation for the education, enjoyment, and welfare of the community.

- Incoming elected officials should be invited to participate in an orientation session that includes a presentation on the role of the HPC and its responsibilities.
- Ask City Council to declare May as "Historic Preservation Month" which is a nationwide effort. (Done annually.)
- Look for ways to enlarge the audience for historical preservation ideas to affect the community in a positive manner.

Goal: Develop a list of historically significant properties in Lewiston.

- Churches project
- Work with Steven Branting on list of properties

Goal: HPC sponsor speakers on interesting subjects related to historical preservation or the history of the area.

- Would need to identify a funding source, such as grants.

Goal: Provide more educational opportunities for real estate professionals, prospective buyers, etc to understand the importance of protecting historical properties in the City of Lewiston.

- Develop a flier that explains the importance of and the requirements for historical preservation for realtors to distribute at open houses. Would need to identify a funding source for printing, etc.

Goal: The City should recognize and promote praiseworthy efforts to beautify Lewiston and make the community more livable, particularly in the West End Historic District and Normal Hill Heritage Overlay Zone.

- Create a series of social media posts aimed at discussing the benefits of protecting historic character, such as increasing property values, or

recognizing the value of embodied energy when it comes to preserving the original building material.

- Orchid Awards
- Consider pairing another historic preservation based even with the biennial Orchid Awards to increase attendance

Goal: Partner with city departments, such as Parks and Public Works to support projects that restore city owned historic properties or resources.

- Research grants that can support city restoration projects (towers at Modie, Carnegie building, historic staircases, etc)

Goal: Promote Historic Preservation by developing mutually beneficial partnerships with local communities and advocacy groups whose values and interests align with the City's in the areas of heritage, arts and sustainability.

- Chamber/Beautiful Downtown Lewiston
- Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum
- LCSC
- Liberty Theater
- Realtor Association
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Visit Lewis Clark Valley