

July 1, 2021

The HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION met in the Bell Building Upstairs Conference Room at 215 "D" Street. Chair Bly called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dennis Ohrtman (joined at 10:09 a.m.); Ed King (joined at 10:05 a.m.); Linnea Noreen; Brett Gile; Michelle Bly, Chair; Ged Randall; (in person); Leah Boots; Greg Follett, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Vikky Ross

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Butler, IT (remote); Katie Hollingshead, Assistant Planner;

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Kathy Schroeder, Mayor Pro-Tem

GUESTS: Carolyn Honeycutt, Executive Director Beautiful Downtown Lewiston

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 6, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner's Randall and Follett moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the May 6, 2021 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner's Ohrtman and King joined the meeting after the vote).

III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner's Gile and Randall moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the June 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed 6-0 (Commissioner's Ohrtman and King joined the meeting after the vote).

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carolyn Honeycutt presented an update on what is going on downtown with Beautiful Downtown Lewiston (BDL). Ms. Honeycutt will be leaving the Director's position and interviews are underway for her replacement. Ms. Honeycutt passed out a map that BDL has developed for downtown shopping and dining. Commissioner's asked questions regarding residential units in downtown and if BDL was still seeing

offered her opinion and said that everything in the City moves at a snail's pace but that the Commission does a phenomenal job accomplishing what it can and should work together with BDL to encourage preservation.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **PRIORITIES PLAN:** Staff Hollingshead said that the Commission will probably want to revisit the priorities plan after the Sidewalk Vault discussion next month. Staff Hollingshead mentioned that if the Commission wanted to work on a tangible project that could be seen in the downtown that they might want to revisit the Plaques as recognition of historic preservation. Commissioner Follett talked about different tourist/historic things that he has seen in other communities. Staff Hollingshead said that she could look into whether any of the grant monies that are available could be used for projects such as that. Commissioner Ohrtman talked about also doing QR codes and having additional information available at each building that tells the story of the building. Staff Hollingshead will bring information back to the Commission at the August meeting.
2. **CLG GRANT APPLICATION, NORMAL HILL HERITAGE OVERLAY ZONE - EXPANSION OF DISTRICT:** Staff Hollingshead reviewed information regarding the previous grant award and the estimates for doing the survey and the Request for Qualifications that specified that the Commission in 2019 expected to spend \$30,000 on the survey. Staff Hollingshead let the Commission know that a survey would not be required to do the expansion and that it could be accomplished through a zone change. Staff Hollingshead did let the Commission know that when the original overlay was created that a massive outreach was done by both the Commission and a Normal Hill Neighborhood group including door to door visits and several public meetings for feedback. Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder spoke about her experience during that outreach.

Commissioner Noreen brought up that there seemed to be a lot of details that needed to be talked out for any of these projects that the Commission is considering. Staff Hollingshead asked the Commission if they wanted to hold some work session meetings that would concentrate on one topic. Chair Bly asked if those work sessions could be set up on the third Thursday's of July and August. The Commission decided to hold a work session on Sidewalk Vaults on July 15th and Normal Hill Heritage Overlay on August 19th. Staff Hollingshead will bring information regarding grants