

May 5, 2022

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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:* Vikky Ross, Chair; Greg Follett, Vice Chair (@10:03 am); Dennis Ohrtman; Ged Randall (via Zoom); Laurinda Riggs; Ed King (@ 10:03 am); Peggy Heuskinveld

*COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:* Lisa Hasenoehrl; Leah Boots;

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

*CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:* None

*GUESTS:* None.

**II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Ohrtman and Riggs moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the April 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed 5-0 (Commissioners Follett and King joined after the vote).

**III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Follett and Ohrtman moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the April 20, 2022 special meeting minutes. The motion passed 7-0.

**IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AT 847 F STREET - AN APPLICATION BY WAYNE STODDARD OF G&A WHEEL AND FRAME TO INSTALL AN**

**EXTERIOR AIR CONDITIONING UNIT IN THE WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT (ACTION ITEM):** Chair Ross asked staff to review the application and led the Commission through each of the sections in the Design Guidelines review sheet. The Commission found the application was compliant with guideline section M-1 and M-6, specific to new construction and building facades. The Commission determined that all other sections were not applicable to the project. Commissioners King and Randall moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the project with the condition that, where possible, the plastic conduit covers be painted to match the building facade. Motion passed 7-0.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PLAQUES COMMITTEE:** Staff Hollingshead said that she had contacted the Idaho State Historical Society about when the grant applications would open and was told that the call for applications would open on June 1, 2022. Staff said that the matching funds request would be added to the Community Development Department budget presentation that will go in front of City Council during the budget work sessions in May and June. Staff said that once the call for applications is open she will bring the draft application back to the Commission for review.
2. **ORCHID AWARDS PLANNING:** Staff Hollingshead let the Commission know that all six (6) of the honorees had been notified by email and mail of their award and that five (5) had confirmed attendance at the award ceremony. Staff asked that all available Commissioners arrive at 10:00 am on May the 14<sup>th</sup> to help with setup prior to the awards ceremony starting at 11:00 am. Staff asked if the Heritage House has enough chairs and tables and Commissioner Ohrtman confirmed that they do and that he will provide the table clothes. Staff confirmed that she had scheduled the invitation ads with the Tribune, had sent out the press release and notice of possible quorum and had ordered the food trays.

- VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Commissioner Randall let the Commission know that the Minidoka National Historic Site in southern Idaho is being threatened by a proposed wind turbine farm and that if any of the Commissioners are interested in lending their support they can contact the Friends of Minidoka group. Commissioner Ohrtman provided the Commission with an update on the Miranda Cabin, saying that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with the City of Lewiston and that volunteers were currently working on shoring up the interior of the cabin to prepare it to be moved to the Nez Perce County Historical Society campus. The Heritage House aviary

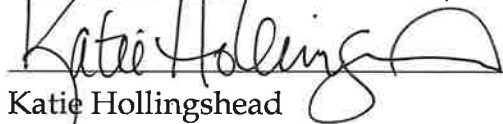
will be having the windows and doors returned to original materials and condition. Nine thousand dollars (\$9000.00) has been raised along with matching grant funds to complete the project.

VIII. **STAFF-COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:** Staff Hollingshead let the Commission know that the Historic Preservation Plan survey would be open until May 15<sup>th</sup> and that she planned on having paper copies available at the Orchid Awards. Staff reminded the Commission that a special meeting was scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and that there were three (3) applications on the agenda.

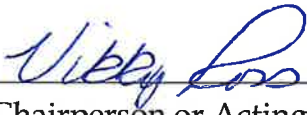
IX. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Ross adjourned the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 10:37 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Katie Hollingshead  
Recording Secretary



Chairperson or Acting Chairperson  
Historic Preservation Commission

Approved this 2nd day of June, 2022.

**RESOLUTION 2022-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE MIRANDA CABIN TO THE NEZ PERCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED**

**WHEREAS**, the structure known as the Miranda Cabin was originally located near 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Street, and is believed to be the last surviving dwelling from the founding era of Lewiston. The Miranda Cabin housed historical Lewiston citizens including Capt. John E. Akins, City Commissioner Sage Akins, Louisa Aquino, and its namesake Salvadore Miranda;

**WHEREAS**, on or about June 3, 1937, the Pioneer Society of North Idaho & Eastern Washington and the Lewiston City Park Commission moved the Miranda Cabin from its original location to the City of Lewiston's Pioneer Park, for the purpose of preserving such a historical dwelling;

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 3, 2013, the Miranda Cabin was again moved to the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and F Street to be displayed along with a replica of Idaho's first capitol building, as well as to preserve and restore such historical dwelling;

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 19, 2020, the replica of Idaho's first capitol building was moved to the Nez Perce County Historical Society & Museum, located at 0306 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Lewiston, to make room for the new Nez Perce County courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, the area where the Miranda Cabin is currently located is also needed for the new Nez Perce County courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, the Nez Perce County Historical Society is willing and able to preserve and display the Miranda Cabin along with the replica of Idaho's first capitol building and other local historical relics; and