

October 6, 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 10:00 a.m.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:* Vikky Ross, Chair; Greg Follett, Vice Chair; Dennis Ohrtman; Ged Randall; Laurinda Riggs; Lisa Hasenoehrl;

*COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:* Leah Boots;

*COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:* Peggy Heuskinveld; Ed King;

*STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:* Aaron Butler, IT (remote); Dawn Ortiz, Community Development Specialist

*CITY COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:* None

*GUESTS:* None.

**II. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

Commissioners Randall and Follett moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the amended agenda for the October 6, 2022 meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

**III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioners Ohrtman and Randall moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the September 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

**IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REVIEW -WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT, 847 F STREET:** Chair Ross reviewed the application that had been submitted for two (2) exterior air conditioning units. Chair Ross led the Commission

through the review worksheet. The Commission found the project complies with section L-9 and that all other sections did not apply to the project. Commissioners Ohrtman and Riggs moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REVIEW -WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT, 312 MAIN STREET:** Chair Ross introduced and welcomed the applicant, Tecla Druffel. Mrs. Druffel let the Commission know that there had been some damage to the stucco exterior of her building and she was looking to repair and repaint. Chair Ross led the Commission through the review worksheet. The Commission found the project complies with section L-11 and L-13 and that all other sections did not apply to the project. Commissioner Ohrtman directed staff to provide additional information at the next meeting regarding the code sections and the Secretary of the Interiors guidelines for projects with paint. Commissioners Follett and Ohrtman moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Hasenoehrl left the meeting at 10:45 am.

3. **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REVIEW - NORMAL HILL HERITAGE OVERLAY ZONE, 418 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE:** The Commission reviewed the application and photos that had been submitted. Chair Ross led the Commission through the review worksheet. The Commission found the project complies with factors 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 and that all other factors did not apply. Commissioners Randall and Riggs moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Motion passed 5-0.

## VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **PLAQUES PROJECT SUB-COMMITTEE:** Commissioner Heuskinveld, subcommittee chair, was not in attendance at the meeting. Chair Ross asked if anyone else had an update. Commissioner Randall stated he had emailed Staff Hollingshead after not seeing any agenda on the city website or in the newspaper regarding a subcommittee meeting, and had asked if a meeting had been held yet and what impact there might be on the grant funding. Commissioner Randall stated that Staff Hollingshead had responded that the Commission has until May to complete the project. The Commission discussed the need to get the project moving and directed staff to provide a timeline for the grant and to add this to the next meeting agenda.

**VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

The Commission discussed the need for clarification on paint from code or from the guidelines so that the narrative is the same for all applications. The Commission directed staff to bring that information to the November meeting.

Commissioner Ohrtman let the Commission know that the sidewalks in front of the Nez Perce County Historical Society have been repaired and the Miranda Cabin has been moved and set at the campus.

Commissioner Riggs let the Commission know that she attended the Idaho Heritage Conference in Pocatello. She said that there are lots of grant opportunities available at both the State and Federal levels. Commissioner Riggs asked if the Commission was going to do anything about the Ann Bollinger building since several people had commented about that building on the survey that was done. Commissioner Riggs said she was waiting for a call back from Liz Chavez about the building. Commissioner Ohrtman said that there was a dedicated group who was supposed to be working on fundraising for the building but that the last time he had spoken to the Mayor, nothing had been provided to the Mayor for an update.

The Commission discussed the previous priorities plan and staff Ortiz stated that the priorities plan would be included as an agenda item on the November agenda.

The Commission discussed the sidewalk vaults and Chair Ross gave a brief overview of what had been happening with the vaults over the years. The sidewalk vaults have been moved to Public Works and will be part of the main street rebuild project. The Commission will provide historical input during the project.

Commissioner Riggs mentioned a website that has inaccurate historical information about Lewiston. She didn't know if updating that would be of interest of the Commission.

Chair Ross brought up that she had been approached by a local historian about possibly including residential properties in the plaques projects. The Commission discussed the ability of doing a project like that, having to get buy in from the residential home owners, creating a new walking tour map, people not wanting the public to think their homes are open for tours.

**VIII. STAFF-COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Ross asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioners Ohrtman and Randall moved and seconded, respectively to adjourn the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at approximately 11:12 a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Katie Hollingshead  
Recording Secretary



Chairperson or Acting Chairperson  
Historic Preservation Commission

Approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2022.