

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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**Regular Meeting**  
~Minutes~

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**Thursday**  
**July 24, 2025**

**4:30 PM**

**Haddock Building**  
**504 S. Washington Street**

**Reese called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nels Reese, Chair; April Hernandez, Renee Magee, Vincent O'Connor, Jack Porter, Shelley Walker-Harmon  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Eleanor Evans, Laurabeth Kowalick, Kayla Youngren  
OTHERS: Drew Davis, Dan Everhart (SHPO), Alexis Matrone (SHPO)  
STAFF: Lucy Falcy

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. Approval of Minutes from June 26, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

Reese moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Porter. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

### 2. Public Comment

*Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.*

None offered.

### 3. Idaho State Historic Preservation Office Update (ACTION)

*Dan Everhart and Alexis Matrone of the State Historic Preservation Office in Boise will introduce themselves and provide an update on their programs and work.*

Dan Everhart and Alexis Matrone talked about their roles of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the various commissions within that office. They outlined how commissions can help protect historical buildings through design standards and preservation plans. The presenters encouraged the Commissioners to apply for a SHPO grant for preservation planning, training, survey, or design work. Moscow has previously received \$20,000 in grants from Historical Preservation Office since 2003. They also explained the needs and objectives of historical preservation plans. The SHPO application window is from November 1<sup>st</sup> to January 30<sup>th</sup> and the City would be required to front the grant funds and be reimbursed. This will continue to be discussed during the August meeting.

### 4. 2025 Orchid Awards (ACTION ITEM)

*The topic of the Orchid Awards will be discussed, as well as strategies for finding appropriate candidates.*

The Commissioners discussed various properties to be potentially nominated for the upcoming Orchid Awards. This will continue to be discussed during the August meeting.

**5. Interpretive Signage in Friendship Square (ACTION ITEM)**

*The Commission will discuss the plan for adding interpretive signage in Friendship Square.*

The Commissioners tabled this discussion. It was noted that the Commission would need the Moscow Hotel property owner's feedback on sign placement location before they review the details further.

**REPORTS**

Reese gave a report on the history and refurbishment of the 1912 Center. The 1912 Center won an Idaho State Orchid Award.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

*The next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for August 28, 2025.*

The next meeting is planned to be held at the 1912 Center for a tour of the renovations.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.**



Nels Reese, Chair

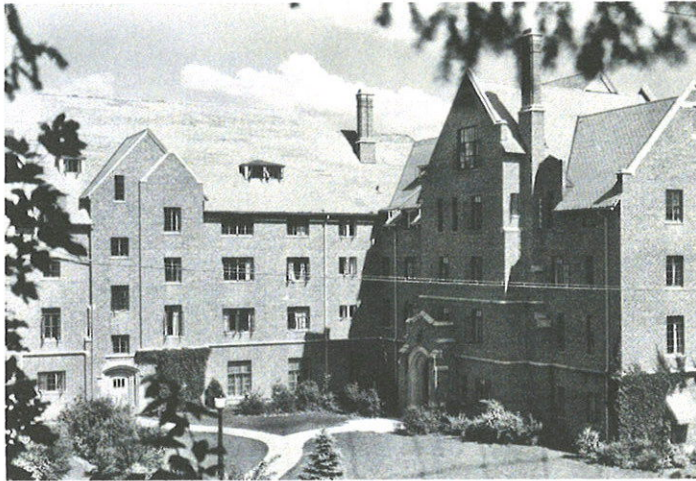
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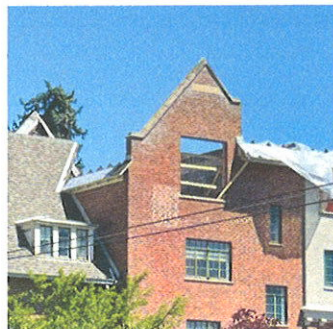
# Hays Hall, 1927

Architect: David Lange

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Hays Hall was constructed in 1927 adjoining to the newly constructed Forney Hall. The two buildings were dedicated to the housing of women students at the University of Idaho. These two dormitories continued the Collegiate Gothic sensibility on the Moscow campus. Apparently the building has endured several fire and most recent roof repairs necessitated the restoration of the Hays Hall roof, which is currently under construction.



## Wylie and Minnie Lauder House: 1907

1320 South Deakin Extension



**Wylie Lauder** and his wife Minnie built this house around 1907. It may well be the most unique concrete block residence in Moscow. It is little known because of its out of the way location. Wylie was most well-known through his partnership with Thomas Taylor. The **Lauder and Taylor** partnership owned the first brick yard in Moscow and apparently also manufactured concrete blocks shown in the photos above. Taylor and Lauder not only provided bricks for early Moscow buildings but also acted as contractors for many of Moscow early masonry buildings. The house on South Deakin Extension is showing signs of a disturbed foundation. Contractor, Doug Wasenkari is currently working to save and restore this beautiful concrete block house and its one of a kind round columns.

