

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Thursday
April 23, 2026

4:30 PM

Haddock Building
504 S. Washington Street

Walker-Harmon called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shelley Walker-Harmon, Chair; Laurabeth Kowalick, Renee Magee, Anne Marshall, Jack Porter, LaRae Tomera, Kayla Youngren
MEMBERS ABSENT: April Hernandez, Nels Reese
OTHERS: Sandra Kelly
STAFF: Mike Ray

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Marshall moved for approval of the minutes as amended, seconded by Youngren. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (7). 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. 2026 Orchid Awards (ACTION ITEM)

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

The Commissioners had a short conversation about some potential buildings to be nominated for the upcoming Orchid Awards.

4. University of Idaho Historic District Update

A discussion about the work being done for the University of Idaho Historic District.

It was reported that the Historic District is still in the approval process, with no major updates at this time.

5. Grant Update for Water Department Building

An update on submitting a grant for funding a National Register Nomination for the City Water Department Building located at 201 N. Main Street.

Staff informed the Commission that the grant application has been submitted as of April 15th.

6. Interpretive Signage in Friendship Square (ACTION ITEM)

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

The Commission continued working on the design of the new interpretive sign for Friendship Square. The discussion moved to what other places in Moscow should have a historical sign place.

7. 2026 Goals (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission will discuss goals for the next year and the potential for commissioner presentations on topics.

The Commission had a conversation about creating a schedule for walking tours of the downtown area, including different forms of media to assist with information sharing. The Commissioners were interested in designing and supplying Historic Preservation newsletters again, as well as other forms of materials to have for the public.

REPORTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff shared the two recently completed Mayoral pictures of Hailey Lewis and Art Bettge.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission is scheduled for May 28, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM


Shelley Walker-Harmon, Chair

5/28/26
Date