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MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO

Friday, May 1, 2026

Special Meeting: 1:30 PM

Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Chair Eichelberger.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Barbara Bennett:	Present
Vice-Chair Bill Brizee:	Present
Commissioner Rhonda Budvarson:	Present
Chair Judy Eichelberger:	Present
Commissioner Ransom Storm:	Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sadie Roe

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - ACTION ITEM Review selection of HHPC Historic Preservation Awards

Chair Eichelberger read aloud the admissions that were received for the Historic Preservation Awards:

The first applicant was received on March 24th, 2026, for the property located at 5250 East Hayden Lake Road. It was built in 1910 and operates as a private inn with 65 rooms. Chair Eichelberger called it the “Clark house” and went on to mention that it is not within City limits, and asked Director Donna Phillips if that disqualifies it from receiving an award?

To which Ms. Phillips answered “yes” because of the qualifications that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) created for this award process and had announced to the public.

Chair Eichelberger suggested that next year they change the verbiage of the qualifications so that more buildings could apply and would be able to qualify even if they are outside of the city limits. She mentioned that this property could re-apply next year as a historical property to receive the award.

Director Phillips said that the post office address of a property does not always mean they are within city limits.

Chair Eichelberger asked Vice-Chair Brizee if he knew the applicant or had any contact with them, and he said no, but that he knew the flyer was posted on the city’s website,

and he had posted it also to his social media, along with visiting several places in the area urging them to apply, and also attended city council meetings to hand out flyers. Chair Eichelberger and Vice-Chair Brizee mentioned reaching out to the applicant and thanking them. Ms. Phillips went on to read some information about the inn that she found online. –SUBMITTAL DISQUALIFIED –

The second applicant was received by Michelle Nielson for the property located at 9515 North Government Way. The business name is “Armory Outpost.” It was built in 1915. Director Donna Philips pulled up the Kootenai Co. Assessors website and showed the Commissioners photos of the building throughout the years and confirmed the building date is 1915. Chair Eichelberger stated that it looks to qualify for the award and checks all the boxes as far as award criteria. Director Phillips stated a little more research might be necessary for this one.

The final applicant submittal was for the “Ski Shack.” During deliberation it was discovered that Chair Eichelberger was the one who wrote the narrative and submitted the application for the applicant on their behalf, so this one was disqualified due to integrity of the award submittal and selection process per Director Phillips.
– SUBMITTAL DISQUALIFIED -

This motion, made by Commissioner Budvarson and seconded by Vice Chair Brizee. Motion carried.

Barbara Bennett:	Yes
Bill Brizee:	Yes
Rhonda Budvarson:	Yes
Judy Eichelberger:	Yes
Ransom Storm:	Absent
Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1	

HHPC Award to be awarded to the “Armory Outpost” building located at 9515 N Government Way, contingent upon their acceptance of the award. A representative from the HPC will reach out to the applicant to let them know they have won, and see if they wish to accept the award or not.

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM by Chair Eichelberger.

This motion, made by Commissioner Budvarson and seconded by Vice Chair Brizee. Motion carried.

Barbara Bennett:	Yes
Bill Brizee:	Yes
Rhonda Budvarson:	Yes
Judy Eichelberger:	Yes
Ransom Storm:	Absent
Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1	