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

Monday, May 18, 2026

Regular Meeting: 11:00 AM

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM 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 Chair Eichelberger.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *All items on the Consent Calendar are Action Items*

Edits to be made to Meeting Minutes from 04-23-26 per Vice Chair Brizee and Chair Eichelberger: Under reports clarification for the sentence “office building on Government Way.” This should instead read “office building aka as AMAX on Government Way near Hayden Canyon Charter School.” With those changes noted, Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026 was made.

**This motion, made by Commissioner Budvarson and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Motion carried.**

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

**VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items (5-minutes maximum):**

N/A

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on HHPA Award winner: Armory Outpost

Chair Eichelberger asked Clerk, Sadie Roe, for an update on this item since Director, Donna Phillips, was not present. Ms. Roe updated the commission by stating that a liaison for the applicant let City staff know that the owner of Armory Outpost is currently out of the country in Italy, but the liaison does not foresee the owner refusing the award. Chair Eichelberger then asked if the certificate was made yet? To which Ms. Roe said not that she is aware of. Chair Eichelberger stated that there is a template for the certificate from last year's award, and that is something that needs followed up on so that it is ready for the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vice Chair Brizee said that he needs a couple of days' notice (in regard to the certificate), so that he can mount it in the wood frames. He would like to also make an updated award from last year's certificate to the Mayor and put it in one of the wood frames.

Discussion continued about the plaques that will go on the frames for the awards, and Vice Chair Brizee was selected to make the decision in choosing a plaque design and then Clerk, Sadie Roe, said she would order them once a design was selected by the commission.

Next Chair Eichelberger asked if they have to do anything to get on the agenda for the City Council's meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, to which Ms. Roe said she doesn't believe so but that she would double check to make sure that the Historic Commission is on the agenda for that meeting.

Vice Chair Brizee asked about the CAMP training at the library on Friday that they would be attending and can only two commissioners attend? Ms. Roe answered by stating that as long as they don't meet quorum, meaning only two commissioners can attend, and they are not discussing upcoming items that they should be okay. Commissioner Budvarson has jury duty, so she will not be attending the CAMP event. Commissioner Bennett will be recovering after some doctor's appointments, so she will not be attending either. Vice Chair Brizee, and Chair Eichelberger will be attending the CAMP event, and Donna Phillips might also be attending.

Update on Hayden Days – Community Engagement:

Chair Eichelberger said that that event will be during the last weekend in July.

Vice Chair Brizee said that he thinks it would be a great idea to get some feedback from the community and mentioned doing boards where people can put "dots" next to their favorite residential buildings or commercial buildings. Chair Eichelberger said "kind of that idea of which do you think tells the story of Hayden? Or which one looks like Hayden to you" To which Vice Chair Brizee said yes. And both agreed "the dots will tell the story." He went on to say that each commissioner could take photographs around town of different buildings that they like and that they think tells the story of Hayden, or represents Hayden in some way, and they can also take photos of buildings that they don't particularly like and then those photos could be used for the boards and the public could vote on them.

Chair Eichelberger said that taking these photos will be the commissioners "homework" for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Brizee stated they will be of residential homes, multi family homes, and commercial properties.

He also stated that there is not much time to create these boards, and that maybe Commissioner Ransom Storm could put the boards together for the commission. He also confirmed that more “dots” were available for them to use, to which Ms. Roe said yes, there are probably more that they could use for this project.

Chair Eichelberger confirmed the dates for Hayden Days would most likely be July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. She also said they will probably have their same spot as last year, and they can set up some books for sale during the Hayden Days event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

## **REPORTS**

Chair Eichelberger shared with the commission that she picked up 104 copies of their book Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives yesterday. Super 1 has been replenished with a supply of books for sale, and she also said that she has called everyone on the waiting list and asked if Commissioner Bennett would reach out to Ruth and reach out to George Hayes. Commissioner Bennett confirmed she will reach out to them and she will also reach out to “the Anthony’s” as well.

Vice Chair Brizee asked if it would be a good idea to take some books to the North Idaho Museum? To which Chair Eichelberger said that she already has dropped off one book over there but has not heard back from Brit yet, who is their contact over at the museum.

Commissioner Bennett asked if the library has a book yet? To which Chair Eichelberger asked another question stating how do they want to handle the schools as well? Since school is almost out for the year.

Commissioner Budvarson suggested giving the books to the librarians of each school, and for the Hayden library she suggested giving it to the Kootenai County Geneological Society who has their own section in the library that is mainly history.

Chair Eichelberger agreed to doing that and also stated that the books for the schools should be donated.

Vice Chair Brizee asked if the books are being donated to the schools, how do they make up that profit?

Chair Eichelberger said that is a good question for the Finance Dept, and how to go about doing that. She stated that this item needs to be an action item under “new business” for the next meeting.

She went on to say that most schools are almost out for the year, and “do we wait until the Fall?” To which the other commissioners agreed.

Chair Eichelberger asked if there were any other reports for this meeting? To which Commissioner Bennett said “no.”

Discussion continued about the Monaghan Estates subdivision public hearing which is being held this evening at 5:30 pm. Vice Chair Brizee is planning on attending, and would like to thank the builder as a citizen for allowing the HPC to salvage some items off of the property and allowed them to take photographs.

Chair Eichelberger mentioned the Hanson house, and how the HPC was able to go out to the property and salvage some plants and other items. She said she gave out 10 copies of the Miles story, and the Hanson story, from their book Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives.

**ADJOURNMENT *ACTION ITEM***

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 PM by Chair Eichelberger.

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

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<b>Bill Brizee:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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