

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Commission Meeting: 10:00 AM  
Hayden City Hall Council Chambers, 8930 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.

## ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Barbara Bennett: Present  
Bill Brizee: Present  
Rhonda Budvarson: Present  
Judy Eichelberger: Present  
Ransom Storm: Present

## ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2025 and February 13, 2025  
Minutes approved with corrections. Chair Eichelberger motion to accept minutes. Bill 1st, Rhonda 2nd all in favor.

**Motion to approve with corrections. This motion, made by Brizee and seconded by Budvarson, Carried.**

**Barbara Bennett: Yes**  
**Bill Brizee: Yes**  
**Rhonda Budvarson: Yes**  
**Judy Eichelberger: Yes**  
**Ransom Storm: Yes**

**Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1**

### 3. VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda Items (5-minutes maximum)

No visitors

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. Update on Stoddard Barn Project

Donna Phillips, Director Community Development, has not heard any news regarding the historic value of the barn and silo. She mentioned having heard some information on repair of the silo. Currently, staff is working on information regarding other barns being used as venues which may offer ideas for the Stoddard Barn. Chair Eichelberger asked if the goal is to get the barn on the National Register. Ms. Phillips responded the PER gives approval of moving forward to apply. All the paperwork has been submitted, therefore the next step is waiting for a response. The grant will close by the end of the month. Vice-Chair Brizee would like to get the barn registered as an Historic Site. Chair Eichelberger stated that is different then the National Register. Ms. Phillips added City Council is required to decide what the consequences are of registering the barn and whether to register both the inside and outside. Commissioner Budvarson stated it would be a good opportunity to visit other barns to see what they look like.

#### B. Historic Preservation Commission Mission Statement & Implementation Strategy Update

Ms. Phillips presented a SWOT analysis to the commission which helps groups and

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businesses to formulate strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The results of this exercise have been formulated into a chart and saved in the Historic Preservation Commission files. Commissioner Budvarson remarked one of the weaknesses was that the commission has no funding. Ms. Phillips suggested the commission can make requests for funding for specific projects during budget time. Vice-Chair Brizee suggested he would like more communication between commissions as they should be able to work together to further the history of Hayden (i.e. benches, plaques, etc.). Ms. Phillips responded the commission may request a joint commission meeting.

Ms. Phillips shared that when Connie Kruger was working for the City, she created a handout for the Hayden Historic Commission. It gave a brief history, book introduction and a SWOT analysis which proved not much different than today's results. She briefly reviewed the 2007 Mission Statement which was updated in 2016 by the commission. The 2016 statement refined the verbiage to make it more streamlined. The strategic plan gave goals and assigned commissioners to them. In 2018 the commission eliminated specific roles and updated the mission statement. With that being said, Ms. Phillips would like the commission to update and merge the best parts of the strategic plans from various years/updates to come up with a strategic plan that is complete but also compressed. Vice-Chair Brizee suggested the need to take what we accomplished vs. what is needed for the future. Chair Eichelberger agreed the commission should read old goals and plans and decide which should be retained to find a balance of too much vs. not enough.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

6. REPORTS

Commissioner Budvarson asked if the commission is allowed to prepare certificates for historic achievement in the community. Vice-Chair Brizee responded May is Historic Preservation Month so that would be a good time to present them. Chair Eichelberger asked to refine what awards would be presented (i.e. person, place?). Ms. Phillips suggested creating criteria for recognition for presentation at the next meeting. Vice-Chair Brizee added the awards should be highly visible and give recipients homage for what they have done. Chair Eichelberger stated the merit of the awards should be agreed upon by the commission and presented as a plaque or certificate that is both attractive and cost-effective.

Chair Eichelberger stated the need to look at criteria for the conversation with Lisa Ailport, City Administrator, regarding city code to document historic sites prior to demolition. Ms. Phillips mentioned Ms. Ailport is worried about the legality of Coeur d'Alene's code and if Hayden should adopt something similar. Ms. Phillips also suggested being cognizant of limitations created by the small number of commissioners available to review demo permits as well as time constraints which may interfere with the rights of developers. She cautioned to think about what you really want in the code with a realistic goal. Chair Eichelberger responded they are not trying to make it harder for developers, but want to document historic places and/or receive donations of pieces of the demoed buildings.

Vice-Chair Brizee met with the Hayden Sky developer who agreed to allow him to review the property before development.

7. ADJOURNMENT **ACTION ITEM**

Motion to adjourn by Chair Eichelberger

**Motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Bennett and seconded by Budvarson, Carried.**

**Barbara Bennett: Yes**

**Bill Brizee: Yes**

**Rhonda Budvarson: Yes**

**Judy Eichelberger: Yes**

**Ransom Storm: Yes**

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