

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF POCATELLO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 2, 2025 | 6:00 PM
CITY HALL | COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 911 NORTH 7TH AVENUE

Vizcarra called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kristopher Boatman, Darrell Buffaloe, Ruta Casabianca, Darryn Davidson (arrived at 6:48 PM), Ellen Ryan, and Marty Vizcarra.

STAFF: HPC Liaison Jim Anglesey and Aceline McCulla.

GUESTS: Kurt Huffaker

2. APPROVE MINUTES.

The Commission may wish waive the oral reading of the meeting minutes held February 19, 2025, and to approve the minutes as presented.

It was moved by **K. Boatman** and seconded by **R. Casabianca** to approve the HPC meeting minutes held February 19 as presented. Those in favor: Kristopher Boatman, Darrell Buffaloe, Ruta Casabianca, Ellen Ryan, and Marty Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN ACCEPTANCE AND RECOMMENDATION.

This time has been set aside for the Commission to make final comments on the draft Historic Preservation Plan and to accept and recommend the Plan to City Council to adopt by resolution.

Kirk Huffaker, consultant, presented the findings of public engagement and community survey data for the target audience to complete the Historic Preservation Plan. Huffaker noted action by the Commission was to accept the plan and make a recommendation to City Council to adopt by resolution. Discussion ensued between Commission members and Huffaker.

It was moved by **D. Buffaloe** and seconded by **K. Boatman** to accept the Historic Preservation Plan, make a recommendation to City Council to adopt by resolution, and authorize the Chair to sign the recommendation. Those in favor: K. Boatman, D. Buffaloe, R. Casabianca, E. Ryan, and M. Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. PRESERVATION PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

The Commission may wish to discuss preservation projects and updates on assignments.

- Community Engagement & Outreach

Buffaloe asked Boatman if a Commission member presented to an appropriate history class, would that be accepted by students and help with engagement of students. **Boatman** stated the Freshman History class would be appropriate and students may appreciate an introduction by an HPC qualified member.

o May - Historic Preservation Month

- May Art Walk, other events
- April Environmental Fair Volunteers and Partnership options with NAACP & Triangle Committee not confirmed yet.
Hobson 1-3
Anglesey setup and take down
Casabianca 11-1
Vizcarra setup - 1
Ryan 11-1 and will pull pics to include for presentations and social media.

McCulla asked if any members know of local people that have utilized Historic Preservation Funding and will commit to reach out to local restoration businesses for information, before and after pictures and videos of their projects. **Casabianca** will reach out to Denis Clijsters of the Station Square and Fargo Apartments and **Vizcarra** will reach out to Jerry Myers of the Whitman Apartments. **Hobson** will reach out to Craig Yeadon of the Purpose Building.

- Proclamation

Anglesey blended last years information and new information of this year to create this proclamation. Members are good with it as presented.

- Social Media Posts – topics

Three posts a week on social media and post on the City’s website. Topics are as follows: **April 29** Pocatello’s anniversary of 136 years; **May 1** National HP Month Theme (Harnessing the Power of Place), **May 2** Proclamation image; **May 5** Historic Tax Credit; **May 7** Preservation Highlight – Purpose Building; **May 9** Historic Pocatello Figure – Minnie Howard; **May 12** – Preservation Highlight – Relight the Night; **May 14**, Historic Pocatello Figure – Frank Paradise; **May 16** Historic Preservation Plan, **May 19** Historic Pocatello Figure – Les Purce; **May 21** – Preservation Highlight – Station Square; **May 23** – WWII Contributions; **May 26** Memorial Day – Brady Chapel Restoration; **May 28** Historic Home Tour, **May 30** Self-Guided Historic Districts Walking Tours

Casabianca recommended Les Purce, and she would collect information and will reach out to Purce for approval. Members will send ideas to Anglesey.

- Brady Chapel

Friends of the Brady Chapel will host the Memorial Day Open House. Reach out to the organization for more information or to volunteer.

- Historic Preservation Plan

Anglesey sent the HPP to Legal for review.

- WWII Heritage City Nomination

Anglesey is compiling pictures of today following refurbishing the Titan Center Buildings. Anglesey received letters of support from Simpson, American Legion, and Bannock Historical Society .

- Remind Commission that elections for a New Chair and Vice Chair will be an agenda item for the May meeting.

5. ADJOURN.

With no other business, Vizcarra adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Submitted by:


Aceline McCulla, Secretary

Approved on: May 7, 2025