

MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF POCATELLO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

JULY 2, 2025 • 6:00 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 911 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, POCATELLO, IDAHO

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Vizcarra called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. **PRESENT:** Kristopher Boatman, Darrell Buffaloe, Ruta Casabianca (left at 6:45 PM), Darryn Davidson, Brittani Hobson, Ellen Ryan, and Marty Vizcarra. **STAFF:** Jim Anglesey and Aceline McCulla. There were no disclosures.

2. APPROVE MINUTES

The Commission may wish waive the oral reading of the meeting minutes held June 4, 2025, and to approve the minutes as presented.

It was moved by **D. Davidson** and seconded by **K. Boatman** to approve the HPC June 4, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Those in favor: K. Boatman, D. Buffaloe, R. Casabianca, D. Davidson, B. Hobson, E. Ryan, and M. Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

3. LETTER REGARDING NATIONAL PRESERVATION FUND.

The Commission may wish to approve a letter regarding the national preservation fund to be sent to U.S. representatives and authorize the Chair's signature on the letter.

It was moved by **D. Buffaloe** and seconded by **K. Boatman** to approve the letter supporting the national preservation fund as presented, and to authorize the Chair to sign the letters to be emailed this evening. Those in favor: K. Boatman, D. Buffaloe, R. Casabianca, D. Davidson, B. Hobson, E. Ryan, and M. Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. PRESERVATION PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

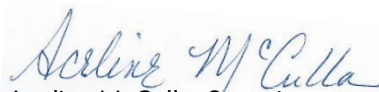
The Commission may wish to discuss preservation projects and updates on assignments.

- Community Engagement & Outreach
 - Outreach Events: **Vizcarra** spoke with NeighborWorks Pocatello during the *Pay it Forward BBQ* and discussed collaborating with the HPC on the Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program for outreach efforts to educate the public of program opportunities. Please invite Mike Foy to present the program for the August meeting.
 - Invite LHC to give a presentation on their program for the August meeting.
 - Anglesey mention Christine Howe of the Grants Division will present on the CDBG program in September.
- Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, Construction Services Presentations.
- **Vizcarra** spoke with Matt Hunger of the Chamber of Commerce to have a discussion on the chamber programs.
- **Ryan** is reaching out to realtors to educate them on the *Dos and Don'ts for National Register Listings*.
- **Vizcarra** is trying to reach out to property owners for tours. The Historic Home Tour is scheduled for September 13, they still need volunteers. Jennifer Atterbury, Jerry Myers and Cheryl Hansen are willing to do presentations.
- Possibly the Neon Sign Lighting on July 12 in tandem with the Neon Fest.
 - Social Media Posts –Future monthly topics
 - Anglesey has a list of famous Pocatello people, Fred Stedfeldt of Fred's Café (July), Edward Stevenson, Beverly Bistline Family, Lloyd Furnace, A.L. Lelumbridge, and the William Kasiska.
- Brady Chapel, no updates.

5. ADJOURN.

With no other business, Vizcarra adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Submitted by:


Aceline McCulla, Secretary

Approved on: August 6, 2025

July 2, 2025

Congressman Simpson:

Craig Quarterman - craig.quarterman@mail.house.gov

Reilly Lamp - reilly.lamp@mail.house.gov

Nikki Wallace - nikki.wallace@mail.house.gov

Dear Congressman Simpson, Craig Quarterman, Reilly Lamp and Nikki Wallace:

I am writing to urge your support for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the important work it does which benefits not just Pocatello, but communities across Idaho. The SHPO manages the required programs of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), which broadly preserve our nation's heritage and locally assist in preserving Idaho's special places. Currently, the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)—which funds the SHPO's work—is threatened by federal agency inaction and proposed federal budget cuts, endangering our country's long-standing commitment to protecting and celebrating America's rich legacy and resulting in an unfunded federal mandate.

As the Chair of the City of Pocatello's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), I care deeply about Pocatello's history and historic places. The HPC is a citizen advisory group to the Pocatello City Council. We are charged with making decisions concerning the preservation of Pocatello's historic downtown district as well as make recommendations for the designation of historic properties throughout the city. We also play a vital role in education and advocating for the protection of our heritage and historic assets.

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Pocatello has benefited from our partnership with SHPO since it began participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program in 1985. In addition to dozens of in-person meetings with Historic Preservation Commissioners and community members, SHPO's distribution of nearly \$338,000 in Certified Local Government Grants to the city has provided:

- Professional services to draft, edit, and adopt a city-wide Historic Preservation Plan;
- Funding and professional guidance and advice in the drafting of local historic preservation ordinance and planning processes;
- Planning and management of a statewide heritage conference hosted in Pocatello in 2022 which drew hundreds of participants over multiple days;
- Consultation on economic development opportunities for the renovation of the Peterson Building and the Whitman Hotel, critical office and housing projects benefiting from the federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit.

Without SHPO support, this important work in Pocatello will diminish. We are asking for your leadership to ensure that we do not lose these important resources. Specifically, we respectfully ask you to:

1. Uphold the authority of the legislative branch to appropriate funds by facilitating the OMB's immediate release of the FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY25 HPF grants, and subsequent swift review and approval of HPF applications by the Department of the Interior to ensure State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) can continue to aid in the preservation of our nation's heritage.

2. Uphold your role as steward of our nation's heritage by demonstrating continued, bipartisan commitment to these programs ahead of the 2026 Semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence by proposing and/or supporting FY26 appropriations necessary for SHPOs and THPOs to continue their important work.

Respectfully yours,



Marty Vizcarra, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

July 2, 2025

Senator Crapo:

Bob Sonnichsen - bob_sonnichsen@crapo.senate.gov

Matthew Mondello - matthew_mondello@crapo.senate.gov

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Senator Risch:

Madison Hardy - madison_hardy@risch.senate.gov

Kevin Arkoosh - kevin_arkoosh@risch.senate.gov

Matthew Clemence - matthew_clemence@risch.senate.gov

Dear Senator Risch, Madison Hardy, Kevin Arkoosh and Matthew Clemence:

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