



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall – Conference Room #6

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

12:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Burns, Emerson, Miller, Sardell, Shaffer, Harro, McCracken, Shepperd

MINUTES: ** ITEMS BELOW ARE CONSIDERED ACTION ITEMS*

January 28, 2026 – Historic Preservation Commission Retreat/Workshop Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

STAFF COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

ONGOING PROJECTS: ** ITEMS BELOW ARE CONSIDERED ACTION ITEMS*

- Historic Signage Program Update (CEG Grant)
- CAMP Training with Downtown Tour/Reception
- America 250 in Idaho Celebration – Logistics/City HPC Role/Commemorative Items/Fundraising
- Government Way Corridor Focus Group Efforts
- Preservation Month - School & Community Outreach (NIBCA), Training, Heart of History Awards
- Historic Preservation Mitigation Bank Grant Opportunity

TRACKING TIME: (please submit quarterly)

ADJOURNMENT/CONTINUATION:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____,
to continue meeting to _____, __, at __ p.m.; motion carried unanimously.
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn meeting; motion carried unanimously.

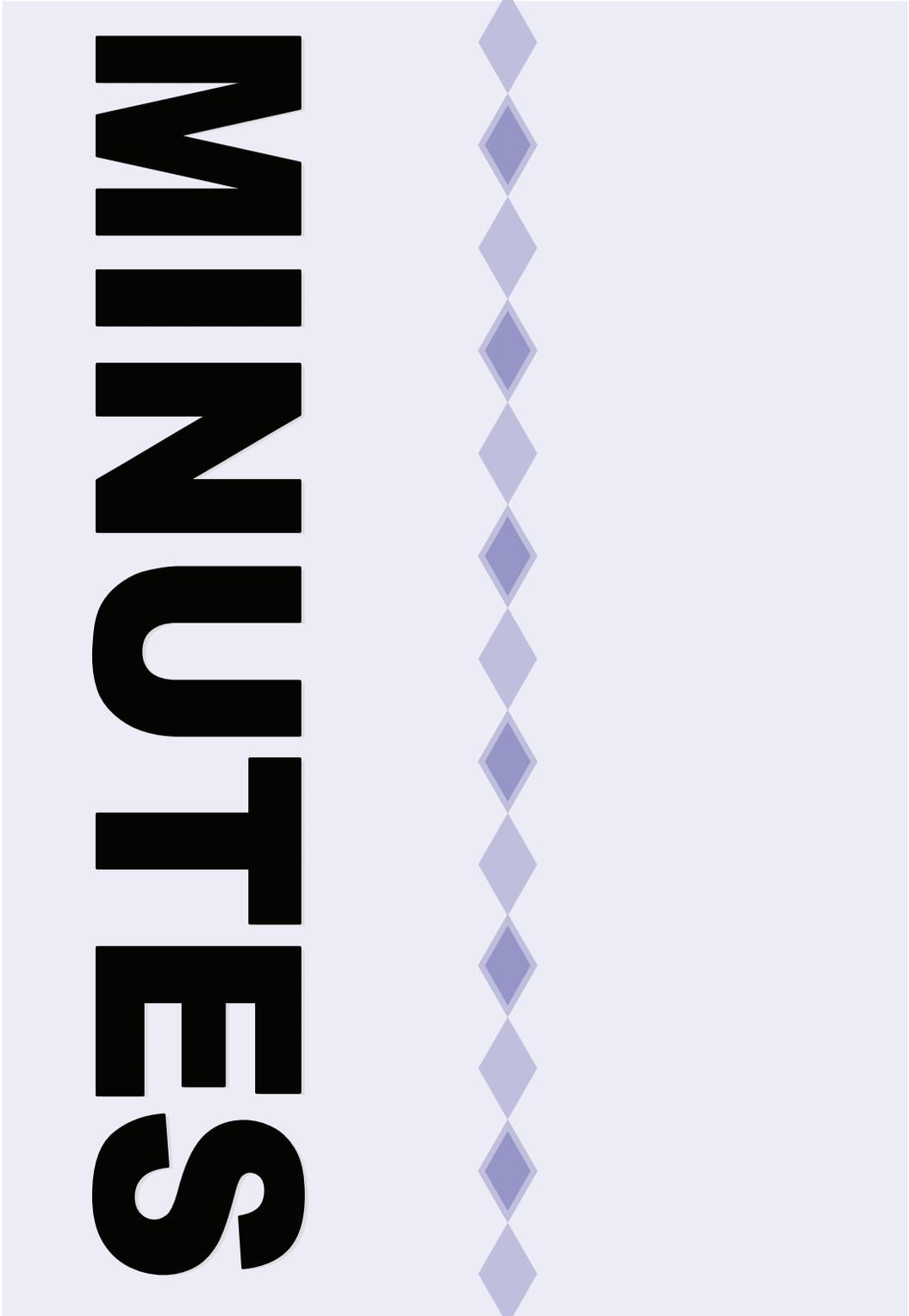
Coeur d'Alene Tribe Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people, the Coeur d'Alene, who have occupied the lands that include the City of Coeur d'Alene, Coeur d'Alene Lake and the Spokane River for time immemorial. The Schitsu'umsh are "Those who are found here" or "The discovered people" and they have been telling their story in song and dance for thousands of years in celebration and in hardship. We are fortunate that the Coeur d'Alenes have blessed the land and formed strong relationships to continue as stewards to protect and preserve the land, lake, and other resources. We acknowledge the Tribe's 5 Core Values for decisions related to the land and the future of the Coeur d'Alene people. We are honored to learn, grow, play and live upon the traditional territory of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and to have the opportunity to work together to improve our land and strengthen our communities for future generations. Time Immemorial. Present. Future.

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MINUTES



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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
WORKSHOP/RETREAT MINUTES**

JANUARY 28, 2026

11:00-1:00

City Hall – Conference Room #6

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Walter Burns, Chair
Anneliese Miller, Vice Chair
Stephen Shepperd
Rick Shaffer
Shannon Sardell (on Teams)
Doug Harro
Dan McCracken

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hilary Patterson, Community Planning Director
Traci Clark, Admin. Assistant

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:

Kiki Miller, Council Liaison

County Commissioner Present:

Jon Mueller, Chair

Commissioners Absent:

(note, there is one vacancy on the commission)

11:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burns at 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES: **ITEM BELOW IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN ACTION ITEM**

Motion by Commissioner Shepperd, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the minutes for December 10, 2025. Motion carried.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ms. Patterson made the following statements:

- We still have the vacancy on this commission. We have received two applications, and we may have another potential applicant. Hopefully we can get interviews scheduled and get that commission spot filled soon.
- Regarding the Downtown Reconnaissance Survey efforts, we did have that check-in meeting. SHPO and I met with Ms. Painter. She's on track with the project. She's working on getting the records submitted through ICRIS and working closely with SHPO on making sure the descriptions of the properties are correct and that we have enough detail and not too much detail for the ones that are not eligible or contributing. We'll be having a meeting scheduled with her in February to keep the project on track.
- I received a call yesterday from an archaeologist, Chris Magnus. He lives in Old Town, and he's been working with the Wallace Museum and the Newport Museum. He was told by our museum that we have these historic resources guide and he asked to be added. But it sounds like his interest is more about digging in the alleys when old buildings and outbuildings are removed to help find artifacts for the museum. That sounds more like telling the demolition contractors to contact this guy as you dig versus adding him to the list of salvage resources. I don't know if you

have any thoughts on that, but we can discuss it separately.

Public Comment:

Don Pischner, Idaho State Historical Society trustee, stated he would like to thank the HPC for the meeting. As a trustee, I have an obligation to do these things. One thing that trustees are required at our meetings is to give a report of what we've done for the past maybe three or four months, I'll be able to report on the good work that you're doing. This is my 11th year as a trustee. That position starts out competitively and ends up, a final selection appointment by the Governor. It is a six-year term and I'm on my second term. Governor Otter appointed me initially, and Governor Little said I could go another six years. I will be done with that challenge in January. And I have to say it's been a very rewarding experience. I really enjoyed it. I think I might have been the right person to be there at the time because of the issues that came up in developing the new and renovated museum and bringing it up to date. Some of the issues that I had trouble with was how North Idaho was being represented. And it wasn't about the Aryan Nations, and it wasn't about pollution. It was more about our rich history. I've tried to carry that forward. But I will say the position is quite heavy administratively. It isn't that the person that is appointed as a trustee has to be rich on history, but I found that probably 70-80% of what we do is administrative. It's a very complex agency with multiple levels, museum, archives, library, shop, SHPO storage of documents, highway road signs. It just goes on and on and on. It's very complicated. But it's been a fun time, and we've had an excellent director. I think Janet (Gallimore) has done a great job. We had a great and marvelous chairman in Bill Budichichi. He served for 13 years. They have a little niche there that if one of you would like to take my position right now you can serve this plus another 12 years. I thank you and I'd make an observation, the thing you have going here for you is the America250. Traveling throughout the state, I see a lot of courthouses. For some reason, our committee always ends up at a courthouse. Not many of them are as significant as ours. They're kind of run down and beat up and chopped up. You've got something going for you here. You've got a marvelous courthouse.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Miller made the motion to retain Chairman Burns as Chairman and Commissioner Miller as Vice Chair and Commissioner Shaffer seconded. Motion carried. The Secretary will remain vacant for the time being.

America 250 in Idaho Celebration – Logistics/City HPC Role Commemorative Items/Fundraising?

Chairman Burns stated we have been awarded \$5,000 jointly between the County Historic Preservation Commission and our commission. There is no match. These funds can be used for the commemoration, celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. What we have planned at this point is events to coincide with 2026 100th anniversary of the courthouse and the date that the state of Idaho was admitted to the union. We will be having a celebration at the courthouse on July 3rd after the parade. As far as the celebration of the courthouse goes, the county commission is already underway with their speaker series. Commissioner Shepperd was the first speaker, and he did a great job. I would like to compliment him on his research. It was amazing how in-depth it was. He would like some ideas and input on people's thoughts on what we could do for the celebration on July 3rd. We're forming a joint committee to plan this. There may be other groups from the city and county that may be wanting to participate. The Arts Commission has indicated that they're interested in participating along with the library. I will be part of that, but I think we need at least one other from our group to attend the meetings. I don't know how often we'd be meeting. Maybe once a month then twice a month starting in May.

Jon Mueller, Chairman of the County's HPC, commented that the speaker for the July celebration will be Justice Cynthia Meyer, Supreme Court Justice. She was coming at the end of the part of our lecture series that talks about the court system, first district bar, all of that. But as this America250 thing came forward and began to kind of take shape, our presentation inside the courthouse kind of went in a different direction. We thought we could go outside on East Lawn, maybe in the afternoon so there's

some shade, after the kids' parade and maybe have the streets closed so we could bring in some area bands. We talked about the Music Conservancy helping coordinate musical performances. He is here today to add more members to the committee. We have around five months to get there and who would want to participate. He asked Kiki Miller City Council Liaison, how much the council will want to be involved in or advise. I'm sure one of our commissioners is probably going to want the same thing. He would like to have seven to eight members on the committee. He feels that would be manageable. I talked about getting high school bands to come play, maybe inviting small rural schools to come participate. He was hoping some Council or Commissioners, or the mayor may want to speak. We talked about the involvement of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and a few other organizations, veterans' groups. You can see how quickly this could get complicated, but I think it could turn out to be something very special for us. We also have the time capsule dedication. One of our members is working on kind of a protocol for the time capsule on how we select all that and to put in there. Somebody has suggested we throw in a roll of pennies since they aren't making them anymore. These are the kind of suggestions and ideas we are looking for.

Chairman Burns commented he would like a member of this commission to volunteer with him to be on this committee. They will meet once month until May meeting, most likely twice monthly until the celebration. Commissioner Shepperd agreed to be on the committee.

Council Liaison Miller stated she would be happy to be the liaison to the mayor.

Chairman Mueller commented that would be great with him. He would like to know to what extent would the mayor and council want to participate. I think a council member should participate in the ceremony or the activities. It'd be nice to know if the mayor will participate as well, maybe a guest speaker.

Commissioner Emerson suggested reaching out to Stan Schedler and Terry Jones from the college who has his brass band. Most of the high schools' kids' band are gone for the Summer. They might be around since the parade is the same morning.

Commissioner Harro stated that he has spent a fair amount of time looking through old newspapers to learn about the dedication of the courthouse and see if there was a time capsule. The copies that they have digitized are low quality. You can only pick out a few sentences. What I found out was the Masons were in charge of the dedication ceremony, laying the cornerstone before construction began. This happened April 26, 1926. And I guess it's common practice with the Masons to put some kind of a box inside the actual cornerstone in the masonry. We would need a mason to remove those bricks and then we'd have somebody that had some welding equipment or something to be able to open a metal box just in case it was metal to get inside of it. The day after it was reported in the Spokesman Review that before they sealed it, they placed a list of documents. There was something from the Boy Scouts, because that was just getting started, the Masonic Lodge, which I guess is the Scottish Rite Masonic Lodge that we have up in Hayden. a bunch of stuff from Kootenai County, some kind of photographs, financial reports, a history of the Shoshone Kootenai Council, bank statements, Chamber of Commerce documents, copies of all the local newspapers all the way down to Harrison, the White Pine newspaper of Coeur d'Alene High School, and coins and trinkets.

Commissioner Emerson stated he knows someone who is a Masonic member, Mr. Adams, and he will contact him. Maybe he can look through their records from 1926 and see if they placed a box in the cornerstone of the courthouse.

Commissioner Sardell stated she does have technology that can be useful to look at the brick. She has a drill and a fiber optic camera if the commission needs to look at the brick work on the courthouse for the time capsule.

Commissioner Harro commented on another interesting fact he read after the ceremony in 1926 is that the Masons went down to Memorial Field and played the Rotary Club in a baseball game.

Chairman Burns commented we could have the County Commission against the City Commission or the County staff versus City staff.

Ms. Patterson stated we do have some pricing and some information that Council Liaison Miller provided for the commemorative ornament idea. Ms. Patterson said she also has some pricing from the Coeur

d'Alene Press on advertising the event. They shared some options for us for hard-copied printed ads and digital ads. Other expenses might include chair rentals and audio-visual assistance. We could ask Mike Dziak with Coeur d'Alene TV if he can do videos of the event and even items leading up to the event to help promote it if we want on Facebook. We had discussed also potentially closing off the road. She would have to see if Council would need to support closing the road if we're going to enlist any of our streets department teams. Regarding the idea of a time capsule marker, Bill Greenwood, Parks Director, had shared that if we wanted to do a stone marker, that's more expensive. I don't have a price on the stone engraving at this point but another option would be to do a bronze plaque with a collar that is set in a concrete base.

Council Liaison Miller stated these Christmas tree ornaments were generated in the early 90s (e.g., 93, 94, 95). Winifred Gregory was one of them who was behind this and she believes the Convention and Visitors Bureau and/or the Bed and Breakfast Association were involved and that it was a fundraiser. There were 10 Christmas ornaments that were each historic buildings in Coeur d'Alene. They put one out every year for that 10-year period. What I thought would be so cool is if you said, here's our Heart of History Award program, and that person's building was the ornament for that year. It was kind of an ongoing thing that was a fundraiser easier for historic preservation programs themselves. I tracked it down to possibly three companies out of Canada that made these the last time. What I was hoping to find is the template for those original ones because then the buildings that were there could all be kind of resurrected if they got put into the fold or a complete set could be created for sale. I haven't gotten that far yet, so I'm going to have to get some more information. Their costs are between \$20 and \$25, and they sold for \$45 a few decades ago. I don't know what the pricing would be, but it looks like we could easily do a 50% markup on it and probably coordinate with the Chamber or some of them to be an outlet for them. I just thought that would be kind of a neat thing for Historic Preservation Commission.

County HPC Chairman Mueller suggested using Sunshine Mint because they do jobs like this in non-precious and precious metals.

Liaison Miller commented that this fundraiser could be done annually for tourists to get in on the action. She said she would love to take it all on myself because I think it's such a cool idea, but she probably can't do that, but you never know. She offered to do a little more research and put together a summary about what the real costs would be. If we have Chairman's Mueller's actual original, we can have somebody duplicate them from there.

Commissioner Emerson made the motion to move forward to have Christmas Ornaments made from the historic buildings as a fundraiser for the HPC. Second, by Commissioner McCracken. Motion carried.

Council Liaison Miller stated one of the things that used to occur in conjunction with the Fourth of July Festival was called the Mayor's Mile, and it was a mile-long sprint race, and there had been discussion about bringing that back. There are a couple of people who are really into the running community, and they want to do this. The Chamber's going to take it on and possibly rename it the Spirit Sprint to happen in conjunction with the America250 event. She asked the commission if they liked the idea and would want it to be done in conjunction with America250.

Commissioner Emerson asked would there be some sponsors to offset the costs of trophies?

Council Liaison Miller stated she is the liaison to this committee, and she is aware of funding the \$5,000 in grant funds. I just said I think that you as a race committee would have to be independent and really just rely on historic preservation to be the umbrella organization for it and put it out through their channels. Maybe put it out in their ads if they're already buying them for other stuff, it becomes a matter of a piece within that ad. There is the possibility of medals or T-shirts, and the ornament fundraiser idea. The race organizers could find funding for the race.

Chairman Burns stated I think it's a great idea; it's something to consider.

Council Liaison Miller stated I think it makes sense to have the subcommittee spear head this.

Commissioner Shaffer commented that where to start and finish the mile run, maybe finish at the courthouse, and utilizing the Centennial Trail and coordinate with the Centennial Trail Foundation It would be great to have an active event.

Chairman Burns stated that Mr. Mueller is also on the Centennial Trail Commission. That's a good tie-in. Council Liaison Miller commented it would be a great activity to take off from after the opening of the time capsule. You're going to draw a big crowd. We could have Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Trails, the more we have these groups involved the more these folks could contribute.

Commissioner Shaffer stated he would be on the subcommittee for the Spirit Sprint.

Historic Signage Program Update (CEG Grant)

Chairman Burns commented that Commissioners Sardell and Miller met regarding signage. Commissioner Sardell has worked very hard and put together some possible verbiage which we could use or add to or edit or whatever we wish to do, for each of the buildings that we're considering. Based upon pricing, we probably aren't going to be able to do nine signs. We may have to come back and tell them that we're only going to be able to do seven or eight. We must be specific about which buildings we want to choose.

Commissioner Miller stated that we basically chose to have the name prominent and then some information about when it was built, who the architect was, and maybe some verbiage about the type of architecture and what the building was originally built or used for. We have our Historic Preservation Commission logo. We need to provide some information about the State Historical Society. Some of the buildings that we measured have already had some historic signage that was the same size. One of the things we need to decide is what size works best for what location, and we also talked about maybe some post-mounted signage versus some building-mounted signs. I don't think they're all going to be the same.

Chairman Burns commented we want them to be visible from the sidewalk. You don't want people to have to walk up to the building to see it. We talked about the Roosevelt and possibly welding a sign on the metal fence to be prominent. We talked about maybe modifying the map that Commissioner Miller put together for last year's Historic Preservation Month to coincide with the buildings with the historic signage and then be able to grow from there. Also, you remember last year during Historic Preservation Month, we talked about maybe coming up with the idea of a scavenger hunt, and we could use information that we put on these signs to then go find that information. There's a lot of things that branch off from this, and I think we have got to start here. We'll have to figure out how we're going to get more money and how we're going to get other people to participate. But this is what we need to get done, and we need to get it done quickly.

Ms. Patterson suggested again contacting the business owners regarding the signage to approve of mounting signs and they might want to contribute to the cost of the signs.

Chairman Burns agreed someone will need to do this.

Commissioner Sardell stated the bronze plaque cost for 15x10 is \$950.00 and the 10x8 is \$575.00. We talked about the mounting and on that list, I think there were options that all but two of them in the first eight in that list could be building mounted or structure mounted and that we only really would need mounting sort of brackets or some sort of individual stand for two of them so that it was closer to the sidewalk or the public right-of-way this would be an extra cost. It would be about \$250 extra for the additional mounting if we need to post it next to the sidewalk. It sounds like 8 by 10 is probably where we're headed. Even though I like the larger size, I don't think we have the budget for this grant program to do the larger size.

Chairman Burns commented that we asked Mr. Evans from Awards Etc., to come up with a price for 9 x 12, sign and it the cost is \$725.00, which might allow us to do maybe do seven signs and give us little more room for language on the plaques.

Ms. Patterson wanted to know if the buildings that are listed in the National Register but don't have the National Register plaque, would those buildings have it denoted on the new sign that it is part of the National Register or not?

Commissioner Sardell stated that it's a different style and type of plaque for a different type of purpose and I don't think we can replicate the buildings that have the National Historic Register plaque on their buildings. We are also looking at a larger program that might just be locally listed structures, buildings, sites, and objects even. We don't necessarily want to isolate ourselves or highlight or over accentuate something that we can use in a broader sense to award stewardship of, you know, cultural heritage.

Chairman Burns stated he thinks we could go to some of the property owners that don't have those and explain it to them and maybe ask them to help pay for the signs.

Ms. Patterson asked the subcommittee about the Sherman Chapel and the Fort Sherman because those already have detailed signs. Are you thinking we would add additional signs?

Commissioner Sardell stated the chapel is worth talking with NIC and the officer's building. There is a post in the ground that has a place for a plaque, but there is no plaque on that post anymore. These wooden signs are kind of there and in place with wooden signs painted next to each of them. There's nothing wrong with them, but there's a different program and it's a very different type of plaque program. She looked at the signs for both the Fort Sherman buildings and the chapel and thought it's important for the preservation commission to also honor these buildings. It helps us be supportive and honoring all the history that comes across and to see them as very important in our local history.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shaffer to authorize the subcommittee to make decisions on the signage, seconded by Emerson. Motion carried.

CAMP Training with Downtown Tour/Reception

Commissioner Sardell stated the Museum of North Idaho is aware that the CLG program from SHPO wants to have some sort of downtown tour between the actual CAMP training and the reception. We only have about an hour. Preservation Idaho is willing to help sponsor something like that, maybe even with funding. She strongly feels this tour needs to be a partnership since we have the knowledge of our downtown and the Museum already has a tour. She was thinking maybe our CLG and the Museum of North Idaho should be involved in this conversation.

Government Way Corridor Focus Group Efforts

Chairman Burns thanked Commissioner Emerson for recruiting two community members who live along Government Way - Scott Cranston and Lisa Fehling – to attend our subcommittee meeting two weeks ago. They were very enthusiastic and they were ready to move forward. He thinks the next step is to give them a little nudge to set up a meeting. We've told them that we can also modify the presentation that Ms. Patterson put together for the meeting we had last year, which would stir up some interest in other people. I think they're also going to be talking strictly about the Government Way corridor initially and then other people can opt in later if they want to once we get this done.

Ms. Patterson stated that Ms. Fehling reached out to her. She was trying to understand what they could customize for their neighborhood. She will reach out to her and give her that information. The City can put together the address list for property owners to help them with invitations.

Chairman Burns stated that he offered assistance from commissioner to sit on any of their meetings and answer questions. This will be their project.

Preservation Month – School & Community Outreach (NIBCA), Training, Heart of History Awards

Chairman Burns stated the school outreach and community outreach is a topic that came up in the NIBCA meeting that Ms. Patterson and he attended last year. He said we do need to start getting more focused on letting the community know what we do and the importance of historic preservation. He attended the commission chairs meeting last Friday with the Mayor. There are a couple of commissions that have students who are involved in their meetings and participate on a non-voting basis, and that would be a great outreach if we could do something like that. The real power of historic preservation in

Coeur d'Alene comes from the grassroots aspects of things. The more awareness we can build, the better we're going to be able to do what we need to do. We can talk about that in future meetings and set up a subcommittee that can work on that.

Chairman Burns asked if anyone had any thoughts on the Heart of History award?

Commissioner Emerson commented that the commission has talked about the Roosevelt Inn. It's one of the high points the whole community participated in, and we've talked about Steve Widmyer who bought it. Blue Fern, who is the developer who was going to tear it down, but because of the public pressure they backed off and cooperated. The whole community really is responsible for the award. The whole community, Steve Widmyer and the developers really should be recognized.

Commissioner Emerson nominated the Roosevelt Inn for the Heart of History award seconded by Commissioner Shaffer. Motion carried.

Historic Preservation Mitigation Bank Grant Opportunity

Chairman Burns stated there is around \$200,000 dollars' worth of bridges that were taken down here in North Idaho and in Kootenai County. There is a \$50,000 grant we can apply for through the Historic Preservation Mitigation Bank with no match, which is a rare opportunity. We don't normally get money to fix buildings. This could go to a restoration to fix an old historic building. We would want to make sure that Kootenai County applies for a portion of this grant. I know Rathdrum Jail is going to be applying for a new roof, which they desperately need because there are holes in the roof. He said the Harrison Historic Museum is going to be applying to get a new retaining wall. Chairman Burns said that he and Commissioner Sardell have talked, and she's brought up that the most obvious candidate for us to apply for would be the HREI building and repoint the bricks and mortar.

Commissioner Sardell stated there's also other eligible types of projects, whether it's national register nominations, survey and inventory, condition assessment, preservation plans, etc. There are a whole host of different qualifications, and I do believe there is more than \$200,000 out there over the next five years. The mitigation bank is set up with the State Historical Society, and Preservation Idaho and SHPO have advised on it. The money is supposed to be prioritized to areas that are experiencing impacts to historic resources. It will be biased regionally. There will be some years where some grant rounds will be more about Pocatello or Idaho Falls or other times where it's Boise or Canyon County versus North Idaho, in Bonners Ferry, Kootenai County, those areas. She said there are a couple projects already here in the areas that have been considered to have experienced adverse effects. Our area is a preferred area for this first round of grants. We do need to apply sometime in April, and we would know if those grants were approved by July. There is no match requirement on it. The other thing that can make that money go further is the Idaho Heritage Trust Grant Program match. You can use the mitigation bank money as match money right now. They're only doing \$15,000, but that actually makes a bricks and mortar or any sort of preservation project actually \$65,000, which is a whole heck of a lot more than we've actually had previously anywhere in the state. She said she has found it her responsibility to help Chairman Burns and all communities north of Grangeville, ID to make sure that they are applying and that we are putting requests out there on a regular basis when these grants come available. Because if we don't apply, then other areas would get that mitigation money that would otherwise stay in our region. She suggested coming up with a plan or discuss what we need just for help, what the needs would be for the HREI building or the Jewett House or another historic resources in the City so we could apply potentially in partnership unless there is some reason to have them apply separately. It's not a hard application. It's all in a Google form.

Commissioner Emerson asked whether the HREI building and the Jewett House are city-owned, and if the city can get contractor information as to what those costs would need to be done for a project.

Ms. Patterson replied, yes, that Mr. Greenwood has had multiple contractors going through the HREI building and figuring out what work needed to be done for it. Mr. Tymesen would know all the contractors' names.

Commissioner Miller stated when she was a board member on the HREI board, there were a couple of different bids from a construction company out of Spokane who does restoration type work, and it was close to \$200,000 just to repaint the brick (for the entire building).

Commissioner Sardell stated she could encourage partial repointing and look at phases and maybe there are phases that we could do that would be effective. Because it's often the case that a larger project is more money than we actually have for any one specific targeted pot of money. But a phased approach for how to do a complete project is really how we get preservation projects done because if we go in with the \$200,000 to \$1.5 million to do the project, it basically shuts everybody down and they don't bother. But if we can do targeted and incremental planned projects or encourage that, I do think that there might be a way forward using that money.

The Commissioners volunteers who signed up to be on this subcommittee are McCracken, Miller and Sardell.

Liaison Miller asked Commissioner Miller if she could ask any HREI board members if they would like to join the subcommittee for discussion with the HREI building.

Commissioner Miller replied she would ask Jeannette

CLG Grant requests in 2026/2027? – Farragut Buildings (with County HPC), Depot? Other?

Commissioner Sardell stated that the CLG coordinator and the Historic Preservation Officer are really interested in doing surveys and inventory for people to understand what historic and cultural resources we have in our cities. They would be very supportive of continuing the downtown reconnaissance survey as a phase two project, that would be information that Diana Painter was not able to do just because of time and budgetary constraints. I don't know how feasible that is to pull together. I don't even know if we need to have a quote together in that three days of time, but I would probably consider using the original quotes for a number of monuments or a number of resources as the potential, this is how much it would cost to do the next hundred or the next hundred and fifty. I don't know what the monument number count is or resource count is. I think that would be a very favorable grant proposal for the CLG grant. It's also then finishing understanding the number of resources we have in the kind of surrounding area to the Sherman core that have historic or cultural significance, either at the local or state level. That was kind of my first thought on it. I hadn't really thought about it too much more. I'm happy to try and help get it uploaded or put into the computer system if we have information from the last one. I think that those types of projects will be favorable ones and the successful ones at the selection committee level.

Ms. Patterson stated just to clarify, we would not be able to apply in three days because I'd have to get City Council's approval.

Chairman Burns commented have we ever discussed putting the Jewett house on the national register? It certainly is another worthy building and a big part of our history here. We've got some areas we can discuss going forward, but I don't think we have to make any decision today on it.

Liaison Miller commented that the contract for the caretaker for the Jewett House is coming up or being renegotiated. There may be more changes that are policy-driven, and because the opportunity is there now with a new contract for the Jewett House (caretaker), that it might be good timing for any participation regarding what's funded and some of the uses of the Jewett House in the future might be. There has been some desire to get involved in what the new programming at the Jewett House looks like because we feel like we can be true to the grant requirements where we received the property and still expand some of the uses that are there. That might take a little funding to do because I think they have restrooms now. We might make better use for the general public of that building.

Joint Commission Meetings in 2026?

Chairman Burns stated this will be discussed at the February's meeting.

Other Historic preservation priorities?

None.

Calendar:

Government Way Corridor Neighborhood Meeting: Feb/March?

Chairman Burns stated this will be discussed at the February meeting.

Downtown Survey; Virtual Public Meeting (March/April, Public Meeting (Summer), closeout (Sept)

Chairman Burns stated we will have more information from consultant Diana Painter sometime in April.

CEG (historic signs) grant closeout; May 15, 2026

Chairman Burns stated the subcommittee will be moving forward with this and are making good progress with this.

Preservation Month Proclamation, Farmers Market, Training with NIBCA, Awards Reception: May

Ms. Patterson stated that the Farmer's Market starts the last week of May this year, which is a challenge for having a booth to do outreach about Preservation Month. But she said that Traci Clark had a great idea to set up a table at City Hall instead. The Commission liked that idea and suggested a second table at the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce for the outreach. She will ask the Mayor if he would be supportive of doing a Preservation Month proclamation at the first City Council meeting in May.

Chairman Burns stated he will call Mr. Widmyer and ask if we could have the reception at the Roosevelt

CAMP Training/Tour/Reception; May 22

America250 in Idaho Celebration: July 3

TRACKING TIME:

Chairman Burns reminded the commission to track their time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Emerson, seconded by Commissioner Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Submitted by Traci Clark, Administrative Assistant