



Historic Preservation Commission

June 9, 2026 — 3:30 PM

City – County Complex, Community Room

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held June 9, 2026 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room of the City/County Complex at 414 E. Callender St. The meeting was facilitated by Vice Chair Jack Luther.

1. ROLL CALL – Vice Chair Luther, Kristen Vanderland, Eli Isaly and Nava Streiter. Tom Blurock was absent. Staff: Jennifer Severson, Planning Director. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. FEBRUARY 10, 2026 MINUTES – Motion by Isaly, second by Vanderland. Motion approved 3-0.

B. MARCH 18, 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Approval postponed to a future meeting because a quorum of members who attended the meeting was not present.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

4. VOLUNTARY DESIGN REVIEW – NONE

5. BOARD DISCUSSION – HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTHLY PRINT PUBLICATION COLUMN IDEAS

The Commission supported developing short, recurring articles about Livingston history and historic preservation. Potential outlets included the City newsletter, the Park County Community Journal, local newspapers and online publications.

Suggested topics included the locally designed stained glass windows at the former Holbrook United Methodist Church, historic school buildings, churches, neighborhood districts, individual historic properties, historic downtown businesses and lesser known stories associated with local buildings and community history. Staff will collect ideas, conduct research and coordinate with Commissioners and the Yellowstone Gateway Museum as needed. No formal action was taken.

LIVINGSTON DEPOT AND PRESERVATION FUNDING

Staff reported that MDT is evaluating pedestrian and ADA improvements along Park Street near the Livingston Depot. Because the work may affect the historic property, MDT expects to commission an architectural survey of the depot within approximately six months to one year. Staff will explore coordinating that work with the City's effort to pursue National Historic Landmark status. The City has been awarded \$6,000 in Certified Local Government pass through funding that may be used for the landmark nomination effort and may seek additional

state grant funds to prepare the nomination.

Staff also discussed seeking grant funding for a Historic Preservation Plan. The plan would identify community priorities and implementation steps, support future grant applications and satisfy a Certified Local Government program expectation. The plan would be advisory, not regulatory.

HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW AND CITY POLICY

Staff updated the Commission on the City's interpretation of state legislation affecting the Commission's role in design review. Under the current interpretation, the Commission may participate when an applicant voluntarily requests review. The City Manager and City Attorney will prepare a written explanation of the City's position and distribute it to the Commission.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DESIGN GUIDELINES

Staff reported that the agreement with the MSU design program has been completed and the initial payment has been made for development of downtown historic design guidelines. Commissioners requested opportunities to review preliminary work and provide feedback before the final document is completed. Staff will coordinate meetings or remote review with MSU and will try to use regular Commission meeting dates when possible. The guidelines will provide Livingston specific standards for exterior alterations and help make future design review more consistent.

6. BOARD COMMENTS – NONE

7. ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.