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CITY OF HAILEY PROPOSES MERGING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITH THE HAILEY ARTS COMMISSION

The Hailey Historic Preservation Commission was established to promote the historic, architectural, archeological, and cultural heritage of Hailey.

The HHPC reviews options concerning historic properties that are proposed for demolition, alteration, removal, or some other action that would permanently alter the historic character of the structure. Without a significant amount of development work during the past few years, the HHPC has been able to focus on many cultural projects, including:

- Review of several demolition projects;
- Development of a comprehensive list of the historic properties in Hailey;
- Assisted several property owners and the Idaho State Historic Society to place Hailey properties on the National Registry of Historic Places;
- Brought history to the forefront by identifying historic structures in Hailey with informational signs;
- Teamed with the Hailey Public Library to digitize and catalogue the Mallory Photo Collection.

The HHPC and the Hailey Arts Commission have considered their overlap of mission in promoting public welfare and quality of life for the community. A merger of the Historic Preservation Commission with the Arts Commission is under consideration, thereby preserving the regulatory function of the HHPC, expanding the role of the Hailey Arts Commission, and focusing the synergy of both groups onto projects. When asked about this proposed merger, the general consensus from the Hailey Arts Commission was that history and the arts are easily paired together and they welcomed involvement in Hailey's history.

The Hailey City Council will consider this matter on March 18, 2013.

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