

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Interview Questions

When the vacancy is for a specialized representative or an alternate, make that clear to everyone at the start.

1. Please introduce yourself. What useful experience, knowledge, or perspective would you bring to the Commission?
2. What is the purpose of historic preservation? How can the Historic Preservation Commission contribute to our City?
3. How do you see the relationship between historic preservation and economic development?
4. What is your understanding of the role the National Register of Historic Places plays on the local level? Is this adequate? What role should it play?
5. Do you have any recommendations about Missoula's historic preservation ordinance? Do you have any suggestions regarding the duties, responsibilities or structure of the commission itself?
6. The Historic Preservation Commission has two functions which can seem at odds with one another: on one hand, the commission promotes Missoula's historic resources and advocates for historic preservation; on the other hand, the commission must objectively review demolition and development permit requests. Describe this tension. How (do/would) you approach these objectives? Do you feel you can be non-biased during a quasi-judicial process?
7. The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. The Commission has struggled with attendance in the past. Does your schedule generally accommodate this meeting time and allow for reviewing staff reports and other materials prior to the meeting?
8. The City offers Board training twice a year. The training covers good governance, open meetings, public participation and right to know, ethics, conflicts of interest, bylaws, minutes, and parliamentary procedures. The City Council feels it is very important that all city board members attend this training. (Have you attended/will you attend) the training?
9. Is there anything else you would like to add about your interest in the Historic Preservation Commission?