



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

September 19, 2023

Time of Meeting

5:45 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Chair Redmon called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm.

Roll Call Present: Fred Redmon, Cathy Poshusta, Andy Polak, Marty Blackson, Dorothy Stanley, Jeff Watson, Zane Kanyer

Others present in person: Stacey Henderson-Senior Planner-Historic Preservation, Dan Carlson-Community Development Director, Kathy Boots-Planning Technician

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Stanley motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes will be tabled until next meeting.

4. Unfinished Business

4.A Demo ordinance presentation update

The City Council approved the proposed Demo Ordinance. The demo permit expiration date needs to be added. In October, the Ordinance will be sent to Washington State Department of Commerce and the SEPA review will take place. The ordinance is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on November 9, 2023. The ordinance will go before the City Council in December. The public can comment during the SEPA, Planning Commission, or City Council steps. The Commissioners expressed concern over the definition of deficient and dilapidated being too vague. What is the threshold? Concern was expressed over the danger to adjoining buildings with an unsafe structure between them. There was concern over an owner buying property that has extra regulations without being aware of it. Watson stated a title report doesn't tell an owner the structure is historical. Paint was mentioned. Watson would like to have the option to remand in addition to approve or deny.

4.B Landmarks and Design Commission City website discussion.

Henderson asked for feedback on what items would be helpful to add to the

redesign of the Landmarks and Design page on the City website. Certificate of Appropriateness application, links to EDA, Museum, and DAPT, and a Q & A section. The sections could be helpful information on how to... and historical photos. Once the map is finalized, a link will be added. Advantages to joining a historic district with before and after photos of grant money used to restore a structure. How to care for brick or find historic building colors. Grant options and grant winners from previous years.

Commissioner Watson showed how he had overlayed an 1888 Sanborn map over an Ariel map and how to add attributes.

5. Citizen Comment

None

6. Staff Update/Discussion Items

6.A Upcoming Meetings

On October 3rd, 2023 meeting there may be a couple Certificate of Appropriateness to review.

October 4-6 is the Revitalize training.

At the October 17th, 2023 meeting the new preservation grant applications will be reviewed.

In November and December the Commission will create a work plan for next year.

7. Commission Representative Update

7.A EDA Representative Update

No new information to update

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.