



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 15, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Redmon at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Jeff Watson, Marty Blackson, Fred Redmon, Cathy Poshusta, Vicki Sannuto

Absent: Teresa Chanes (Recused self from meeting)

Others Present: Dan Carlson-Community Development Director; Stacey Henderson-Senior Planner-Historic Preservation; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; Joshua Thompson-City Council Liaison; Sadie Thayer; Jodi Polak, Andy Polak, Dorothy Stanley; Joe Chanes; Melissa Lee; Richard Huie

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Blackson motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Review of the October 1, 2024, Landmarks and Design Commission Meeting minutes.

Commissioner Sannuto motioned to approve the minutes from October 1, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

- 4.A Review of 2025 City of Ellensburg Historic Preservation Grant Applications
Staff member Henderson reviewed the applications for the 2025 City of Ellensburg Historic Preservation Grant.

1. Dorothy Stanley submitted an application requesting \$2,000.00 from the City to install two bronze roadside plaques advertising the First Railroad Historic District. The applicant will match \$2,000.00 for an estimated total project cost of \$4,142.00. A COA and agreement with Public Works haven't been completed. Public Works would have to agree to maintain the signs and that has not happened.

2. Jodi Polak submitted an application requesting \$18,523.54 from the City to install new windows on the upper floor of the Lindeman Building. The applicant

will match 90,703.02 for a total project cost of \$109,226.56. A COA has been approved. The style of windows was clarified. A contractor has been hired, and a COA has been completed.

3. Ellensburg Downtown Association submitted an application requesting \$10,000 from the City to offset the cost of restoring a historic downtown mural. The applicant will match 30,000 for a total project cost of \$40,000. Funding sources were discussed. A COA has been approved and an artist secured.

4. Richard Huie submitted an application requesting \$5,000 from the City to offset costs of a full restoration and modernization plan for the Historic Collins Block Building. The applicant will match 70,000 for a total project cost of \$75,000. Mr. Huie would like to do a full restoration and modernization to the building. Research and assessment will have to be done first to start developing a plan and estimate. The second floor is desired to be completed so that possibly offices could be upstairs.

5. Sadie Thayer submitted an application requesting \$2,500.00 from the City to create a historic resource inventory on African-American property. The applicant will provide in-kind amount of \$5,000.00 for a total project cost of \$7,500.00. The inventory will consist of properties in and around downtown and will consist of homes, businesses, and people.

6. Marissa Lee submitted an application requesting \$1,015.00 from the City to survey, inventory, and create a resource of possible historic sidewalks and their designs in the Downtown Historic District. The applicant will provide in-kind hours for the project with a total project cost of \$1,015.00.

The Commissioners discussed several ways to distribute the funds since there are not enough funds to pay for all of the projects. Dorothy Stanley stated she felt like the Lindeman windows should receive most of the funding, so she withdrew her request. The Commissioners agreed on the following breakdown of fund distribution:

Sadie Thayer project will receive \$1,250.00
Jodi Polak project will receive \$10,000.00
The Ellensburg Downtown project will receive \$5,000.00
Richard Huie project will receive \$1,773.54
Marissa Lee project will receive \$500.00
Dorothy Stanley project was withdrawn.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

None

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

Henderson, Redmon, and Thayer informed the group of their experience at the PLACES

conference.

November 5th, 2024, a special valuation and one COA will be reviewed.

8. Commission Representative Update

Thompson stated that he felt that the Commissioners did a great job disbursing the funds tonight.

Unity Park had its grand opening.

Watson will meet with City GIS staff to discuss the mapping project.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at