



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

December 3, 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 Blackson.

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

Others Present: Stacey Henderson-Senior Planner Historic Preservation, Sadie Thayer, and Raven Harlin

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Redmon motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

None

4. New Business

4.A Creative District Presentation

Kelle Vandenberg-City of Ellensburg Arts & Economic Development Manager gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the Creative District. The Creative District was created in February 2024. Kelle reviewed the Creative District economy and how building investment will drive the economy and bring more tourism that brings economy to local businesses. A strategic plan has been created which complements the Comprehensive plan. There are two Creative District quadrants in Ellensburg. One quadrant is Downtown Ellensburg and the other is Central Washington University. The districts partner together which provides education and helps the Historic District. A logo and signs for the district are being created. Kelle hopes to partner with the Kittitas County Fairgrounds in the future. There are no regulations within the Creative District but there were regulations to become a Creative District. A partnership between the Arts Commission, Landmarks and Design Commission, and the Creative District is possible in the future to develop parameters. The City Council is the deciding body for the Creative District. In the future, it is hopeful to have grants and resources for artists and resource sharing.

5. Unfinished Business

5.A 2024 Grant Extension Request

The IOOF was granted \$11,000 to be used in 2024 for window replacements. Commissioner Watson recused himself from voting. Progress has been made on the project, but the painter ran out of time to complete the project within 2024. Raven Harlin was present for the IOOF. The IOOF is requesting a one-year extension to complete the project. The vendor was able to come in under budget so the IOOF would like to continue the scope of work and replace additional broken windows with the allotted grant amount and not increase the grant amount. Commissioner Poshusta motioned to recommend approval of the one-year grant extension to the City Council for approval.

6. Citizen Comment

Sadie Thayer gave an update on the roof project for the museum.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A 2025 Work Planning Meeting- January 7.

In addition to the work plan, staff member Henderson is going to create a list of meetings for the year for the Commissioners.

New applicants for the open Commission seat will be attending January 7, 2025.

Henderson will prepare a meeting with Commissioner Watson and City of Ellensburg GIS staff to review grant mapping project.

Staff member Henderson will start preparing the approved 2025 grant project contracts.

8. Commission Representative Update

Commissioner Blackson discussed the presentation to the Morning Rotary Club.

9. Adjournment