



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

January 7, 2025

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 at 5:45 p.m.

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

Absent: Teresa Chanes (excused)

Others Present: Stacey Henderson-Senior Planner Historic Preservation, Kathy Boots-Planning Technician, Rebecca Houghton, Rusty Figgins, Sadie Thayer, Julia Stringfellow

Commissioner Sannuto moved to excuse the absence of Teresa Chanes. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Redmon motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

3.B November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Watson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2024, meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

4.A Elect new Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Watson motioned to nominate Fred Redmon and Marty Blackson as Chair of the Commission for 2025. Motion was amended to indicate that Fred Redmon is nominated as Chair and Marty Blackson is Vice Chair. Motion passed 5-0.

Rusty Figgins, Julia Stringfellow, and Rebecca Houghton, were present for the meeting and introduced themselves as the applicants for the open position on the Commission.

4.B 2025 Project and Event Planning

Staff member Henderson reviewed 2024 goals that were established and the progress of each of them. The chart showed possible current and future goals.

- CLG grant for interactive GIS History Map
- First Railroad addition local Landmarks nomination
- City of Ellensburg Landmarks and Design webpage updated
- Community outreach
- Community education
- Letter for residents and businesses in the historic district
- Historic Preservation month
- CLG grant
- GIS grant deliverables
- Conference
- Historic Preservation Grant review

Applying for 2025 CLG Grant projects of possibly adding surveys, education, digitizing library records, and signs for districts to the GIS grant. Staff member Henderson will look at parameters of grant.

A sub-committee was created of Commissioner Watson, Redmon, Poshusta to work on public outreach to groups.

Commissioner Sannuto volunteered to assist with Preservation Month activities for May

There was discussion regarding a brochure for the cemetery regarding the deceased.

The Comprehensive Plan Historic Preservation chapter update.

Involving middle schoolers in historic preservation is an important idea.

February 4, 2025, meeting will be used to formalize work plan.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

Sadie Thayer discussed the 150-year anniversary of the original plat and 100-year anniversary of the original City Hall approaching.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

The second meeting in December is probably going to be cancelled.

8. Commission Representative Update

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.