



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

September 16, 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

Commissioner Redmon called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Fred Redmon, Vicki Sannuto, Julia Stringfellow, Scott Carlson, Marty Blackson, Teresa Chanes

Absent: Jeff Watson (excused)

Others Present: Chace Pedersen- Associate Planner; Kathy Boots- Planning Technician

Commissioner Blackson motioned to approve the absence of Jeff Watson. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes available.

4. Unfinished Business

None

5. Citizen Comment

None.

6. Staff Update/Discussion Items

Pedersen gave information on the Hal Holmes open house for the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

6.A Historic Preservation Chapter Subcommittee Discussion

The subcommittee met last week and the discussion was recapped for the Commission members. Staff reviewed the current Chapter 8 goals, policies, and programs in the Comprehensive Plan. Pedersen stated that in 2022 the Ellensburg City Council adopted a land acknowledgment. This approved land acknowledgment may be added to Chapter 8 or the beginning of the Comprehensive Plan or referred back to where the land acknowledgment statement resides. This suggestion will be given to the consultant. Other

suggestions were to add a purpose statement to the overview of the Comprehensive Plan prepared possibly by Sadie Theyer that includes indigenous people, history, and facts from Ellensburg's early history.

7. New Business

- 7.A Historic Preservation Comp Plan Chapter - Discussion/Decision
Commissioner Blackson motioned that the Landmarks & Design Commission recommend adoption of the land acknowledgment approved by the City Council in Resolution 2022-08 into the City of Ellensburg Comprehensive Plan. Blackson amended the motion to include in Chapter 8 of the City of Ellensburg Comprehensive Plan that a detailed history of Ellensburg be added. Discussion ensued. Amended motion passed 6-0. The original motion passed 6-0.

8. Commission Representative Update

On September 30, 2025, there will be a special meeting set for the Landmarks & Design Commission to review the Historic Preservation grants received for the 2026 award period. Staff are working on getting applicants to give a presentation during the September 30, 2025, meeting.

Staff clarified that no work can be started in 2025 for the grantees of the 2026 grant.

Commissioner Sannuto stated that the new windows installed in the Fitterer's building look great.

Pedersen will be presenting a Historic Preservation section at the Ellensburg Academy.

Commissioner Carlson would like to revisit streateries being allowed and the material used.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.