

AGENDA

LANDMARKS & DESIGN COMMISSION

January 22, 2026

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
LANDMARKS & DESIGN COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Thursday, January 22, 2026
5:45 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.A November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - 3.B December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - 5.A 2026 LDC Work Plan Discuss/Approve
- 6. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
 - 6.A Insuring Historic Properties (Public Comment Opportunity)
 - 6.B CLG Grant Story Map Project Update
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Commission Representative Update**
- 9. Adjournment**



For more information on the Landmarks & Design Commission, contact Associate Planner Chace Pedersen at 509-962-7108.



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

November 18, 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 Blackson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Marty Blackson, Julia Stringfellow, Scott Carlson, Jeff Watson, Vicki Sannuto, Teresa Chanes

Absent: Fred Redmon (excused)

Others Present: Chace Pedersen, Associate Planner; Kathy Boots, Planning Technician; Sadie Thayer; Connor Anderson-Hayes; one member of the public.

Commissioner Chanes motioned to approve the absence of Fred Redmon. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A September 16, 2025 LDC Minutes

Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the September 16, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

3.B September 30, 2025 LDC Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the September 30, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

4. New Business

None.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Development is working with the Consultant on the Comprehensive Plan update. A draft may be available to review in December 2025. The land acknowledgment was sent to the Consultant. It has not been determined where the land acknowledgment will be added into the Comprehensive Plan.

7.B 2026 Historic Preservation Grants Update

Staff member Pedersen updated the Commission that Ellensburg City Council approved both recommendations. He provided an update on the 2024 grants and has reached out to the grantees for an update.

7.C 2026 LDC Work Plan

The 2025 work plan will be reviewed to see if the items have been addressed or need to be added to the 2026 work plan. The December 2, 2025 meeting may be cancelled. At the December 16, 2025, meeting the 2026 work plan will be created.

8. Commission Representative Update

The planning for the 2026 historic preservation month has started. The awards ceremony will be on May 2, 2026. Preservation presentations are being prepared, and the scavenger hunt will be easier for the public to increase participation.

The City of Ellensburg has joined the NAPC membership. There are free webinars and videos on youtube.

The EDA mural will be completed on Sunday.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

December 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: Scott Carlson, Jeff Watson, Vicki Sannuto, Teresa Chanes, Fred Redmon, Marty Blackson (arrived after roll call)

Absent: Julia Stringfellow

Others Present: Chace Pedersen, Associate Planner; Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager; Conor Anderson-Hayes; Sadie Thayer

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. New Business

3.A 2026 LDC Work Plan

Staff member Chace Pedersen reviewed the 2025 work plan. The Department of Commerce has secured funding for the CLG grant that was postponed. The CLG grant proposal is to start an interactive historical GIS map. The Comprehensive Plan is being updated, and the land acknowledgment will be added to the plan. Community education and outreach occurred with the Historic Preservation month and scavenger hunt.

Pedersen listed three items for the 2026 projects. 1. Historic Preservation month. Outreach to community members, business owners, and historic preservation homeowners will take place. 2. CLG consultant will be creating content for the GIS mapping project. Commissioner Watson gave an update on his work on the project. 3. PLACES annual conference will be held in Ellensburg in 2026, so the EDA will be preparing mobile tours, seminar sessions, and securing local establishments for sessions to be held at. The 2026 project list will include subcommittees for each item.

The 2026 work goals will be to increase public education and outreach as part of the Comprehensive Plan update, prepare for the PLACES conference, the 250-year Anniversary of America National celebration, develop brochures, and

secure swag for the historic preservation scavenger winners. Commissioners expressed their ideas. Pedersen will come to the next meeting with a timeline of the work plan for 2026.

4. Unfinished Business

None

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Staff Update/Discussion Items

6.A CLG Grant Project Update

Pedersen provided an update during the work plan section of the agenda.

6.B City Historic Preservation Grant Updates

The Historic Preservation Grant contracts are being created for the 2026 approved grantees. Pedersen has reached out to several of the 2025 grantees for an update and has not heard back from Jodi Polak regarding window replacements or Richard Huie. The Oddfellows, Marissa Lee, and KCHM are on track to finish their projects in 2025. The EDA and Jodi Polak 2024 grants have been completed and reimbursed.

7. Commission Representative Update

The Commissioners were informed the note taker for the LDC meetings resigned.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Insuring Historic Properties

Many insurance companies are unfamiliar with the National Register of Historic Places and State Register of Historic Properties and what designation entails for a historic property. Please be aware that listing in either the National Register and/or State Register is honorary. Both registers recognize a historic property's importance to its community, the State, or the nation and encourages good stewardship.

Listing, either individually or as a contributing resource in a registered historic district, should have no bearing on insurance coverage. Owning a property listed in the National or State Register does not impose a regulatory burden on the property owner. When making repairs to a listed property that may involve an insurance claim, the property owner is under no obligation to make the repairs following accepted historic



preservation standards or guidelines, such as the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Should a listed property become damaged or be destroyed, there is no state or federal requirement that the property be rebuilt or repaired to reflect its historic appearance nor that a particular contractor be used to make repairs.

The National Register of Historic Places (</historic-registers/national-register-of-historic-places>) is a program of the National Park Service (NPS) and the Washington State Heritage Register (</historic-registers/washington-heritage-register>) is a program of the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation; DAHP administers both of these programs in Washington State. Listing in the National and State registers places no restrictions on private property owners.

Please be aware that:

- *Private property owners are not restricted as to the use, treatment, transfer, or disposition of a listed property;*
- *Owners have no obligation to open their properties to the public, restore them, or maintain them in a particular way, if they choose not to do so, nor does listing lead to public acquisition;*
- *Under Federal and State laws, private property owners can do anything they wish with their National property, provided that no Federal or State license, permit, or funding is involved;*
- *Listing does not require that any specific guidelines be followed in rehabilitating, remodeling, repairing, or renovating (unless the owner is using federal funds or receiving Washington State grant*

money, Federal or State Preservation Tax Credits, or other state funds);

- *If a listed property is destroyed or its integrity is greatly altered, it may be removed from the National Register and State Register through an administrative action by DAHP, and the NPS (if also listed in the National Register).*

Exceptions

If a property is listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register, the National Historic Preservation Act requires the Federal government to take into account the possibility of adverse effects on the historic property by a project that receives federal licensing, permitting, or funding. This process is mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Specific regulations to this process, called as Section 106 Review, can be found [here \(/Node/119\)](#).

Insurance Companies Offering Insurance for Historic Properties

Some insurance firms are knowledgeable about the National and State Registers and what listing of a privately owned historic property (individually or in a historic district) does and does not mean when it comes to insurance coverage. Purchasing insurance coverage is a complex matter unique to each property and owner. Property owners are encouraged to become informed consumers of all their insurance products, to speak with experts in insurance and financial planning, and to work with a trusted insurance agent and company to design a policy that is appropriate.

Note that insurance coverage requirements varies from state-to-state and policy coverage available in one place may not be available in another. Property owners should always try to speak with a knowledgeable local agent representing the firm and someone whom is familiar with historic properties and what it means to be listed.