

AGENDA

LANDMARKS & DESIGN COMMISSION

February 3, 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
Tuesday, February 3, 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**
- 4. New Business**
 - 4.A Elect New Chair & Vice Chair — Discuss/Decision
 - 4.B Discuss Upcoming Land Use Planning and Building Fee Changes.
- 5. Unfinished Business**
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
 - 7.A CLG Grant Update
- 8. Commission Representative Update**
- 9. Adjournment**



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

Ellensburg GIS StoryMap

[The following is a rough place holder for sections and content based on the standard ArcGIS storymap template and the typical approach for providing public access to the list and data associated with locally designated resources. Where applicable the character limit has been noted and will be confirmed and updated once City GIS access is possible]

[TKTK is a place holder for pending data that is easily searchable to check that all have been addressed.]

Content

Cover Image

[side placement, cropped, need to select and provide following]

Attribution: **TKTK**

Alternative text: **TKTK**

Title

[60 character limit]

City of Ellensburg Landmarks Register - Designated Properties

Short Introduction

[140 characters max including spaces]

Explore the city's heritage through Ellensburg Landmarks Register designated buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects.

Summary

The city's historic register is an important planning and public education tool. It documents properties that form Ellensburg's built environment heritage and are significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage of the community, for which there is also public benefit in their preservation. Designated resources that are preserved and rehabilitated are eligible for property tax relief through the Special Tax Valuation Program.

The Ellensburg Landmarks and Design Commission is a citizen commission appointed by a majority of the Ellensburg city council. The roles of the commission are to encourage the preservation of Ellensburg historic landmarks and to review proposed changes to locally designated landmarks.

Links for linking within story map:

*City website register list link: **TKTK***

*LDC link: **TKTK***

DAHP STV: <https://dahp.wa.gov/grants-and-funding/special-tax-valuation>

Byline

Ellensburg Landmarks and Design Commission

Purpose

The intent of this story map is to identify and provide access to the nomination forms for the city's landmark register designated properties. The goals are:

- Improved public access to the information developed as part of designating a property.
- Greater public awareness for the designated resources within the city, including the benefits of designation, particularly special tax valuation.
- To encourage property owners to consider nominating their properties for Ellensburg Landmark Register designation.

When using a smart phone, open the website with a web browser (e.g., Safari, Firefox, Chrome) with location services turned on and Scroll down to the map. When you click the “find my location” icon in the upper right corner of the map, it will show your location, allowing the story map to function as a walking tour and allowing you to quickly see which designated properties are nearby. Without location services turn on users will be able to see and scroll through the map but will not see their location shown on the map.

Designating a property to the city register follows a specific process that includes documenting how it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage of Ellensburg, and that it retains physical integrity to convey these associations. The background assembled as part of this process often provides unique windows into the construction and past uses of designated properties and how they contribute to the city's cultural heritage. The nomination for each property is linked within its respective property in this story map to support access to these histories.

The narrative summaries for each property draw on the nominations and are augmented with information from historic property surveys undertaken by the City in **YEARS**. This previous survey data is recorded in WISAARD, the Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data. WISAARD is the state's digital repository for architectural and archaeological resources and reports.

The city's landmarks register is different from the National Register of Historic Places and the Washington Heritage Register. It is administered at the local level by the Ellensburg Landmarks and Design Commission. Each new property designated to the Ellensburg Landmark Register will be added to this story map to continue to provide access to the histories researched and written as part of designating each property to the register.

Links:

WISAARD: <https://dahp.wa.gov/find-a-historic-place>

Register process:

https://library.municode.com/wa/ellensburg/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT15LA_DECO_DIVIPELEACPR_CH15.280ELLAREPR_15.280.090ELLARE

For More Information

For more information on the Ellensburg Landmarks Register, Special Tax Valuation, and the Ellensburg Landmarks and Design Commission, refer to the City's website [[link](#)] or email the City's historic preservation officer, **NAME** at **EMAIL**.

Links: **TKTK**

City link: **TKTK**

Resource Content

[the following is an initial outline of content for individually designated and resources within locally designated historic districts]

Individual landmarks:

- Historic name
- Address
- Built (year)
- Registered (year)
- History (summarize from nomination, 50 to 100 words; intent is not to repeat the nomination but provide a quick engaging summary, the length should generally be consistent across all resources)
- Nomination (link to PDF; these will need to be loaded into the City's ArcGIS system and made public in order to link them in the StoryMap)
- Special Valuation (link to prior Special valuation applications; depending on the frequency that this has been used in the City and available records)
- NRHP Nomination (link to PDF if also NRHP listed)
- Photos:
 - Current (this could be from the nominations, or depending on staff time can be a 2026 photograph of each)
 - Historic (if available; requires source data and limited based on source for public use)
 - Sanborn detail clip (this is a potential use for the Sanborns if the layers cannot be actively integrated with the storymap)

Historic district landmarks: (link to district Nomination PDF)

- Historic name
- Address
- Built (year)
- District Status: (contributing, noncontributing)
- Historic District: (name)
- Registered (year for historic district)
- History (25 to 50 words)
- Special Valuation (link to prior Special valuation applications)

- NRHP Nomination (link to PDF if also individually NRHP listed)
- Photos:
 - Current
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 - Sanborn detail clip ?

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Washington State Library Photograph Collection

Ellensburg Landmarks Register Nominations, provided by the City of Ellensburg

2026 photographs for each property taken by **NAME**.

Sanborn Maps courtesy of the Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/>

Content

[Credit info for content]

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Details Page in AGOL

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