

AGENDA

LANDMARKS & DESIGN COMMISSION

March 17, 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, March 17, 2026
5:45 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.A January 22, 2026 LDC Meeting Minutes
 - 3.B February 3, 2026 LDC Meeting Minutes
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. New Business**
 - 5.A CLG Grant Project Presentation - Historic Ellensburg Story Map
 - 5.B Historic Preservation Awards Nominees - Discussion/Decision
- 6. Unfinished Business**
- 7. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
 - 7.A Commissioner Training
- 8. Commission Representative Update**
- 9. Adjournment**



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



Meeting Date: March 17, 2026
City of Ellensburg

Landmarks & Design Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Subject: January 22, 2026 LDC Meeting Minutes
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:

Move to approve the January 22, 2026, Landmarks & Design Commission meeting minutes.

Background/Summary:

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

1. 01.22.26 LDC Minutes



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

January 22, 2026

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

Commissioner Blackson called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

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

Absent: Fred Redmon, Teresa Chanes

Others Present: Chace Pedersen – Associate Planner; Stacey Henderson – Planning Manager

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Watson motioned to approve the agenda. Motion Passed 5-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3.A November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

3.B December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Carlson motioned to approve the November 18, 2025, and December 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

None.

5. Unfinished Business

5.A 2026 LDC Work Plan Discuss/Approve

Staff member Chace Pedersen gave an overview of previous work plan discussion. The 2026 LDC work plan timeline was reviewed. Commissioner Stringfellow motioned to approve the 2026 LDC Work Plan. Commissioner Watson asked if the work plan can be altered in future. Staff member Pedersen confirmed the plan can be altered in the future. Commissioner Sannuto asked how the goals in the work plan are implemented. Staff member Pedersen explained the goals can be explored in future meetings by the LDC. Planning Manager Henderson stated the goals can be folded into other projects. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Staff Update/Discussion Items

6.A Insuring Historic Properties (Public Comment Opportunity)

Staff member Pedersen stated there have been inquiries from the public regarding difficulties in insuring historic properties. Pedersen presented materials from DAHP regarding insuring historic properties. Pedersen discussed Ellensburg City Code

requirements for rebuilding historic properties and stated they are available to speak with public and insurance representatives if needed. Commissioner Watson asked about other communities with historic preservation ordinances and if there is an opportunity to work collectively. Watson discussed hearing of insurance issues with historic residential properties. Pedersen stated he is going to stay in communication with DAHP. Planning Manager Henderson recommended bringing the topic to DAHP for a potential session at the upcoming 2026 PLACES conference.

6.B CLG Grant Story Map Project Update

Staff member Pedersen stated contracts have been completed and the consultant is now working on the project. The consultant is outlining the template and Assistant Planner Kai Bjarke is digitizing physical historic preservation documents. A public meeting will take place in March to present project status. Commissioner Watson asked about the process for selecting the consultant. Watson discussed the map template and what was previously discussed for the map project in prior LDC meeting. Planning Manager Henderson stated the consultant is aware of previous discussions and there will be future discussions regarding story map content. Pedersen stated Chair and Vice Chair elections will need to occur at the next meeting.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Commission Representative Update

None.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.



Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

**City of Ellensburg
Landmarks & Design Commission Agenda Report**

Agenda Subject: February 3, 2026 LDC Meeting Minutes
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:
Move to approve the February 3, 2026, Landmarks & Design Commission meeting minutes.

Background/Summary:

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:
1. 02.03.26 LDC Minutes



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Landmarks & Design, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

February 3, 2026

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

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

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

Absent: Jeff Watson

Others Present: Chace Pedersen – Associate Planner; Dan Carlson – Community Development Director

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Blackson motioned to approve the agenda. Motion Passed 6-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes

None.

4. New Business

4.A. Elect New Chair & Vice Chair – Discuss/Decision

Staff member Pedersen stated a new Chair and Vice Chair must be elected for the new year. Commissioner Redmon stated he has been Chair for two year and thinks it is important to rotate chairperson duties. Commissioner Stringfellow motioned to nominate Commissioner Blackson as Chair. Commissioner Chanes asked to confirm Commissioners Blackson’s interest in the position. Commissioner Blackson confirmed. Motion passed 6-0. Commissioner Blackson motioned to nominate Commissioner Carlson as Vice Chair. Motion passed 6-0.

4.B Discuss Upcoming Land Use Planning and Building Fee Changes

Director Carlson gave a presentation on upcoming changes to land use planning and building permit fees. Carlson stated he is seeking input from all City of Ellensburg commissions and will be holding a presentation for those in the various private development fields for further input. Commissioner Carlson asked what the current shortfall in fees vs. CD budget is. Director Carlson stated our fees do not come close to covering CD budget and would research the exact difference. Director Carlson stated there is no fee proposed for COA’s.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A CLG Grant Update

Staff member Pedersen gave an update on the CLG Grant story map project. Pedersen presented an inventory of the digitizing efforts of Assistant Planner Kai Bjarke. 1,108 documents have been digitized. Pedersen presented the consultant provided outline for the story map. A public meeting to present map progress is scheduled for the March 17, 2026, LDC meeting.

8. Commission Representative Update

None.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.



Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

**City of Ellensburg
Landmarks & Design Commission Agenda Report**

Agenda Subject: CLG Grant Project Presentation - Historic Ellensburg Story Map

Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:

Background/Summary:

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

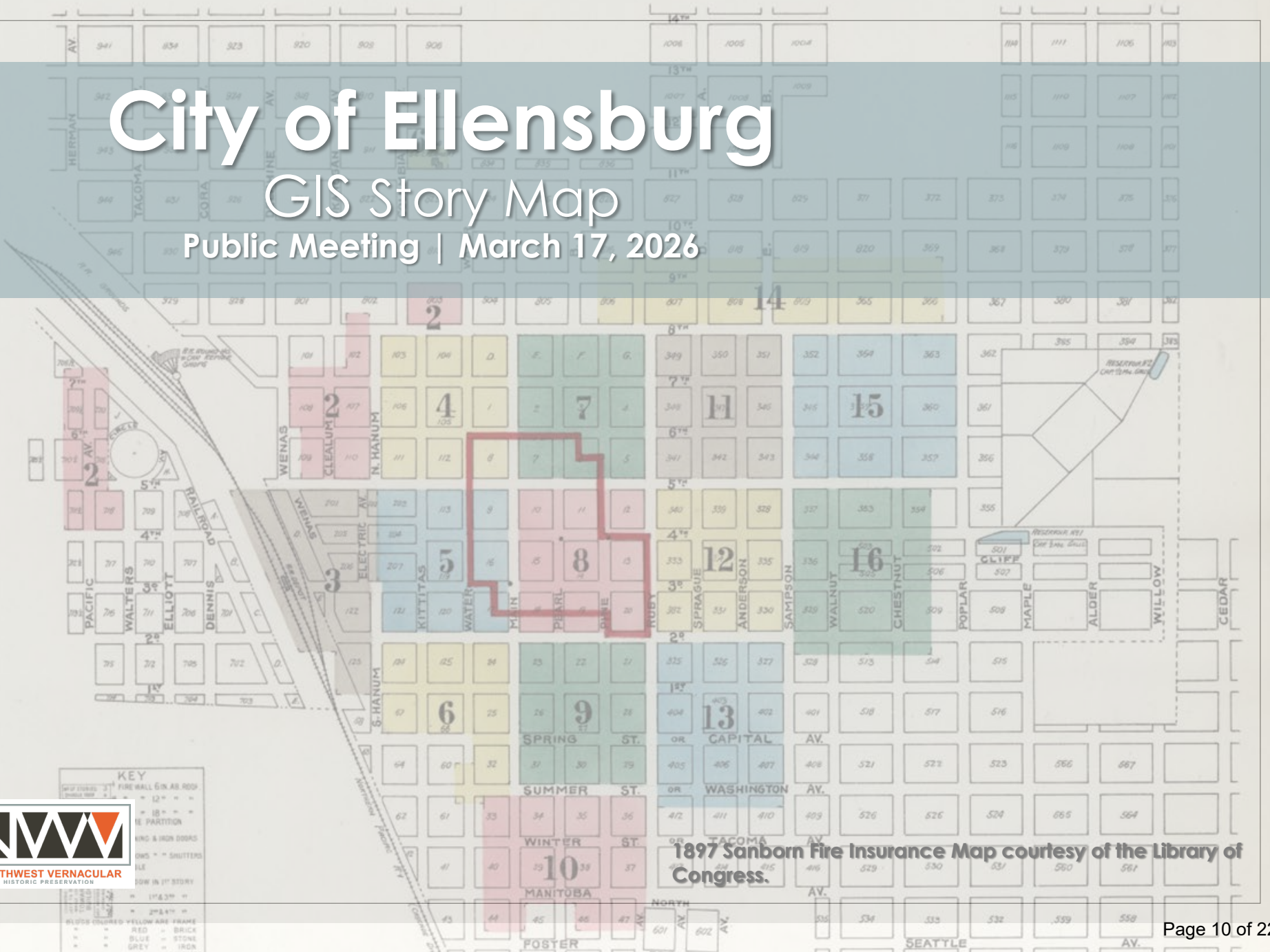
Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

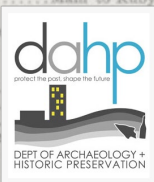
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City of Ellensburg GIS Story Map

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Nauman, N. side	2 & 4
S., E. side	Spring to Second
W. side	First to Third
E. side	Second
Ninth, S. side	Columbia to Water
W. of C. to E. of Chestnut	14
P	
Pacific Ave.	2
Pearl	Manitoba to Summer
Summer to Second	9
Second to Fifth	8
Fifth to Eighth	7
Pine	Foster to Summer
Summer to Second	9
Second to Fifth	8
Fifth to Eighth	7
Poplar	15
R	
Ruby, W. side	Manitoba to Summer
E. side	Summer to Second
W. side	Second to Fifth
E. side	Second to Fifth
W. side	Fifth to Eighth
E. side	Fifth to Eighth
W. side	Fifth to Eighth
S	
Sampson, W. side	Washington to Second
E. side	Second to Fifth
W. side	Second to Fifth
E. side	Fifth to Eighth
W. side	Fifth to Eighth
Second	W. of Nauman
N. side	Nauman to Main
S. side	Nauman to Main
N. side	Main to Ruby
S. side	Main to Ruby
N. side	Ruby to Sampson
S. side	Ruby to Sampson
S. side	Sampson to E. of Chestnut
Seventh	Wenas to Nauman
Nauman to Main	4
Main to Ruby	7
Ruby to Sampson	11
Sampson to Poplar	15
Sixth	Wenas to Nauman
Nauman to Main	4
Main to Ruby	7
Ruby to Sampson	11
Sprague	Summer to Second
Second to Fifth	12
Fifth to Eighth	11
Spring	Water to Main
Main to Ruby	9
Ruby to Sampson	13
Summer, N. side	Water to Main
S. side	W. of Main to Ruby
N. side	W. of Main to Ruby
Ruby to Sampson	13
T	
Tacoma	10
Third	W. of Nauman
Nauman to Main	5
Main to Ruby	8
Sampson	12



1897 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Project Information

A CLG grant is funding this project. As a Certified Local Government (CLG), the City of Ellensburg:

- Maintains a landmarks and design commission (LDC) and the City's register of historic places
- Surveys local historic resources
- Enforces state and local preservation laws
- Reviews National Register nominations
- Provides for public participation in historic preservation activities



This survey has been financed in part with Federal funds from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior administered by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). However, the contents and opinions do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Department of the Interior, DAHP, nor does the mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation by the Department of the Interior or DAHP.



STORY MAP

Role, Development, Design, & Example



Story Map Role

- Work on desktop, tablet, and mobile devices
- Connect stories to the places where they happened
- Can be experienced at home or on location
- Integrate maps and graphics for engaging story telling
- Provided by ArcGIS as templates integrated with the City's GIS

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories>

Story Map Development

City of Ellensburg Landmarks (Content)

- Individual:
 - Identify and provide public access to each nomination, a current photograph, and background
- Districts:
 - Identify boundaries and access to nominations
 - Identify resources within each along with a current photograph and background
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
 - Volunteer supported effort to provide for public use



Story Map Development

Audience (Public)

- Residents
- Visitors
- Age range from young adults to seniors
- Different levels of detail
 - General high level
 - Deeper dive opportunities

Story Map Development

- **ArcGIS (Platform)** defined template components
 - **Map Tour** (Guided or **Explorer**)
- **Content** City staff
 - Collecting and digitizing materials
 - Taking current photographs
 - Creating base GIS layers
- **Content** Volunteer
 - Sanborn maps georeferencing

Story Map Example

Map Tour

- Guided tour, where we set up the sequence
- Explorer tour, where users can navigate based on their interest
- City of Walla Walla explorer tour example:


- <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0884237964b24d099c35ebac6e2c69a9>

City of Walla Walla Walla Walla Register Designated Properties

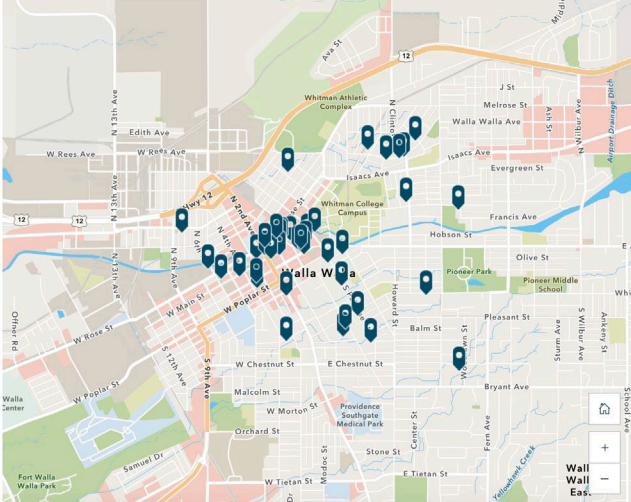
Walla Walla Register Designated Properties







Explore the city's heritage through Walla Walla Register of Historic Places designated buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects.

Walla Walla Historic Preservation Commission
August 20, 2024



Map Purpose Credits



	Pantorium Building 18 North 2nd Avenue (2-8 East Rose Street)
	Spansall House 310 South 2nd Avenue
	Electric Light Works Building 111 North 6th Avenue
	Valaer House 423 North 7th Avenue
	Garden City Buildings 119 and 123-125 West Alder Street
	Schwarz Building 209 East Alder Street

Public meeting #1

• March 17, 2026

Content assembly,
story map
development

• March-April 2026

Story map 1st draft
10% content

• April 29, 2026

Story map 2nd draft
100% content

• July 15, 2026

Public meeting #2

• **August 2026**

Final story map

• September 30, 2026

Schedule



Meeting Date: March 17, 2026
City of Ellensburg

Landmarks & Design Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Subject: Historic Preservation Awards Nominees - Discussion/Decision
Submitted by:
Department: Community Development

Suggested Motion/Action:

Motion to nominate recipients for the Residential, Commercial, and LDC Commissioner's historic preservation awards.

Background/Summary:

Public Nominated Award — This award is nominated by the public. Nominations for the public awards are due March 31 — Staff will review nominations received thus far with the commission, before sending them out for public voting on April 1. Public voting will end on April 17, with the final award announced at the awards.

Commission Award — This award is nominated by the commission, and can be a person who has contributed to local historic preservation, a recent project, or amazing historic building. Please come ready to nominate and discuss possible options.

Commercial Award — This award is nominated by the commission, and needs to be a commercial building that is on the local landmarks register, or would qualify to be listed. The intention of this award is to recognize recent work and projects that have been completed on a historic commercial building within the last year.

Residential Award — This award is nominated by the commission, and needs to be a residential building that is on the local landmarks register, or would qualify to be listed. The intention of this award is to recognize recent work and projects that have been completed on a historic residential building within the last year.

Previous Council Action:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

1. Award Categories - ALL

Award Categories & Nomination Information

Community-Nominated Award (Public Nomination)

This award is **nominated by the public** and celebrates historic buildings that reflect Ellensburg's character and history.

Nomination Period

- **Nominations open: March 1**
- **Nominations due: March 31**

Eligibility

- Building or project must be **at least 50 years old**
- Located **within Ellensburg city limits**
- Commercial or residential
- Retains significant historic character

Nominations may recognize recent preservation work or simply celebrate a beloved historic building.

Residential Award

This award is **nominated and selected by the Landmarks & Design Commission**.

Eligibility

- Residential building
 - Listed on, or eligible for, the **Ellensburg Local Landmarks Register**
 - Recognizes **recent preservation work completed within the past year**
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Commercial Award

This award is **nominated and selected by the Landmarks & Design Commission**.

Eligibility

- Commercial building
- Listed on, or eligible for, the **Ellensburg Local Landmarks Register**
- Recognizes **recent preservation work completed within the past year**

Landmarks & Design Commissioners' Award

This award is **nominated and selected by the Commission** and may recognize:


- An individual who has contributed to local historic preservation
- An outstanding historic building
- A recent preservation project

Looking Ahead


Projects **completed within 2026** may be considered for the **2027 Ellensburg Historic Preservation Awards**.


More Information & Contact

Award criteria, eligibility details, and submission information are available through the **City of Ellensburg Landmarks & Design Commission**:

 <https://ci.ellensburg.wa.us/91/Landmarks-Design-Commission>

For questions, contact **Chace Pedersen, Associate Planner | City of Ellensburg**

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