



## **CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Date of Meeting**

**Time of Meeting**

**Place of Meeting**

## **Minutes of Landmarks & Design, Regular Meeting**

**January 25, 2023**

**5:45 PM**

**Council Chambers 501 North Anderson Street**

**Ellensburg, WA 98926**

**And remotely via Zoom**

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Roll Call Present- In Person: Fred Redmon, Amy McCoy, Zane Kanyer

Roll Call Present-Via Zoom: Dorothy Stanley

Absent: Darren Reid, Marty Blackson

Also present- In Person: Stacey Henderson- Senior Planner, Jamey Ayling- CD Director, Kathy Boots- Planning Technician, Terry Weiner-City Attorney, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey-City Manager, Brad Case-Parks and Recreation Director, Pat Kelleher

Also present- Via Zoom: Mark Johnson, Lujan Zhang, Nikki, Brian Bishop, Jerry Dougherty, Tyler Withuhn, Karissa Witt

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Redmon moved to approve the agenda. **Motion Approved 4-0.**

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from the January 4, 2023, LDC meeting.

Commissioner Stanley moved to approve the minutes. **Motion Approved 4-0.**

### **4. New Business**

A. (P22-115) Public Hearing for Consideration of a COA for the proposed demolition of the old Wells Fargo Bank building and Rotary Pavilion.

Appearance of Fairness reviewed. Pat Kelleher objected. Kelleher stated Commissioner Redmon did not disclose that he participated in the design. Commissioner Redmon stated he represented Landmarks and Design in a stakeholders meeting. Attorney Weiner stated due to the nature of the communication it would be up to Commissioner Redmon to decide if he wanted to recuse himself. Redmon did not recuse himself. Henderson read staff report. Staff recommended the Commission grant the COA for the demo of the old Wells Fargo Bank

building and Rotary Pavilion as proposed with one condition; that photo documentation of the building shall be completed by the applicant prior to the demolition and the records be provided to the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County Historical Museum. Architects reviewed other options they considered before demolition of the buildings. Public comment opened. Pat Kelleher (6530 Wilson Creek Road) expressed concern over destroying buildings before they become historic, firm figures needed for repair of buildings, and wants new buildings to fit in. Jerry Dougherty (1804 W Creeksedge Way) Commissioner on Arts Commission stated removal of current buildings is preferred. Dougherty stated the cost of ADA access and functionality would be high on existing buildings and preserving buildings that don't fit community needs doesn't make sense. Pat Kelleher submitted written comments to staff which are part of the record. Public comment closed. Commissioner Kanyer read findings of fact and motioned approval of COA as staff recommended with condition. Commissioner Stanley seconded the motion. Commission deliberated. Motion to approve the COA for the proposed demolition of the old Wells Fargo Bank building and Rotary Pavilion and a second was made. **Motion approved 3-1 (Commissioner Stanley opposed). COA granted.**

B. (P23-002) Public Hearing for Consideration of a COA for the proposed designs of several new structures to be located within the new Unity Park, on Parcel ID #146933.

Appearance of Fairness reviewed. Commissioner Redmon stated he had represented the Landmarks and Design Commission at a stakeholder meeting. Planner Henderson read staff report. Written public comment was received and is part of the record. Staff recommend the COA be granted including stage backdrop, comfort station, shaded structure, and light pole. Park plan was presented by staff and applicant. Public comment opened. Pat Kelleher (6530 Wilson Creek Road) expressed concerns over hostile architecture, delivery trucks blocking alley, and less parking. Jerry Dougherty (1804 W Creeksedge Way) represents Arts Commission, and they look forward to working with designer to create new art/murals, utilizing existing art, and outdoor performance area. Tyler Withuhn (307 W 13<sup>th</sup> Ave) treasurer of the Downtown Association commented on pergola benches being non-removable, adding power supply around the park, children getting hurt on climbing structure, and lighting. Applicant responded to public concerns. Commissioners addressed questions to applicant. Applicant responded. Public comment closed. Findings of fact read. Commissioner Redmon motioned to approve the recommendations of staff with condition that future COAs be obtained for murals, permanent art, or sculptures on the parcel. Commissioner Kayner seconded the motion. Commission deliberated. Chair McCoy motioned to amend Commissioner Redmon's motion to add a second condition that the lighting in the pergola must be complimentary of the downtown core lighting system. Commissioner Kanyer seconded the motion for amendment of motion. No discussion. **Motion to amend was approved 4-0 vote. No discussion on main motion. Motion as amended with two conditions was approved 3-1 (Commissioner Stanley opposed). COA granted.**

## **5. Old Business**

## **6. Citizen Comment**

## **7. Staff Update/Discussion Items**

February 7, 2023 - Next Meeting  
February 22, 2023- DHAP Training

Staff completed yearly report of LDC activity and will send it out to the Commission.  
No applications have been received for open seat.

**8. Commission Representative Update**

**9. Adjournment**

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting.