



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Landmarks & Design, Regular Meeting

February 22, 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, Darren Reid, Marty Blackson

Roll Call Present-Via Zoom: Dorothy Stanley, Zane Kanyer, Amy McCoy

Absent:

Also present- In Person: Monica Miller, Stacey Henderson- Senior Planner, Kathy Boots- Planning Technician, Tami Johnson

Also present- Via Zoom: Andrew Polak, Ron Johnson, Taralyn

Chair McCoy called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Stanley moved to approve the amended agenda to remove CLG presentation.

Motion Approved 7-0.

3. New Business

None

4. Old Business

A. (P23-005) Continuation of Public hearing for consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the proposed installation of polyester and vinyl enclosure panels, at the corner of Main and 5th, at 429 N. Main St.

Planner Henderson read the staff report. Public comment opened. Tami Johnson provided the Commission with information that was requested. Applicant explained mock-up creation. Anchor straps, hooks, and glare were discussed. Ron Johnson mentioned other projects Tacoma tent has completed and photos were reviewed. Commissioners directed questions to applicant who responded.

Concerns were expressed regarding how the panels would be secured to the building. The Commissioners are concerned about attaching it to the brick and it coming out or adding a beam and attaching it to the ceiling which is an unknown material. Drilling the I-beam would cause changes to

the historic building. Tacoma Tent has not decided how to attach to the building and assumed the load would work without any engineering being completed. The amount of black around the border and between the vertical panels is concerning. The openness of the building should be preserved since it is part of the historic character. The border can be reduced but may change stability. Commissioners do not want any damage to the building or attachment coming out of the brick. Tacoma Tarp stated the acrylic could be cracked if hit with something when it is cold and windy and since they are large panels a larger parameter for support is preferred. Public hearing closed. Redmon stated the refraction was better than he thought. Commissioner Redmon read findings of fact in support of motion to approve COA based on presentation from applicant but with a condition to clarify attachment to building and verify the material can hold the loads when attached to the building. Motion seconded. Commissioners had discussion.

Commissioner Kanyer wanted an alternative to altering the building such as creating a structure inboard or attaching to the ceiling. Deliberation closed. Public hearing reopened. Attachment detail has not been decided. The company is not sure how secure brackets would be. Mr. Johnson stated he believes using the bracket is non-intrusive and the I-beam can be repaired. Ceiling material is unknown but possibly plaster. Commissioner Redmon expressed concern over deliberating with so many unknowns such as engineering, ceiling material, and attachment detail. Welding or drilling into the beam will change aesthetics. Public hearing closed. Deliberation continued. Commissioner Blackson expressed concern over the impact of reducing the negative space which is part of the building's historic character. Kanyer motioned to table the hearing with conditions that applicant would provide specific connection detail and provide an alternative to consider such as bringing the structure inboard. Kanyer amended motion to keep the hearing open until information is received. **Motion passed 6-0. Hearing has been tabled.**

6. Citizen Comment

Tami Johnson began to speak about COA but was stopped due to the hearing being closed. The COA will not be reopened today.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

March 7, 2023- Next meeting and possibly the only meeting in March

Streatory Ordinance will go to City Council on March 6th and may include allowing roofs

8. Commission Representative Update

Country Café has a new sign that has not been reviewed. Staff will reach out to them.

During Historic Preservation month in May there will be three display cases at the library for historical building artifacts. Commissioner Stanley has historical building artifacts.

EDA update tabled until next meeting

9. Adjournment

Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.