

CITY OF ELLENSBURG Minutes of the Landmarks & Design Commission
Date and Time: April 16, 2013 at 7:00 p. m.
Place of Meeting: City Council Conference Room, City Hall
Commissioners Present: Christina Wollman, Meg Ludlum, Dorothy Stanley, David Wheeler,
Fennelle Miller & Anne Denman
Commissioners Absent: Fred Krueger
Others Present: Senior Planner Dan Valoff.

Chair Wollman opened the meeting at 7:05 p. m. Chair Wollman asked if there was anything that needed to be added to the agenda. Member Ludlum wanted to discuss the upcoming Washington State Historic Preservation Plan open house coming to Ellensburg on April 22nd. Chair Wollman indicated that this would be discussed under Miscellaneous.

Minutes of April 2, 2013, it was moved and seconded to approve of the minutes subject to corrections. Motion carried with a vote of 6 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SIGN REVIEWS

None

DESIGN REVIEWS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Murals/Land Development Code Update Discussion – Discussion began with an overview of the meeting with Arts Commission on April 10th at the Ellensburg Downtown Association office. There was much discussion that the direction of the Arts Commission does not address historic properties and preservation regulations and that the Purpose Statement prepared and forwarded to the Michael Connelly, the city's Land Use Attorney, did not address historic preservation regulations. The Commission suggested to staff that the Land Use Attorney be provided contact information for Nicholas Vann, Historic Architect with the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

The Landmarks Commission decided that its proposal on murals should stand as originally submitted, except for two changes to definitions included in the further code comments we are providing. Murals must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Properties, and therefore must include a COA issued by the Landmarks Commission because they will inherently change the character of a historic building façade.

The next topic for discussion was the demolition comments on the Development Code Update. It was suggested that instead of having the list of historic properties be subject to review by the Landmarks & Design Commission, that the threshold for review for the demolition of structures be buildings that are 50 years old or older.

MOTION 4.16-1: Member Ludlum presented a motion that the information prepared by Fennelle Miller, specifically the March 23, 2013 memorandum to Mike Smith regarding the Historic Preservation & the Land Use Code Update and the Flow Chart deleting any references to the Historic Resources Inventory, be presented to the City Council noting that this demolition proposal has been endorsed by members of the Landmarks & Design Commission, Member Stanley seconded, the motion carried with a 6 to 0 vote.

- b) Inventories & Lists – Discussion ensued on what has been done by the city in the past regarding the listing of historic properties. Member Wheeler indicated that there have been quite a few inventories conducted over time and that State Archeology has a large data base on properties within the city. Much discussion ensued on what exactly the city has on any historic property list. It was determined that staff provide the Commission maps of the Landmark properties and the Historic Districts for the next meeting. The Commission has scheduled that on their June 18th meeting that they would be going out and doing a mural inventory in the historic downtown. It was suggested that at the May 21st meeting, a process for conducting this inventory be prepared by the Commission members.
- c) Rotary Park Barn – Member Ludlum indicated that the Commission had determined that the Rotary Park Barn be listed on the heritage Barn Register. Senior Planner Valoff provided the Commission with a partially completed Heritage Barn Register form that was prepared a while back, but never completed. The Commission requested that the form be completed and submitted to the State Architectural Historian.
- d) Alley Cat mural status – Senior Planner Valoff stated that the Assistant Building Official sent an e-mail to Sarah Scott and Rachel Mack the Alley Cat artists on March 27th giving them 30 days to remove the mural. He indicated that nothing has been done to date.

NEW BUSINESS

None

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Washington State Historic Plan meeting in Ellensburg on April 22nd – The Commission discussed the upcoming event and determined that it would be something that members could attend if interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Valoff, Senior Planner