

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Historic Preservation Commission

Date: 06/10/2024

Observer Reporting: Aly Welch

Length of Meeting: 90 minutes

Board Members Present: Allison Munch-Rotolo, Matthew Root, Ned Warnick, John Anderson, Jennifer Hamilton, Anita Hornback

Board Members Absent: Phil Gruen

Others Present (e.g., staff, other agency representatives, media, public): Ariel Medeiros, Cynthia Goodwater

Business Pertaining to League Positions or Topics of Interest:

1) Issues discussed that relate to League priorities or positions.

- Related to City and Regional Planning Positions: the city's historic preservation code (title 16 and 17) have not been updated since 2011. The Pullman City Planning Commission is updating it now, and the Historic Preservation Commission wants a clear demolition process written in the code for buildings older than 45 years. Ariel is working with the Planning Commission to update other parts of the historic preservation code. There are concerns about specific requirements for buildings/demolitions, but Ariel suggested a subcommittee of 2 people she can send info to when she's not sure about eligibility for historic recognition. The Commission finally voted on a change to the City Code after more than 4 months of addressing it. Commissioner Anderson suggested another change to the zoning code to be suggested to the City, but no action was taken
- Agenda Item 2. There are 3 parts:
 - The first item says to Review and Act on a Nomination Form package, which was not available so the review and action on it will be done at the next meeting. Munch-Rotolo asked if there is a new form or just new instructions. Commissioner Warnick had to ask everyone to please send the current document and proposed document to the HPC.
 - This item was to review the Community Development Department Newsletter, but the Commission decided to move past this since they still have time before sending info into the newsletter.
 - The last item is about a CLG Grant presentation. The HPC is now aware of this meeting and is invited,. Munch-Rotolo offered to attend with Ariel. She also proposed making a goal-tracking sheet for this long agenda item to keep the HPC on track.

- Walking tour for July 26: Each Commissioner will be at a historic property for the tour. Many directions and pathways were offered for this tour. They discussed the many beautiful stops they could make but did not make a decision on any of these.
- Agenda item 4: Annual Presentation to City Council. City Code literally says it must be done at Council's first meeting in June, but Mayor Benjamin said they have to push it to September or October.

Links to further information on an issue, if available.

- <https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/pullman/Board.nsf/Public>