

Thursday, November 19, 2020
Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda

4:00 PM
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1. Opening Items

Subject :	1.01 Discussion Protocol for Virtual Meetings
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	1. Opening Items
Access :	Public
Type :	Information

Public Content

Virtual Meeting Discussion Protocol:

- After staff presentation of an item, the Chair will request comments from each Member
- After each member has had an opportunity, the Chair will then speak if so desired and Members will use the raise hand feature to notify the Chair of their desire to speak again. However, they will not enter the conversation without first being recognized by the Chair. This should allow for a thorough discussion with everyone having opportunity to express their views while maintaining order.

Subject :	1.02 Call to Order
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
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Subject :	1.03 Roll Call
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Stanley Green, Chairperson

Gary Petersen, Vice Chair

Terrell Gottschall

Edward Kontz

Mike Denny

Jon Rickard, Community Development Director

Claudia Estrada, Community Development Administrative Assistant

2. Consent Agenda

Subject :	2.01 Approve Agenda for November 19, 2020
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	2. Consent Agenda
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent)
Subject :	2.02 Approve Minutes from October 15, 2020
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	2. Consent Agenda
Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent), Minutes
Minutes :	View Minutes for Oct 15, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meetin

File Attachments

[HPCminutes_2020_09_17.pdf \(119 KB\)](#)

Subject :	2.03 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Commission by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through previous review either, at a workshop, or by subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Commission members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any Commission member.
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	2. Consent Agenda

Access :	Public
Type :	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action :	Motion to approve consent agenda items 2.01 through xxxx

3. Public Comment

Subject :	3.01 Public Comment Procedure for Virtual Meetings - Commission meetings are primarily structured to permit Members to arrive at the decisions necessary to advise the City Council.
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	3. Public Comment
Access :	Public
Type :	Information

Public Content

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COVID-19 Virtual Meeting Protocol for Public Comment:

When submitting public comments, include the following regardless of the manner you are using: - Note that there are deadlines for each method of commenting.

- Your Name
- Your Address

Public comments may be provided in one of three ways:

- Comments in writing of no more than 1 page (If typewritten, no less than 11 pt font.) may be submitted no later than 4:30PM on the meeting date to be included in the record.
- Comments may be made by telephone during the meeting by calling a number that will be provided to you upon notification to the City Clerk no later than 2:30 PM the day of the meeting.*
- Comments may be made by virtual meeting attendance with a link that will be provided to your email upon notification to the City Clerk no later than 2:30 the day of the meeting.*

*If you would like to make a public comment by either phone or virtual meeting, you can contact the clerk at Ineissl@cpwa.usor by phone at 509-394-8511 no later than 2:30 on the meeting date.

4. Regular Agenda

Subject :	4.01 College Place 75th Anniversary Book
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	4. Regular Agenda
Access :	Public

Type :

Discussion

Public Content

Author Mike Denny has more chapters to share of the College Place 75th Anniversary Book.

Staff is having technical difficulties getting the draft chapters uploaded. We will notify you as soon as they are available.

File Attachments

[Bibleo.pdf \(52 KB\)](#)

[CP-Book 1889-1910-Chp3.pdf \(58 KB\)](#)

5. Reports

6. Meeting Information

Subject :	6.01 Next meeting is scheduled December 17, 2020 - Consider Cancellation
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	6. Meeting Information
Access :	Public
Type :	

Public Content

7. Closing Items

Subject :	7.01 Adjourn
Meeting :	Nov 19, 2020 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda
Category :	7. Closing Items
Access :	Public
Type :	Procedural

Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda (Thursday, September 17, 2020)

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1. Opening Items

Information: 1.01 Discussion Protocol for Virtual Meetings

Procedural: 1.02 Call to Order

Chair Stanley Green called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Procedural: 1.03 Roll Call

Present	Commissioners	Stanley Green – Chair Mike Denny Terrell Gottschall
	Staff	Jon Rickard, Community Development Director; Lisa Neissl, City Clerk
Absent- Excused		
Absent		Gary Petersen – Vice Chair Edward Kontz

2. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 2.01 Approve Agenda for September 17, 2020

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2.02 Approve Minutes from August 20, 2020

Action (Consent): 2.03 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing several items for approval of the Commission by a single motion. Most of the items listed under the consent agenda have gone through previous review either, at a workshop, or by subcommittee review and recommendation. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Commission members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any Commission member.

Commissioner Denny made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Commissioner Gottschall and the motion passed 3-0.

3. Public Comment

Information: 3.01 Public Comment Procedure for Virtual Meetings - Commission meetings are primarily structured to permit Members to arrive at the decisions necessary to advise the City Council.

The Clerk noted that no one had made arrangements for public comment.

4. Regular Agenda

Discussion, Information: 4.01 Work Session on 75th Anniversary Book

Author of the book, Commissioner Denny discussed the progress to date and provided feedback on the Preface that was shared. There was discussion about contacts that he has made as well as other books that have been written about various aspects of College Place.

Commissioner Denny informed the Commission that the rough draft will be delayed slightly due to the fact that he is waiting on responses from several people who no longer live in the area.

5. Reports - None

6. Meeting Information

Information: 6.01 - The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

7. Closing Items

Procedural: 7.01 Adjourn

Commissioner Gottschall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 PM. Second by Commissioner Denny and, with no objection, the meeting adjourned.

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting that occurred on September 17, 2020. Audio and/or Video recordings are available upon request.

Approved:

Chairman / Vice Chairman

Date

Attest:

Jon Rickard – CD Director

Date

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Chapter 3

College Place on Stage in a New State

On November 11, 1889, the Washington Territory ceased to exist, and the new State of Washington was admitted to the Union. This new state's capitol had been speculated on for years with Walla Walla in the running, however it was Olympia that was selected and thus the building of a new state began.

A New College

In College Place the construction of Walla Walla College was underway with two local community banks donating funding to assist in the school's creation. A \$1000.00 was given by Baker-Boyer Bank and 500.00 by Farmer's Savings Bank which the church leaders viewed as gifts of aid and friendly community spirited gestures. During this period, many Adventist families and college age students were moving into College Place and the surrounding area to work at this new college or go to school there when it opened. Folks came from all over the United States and a few from Canada. The local denominational leaders were clear that all students were welcome, both Adventist and non-Adventist alike. All students attending Walla Walla College had to agree to in no way breach the Adventist ideals or break the Seventh-day Sabbath. One of the individuals instrumental in the selection of the college building site was W.W. Prescott, Education Secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. He was made honorary President for the first two years. E.A. Sutherland then became the college's first president. Walla Walla College officially opened on December 7, 1892 though they

could not yet issue diplomas as the college was not incorporated as a college. Incorporation did not occur until 1901. At the time of the opening there were 101 students and 25 homes built around the college property.

Early in 1891 Henry Carnahan suggested the name College Place because the SDA denomination was in the process of building their first college building which was to be the administrative center and classrooms of the new Walla Walla College. On 19 July 1891 Veda Carnahan was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carnahan making their baby the first white child born in College Place, Washington. Her father Henry was the first Postmaster in College Place and the first Post Office was in the front room of the Carnahan's home.

The period between 1875-1910 brought great changes to the Walla Walla River valley as more folks moved here to capitalize on the fertile land, abundant water and educational opportunities along with the creation of a new state. College Place grew as did the focus and center of this community, the ever-expanding college which by 1900 had three college buildings plus the buildings on the college farm.

The Chinese

The first Chinese to arrive in the Walla Walla Valley came in 1872. They came to work on the building of Dorsey Bakers railroad line. By the early 1880s there were as many as 5000 Chinese living in the valley. Most worked building the narrow-gauge railroad that would run from Wallula on the Columbia River east to Walla Walla. Some worked in business. These industrious entrepreneurial people soon established many businesses like restaurants,

laundries, pharmacies and vegetable gardens along with some working for families in the valley. Life in this region was hard for these emigrant workers. Laws in both the Washington Territory and the new State of Washington forbid the Chinese from owning any land or property, they could only rent. Despite this major restriction they proceeded to grow and with hard work develop a "Chinatown" in Walla Walla where most lived and ran their businesses. There was dislike, distrust and great jealousy of the Chinese among some in the white population in this region as the Chinese were subjected to murder, swindles, theft and physical attack because these people were diligent, careful, and very frugal, much of the money they earned was sent back to their families in China. The first lynching in the Walla Walla Valley was of a Chinese man. After Dorsey Baker's railroad was completed many of the young Chinese laborers moved on either returning to China or working in other locations. A second wave of Chinese arrived to work in and around the Idaho Gold rush and the Walla Walla Valley was the door to the supplies and access to the goldfields. These Chinese set up many businesses with at one time 11 Chinese run businesses in central Walla Walla. By 1900 many were farming in the flat lands along Dallas Military Rd. in what is now College Place. Because these Asians could not own property, but only rent they began to have the property and gardens they worked sold as the Italian farmers moved in and began to purchase these farms and own them. Some Chinese were accused of stealing water and using water that was not theirs to use. By the early 1950s there were no more than 50 Chinese left in the valley.

The Italians

By the mid-1870s through to the mid-1910s many farmers of Italian descent arrived in the College Place area to buy and set up vegetable farms. These hard-working immigrant Ag specialists brought with them a will to succeed and a wonderful can-do spirit which allowed them to grow and prosper. The first Italian here in the Walla Walla Valley was Frank Orselli who started farming in 1857 after doing a stint in the 4th Infantry, US Army at Fort Walla Walla. By 1865 Frank had purchased 180 acres and was well known for his large orchards.

Most Italians were men that arrived to stake a claim in the American dream were alone, it was only later after they had earned enough money that they sent for their wives and children back in Italy. Two distinct groups of Italians immigrated to the Walla Walla Valley. There was the “Milanese” who were from northern Italy and primarily settled in and around Walla Walla. The second group that arrived were the “Calabrese” from southern Italy. These folks settled around College Place beginning in the 1880s.

These two groups appear to have had little contact with each other by choice over time as they worked in this valley farming vegetables, and fruit. Each group built and staffed their own Catholic churches in Walla Walla.

A typical experience for Italian immigrant men here in the Walla Walla Valley is that of Pasquale Saturno who arrived here in 1875 alone. All he had was his expertise in gardening and a desire to start a business. He soon met up

with fellow Italian and relative Joe Taschi and they formed a gardening business partnership. The Saturno land stretched from Larch Street east to Myra and north and covered about 100 acres of College Place. As their funds increased through farming, they started to sponsor more Italians from Italy to come work for them with the promise that if they worked hard and helped grow the Saturno farm business, they would get land of their own. Over time entire Italian families immigrated to the College Place area to settle and work in the gardening business. After some years Pasquale's partner Joe Taschi was killed in a wagon accident which was a major loss to the community.

The Rise of a Sweet Onion

In 1902 a French soldier arrived to live near College Place where he started growing an unbelievable type of large extremely sweet onion. It became known as the "French Onion". Local folks had never seen an onion like it. Soon the old soldier let it be known that he had picked up the starts for his onions on the Italian Island of Corsica on his way to America. Most of the local Italian farmers perked up and took a real interest in this new onion once they saw how popular it had become in the Walla Walla Valley and beyond. By 1915 hundreds of Italian farmers were growing and perfecting this amazing onion that today is known the world around as the "Walla Walla Sweet Onion". It is this product that put the Walla Walla Valley on the map.

Early Grapes

Between 1866 -1868 several Italian immigrants brought with them grape root stock to plant in their new home in the Walla Walla valley. This they did and so a small

amount of land was cultivated to grow grapes. By 1912 scattered around the Walla Walla valley were several small vineyards operated to produce vino for local consumption.

Then the sever winter of 1916-17 struck and air temps plummeted to -40 degrees F. This lasted for several weeks, killing all the fruit trees and grapes by freezing their roots deep into the ground. During this winter, the Columbia River at Wallula froze 12' deep and folks were driving across the ice to and from Benton, and Walla Walla Counties in their Ford Model As.

A Gift from the Heart

On October 12, 1911, a large celebration and parade was held where all the residents of the valley were invited by the Italian community to accept a gift that these hard-working settlers had sponsored and paid for. It was the seven-foot statue of Christopher Columbus currently standing out in front of the Walla Walla County Courthouse. 92 Italian families, many of them from College Place, donated this privately funded sculpture to the citizens of Walla Walla County as a gesture of friendship to the county that had allowed them to so greatly improve their lives while growing and prospering.

The Story of College Place

This is a story of a small town that developed due to the placement of a Seventh-day Adventist College named Walla Walla College in 1892. The community that has evolved around this small college is a story nothing short of amazing. The College Place account written here is derived from historic accounts, personal interviews and interest of many involved with the growing city or college over the last

75 years. The hamlet of College Place was named in 1891 long before this city was incorporated in 1947. College Place was the largest unincorporated community in Washington State for many years until its incorporation in 1947. The new college was started in 1891 with the first building open for instruction in 1892. It was not recognized as a college in good standing by the state at that time but was incorporated in 1901 after which the college could issue diploma's to its graduates. This story begins with an act of benevolence and hospitality by a non-Adventist land owner and medical doctor Nelson Blalock who understood the great value of an educational institution as an anchor in any developing community, so much so that he provided 40 acres to the Adventist church with only one stipulation and that was that they must operate this new college for at least 25 years. The mix of people that lived on and worked the lands around the college were diverse and remarkably interesting. There were Chinese, Italians, French mateis and some well-known missionaries along with three native tribes that had lived in this valley for many thousands of years. These people of this river valley were the Walla Walla, Cayuse and Umatilla. We will look at the great gathering of the tribes with the territorial governor Isaac Stevens and the signing of the 1855 treaty that still is in affect today. All these groups and the events that occurred in their lives will be explored in this book celebrating 75 years in the history of a small town that grew to be an important part of the history of Washington State.

