

Thursday, June 17, 2021  
Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda

4:00 PM

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## 1. Opening Items

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| Subject :  | 1.01 Discussion Protocol for Virtual Meetings                             |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - 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.

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| Subject :  | 1.02 Call to Order                                                        |
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| Category : | 1. Opening Items                                                          |
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| Subject :  | 1.03 Roll Call                                                            |
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## Public Content

Position 1 - Stanley Green, Chairperson - term expires 12/31/2021

Position 2 - Gary Petersen, Vice Chair - term expires 12/31/2022

Position 3 - Mike Denny - term expires 12/31/2022

Position 4 -Edward Kontz- term expires 12/31/2023

Position 5 -Terrell Gottschall- term expires 12/31/2021

Staff

Jon Rickard, Community Development Director

Kristi Scherger, Community Development Administrative Assistant

## 2. Consent Agenda

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| Subject :  | 2.01 Approve Agenda for June 17, 2021                                                                 |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission<br>Electronic Meeting Agenda                          |
| Category : | 2. Consent Agenda                                                                                     |
| Access :   | Public                                                                                                |
| Type :     | Action (Consent)                                                                                      |
| Subject :  | 2.02 Approve Minutes from May 20, 2021                                                                |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission<br>Electronic Meeting Agenda                          |
| Category : | 2. Consent Agenda                                                                                     |
| Access :   | Public                                                                                                |
| Type :     | Action (Consent), Minutes                                                                             |
| Minutes :  | <a href="#">View Minutes</a> for May 20, 2021 - Historic Preservation<br>Commission Electronic Meetin |

## File Attachments

[2021-05-Draft Minutes.pdf \(624 KB\)](#)

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| 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 : | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Meeting Agenda

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| Category :           | 2. Consent Agenda                                        |
| Access :             | Public                                                   |
| Type :               | Action (Consent)                                         |
| Recommended Action : | Motion to approve consent agenda items 2.01 through xxxx |

### 3. Public Comment

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| 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 Commission. |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda                                                                                                          |
| Category : | 3. Public Comment                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Access :   | Public                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Type :     | Information                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Public Content

**Commission meetings are primarily structured to permit Members to arrive at the decisions necessary to advise the Commission.**

### **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 clerk@cpwa.usor by phone at 509-394-8511 no later than 2:30 on the meeting date.

### 4. Regular Agenda

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| Subject : | 4.01 75th Anniversary Book                                                |
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| Category : | 4. Regular Agenda |
| Access :   | Public            |
| Type :     | Discussion        |

## Public Content

Attached is the revised chapter 8 for your review.

The atlas is being returned from Keokee and the results of the scans are usable.

### File Attachments

[2021 CP 8 2021.06.15.pdf \(86 KB\)](#)

## 5. Reports

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| Subject :  | 5.01 GPR                                                                     |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission<br>Electronic Meeting Agenda |
| Category : | 5. Reports                                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                       |
| Type :     |                                                                              |

## Public Content

The results of the GPR survey are being analyzed by WWU and the draft report is expected by July 9th, the results will be presented at the July 15th meeting.

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| Subject :  | 5.02 DAHP Grant Application - This Place Has History                         |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission<br>Electronic Meeting Agenda |
| Category : | 5. Reports                                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                       |
| Type :     | Information                                                                  |

## Public Content

The presentation "This Place Has History" grant proposal to the DAHP Grant evaluation committee was done on June 11th and was well-received. Rankings should be posted this summer.

## 6. Closing Items

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| Subject : | 6.01 Next meeting is scheduled July 15, 2021 at 4:00PM |
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| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission<br>Electronic Meeting Agenda |
| Category : | 6. Closing Items                                                             |
| Access :   | Public                                                                       |
| Type :     |                                                                              |

## Public Content

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 15, 2021

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| Subject :  | 6.02 Adjourn                                                                 |
| Meeting :  | Jun 17, 2021 - Historic Preservation Commission<br>Electronic Meeting Agenda |
| Category : | 6. Closing Items                                                             |
| Access :   | Public                                                                       |
| Type :     | Procedural                                                                   |

# Historic Preservation Commission Electronic Meeting Agenda (Thursday, May 20, 2021)

Generated by Kristi Scherger on Thursday, May 20, 2021

## **1. Opening Items**

1.01 Discussion Protocol for Virtual Meetings

Information: 1.02 Roll Call

**Chair, Commissioner Gottschall called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.**

### **Present**

Commissioners

Terrell Gottschall - Vice Chair  
Stanley Green  
Mike Denny  
Ed Kontz

Staff

Jon Rickard, Community Development Director  
Kristi Scherger, Community Development  
Administrative Assistant  
Lisa Neissl, City Clerk  
Shelli Williams, Deputy City Clerk

### **Absent- Excused**

Gary Petersen - Chair

## **2. Consent Agenda**

2.01 Approve Consent Agenda for May 20, 2021

2.02 Approve Minutes from March 18, 2021 - 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 Kontz and the motion passed 4-0.**

## **3. Public Comment**

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 Commission.  
None.

## **4. Regular Agenda**

4.01 75th Anniversary Book

Mr. Rickard and Commissioner Denny gave an update on the progress of the book. The Atlas has shipped and reached the publisher.

## **5. Reports**

5.01 GPR

Mr. Rickard gave a visual presentation in conjunction with verbal update on the GPR progress.

## **6. Meeting Information**

6.01 Next Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021

## **7. Closing Items**

7.01 Adjourn

**Commissioner Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15PM. Second by Commissioner Denny and the motion passed 4-0.**

**Approved:**

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**Chairman / Vice Chairman**

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**Date**

**Attest:**

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**Jon Rickard – CD Director**

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**Date**

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting that occurred on May 20, 2021. Audio and/or Video recordings are available upon request.

## Chapter 8

### College Place an Overview

On New Year's Day 1900 only three buildings stood on the college campus, on the land donated by Dr. Nelson Blalock. These were the Administration Building, the bakery, and a broom shop. In 1900 a blacksmith shop was built and blacksmithing was taught until 1905 at the school. In the spring of 1903 Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap's Sanitarium was constructed at the intersection of College Ave. and Fourth St. This sanitarium operated until it was rented by the college as a dormitory annex for young women. The second building was placed on the low hill known as "sunflower hill" where the university library now stands. This sanitarium was operated until 1931 when it was sold to the college and the sanitarium moved into Walla Walla. The college used the old sanitarium as a **women's** dorm known as Preston House until 1933 when it burned down.

College Place and Walla Walla College experienced several epidemics this decade. The first to present was a smallpox outbreak starting in 1902 and lasting into the winter of 1903. Many dozens of students and residents of the area came down ill. This outbreak interfered seriously with the operation of day-to-day classes at local schools. Then in the spring of 1904 the College Place area was hit with a large epidemic of Typhoid fever. This persisted into the winter of 1905. Large numbers of students became ill with several dying. The college issued orders to boil all water before drinking or using it to cook with.

## 1910s

In 1912 the Roosevelt Highway was run through the middle of what was a busy college hamlet. This highway was named to honor Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, a huge hero of the Spanish American War and the 26<sup>th</sup> and youngest President of the United States at 42 years old. He was greatly admired in the western states and the people in and around College Place were no different. Walla Walla College was expanding as more students, staff and faculty arrived to attend and teach classes at this college. In 1913 a large Adventist church was built to accommodate the many new members as more Adventists moved to College Place from other areas of the nation. By 1914 WWI had erupted in Europe and some residents joined the army even though the US was not in the fight, yet. The US entered WWI in 1917 and many young men from the Walla Walla Valley joined the army. In 1918 they returned home having defeated the Germans and their allies. Along with these returning troops came the Great Influenza that spread across the world and even into the Walla Walla Valley. Many hundreds of folks came down with this devastating flu that killed numerous people locally-especially young kids and young adults together with the elderly. This was the first major pandemic to strike the citizens of this country hard. The last great pandemic was the “Black Death” which hit Europe and Asia into North Africa during the 1340s into early 1350s. Many millions perished from this plague, as many as 100 million people succumbed.

## 1920s

The early 1920s in College Place was a time of rapid change and big improvements to roads and infrastructure as more businesses opened along the Roosevelt Highway which was later named College Avenue. Davis Public School built along with the first College Church. The “Roaring 20s brought excitement, social change and a boom in local business here in College Place with more than 20 businesses opening along College Ave. There was a car repair garage, a hat shop, a small clothing store, a barbershop and many more. It also brought much larger numbers of cars and trucks to the streets and roads of College Place. As 1929 arrived with it came economic collapse nationwide. With the stock market crash many wealthy folks in the Walla Walla valley lost everything and businesses closed. Some banks failed locally though several survived through careful care of their investments and customers funds such as Baker Boyer Bank, Farmers Trust Bank and First National Bank all survived.

## 1930s

This decade proved to be one of hardship, growth and courage for the folks who lived around the Walla Walla College Campus. The Great Economic Depression rolled into the region on the heels of the stock market crash of 1929. This economic depression caused the loss of some jobs and the closure of several businesses, but most survived as there was ample locally grown food and a lot of bartering for services. College Place businesses did alright

due to lack of city taxes because there was no incorporated city at this time. On March 31, 1931, a massive rainstorm struck the western face of the Blue Mountains causing Mill

Creek to leave its banks in a raging torrent. Snow melts also added to these flood waters and soon the dam on Mill Creek was overwhelmed and collapsed. Water rushed into Walla Walla and on downhill into College Place. By noon of the next day, the flood waters stood waist deep in College Place. There were more than forty businesses along College Avenue and water pouring down the streets of the village.

Mill Creek to the north of College Place is a flashy stream and a major tributary of the Walla Walla river to the south of College Place. All the tributaries of the Walla Walla River are subject to flooding when conditions are exactly right.

Clean-up took most of three months, but the community pulled together and within a month most businesses had re-opened and dried out. Once again the Roosevelt Highway was busy and some refugees from the massive mid-west "Dust Bowl" moved into the College Place area. Since most of the good farmland was already taken many of these folks became share croppers and worked for established farmers.

Six major buildings were constructed on the college campus in this decade. One was the college garage on the corner of College and fourth. This building still stands today at the northeast corner of the intersection. It is used by WWU as a storage warehouse. On Dec. 20, 1933 there was the groundbreaking for the footings of Conard Hall on land donated by the Williams Lumber Company. It took ten months to construct Conard Hall after a building that stood on this property was moved and set up on a site on the college campus that by 1935 became the new Home

Economics Department building. Two other large construction projects were built: the first in 1937 was a new sewage disposal plant for the college and then the building of Columbia Auditorium in 1938. Off campus, Davis School constructs a gym.

College Place sits at 1856 residents by the end of the 1930s.

### 1940s

College Place and Walla Walla College expanded during this Decade despite WWII and the loss of young men to this war effort. Most young men eighteen and older were drafted into the military. Many became conscientious objectors which meant they refused to carry a gun, but rather became members of the medical cadet corps and were trained to become medics out on the battlefields of the war. 11 young men were lost from the College Place area to battle injuries or killed in action. Many items such as rubber, gasoline, oil and diesel were rationed with strict limits placed on citizens during the four years of World War Two that America was in this war. There were no new civilian cars made during these years as all the car manufactures were producing aircraft, tanks, guns and armored cars for the Allied armies. During 1943 all pennies were made of steel as all copper was needed for the war effort. There were scrap metal drives and cloth collecting right in and around College Place.

This was the decade that brought incorporation to College Place in December 1945. The vote was made official January 1946 by the Walla Walla County Commissioners. College Place selected its first mayor Walter Bunch. Its first city council, sewage piping and a plant as well as emergency services ready to serve the citizens. These were the volunteers that this city depended on to lay the foundation for our future.

Several more fires take buildings in town only this time a trained fire department responded with real fire trucks and fought these fires.

Sittner Hall is built in 1946 north of the college farm site. Many returning GIs helped build this dorm. It is named in honor of Herman Sittner a former men's Dean at the college. The College Dairy Farm is moved to 300 acres west of the new town. It was decided that livestock would no longer be allowed inside the incorporated boundaries of College Place save for horses, sheep and chickens.

## 1950s

Many large construction projects on the WWC campus. The college expands as more students take advantage of the GI-Bill which covered the cost of going to college for returning GIs that wanted to come to college after the end of WWII. The Korean War starts. The city of College Place develops its first public park known as Kiwanis Park near Davis School. Room was made for the new Walla Walla College church by relocating the College Dairy farm. Rogers School

is built due south of the new church site. The new Cafeteria named Kellogg Hall is built on campus north of the women's dorm. The cafeteria had earlier occupied the basement of Conard Hall. It was named in honor of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg of Battle Creek Michigan an Adventist pioneer in health and diet.

Totem-out Market is bought by the Blair family and sold one year later to another couple who just a few months later have an armed robbery and shoot-out in the store when the police arrive killing one of the thieves. They sell the Totem-out Market back to the Blairs who run it as one of two College Place markets from 1959 until 1970 when they retire.

## 1960s

The Walla Walla College Church is built on the site of the old college farm. The new school of Engineering, Physics and Math is constructed along with a small astronomy observatory. The Biology/Science building is built on campus along with the education building known as Smith Hall. The Fine Arts building is constructed and finished.

WWC buys up a block of downtown College Place and installs college owned businesses such as the college bookstore, College Dairy market, Ice Cream/milk plant and vegetarian café which was renowned for its large tasty vegetarians and outstanding milkshakes. The College Dairy operates a major home/business milk/dairy delivery service throughout the Walla Walla Valley and south into

Oregon to Pendleton, Athena, Weston, Adams and Milton-Freewater and west to Touchet.

College Place has grown to 3190 residents. The Vietnam War starts in 1964, though the first US Army advisors arrive in 1959. The Apollo Space program takes off.

The school of Engineering is growing with many students going to top engineering firms upon graduation. College Place ships all their high school students to WA-HI in Walla Walla. The first of the baby boomers arrive to go to college.

### 1970s

The College builds a new women's dorm on the south end of Conard Hall as more women come to school and the baby boom generation start college in earnest. College Place grows to 5260 residents. Andy's Market is built, and Totem-out market sells out and becomes a café by the name of the Mustard Seed. The Vietnam War ends for America April 1975. Many young men and women return from this war to the College Place area with little or no recognition for their service. Some had volunteered others had been drafted. Some refused to participate in this war and fled to Canada from here.

### 1980s

The last of the baby boomers still pouring into College Place to go to college. College Place is now at 6700

residents and growing. Noticeably more Latinos are arriving to live in the area and are enriching the city and the Walla Walla Valley with their culture. Mrs. Helen Cross writes a book on College Place entitled “A Brief History of College Place”

### 1990s

Walla Walla College celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a big parade down College Ave. planned and led by Walt Meske. An outstanding book on the history of Walla Walla College by Terrie Dopp Aamodt entitled “Bold Venture: A History of Walla Walla College” is published.

College Place grows to 8100 residents. Wal-Mart Comes to town and builds a super center at the south end of town. Sagar School is upgraded. A new City Hall is built, and a mayor changes the established city form of government to City Manager/ City Council from Mayor/ City Council.

The First Iraq war begins.

### 2000s

Many in College Place believed that the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century would bring catastrophe and collapse to this nation. Folks were purchasing vast quantities of dried foods, guns and ammunition along with barrels of sealed fresh water to survive the time of breakdown and civil unrest they were sure was coming. Some even thought it could be the beginning of the end. Many in College Place were holding Y2K meetings in their homes to get their

neighbors to prepare for this eventuality. We were invited to join several different group planning sessions but declined.

These folks were sure that all the computers would go down and that would cause societal breakdown. The morning of the arrival of this New Year came and went as all other New Years have down through history with the only people coming out ahead being the dried food, gun/ammunition and barreled water salesmen. I termed it the second "Great Disappointment".

Walla Walla College changes its name in 2007 to Walla Walla University on behalf of the foreign students in attendance. On their transcripts a college in Asia is considered a junior college so it did not look good that these students were not attending a university as the prestige just was not there. Thus, the name change.

College Place grows to 8700 residents.

9-11 terrorists attack using commercial passenger jets full of travelers to hit the Pentagon, New York Trade Towers and one goes down in an old strip mine in Pennsylvania.

Stuns many in College Place and the nation.

2010s

College Place grows to 9500 residents and now hosts two big box stores at two different business centers. A Home Depoe home improvement store and the Wal-Mart Super Center with the beautiful riparian stream buffer along its parking lot. College Place is greatly improved with a new and improved College Avenue that any city would be proud of. It has a booming business district at the south end hosting a drop-in medical clinic and many other stores.

2016 brought the election of Donald John Trump as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Along with him came a whole new philosophy that of “America First” in all things.

He has many ardent supporters in College Place.

The second Iraqi war at last winds down. The war in Afghanistan still simmers and grinds on and is now America’s longest running war. Several citizens of College Place have served this country in this multi-generational war. Thank them for their service when you see them.

The greatest Pandemic since 1918 strikes America and the world. Originating in China this virus is quickly distributed worldwide through travel by infected asymptomatic individuals. As the Covid-19 virus spreads people are dying by the thousands daily. Before long America has become the number one leader in Covid-19 deaths worldwide. We now have 475,000+ deaths and thousands of infections a day in this country. College Place has had 562 infected citizens to date (Feb.2021). This pandemic is far from over and its only mid-February 2021. Masks are mandatory in public; social distancing is required with a minimum of six feet apart. The good news is there may be a light at the end of this long and deadly tunnel and that is the rapid creation of several vaccines thanks to President Donald Trump’s “warp speed initiative” vaccine creation and testing targets that are said to be 95% effective in stopping this COVID-19 virus by building antibodies. Several variants of the virus have sprung up and will require re-tooling of the vaccines.

## Specific Impacts to College Place Citizens by the Great Covid-19 Pandemic

Starting in early March 2020 we began to hear that there was a virus burning through China and now springing up in ports of entry on the east coast of the US as well as California. Then an outbreak of this virus struck the Seattle area greatly affecting a nursing home killing many of the elderly residents outright. Fear spread out ahead of this virus's march across Washington State. Covid-19 kept spreading and killing citizens across the state. Soon the first cases struck in Walla Walla County with the infected asked to quarantine at home. Many became unable to breathe and ended up on respirators at Saint Mary's Medical Center on the sixth floor. Now the County Public Health Dept. began to require mask wearing, and social distancing of at least six feet apart. All restaurants, bars, wine tasting rooms, schools and most non-essential businesses were closed by Washington State. In College Place only Andy's Market, the US Postal Service, Wal-Mart and gas stations were open after late April. Infection rates grew and now dozens of College Place residents were infected. The primary threat came from citizens who were infected and felt simply fine. They were asymptomatic yet spreading the virus as it could be aerosolized and passed to others, hence the statewide mask mandate. We can only hope that time and vaccines will cause a downward drop in these infection rates. The impacts on citizens here in College Place have been drastic and tough to deal with. Schools, businesses, churches were all closed by the state government in an effort to greatly slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Month after month slid by with many

College Place citizens losing their jobs, connections to the community, friends and families. Many residents had to deal with economic stress, health issues other than Covid and depression. Numbers of families faced isolation and hunger as did many elderly citizens. Feeding programs, moratoriums on evictions from rentals due to lack of payments were enacted by the Governor. The Federal Government sent out cash money to every homeowner and citizen of College Place and the nation in order to kick start the economy and to allow folks to buy food and other necessary items to survive. Grocery stores, clinics, hospitals, gas stations, post offices, media outlets were all declared “essential services” for communities to survive through the ongoing pandemic. By late 2020 the virus had killed some citizens of College Place. Most however did recover, though some lost clarity of mind known as “brain fog”. All infected individuals lost their sense of taste and smell with some recovering this important part of their lives, yet others have never recovered their sense of smell as they recover. Many choose to ignore this virus due to their belief that it was a mild type of flu<sup>e</sup>. Many opted to refuse to wear a mask regardless of the potential spread of the viral infection as a show of loyalty to former President Trump. After the end of November 2020 schools decided to do classes online come the New Year. So, all students needed laptops to do their class work and to attend virtual classes. Many students fell behind and were unable to concentrate on the required workload. Some had computer issues and poor connections. The virus kept spreading all over the Walla Walla Valley and created a lot of stress and anger as businesses failed even with Federal PPE program funding for small businesses, some businesses and 501 c

3s/non-profits here in College Place received a hand up to keep employees on payroll and to survive the mandated closures. The PPE funds were initially “loans”, but later became “grants”, some of these funds were grabbed by large corporations. The second PPE loans/grants were sent out from the Federal Government just to small business owners with 50 or fewer employees to ensure that their employees were retained and had income coming in to make it through the pandemic health rules. Most small businesses in College Place that signed up through their banks for a PPE loan did receive that funding. Some did not ask for this aid until it was too late and they were in economic pain and unable to open their business.

Along with the social upheaval created by the national elections of November 2020 and the resulting anger and distrust created afterwards along with the pandemics reign over this nation and College Place a third distant rumble is on the horizon all around College Place and that is the seemingly constant killings of minorities in urban areas across the nation by police. Many College Place citizens joined in several protests held in Walla Walla over this issue. There have been many street protests across the nation as well as here in Walla Walla County demanding equity in policing and equal treatment for all humans in this country regardless of race, origins, religion, sexual preference or economic status. This is the nation as it is now as many folks are finding their voices and speaking up. Massive change is in the air and College Place will be greatly influenced and changed by these massive national movements of people on the march. As Washington State alters and changes laws pushing for greater equity for all

citizens College Place will continue to adjust and push forward. fourth worldwide issue that is demanding immediate change is the rapidly building of calamitous weather changes caused by each of us over time and that it is something that has only grown worse as human populations greatly expand and pollution of this planet expands.

We in College Place are affected by our weather and how it has been drastically changed. Climate shift is affecting us and has been since the late 1970s. After 2008 noticeable weather pattern altercations were observable here in our little town. Longer warmer summers and falls with warm weather lasting clear into early January. Starting in 2014 we had shorter more intense winters. Cooler weather now hits off and on clear into June. In 2018 the first nine month growing season was documented here in the foothills of the northern Blue Mountains by Dr.Pough of Whitman College .

The sleepy unincorporated hamlet that College Place once was now exists only on the pages of history books. We now live in a vastly different city, nation and world.

Change is the constant in history down through time. What have we set ourselves up for in the future? Will we recognize the forks in the road that we must take? Will we have the courage to make those choices that will calm things down and allow for equity across our city and country?