



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2025

TO: Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Tanya Saltzman, AICP, Senior Planner
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RE: November 3, 2025 - Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting

The Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) will conduct its regular meeting on November 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Sisters City Hall, in-person, electronically and by phone. This memorandum will serve as an outline of all agenda items.

Please note: the Deschutes County Meeting Portal is located at the below link. All meeting materials may be found there:

<https://www.deschutes.org/meetings>

Please note that live streaming for this off-site meeting will only be available via Zoom, and not directly through the meeting portal. The Zoom link for this meeting is the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82018672012?pwd=SRU7t4qJgkphB3qOsVFPRPbw1IOerc.1>

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2025 (provided via email on September 9, 2025)**
- IV. Action Items**

1. HLC Membership Update

Staff is pleased to welcome Carrie Huddleston to the Commission. Carrie is assuming the term of Lore Christopher, who resigned earlier this year.

2. City of Sisters Presentation

Scott Woodford, City of Sisters Community Development Director, will speak about historic preservation and planning in the City of Sisters, which is part of the Deschutes County HLC and Certified Local Government (CLG).

3. Goal 5 Cultural Areas Rulemaking Update

Staff continues to provide updates on the Goal 5 Cultural Areas Rulemaking process that is being undertaken by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). During the previous update, staff noted that DLCD staff identified several discrete refinements to recommend the Land Conservation and Development Commission consider, and had reopened the rulemaking process. These items pertain to 1) who can bring an application forth to amend a comprehensive plan to place a culturally significant landscape feature on a local inventory, and 2) how local governments should process this type of application (legislative or quasi-judicial). A third area of clarification pertains to Metro's urban growth boundary expansion process, which is not relevant to Deschutes County.

Concerning the first item, section (4)(c) now specifies that a local government must only accept applications from an Oregon-based government to add a landscape feature of cultural significance to a local inventory of Goal 5 significant resource sites. The rule defines Oregon-based government as local, state, or tribal government in Oregon. Federally recognized tribes based outside of Oregon and nonfederally recognized (terminated) tribes in Oregon are not included in this definition. While this approach is not consistent with requests received from the Nez Pierce Tribe and the Cowletiz Tribes, these nations would still be able to request a local government to self-initiate such an amendment.

Staff is scheduled to attend a webinar on October 30 (after the publication of this memorandum) pertaining to local government implementation and will provide relevant updates on November 3.

For more information on the rulemaking process and previous meeting documentation, please visit <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/lar/pages/rulemaking.aspx> and select the Goal 5 Cultural Areas dropdown menu.

Current status: The comment period is open from September 2, 2025 – October 31, 2025 at 11:55 p.m. After the comment period is concluded and comments addressed, this proposed rule will be presented at the December 2025 Land Conservation and Development Commission meeting for potential adoption. If adopted, the proposed effective date of the rules is now January 1, 2027.

4. Subcommittee Roundup

Subcommittees have the opportunity to provide updates on any activities since the last meeting. Those committees are as follows:

1. Cultural resource work – Commissioners Hudson and Stemach
2. Wildfire and preservation issues – Commissioners Ashley and Syphers
3. Camp Abbot – Commissioner Hudson
4. General public awareness issues/education/Preservation Month: Commissioners Stemach, Ashley, Syphers

V. Staff and Commissioner Comments

VI. Adjourn