

THE WALKER HOUSE

A “THIRD PLACE” FOR WHITE SALMON

A PROJECT PROPOSAL



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VISION

OBJECTIVE

The City of White Salmon would like to purchase the Walker House in order to preserve the historic significance of the structure to the city’s history, and to also create a gathering place that enriches the lives of residents as well as visitors.

“THIRD PLACE”

A third place is a social surrounding separate from the two usual environments of home (first place) and the workplace (second place). Third Places are where people come together to exchange ideas, build relationships, and create a shared feeling of belonging in a community.

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ALIGNED CITY POLICIES

2012 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

GOAL C & H-1

Continue to identify, document, and support preservation of historic assets in the community.

POLICY C & H-2

The preservation of landmarks identified as having historic value shall continue to be encouraged. The owners of the identified structures shall be encouraged to maintain and preserve the structures...

2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

GOAL H&HP-4

Incorporate historic and cultural resource sites and values into city plans where appropriate.

GOAL H&HP-5

Maintain and preserve public locations of historical and cultural significance that are listed on local and state historic registers.

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PROJECT INTENTIONS

IN PURCHASING THE PROPERTY THE CITY INTENDS TO:

- Preserve the historic nature of the home itself
- Make necessary improvements to ensure accessibility for visitors and to address any safety concerns while abiding by recognized NPS Standards and Guidelines
- Pursue recognition as a Certified Local Government, a National Parks Service program administered by Washington State's Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to be eligible for state grants and funding programs to assist with restoration efforts
- Pursue historic designation for the residence via application to the Washington Heritage Register
- Consider Historic District Designation encompassing already identified bluff residences that are eligible
- Pursue historic designation for the residence via application to the National Register of Historic Places
- Consider additional historic significance recognition opportunities if appropriate (i.e. Lewis & Clark Trail identification)
- Install a plaque with any awarded designations but at a minimum recognition of the home's residency and significance to White Salmon
- Create a facility that welcomes and provides enrichment activities for community members. Collaborations with other community organizations that would be pursued:
 - Visitor Welcoming Center*
 - Community Garden & Pollinator Habitat/Education
 - A student-run café in partnership with White Salmon Valley School District
 - Community Dinners that foster connection among residents
 - Artist workspace*
 - Additional exhibit space for artistic/photography exhibits
 - Participation of the space in a "First Fridays" art revival effort
 - Seasonal craft market
 - Satellite location for Gorge Heritage Museum*
 - Selective event rental space during summer months*

*revenue generating opportunities to support ongoing maintenance/support costs

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PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING AVENUES

FUNDS TO PURSUE IN SUPPORT OF IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY INTEGRATIONS/PRESERVATION EFFORTS

Eldridge Campbell Stockton Memorial Preserves Fund
National Trust Preservation Fund Grants
Hart Family Fund for Small Towns
Valerie Sivinski Fund
Heritage Capital Projects