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**CITY OF CLE ELUM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT FOR LOCAL HISTORIC REGISTER SITE NOMINATION  
FOR "NO. 7 MINER'S MEMORIAL PARK"**

**ACTION:** Nomination of a site currently known as No. 7 Miner's Memorial Park, to the Cle Elum Local Register of Historic Places.

**APPLICANT:** Gordon Jones  
511 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cle Elum, WA 98922

**PROPERTY OWNER(S):** City of Cle Elum  
119 West First Street  
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**DESCRIPTION:** Gordon Jones is requesting that the site, located in the vicinity of W 6<sup>th</sup> Street and N Steiner Street, is nominated to the Cle Elum Local Register of Historic Places.

**LOCATION:** Parcel Number: 963287

**PREPARED BY:** Colleda Monick, Planning Consultant, City of Cle Elum

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

**I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The subject site is known presently as "No. 7 Miner's Memorial Park" and is located in the vicinity of W 6th Street and N Steiner Street, Tax Parcel No. 963287. The site is bordered to the north, east and west, by undeveloped land, part of the City Heights Subdivision, and to the south by a single-family residential structure.

The subject site is zoned Planned Mixed Use, as are the properties to the north, east and west. The property to the south is zoned Residential.

## II. ANALYSIS OF NOMINATION

Any building, structure, site or object may be placed on the Register if:

1. The Cle Elum Historic Preservation Commission (CEHPC) determines that it meets the Cle Elum Registry of Historic Places (CERHP) criteria.
2. The Cle Elum City Council [ultimately] approves it.

Any individual, group of property owners or other interested group or association, City or County Council Member, Cle Elum Historic Preservation Commission Member or CEHPC as a whole may nominate a building, structure, site, object or district for inclusion on the Register. Owner consent is required for placement of the CERHP.

*Staff Analysis: The nomination was submitted by Gordon Jones, a member of both the No. 7 Historic Preservation Committee and the Cle Elum Heritage Club. As the City of Cle Elum owns the property, Mayor Matthew Lundh reviewed and signed the application in his capacity as the authorized representative of the property owner. Therefore, the nomination is valid and complies with the CEHPC bylaws.*

## III. PROCEDURES FOR DESIGNATION REVIEW MEETINGS

1. Pre-meeting
  - i. Applicant or Designated Agent:
    - a. Meets with CEHPC Staff concerning the application form and the necessary documentation.
    - b. Submits the completed application to Staff at least one month before the regularly scheduled meeting at which the application is to be considered.

*Staff Analysis: This requirement has been met. Mr. Jones appeared before the CEHPC on January 21, 2025, to express his intent to submit an application and submitted the application to the City for consideration of signing at the end of January.*

- ii. Staff:
    - a. Meets with the applicant concerning the application form and necessary documentation.
    - b. Reviews the application for completeness and includes the case on the agenda based on determination that the application is complete. Staff review may include meetings with owners and adjacent property owners, interviews, historic research and examination of the property.
    - c. Prepares a report for the Commission based on the review.
    - d. Arranges with the property owner(s) for an on-site inspection by the CEHPC or designated committee.

- e. Notifies in writing the applicant, the owner (if different), and persons, organizations, legal entities resident, leasing or owning properties contiguous to the property in question at least one-week prior to the meeting at which the application is to be considered. The date and time of the meeting will be specified in the announcement.

*Staff Analysis: The applicant met with the designated City Planner, Colleda Monick, to review the application form and required documentation. As the property is owned by the City, staff shared the application with the Mayor for consideration. Once signed by the City, staff coordinated with the applicant and scheduled a public hearing for May 20, 2025. Notice of the hearing regarding this nomination was published in the North Kittitas County Tribune and mailed to surrounding property owners more than two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting.*

#### IV. CEHPC ACTION REQUIRED AT PUBLIC HEARING

CEHPC Commission members apply the designation criteria as outlined in City of Cle Elum Municipal Code Chapter 15.22.050 to the property or district to evaluate the nomination. The members should consider information related to the designation criteria as presented above during the designation meeting and from the site visit. The Commission:

1. Determines the category of the historic property
  - a. Commercial/OR/Residential
2. Established the context for evaluating the property
  - a. This Property is within the Cle Elum "Historical Period" (defined as fire era & structures of more than 50-years of age).
3. Identifies the level of significance (national, state, local)
4. Evaluates the integrity of the property (for each determine if building is)
  - a. Changes to plan --- Intact Slight Moderate Extensive
  - b. Changes to windows --- Intact Slight Moderate Extensive
  - c. Changes to cladding --- Intact Slight Moderate Extensive
  - d. Changes to interior --- Intact Slight Moderate Extensive
  - e. Other --- Intact Slight Moderate Extensive

5. Determines if there are special conditions that might make the property eligible
6. Determines if the property meets the criteria:

Any building, structure, site, object or district may be placed on the CERHP if it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage of Cle Elum; has historical integrity; is at least 50 years old, or, if younger, possesses exceptional importance; and if it meets at least one of the following criteria:

- a. It is associated with events that have made significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history;
- b. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

- c. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art;
  - d. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, or architectural history;
  - e. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history;
  - f. Has yielded or may be likely to yield important archaeological information related to history or prehistory;
  - g. Is a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event;
  - h. Is a birthplace or grave of an historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person;
  - i. Is a cemetery that derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or cultural patterns;
  - j. Is a reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site;
  - k. Is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.
7. Votes on the recommendation

VOTE RECORDED OR ACTION TAKEN:

## Potential Motions:

### MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL

"I move that the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to City Council that No. & Miner's Memorial Park be added to the City of Cle Elum Local Historic Register, based on the finding that the property meets the criteria for designation and retains sufficient historic integrity to convey its cultural and historical significance."

### MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL WITH CONDITIONS

"I move that the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to City Council that No. & Miner's Memorial Park be added to the Local Historic Register, contingent upon the applicant submitting [insert specific documentation or clarification], with final review and verification by City staff prior to Council action."

### MOTION TO CONTINUE ITEM TO A FUTURE MEETING

"I move to continue the Commission's review of the nomination of No. & Miner's Memorial Park to a future meeting in order to allow time for additional research, documentation, or public input prior to making a recommendation to City Council."

### MOTION TO NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL

"I move that the Historic Preservation Commission not recommend the addition of No. & Miner's Memorial Park to the Local Historic Register, based on the finding that the nomination does not meet the necessary criteria for designation as outlined in Cle Elum Municipal Code Section 15.22.070."