Provo City Landmarks Commission

Report of Action

September 17, 2025

Item 1

Ashley Jefferies requests a Landmarks Certificate of Appropriateness for the modification/restoration of a historic sign in the DT1 (General Downtown) Zone, located at 286 W Center Street. Downtown Neighborhood. Dustin Wright (801) 852-6414 dwright@provo.gov PLLDR20250461

The following action was taken by the Landmarks Commission on the above described item at its regular meeting of September 17, 2025:

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On a vote of 6:0, the Landmarks Commission continued the above noted application to an undetermined future date.

Motion By: Jeff Ringer Second By: David Amott

Votes in Favor of Motion: Jeff Ringer, David Amott, Scott Bingham, Susan Krueger-Barber, Eric Carter, Wendy Ahlman

Votes Opposed to Motion: N/A

Vice Chair, Eric Carter, acted as Chair

• Includes facts in the case, analysis, conclusions and recommendations outlined in the Staff Report, with any changes noted; Landmarks Commission determination <u>is generally consistent</u> with the Staff analysis and determination.

STAFF PRESENTATION

The Staff Report to the Landmarks Commission provides details of the facts of the case and the Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Neighborhood District Chair was not present or did not address the Landmarks Commission during the hearing.

CONCERNS RAISED BY PUBLIC

Any comments received prior to completion of the Staff Report are addressed in the Staff Report to the Landmarks Commission. No comments from the public.

APPLICANT RESPONSE

Key points addressed in the applicant's presentation to the Landmarks Commission included the following:

- The property has been used for 80 years as a pharmacy and is now no longer a pharmacy. The goal is to try and preserve the historic sign and get the state code updated to have an exception for historic signs, but if this can't be done, then the request is to be able to remove the words that are not allowed and replace them.
- The desire is to keep the neon and blade sign and to also be able to keep the block letter sign.
- There is a potential retail tenant to occupy the space. There has not been a pharmacy that would take the place.
- Removing the sign would have a negative impact. It has become a landmark and people know where it is when the sign is mentioned.

LANDMARKS COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Key points discussed by the Landmarks Commission included the following:

• Commissioners explored the idea of allowing the letters to be changed to then possibly meet the code.

- There is a strong desire to keep the sign, and some are willing to help see what can be done about changing the law to allow for the sign to remain in its historic state.
- The commission encouraged the applicant to explore ways to keep the sign as-is and if that is not successful to come back with plans that show the sign remaining with only modifications to the words that are required to be removed or changed.

Landmarks Commission Chair

Bill Reperane.

Director of Development Services

See Key Land Use Policies of the Provo City General Plan, applicable <u>Titles of the Provo City Code</u>, and the <u>Staff Report to the Landmarks Commission</u> for further detailed information. The Staff Report is a part of the record of the decision of this item. Where findings of the Landmarks Commission differ from findings of Staff, those will be noted in this Report of Action.

<u>Legislative items</u> are noted with an asterisk (*) and require legislative action by the Municipal Council following a public hearing; the Landmarks Commission provides an advisory recommendation to the Municipal Council following a public hearing.

<u>Administrative decisions</u> of the Landmarks Commission (items not marked with an asterisk) **may appeal** that decision to the Mayor, subject to the procedures in Section 3.06.010, Provo City Code.

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