

**City of Cle Elum**  
**Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**September 17, 2024 | 6:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

Chair Berndt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Roll Call**

**CEPC Members Present:** Chair Gary Berndt, Vice Chair Paul Kantwill, Marc Kirkpatrick, Ian Steele, and Jon Corneilus

**CEPC Members Absent:** Colin Brissey and Matt Fluegge. Commissioner Kantwill made a motion to excuse Commissioners Brissey and Fluegge. Commissioner Cornelius seconded. Motion carries.

**Staff Present:** Colleda Monick

**Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

*Russ Weaver, property owner of Mike's Tavern & Señor Bones House of Burritos.*

*Mr. Weaver requested the Planning Commission to consider amending CEMC 17.90.020 (G), which requires the removal of outdoor dining spaces from November 1 to April 1. He requested that the Planning Commission consider amending this regulation to allow outdoor dining year-round without seasonal restrictions. They have owned the tavern for 7-8 years and handle their own snow removal, which they believe is the primary reason for this enforcement. Maintaining outdoor dining during the winter supports employment. They conducted an informal petition, gathering 200 signatures in favor of winter outdoor seating. They also spoke with Aaron Barr from Public Works, who indicated that the city currently lacks an official snow removal plan.*

*Shannon Weaver, property owner of Mike's Tavern & Señor Bones House of Burritos*

*Mrs. Weaver echoed Mr. Weaver's comments. As the manager of Mike's Tavern, she emphasized the effective management of the outdoor garden and noted that Cle Elum is a "snow town." She highlighted that from a tourism perspective, maintaining outdoor dining during winter could be an attraction. She also confirmed that they remain in compliance with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, as well as in compliance with city permits.*

*Chair Berndt – requested to see a copy of their permit.*

*Lauren Schuck, of 306 W Third Street, spoke in support of Mike's Tavern, where she is a regular patron. She advocated for flexibility in regulations, describing the tavern as a valuable community resource that often serves as a de facto town hall. She also noted that outdoor seating is a more COVID-friendly option.*

**Adoption of Minutes**

Commissioner Kantwill motioned to accept the August 20, 2024 minutes as presented. Commissioner Cornelius seconded. Motion passed.

*There was no meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, due to a lack of quorum.*

**Public Hearing- City Planning**

*None Scheduled*

**Staff Report**

**Chair Gary Berndt**

- No updates.

**Commissioner Cornelius, Climate Advisory Committee**

- Climate Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) There is a plan for an open house on September 24<sup>th</sup> mid-day at 11:30 am and again and one hour prior to the Council meeting at the Senior Center.

**Colleda Monick**

- The City Council will hold a Closed Record Public Hearing on September 24, 2024 for the Kittitas County Public Works Search and Rescue Facility.
- Public Hearing for a Conditional Use permit was held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2 PM. Awaiting Hearing Examiner decision.
- Historic Preservation Committee will begin reconvening in the near future. Historic Preservation can have up to two members outside of city limits.

**New Business**

1. Continuation of Multi-Family Residential (17.20) zoning amendments discussion.  
The planning commission discussed and made the following additional recommendations/clarifications:
  - Discussion regarding density
2. 17.24, (Downtown Commercial) Old Town Commercial Design Standards Walking Tour. The Commissioners walked the district discussing existing standards, considering building materials, setbacks, parking, and unique architectural elements of existing buildings.

**Citizen Comments on Agenda Items**

*None*

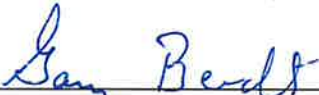
**Next Meeting Agenda Development**

1. 17.24 continued discussion, design standards
2. 17.90 – Sidewalk Sales and Service of Food and Beverage
3. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Planning Matrix Update

**Commissioner Comments and Discussion**

**Adjournment**

*Chair Berndt called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Corneilius motioned and Commissioner Kantwill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and to reconvene on October 1st, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.*

  
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Chair Berndt

  
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