

City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
October 1, 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 (remote), Colin Brissey, Ian Steele (remote), and Matt Fluegge

CEPC Members Absent: Jon Corneilus. Commissioner Kantwill made a motion to excuse Commissioner Corneilus. Commissioner Fluegge seconded. Motion carries.

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Berndt sought a motion to switch item B under new business with item A. *Commissioner Kantwill made a motion to amend the agenda per Chair Berndt's request and Commissioner Brissey seconded. Motion carries.*

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Kantwill motioned to accept the September 17, 2024 minutes as amended. Commissioner Brissey seconded. Motion passed.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None Scheduled

Staff Report

Chair Gary Berndt

- The City recently received an application for Planning Commission and the Mayor, staff, and Chair met with the interested candidate who expressed availability beginning in November.

Colleda Monick

- Climate Policy Advisory Team (CPAT) held an open house on September 24th at the Senior Center.
- Historic Preservation Committee will begin reconvening in the near future.

New Business

1. **CEMC 17.90:** At the previous Planning Commission meeting, a local business owner, representing Mike's Tavern, made a public request to amend Cle Elum Municipal Code (CEMC) 17.90, which governs Sidewalk Sales and Service of Food and Beverage, to allow for year-round

operations. Included in the meeting packet was Ordinance 1558, which originally codified this section of the code in 2019, along with a petition from Mike's Tavern that included signatures from patrons in support of the proposed change.

During the discussion, Commissioner Kantwill raised concerns about altering the code based on a single request, stating that changes in policy should reflect broader community input and common needs. He also noted that Mike's Tavern was currently using more sidewalk space than permitted by code and mentioned receiving complaints from the community regarding the business's use of public space. Commissioner Steele emphasized the importance of taking a holistic approach when reviewing the code.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick expressed support for allowing extended business operations, highlighting the importance of giving local businesses the flexibility to continue operating in the capacity they have been. He noted that the ability to adapt and maintain year-round operations is crucial for the vitality of the business community.

Overall, the Commissioners agreed to revisit the issue, considering both this request and potential broader changes to the section of code. They decided to add the item to their planning matrix for further discussion at a later date.

**Internet was lost and the Commissioners who had joined remotely no longer had participation ability.*

2. **17.24, (Downtown Commercial) Old Town Commercial Design Standards:** Due to a loss of internet connection, two Commissioners participating remotely could no longer join the meeting, and two of the Commissioners attending in person had not participated in the recent walking tour. As a result, the Commission decided to postpone the discussion until the next meeting.

Before this decision was made, Commissioner Kantwill provided a brief summary of the walking tour for those who were unable to attend. He explained that the tour focused on examining architectural elements, building materials, and the interaction between buildings and pedestrians within the district.

Staff also noted that the Historic Preservation Commission would soon be reconvening and suggested that a joint session with both commissions might be a productive opportunity to discuss the design standards in greater detail. The Planning Commission agreed to revisit the questions outlined in the meeting packet at their next meeting in way of preparing for a potential joint session.

Possible joint session meeting date of November 20th was proposed by the Commissioners.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting Agenda Development

1. 4th Quarter Planning Matrix Update
2. Design Standards

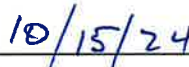
Commissioner Comments and Discussion

Commissioner Fluegge announced his decision to step down from the Planning Commission after nearly six years of service. He shared that his increasing work-related travel and his children's involvement in sports have made it difficult for him to continue his duties, and he requested that his resignation be effective immediately if possible. Commissioner Fluegge expressed pride in the progress the Commission has made, particularly over the past two years, and noted that he is saddened to leave at this time. Chair Berndt conveyed his heartfelt gratitude for Commissioner Fluegge's dedicated service, acknowledging the valuable worldly experience he brought to the Commission's work.

Adjournment

Chair Berndt called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brissey motioned and Commissioner Fluegge seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and to reconvene on October 15th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.


Chair Berndt


Date