

City of Cle Elum
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
November 19, 2024 | 3:00 PM

Call to Order

Staff Monick called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call

HPC Members Present: Cassidy Buechle-Curtis, Jordan Peterson, Michael Richard, and Rob Iverson

HPC Members Absent: Pamela Hawk, absent and excused

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Commissioner Richard nominated Commissioner Peterson to be Chair. Commissioner Buechele-Curtis seconded. Motion carried, and Commissioner Peterson was elected as Chair.

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Richard as Vice Chair, Commissioner Buechele-Curtis seconded. Motion carried, and Commissioner Richard was elected as Vice Chair.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

New Business

1. **Presentation:** Michelle Thompson, CLG Coordinator and Main Street Design Specialist at the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
Ms. Thompson Welcomed the Cle Elum Historic Preservation Commission back, emphasizing their continued accreditation as a CLG. This accreditation allows Cle Elum to access direct technical assistance, annual grants, and various preservation resources.
Key topics discussed:
 - A. **Basics of the CLG Program**
 - CLG status ensures Cle Elum's partnership with DAHP and the National Park Service (NPS).
 - Responsibilities include promoting preservation, design review, surveying historic resources, and nominating properties to the local and national registers.
 - B. **Training Opportunities**
 - Ms. Thompson expressed interest in conducting training for the Commission on financial incentives, including Federal Historic Tax Credits and Special Tax Valuation.
 - A session on design review and the importance of integrity in historic properties was proposed.
 - C. **Washington Open Public Meetings Training**
 - Ms. Thompson recommended ensuring compliance with state requirements for open public meetings, critical for Commission transparency and decision-making.
 - D. **Historic Registers and Incentives**

- Properties listed on the Cle Elum, state, or national registers can access financial benefits such as tax credits and grant opportunities.
- A substantial project and adherence to preservation standards are required to qualify.

E. Current Initiatives

- Cle Elum's local register remains active, with permits being flagged for Commission review.
- Efforts are underway to pool existing register listings and ensure compliance with the Cle Elum Municipal Code for registered properties.

F. Design Review and Local Support

- Ms. Thompson expressed willingness to assist with design review processes, ensuring proposed changes align with preservation standards.
- The Secretary of the Interior's Standards were highlighted as essential guidelines for repair and restoration.

G. Next Steps

- Proposed actions include reviewing the local register nomination form, offering additional training on property integrity, and leveraging financial incentives to encourage participation.

2. Introduction to Commissioner Rob Iverson: Rob Iverson, a fourth-generation resident, shared his family's history with Cle Elum, noting that Beau's Pizza, established in 1929, was run by a family member until their passing. Commissioner Iverson expressed a strong interest in architecture, which aligns with his enthusiasm for contributing to the Planning Commission.

Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Adjournment

Staff adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m. and the Commission is to reconvene on January 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.


Chair Peterson


Date