

City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
May 20, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Kantwill called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Roll Call

CEPC Members Present: Chair Paul Kantwill, Vice-Chair Colin Brissey, Gary Berndt, Marc Kirkpatrick, Ian Steele, and Jon Cornelius

CEPC Members Absent:

Council Liaison Present: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Public Comment

Mayor Matthew Lundh stopped by during public comment to personally thank the Planning Commission for their hard work and dedication. He described the Commission as the “unsung heroes” of the City, noting that the body of work accomplished over the past year is the result of significant effort and commitment. On behalf of the City Council, he expressed his deep appreciation to the volunteer Commissioners, recognizing their willingness to meet twice a month for the better part of a year in service to the community.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Corneilus motioned to accept the May 6, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Steele seconded. Motion passed. (Brissey abstained as he was absent).

Public Hearing- City Planning

Chair Kantwill opened the Public Hearing on file number SEP-2025-001, considering non-project text amendments to the following CEMC Chapters: 17.16; 17.20; 17.24; 17.28; 17.32; 17.34; 17.36; 17.50; 17.90 (12.18); 14.20.030; 14.30.040; 14.30.220; 14.30.240; 16.30.040, and adding a new section 17.14 – Permitted Land Uses.

No ex parte communication or conflicts of interest when asked.

Monick presented a staff report on SEP-2025-001 regarding the proposed changes to CEMC Titles 12, 14, 16, and 17. The staff report recommended approval of the text amendments. No public comments were received during the comment period or received prior to the drafting of the staff report. Chair Kantwill opened the public comment portion of the hearing.

Nora Kantwill, Vice President of the Cle Elum Downtown Association, spoke on behalf of the Association, whose mission is to preserve, promote, and enhance downtown businesses. She expressed appreciation for the work that has been done, noting that it will significantly contribute to promoting the business

district and supporting a family-friendly downtown. She conveyed the Association's gratitude for the Commission's efforts.

Chair Kantwill closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Steele moved to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to City Council as written. Commissioner Brissey seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Commission and Staff Reports

Commissioner Cornelius: Climate Task Force Update, the City has extended their grant contract with Commerce and this will be completed in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan update.

Colleda Monick, Staff Announcements:

- **Planning Commission & Historic Preservation Commission Openings:** There are still vacancies on both commissions. Interested community members are encouraged to apply via the City's website.

New Business

None

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting Agenda Development

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

Commissioner Kirkpatrick emphasized the importance of strong community engagement and public participation in the Comprehensive Plan process, stressing the need for it to feel like a true community-driven effort. Chair Kantwill expressed agreement and echoed his support for that approach.

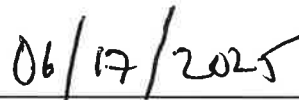
Councilmember Buchele encouraged the Commissioners to find creative ways to translate technical terms into more accessible language to help boost public engagement and participation.

Adjournment

Chair Kantwill closed the meeting at 6:42 p.m. with the Commission to reconvene on June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



Chair Kantwill



Date