

**City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
July 1, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

CEPC Members Present: Chair Paul Kantwill, Vice-Chair Colin Brissey, Gary Berndt, Marc Kirkpatrick (remote), and Amanda Hahnemann (remote)

CEPC Members Absent: Ian Steele and Jon Cornelius. **Commissioner Brissey made a motion to excuse Commissioner Steele and Cornelius. Berndt seconded. Motion carried.**

Council Liaison Present: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Brissey motioned to accept the June 17, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None.

Commission and Staff Reports

Colleda Monick, Staff Announcements:

- **Historic Preservation Commission Openings:** There is still a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission.
Amanda Hahnemann was appointed by the City Council to Planning Commission on June 23, 2025.
- **Text Amendments** – The Council passed the text amendments with minimal modifications on June 23, 2025. The new code is now in effect. The online code will take a while to update.

New Business

Staff provided an overview of Housing Allocation and Land Capacity Analysis tied to the City's Periodic Update for the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Comments and Discussion:

- **Kirkpatrick** noted he was not overly concerned with the specific housing numbers but emphasized the need to address the limited availability of industrial land to support job growth.
- **Brissey** expressed support for the emphasis on middle- and low-income housing, including supportive housing. He found the data encouraging, as it offers a clear direction for planning, and he agreed the city appears well-positioned in terms of land and resources.

- **Berndt** emphasized the importance of incentives, noting that while requirements cannot be imposed, the city can influence outcomes by offering well-structured incentives.

Commissioners requested follow up on second home projections, industrial land availability, previous projections and accuracy, and information on the public participation plan.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting Agenda Development

- Follow up questions on the land capacity analysis and housing allocation
- Public Participation Plan
- 2019 Community Vision Summary, Chair Kantwill

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

See notes above under new business.

Adjournment

Chair Kantwill closed the meeting at 7:26 p.m. with the Commission to reconvene on July 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Gay Berndt *7/15/25*
~~Vice Chair Baisley~~ Date
In the absence of Chair & Vice Chair