

**Historic Preservation Commission
Agenda
August 19, 2025
3:00 PM**

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION**
MICHAEL RICHARD
PAMELA HAWK
RUSTY HENRICHSEN
VACANT
JORDAN PETERSON - CHAIR

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1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
2. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - a. July 15, 2025
3. **Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items (limited to 5 minutes)**
4. **New Business**
 - a. Potential Projects - Grant/Funding Options
5. **Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff**
 - a. Commissioner
 - b. Staff Updates
6. **Next Meeting Agenda Development**
 - a. WISSARD Training with DAHP (Rescheduled From August)
7. **Adjourn**

Upcoming Meeting:

Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting: August 20, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting: August 26, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

General Government Committee Meeting: August 27, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

Coal Mines Trail Commission Meeting: September 1, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting: September 2, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting: September 3, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

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Lodging Tax & Events Committee Meeting: September 10, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

Historical Preservation Commission Meeting: September 16, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.

City of Cle Elum
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
July 15, 2025 | 3:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call

HPC Members Present: Chair Jordan Peterson, Vice-Chair Michael Richard, and Rusty Henrichsen and Pamela Hawk

HPC Members Absent:

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Henrichsen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from May 20, 2025 as presented. Richard seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Staff:

Commission Vacancy: There is one open position on the Historic Preservation Commission.

National Night Out: Scheduled for August 5th at Cle Elum Park, beginning at 5:00 PM.

Training Opportunities:

- **NAPC Virtual Summer School:** Hosted by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, this six-session virtual training is designed for local preservation staff and volunteers. Sessions are interactive, led by national experts, and cover current topics and tools in preservation. The cost is \$65 for members. Virgil has distributed member passwords—those who haven't received one and wish to register should contact him directly.
- **DAHP Academy Training:** Free online sessions provided by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). Sessions are recorded and available on the DAHP website.
- **PLACES 2025 Conference:** The annual DAHP conference will be held October 7–10 in Gig Harbor. The event focuses on historic preservation, economic revitalization, and Main Streets. Registration is \$230. This is an excellent opportunity for newcomers to learn about preservation, architecture, archaeology, and related fields.

- **WISSARD Training:** A WISSARD (Washington Information System for Shared Archaeological Records and Data) training with DAHP will take place during the next meeting on August 19, 2025.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Richard: Roy Susich will be presenting at the Carpenter House on July 17th at 5:00 PM as part of their ongoing speaker series.

Commissioner Henrichsen shared that he had recently attended a couple of training sessions on both WISSARD, and Design Guidelines which explored what other communities have by way of development regulations.

New Business

a. **Walking Tour of the Historic District with Local Historian Roy Susich**

The Commissioners participated in an educational walking tour of the Downtown Historic District led by local historian Roy Susich. The tour focused on a roughly one-block radius, spanning from Oakes Avenue to North Pennsylvania Avenue. During the walk, Mr. Susich shared historical insights and anecdotes about several key buildings and sites, both existing and no longer standing.

Notable stops included the City Hall building, the Pioneer Building, the Keg Building, and the former site of the Central Hotel. Roy discussed past uses of these buildings, previous owners, and notable architectural or cultural features. One highlight included learning how a former sporting goods store used to display the summer’s largest catch in its storefront window as a community attraction. Another story involved a longstanding local rumor about hidden money being buried in the walls of one building—an urban legend that led to multiple break-ins over the years by individuals hoping to recover the supposed treasure.

The tour provided Commissioners with valuable context about the community’s rich architectural heritage and served as a reminder of the importance of preserving both the physical structures and the local stories connected to them.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henrichsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hawk seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. and the Commission will reconvene on August 19th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Peterson

Date



TORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Based off the recent walking tour with local historian, Roy Susich the following idea emerged.

“Cle Elum Stories: Walking Through History”

What if anyone visiting or living in Cle Elum could step onto your streets and hear your unique history come alive—told by local historians?

Your community holds a rich tapestry of stories—about the people, buildings, industries, and moments that shaped Cle Elum. But much of that knowledge lives in the mind and memories of just a few people. If you don’t act soon, these stories risk fading away.

The vision would be to:

- **Record** your historian(s) stories in a professional studio, ensuring high-quality, lasting preservation.
- **Create** self-guided walking tours of Cle Elum—mapped by location, enriched with photos, and guided by audio.
- **Deliver** these tours via a simple mobile app and/or downloadable audio files on a website, making them accessible to locals, tourists, and schools.

This project would not only safeguard your heritage, but also:

- Boost heritage tourism and economic activity downtown.
- Connect residents and visitors to your unique identity.
- Provide educational resources for teachers and youth programs.

Potential Funding Opportunities:

T-Mobile Hometown Grant

- Grants up to **\$50,000** for projects that create or improve community spaces and foster local pride.
- Open to small towns like Cle Elum (<50,000 population).
- Application deadline: **Sept. 30, 2025** (projects must be completed in 12 months).

CLG Grant 2026

- CLG Grants typically open in January or February and close in May