

City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
August 19, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

CEPC Members Present: Paul Kantwill, Gary Berndt, Jon Cornelius, and Ian Steele (remote)

CEPC Members Absent: Marc Kirkpatrick, Colin Brissey and Amanda Hahnemann. **Commissioner Cornelius made a motion to excuse Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Brissey, and Hahnemann. Berndt seconded. Motion carried.**

Council Liaison: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Berndt motioned to accept the August 5th, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Cornelius 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.
- **Fall Clean Up** – September 1-30 for city residents only
- **Pangrazi Award** – Nominations are open and close on September 25th, 2025. This award is established to recognize and thank other community-minded citizens, who aspire as Paul did, to make the Upper County a quality place to live. (Commissioner Berndt was a recent recipient of the award and spoke about his great respect of Mr. Pangrazi and some of the history of the award.)
- **Wildwood** – MDNS issued, comment period closes on August 29th, 2025.
- **Comprehensive Plan** - The Department of Commerce has sent draft contracts for Year 2 (7/1/25-6/30/26) and the Extension (7/1/26-12/31/26) for city review.
 - The initial contracts did not include any funding in Year 2 to start drafting the required track changes to the Development Regulations or CAO.
 - All funding was allocated to the Extension grant, which does not provide enough time to complete the work.
 - We have proposed modifications to the drafts to include those tasks to start in Year 2 and conclude in the Extension, similar to the rest of the Comp Plan update.

Councilmember Cook shared that the next COG meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium at the Kittitas County Courthouse, Ellensburg.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting Agenda Development

- a. CEMC 17.04.040 Nonconforming
- b. Comp Plan Updates

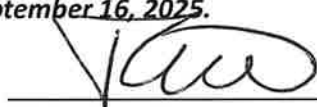
Commissioner Comments and Discussion

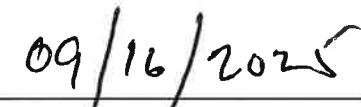
Commissioners had a discussion about September meeting dates due to low summer attendance and the upcoming Labor Day holiday. Commissioners concluded that they would cancel the September 2, 2025 meeting and pick up the fifth Tuesday in September. The Commission will meet on the 16th and 30th of September at 6 PM in Council Chambers.

Corneilus has questions about Council's recent action on a moratorium relating to prohibiting or restricting locations of "smoke shops" in the City's Downtown Commercial zoning district. Staff provided that at this time, there is no action needed by the Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Chair Kantwill adjourned the meeting at 7:23. The Commission will reconvene on, at 6:00 p.m. September 16, 2025.


Chair Kantwill


Date