

**City of Cle Elum
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
August 19, 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

HPC Members Absent: Pamela Hawk. **Commissioner Henrichsen made a motion to excuse Hawk, commissioner Richard seconded. Motion carried.**

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Richard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from July 15, 2025 as presented. Henrichsen seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

New Business

Staff Report: Shared information on grants (T-Mobile Hometown, CLG/DAHP, Heritage Barn/Washington Trust).

- **Commission Discussion:**
 - **Walking Tour Project:**
 - Commissioner Richard has been recording local stories with Roy and suggested using short audio snippets (about 3 minutes each) for a self-guided walking tour.
 - Charlene has already drafted a walking tour; Ellensburg and Roslyn have similar examples.
 - Needs identified: recording facilities, cost estimates, budget planning, QR codes, and narration.
 - Chair Peterson supported a self-guided format, noting it could be more innovative and grant-friendly.
 - **Technology Options:** QR codes and websites seen as easier and cheaper than apps. Adventure Labs/Geocaching mentioned as alternatives.
 - **Partnerships:**

- Chair Peterson asked Commissioner Richard to connect with the Historic Society.
- Exploring CWU or other studios for recording help.
- **Grant Examples:**
 - Snohomish podcast project mentioned.
 - Colville's T-Mobile grant could be a useful model; Chair Peterson will look into it.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Gather costs and examples from other communities.
 - Explore partnerships (Historic Society, CWU).
 - Begin by identifying buildings on the local register.

Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Staff:

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

Fall Clean Up: September 1-30 for city residents only

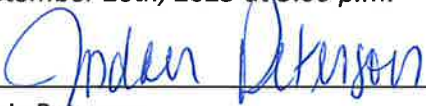
Pangrazi Award: Nominations are open and close on September 25th, 2025. This award is established to recognize and thank other community-minded citizens, who aspire as Pual did, to make the Upper County a quality place to live.

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 September 16, 2025.

Adjournment

Commissioner Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henrichsen seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. and the Commission will reconvene on September 16th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.


Chair Peterson


Date