

City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
October 7, 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, Colin Brissey (virtual), Gary Berndt, Marc Kirkpatrick, and Ian Steele

CEPC Members Absent: Commissioner Cornelius and Commissioner Hahnemann.

Council Liaison: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Commissioner Kirkpatrick made a motion to excuse Commissioner Cornelius and Commissioner Hahnemann. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Berndt motioned to accept the September 16th, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None.

Commission and Staff Reports

Colleda Monick, Staff Announcements:

- **Planning & Historic Preservation Commission Openings:** There is still a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission. Planning Commission will have a vacancy starting in 2026.

New Business

1. CEMC 17.04.040 Nonconforming Uses

Staff presented proposed changes to provide greater flexibility for home and property owners to modify lawfully established nonconforming uses. Providing additional clarification under 17.04.040(A) as well as some examples for items 1–2. Staff also included a section on permitting requirements.

Commissioners discussed the merits of providing examples within the code that were provided by staff.

Councilmember Cook suggested an FAQ section for planning related questions on the website and was in support of including the example within the code.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that an example would be provided as it provides greater clarity.

Commissioner Brissey included a thumbs up.

2. DRAFT Land Use Element

Staff presented an early draft of the Land Use Element edits as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.

Councilmember Cook – addressed the commission on questions related to Housing numbers – the numbers were worked on collaboratively with COG. They sought input from the municipalities.

**Commissioner Berndt left at 6:49, a quorum still remained.*

Next Meeting Agenda Development

- a. Comp Plan Updates

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

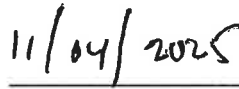
Commissioner Brissey – a beautiful evening in Portland, OR

Adjournment

Chair Kantwill adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Commission will reconvene on October 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



Chair Kantwill



Date