

**City of Cle Elum
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
October 21, 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

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Richard made a motion to accept the August 19th, 2025 and September 16th, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Henrichsen seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Henrichsen requested to see a copy of the “Charlene Walking Tour” mentioned in the September minutes, noting the Historic Committee’s involvement in that effort.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Michelle Smith – Owner of a nearby church property, shared that the church is for sale and asked whether it remains listed as a historic property. She emphasized its significance as a building once attended by Douglas Munroe and hopes to find a buyer who will preserve its historic character. She confirmed with DAHP that the church could qualify for the National Register of Historic Places.

Stanley Smith – Added that several buyers have expressed interest in maintaining the church as a public-use facility such as a library or wedding venue. He emphasized that the building has always served the public and should continue to be preserved for that purpose.

Commission Discussion:

Vice-Chair Richard asked for clarification: the property is currently listed on the local historic registry and the owners would like to retain that designation during the sale.

New Business

1. Special Valuation Request – Bull Durham Building

Staff provided an overview of the Special Valuation process and presented an eligibility worksheet summarizing the criteria and applicant information. Based on the review, the application does not currently meet the program's requirements. Staff will prepare a recommendation of denial for Commission consideration at the next meeting.

Property owner Craig Piegon described the building's history, restoration timeline following the 2021 fire, and complications related to valuation timing and eligibility. Commissioners discussed the valuation requirements and concluded that more documentation would be needed to determine compliance.

2. PLACES Conference

Commissioners Peterson, Richard, and Henrichsen summarized their attendance at the annual PLACES Conference in Gig Harbor, highlighting the educational sessions and collaboration opportunities related to preservation and Main Street programs. Cle Elum received two awards: Owens Meats for Legacy Business and Tessa for Volunteer of the Year. The 2026 conference will be held in Ellensburg with presentations hosted in Cle Elum.

Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Henrichsen: Requested a copy of Charlene's Walking Tour materials and noted potential overlap between her list and the City's list. Mentioned that Roy has transcriptions of previously recorded materials and is reviewing them.

Commissioner Richard: Noted that he has YouTube recordings of Roy describing artifacts and hopes to record short audio clips for additional historic buildings. He will also be presenting next year at the Carpenter House as a local historian.

Chair Peterson: Recommended using WISSARD as a resource for identifying and verifying historic building information.

Public Comment – Stanley Smith: Reiterated the importance of restoring the church property and noted that its historic plaque is missing.

Staff: Commission Vacancy: There is one open position on the Historic Preservation Commission and there will also be an opening on the Planning Commission in January 2026.

Next meeting agenda:


1. Special Valuation Report
2. Walking Tour – project discussion and next steps

Adjournment

Commissioner Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henrichsen seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. and the Commission will reconvene on November 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.



Chair Peterson



Date