

**City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
January 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

CEPC Members Present: Gary Berndt, Marc Kirkpatrick, Ian Steele, Amanda Hahnemann and Paul Kantwill

CEPC Members Absent: Colin Brissey

Council Liaison: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis, absent

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Commissioner Berndt made a motion to excuse Commissioner Brissey. Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Tabled until February 3rd, 2026. The Commission discussed the election of officers and agreed to table the decision until the next meeting. There was discussion regarding the potential re-election of the existing Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Kantwill shared that he anticipates spending more time traveling this year but remains committed to engaging with the Commission and completing the Comprehensive Plan work as well as continuing his role as Chair. He stated that he would step down if he determines he is unable to meet the duties of Chair and offered to continue serving in the role. The Vice Chair was not present due to work travel, and Commissioners expressed interest in allowing him the opportunity to weigh in. Commissioners also asked about operating without a Chair or Vice Chair if neither could be present, and staff explained that meetings would continue to function as they have in the absence of an officer, provided a quorum is present.

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Kirkpatrick motioned to accept the January 6, 2026 minutes as presented.

Commissioner Steele seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None scheduled

Commission and Staff Reports

Colleda Monick, Staff Announcements:

- **Planning & Historic Preservation Commission Openings:** There are vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission. Anyone interested in an appointment on

the Planning Commission must be a resident of Cle Elum. The City has received two applications for the Planning Commission and met with the interested individuals on February 3, 2026.

- **Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA):** Under Washington State law, elected and appointed officials must complete Open Government training, which includes the OPMA and the Public Records Act. I have confirmation of those of you who attended the training that was held with Commerce in January of 2024 (**Berndt, Kantwill and Brissey, Kirkpatrick**) If you have not completed this, you have 30 days in which to submit documentation to the Clerk.
- **Open Positions:** There are several open/new positions on the City website.
- **Public Hearing:** Teanaway Court, is scheduled for February 4, 2026 at 6 PM in Council Chambers.
- **Closed Record Public Hearing:** Text Amendments for nonconforming uses and edits to the table of permitted uses are scheduled for council on February 10, 2026.

New Business

1. Comp Plan: Land Use Element

Staff presented an overview of proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element. The proposed changes reflect requirements of the Growth Management Act and prior Commission direction to improve clarity and readability. The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft plan, proposed revisions to various policies, and agreed to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

Next Meeting Agenda Development

- a. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- b. Draft Land Use Element – continued...

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

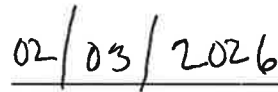
None.

Adjournment

Kantwill adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm. The Commission will reconvene on February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



Chair



Date