

**City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
March 3, 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, Colin Brissey, Paul Kantwill, Ian Steele and Amanda Hahnemann

CEPC Members Absent: Colin Brissey

Council Liaison: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

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

Election of Officers

Commissioner Berndt made a motion to appoint Commissioner Kantwill as Chair and Commissioner Brissey as Vice Chair. Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carries.

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Kirkpatrick motioned to accept the February 17, 2026 minutes as presented. Commissioner Steele seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None scheduled

Commission and Staff Reports

Colleda Monick, Staff Announcements:

- Introduction of Planning Director, Shannon Johnson
- **Cle Elum Stormwater Plan:** Councilmember Cook has requested that the Commission get a copy of the Stormwater Plan. Currently the plan has been submitted to Ecology, and it is in their public comment period with comments due by March 31st. Once we have an approved Stormwater Plan, I'd be happy to share it with Commissioners. To be clear, there are no expectations for the Commission to provide input in the plan.
- **Commission Vacancy's:** Opening on Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission for Cle Elum residents only.

New Business

1. Comp Plan: Housing Element

The Planning Commission continued its review of the Housing Element, returning to the Adequate Provisions Matrix where the prior discussion concluded. Staff provided an overview of the purpose of the matrix and walked through the table outlining potential barriers to housing development and corresponding actions for Commission consideration.

Commissioners expressed general support for the matrix and suggested holding a joint study session with the City Council following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan to begin prioritizing identified actions.

Staff also went over minor revisions to the Housing Element goals and policies. Commissioners offered feedback and proposed edits, including the addition of potential community partners such as Kaleidoscope Community Services.

The Commission finalized their discussion and edits for the time being on the Housing Element.

Next Meeting Agenda Development

a. Parks Element

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

The Commission discussed scheduling for upcoming meetings. The next regular meeting date of March 17 was noted to fall on St. Patrick’s Day. Several Commissioners, with appropriate reverence for the holiday given the Commission’s notable representation of Irish heritage, expressed lighthearted concern about convening that evening.

The following regular meeting date of April 7 falls during spring break, and several members indicated they would be unavailable to attend.

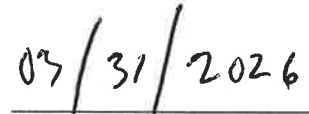
Given that March includes five Tuesdays, the Commission discussed the merits of holding a special meeting on March 31 and canceling the March 17 and April 7 meetings to avoid conflicts and ensure quorum.

Adjournment

Kantwill adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm. The Commission will reconvene for a Special Meeting on March 31, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



Chair Kantwill



Date