

**City of Cle Elum
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
January 20, 2026 | 3:00 PM**

Call to Order

Commissioner Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call

HPC Members Present: Jordan Peterson, Michael Richard, Pamela Hawk and Rusty Henrichsen

HPC Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Commission discussed the election of officers for the upcoming year. Commissioners discussed nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Peterson noted that due to her schedule she preferred not to serve as Chair. Commissioner Richard indicated he was willing to continue serving.

Commissioner Peterson moved to elect Commissioner Henrichsen as Chair and Commissioner Richard as Vice Chair. Commissioner Hawk seconded the motion. The motion carried

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Henrichsen made a motion to accept the December 16, 2025 minutes as presented. Commissioner Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

New Business

1. 2025 Recap

Staff presented a Year in Review highlighting the Commission's accomplishments over the past year and invited Commissioners to share any additional highlights or reflections.

Commissioners shared highlights and observations from the past year.

2. 2026 Work Plan

Staff presented a proposed 2026 work plan based on prior feedback from the Commission. The primary priority is to pursue funding to support a Commission

initiative to create a downtown walking tour that highlights historic properties and local history through storytelling by local historian Roy Susich.

Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Staff reported that there is currently one vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission and noted that there will also be an upcoming opening on the Planning Commission for a city resident.

Staff informed the Commission that the annual reporting requirement to the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) for the City's Certified Local Government program was completed and submitted on January 12, 2026.

Staff also presented the option of canceling the February meeting for the Commission's consideration

Commissioners:

Commissioner Henrichsen reported that work on the walking tour continues. He noted that several transcriptions have been completed and expressed interest in obtaining historical photographs to accompany the materials.

Commissioner Richard discussed the idea of identifying examples of successful historic preservation efforts, mentioning Ellensburg, Washington as a possible example. He suggested developing a list of buildings or sites for consideration and indicated he would work with Roy to further develop ideas. Commissioners also discussed the possibility of developing a list of potential properties or topics for future consideration.

Next meeting agenda

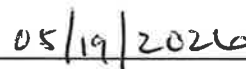
1. Grant Opportunities

Adjournment

Commissioner Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henrichsen seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and the Commission will reconvene on March 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.



Chair



Date