

**City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
April 21, 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:

Council Liaison: Cassidy Buechele-Curtis (absent)

Staff Present: Shannon Johnson

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Kirkpatrick motioned to accept the March 31, 2026 minutes with a minor correction as presented. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None scheduled

Commission and Staff Reports

Shannon Johnson, Staff Announcements:

Shannon Johnson provided an update on current and proposed upcoming projects including the most recent Pre-Application submittal for 4246 Bullfrog Road.

Unfinished Business

1. Comp Plan: Parks Element Continued
Upper Kittitas County Recreation Center Alliance – Group Discussion

Chair Kantwill invited Claire Nicholls to the podium, introduced herself and distributed a brief handout for the commissioners and the record. She provided a presentation on the current status of the Community Recreation Center project and requested inclusion of the project along with its dedicated site in the Parks & Recreation section of the City of Cle Elum Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioners disclosed the various volunteer work they had provided over the years and provided background history for the project. Chair Kantwill thanked Ms. Nicholls for her presentation and noted that the commission would be inviting her back during the Comprehensive Plan elemental public engagement opportunities.

Discussion ensued which resulted in agreement to request the consultant's expertise to express support for the Community Recreation Center as strongly as possible and in as many places as possible throughout the plan. The group noted that their requested edits from the previous meeting were incorporated. Chair Kantwill asked staff to continue the Parks Element discussion under unfinished business for the next meeting.

New Business

2. Comp Plan: Development Regulations

Commissioner Kirkpatrick guided the commission through each section of the redlined version of the development regulations and shared his review notes for discussion. Commissioners discussed the need for more clarification from the consultant, Joseph Calhoun, on the reasoning behind several changes. Discussion continued which resulted in the commission requesting that the consultant attend the next meeting to assist in their review. Commissioner Kirkpatrick offered to provide his notes to staff to pass along to the consultant prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hahnemann noted the time. The discussion ended by finishing review up to the bottom of page 42, 17.76 Mixed-Use Building Development.

Next Meeting Agenda Development

- a. Parks Element - Continued
- b. Development Regulations – Continued
- c. Transportation Element
- d. Capital Facilities

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

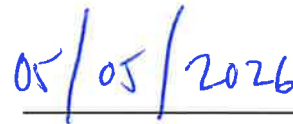
Chair Kantwill reminded members that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Adjournment

Kantwill adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm. The Commission will reconvene for their next Meeting set for May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.



Chair Kantwill



Date