

**City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
June 2, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chair Kantwill called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM (due to live streaming issues)

Roll Call

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

CEPC Members Absent: Colin Brissey (excused by Chair Kantwill)

Chair Kantwill informed that he excused Commissioner Brissey prior to the meeting itself.

Council Liaison : Cassidy Buechele-Curtis

Staff Present: Shannon Johnson

Public Comment

None.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Hahnemann motioned to accept the May 5, 2026 minutes as presented. Commissioner Berndt seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- City Planning

None scheduled

Staff Update

Staff provided a brief update on the timing of the various upcoming Comprehensive Plan chapters for review.

New Business

1. Comp Plan: Utilities Element

Chair Kantwill began discussion on the Utilities element and referred the group to page 5 in the agenda packet. Commissioners discussed the merits of the changes within the document.

Commissioner Hahnemann questioned the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) clean energy plan mentioned on page 7. Council Liaison Cassidy Buechele-Curtis explained that PSE is a provider to the City of Cle Elum, and the relationships to the other elements. Commissioner Kirkpatrick discussed the need to include Kittitas County Public Utility District (PUD) under pages 7 and 8 in the sections which include the PSE integrated plan, and then page 11 where there is a list of utilities it only notes PSE. PUD provides electricity up to Short Avenue. Discussion ensued regarding page 13 goals and policies, and no recommended changes were needed.

2. Comp Plan: Capital Facilities

Chair Kantwill discussed contemplation of review of the Capital Facilities chapter and noted that it is long, dense and had not yet been reviewed by Public Works. The consensus was to allow Public Works and the Consultant to finish this chapter, and keep it as the first item on the next agenda.

Commissioner Berndt asked if it would be possible to have Consultant Joseph Calhoun attend the next meeting to discuss the schedule and public engagement. Liaison Buechele-Curtis reminded the group that the Planning Commission meetings are all essentially public meetings, and discussed the grant budget/time spent. Discussion ensued regarding the specific timeline, completed elements and status moving forward.

Next Meeting Agenda Development

- a. Capital Facilities
- b. Transportation Element

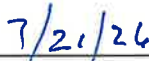
Commissioner Comments and Discussion

Chair Kantwill reminded members that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Adjournment

Kantwill adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm. The Commission will reconvene for their next Meeting set for June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.


Chair Kantwill


Date