

Historic Preservation Commission

Agenda

August 18, 2026

3:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - a. July 21, 2026
3. **Public Comment - Limited to 5 Minutes per Speaker**
4. **New Business**
 - a. 2026 Work Plan — Revisit Work Plan to Prioritize Projects
 - b. 2027 Grant Opportunities Discussion
5. **Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff**
 - a. Commissioners
 - b. Staff Update
6. **Next Meeting Agenda Development**
7. **Adjournment**

Upcoming Meeting:

Planning Commission Meeting — August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting — August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

General Government Committee Meeting — August 26, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

City of Cle Elum
Historic Preservation Commission
City Council Chambers
July 21, 2026 | 3:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Henrichsen called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Roll Call

HPC Members Present: Rusty Henrichsen, Pamela Hawk, Kerrie Spoonmore, Michael Richard
Commissioner Hawk made a motion to excuse Commissioner Richard. Chair Henrichsen seconded. Motion carried, however, Commissioner Richard arrived shortly thereafter.

HPC Members Absent: Jordan Peterson

Staff Present: Shannon Johnson

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Hawk made a motion to accept the July 21, 2026 minutes as presented. Commissioner Spoonmore seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

New Business

1. WISAARD (Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data) Survey Work Discussion

Chair Henrichsen provided a brief recap of the last meeting for new commissioner Spoonmore and ensured that the group was familiar with the WISAARD system resources.

2. Comments from Commissioners and/or Staff

Commissioner Hawk spoke about previous attempts to get building owners within the downtown core to sign up for designation. Commissioner Spoonmore asked if the Maverick building had been sold. Discussion ensued about downtown buildings listed for sale, and the recent sale of the Vogue theatre building. Commissioner Spoonmore suggested the commission could provide framed historic black and white building photos as a cost effective, proactive way of reaching out to historic building owners.

Discussion continued which led to other topics including work being done on the Rambling Rose building, historic murals, walking tours, grant opportunities and site surveys. Commissioner Richard encouraged the group to watch the recent historian speaker series video from July 14th which will be available soon on YouTube at ukcmuseums.org.

Commissioner Hawk gave a brief synopsis of her recent building renovation project of the Kinney Skinner building, 108-112 E First Street. She noted that the Historic Cle Elum brochure had not been updated to include her building. Commissioners noted that the website has been updated and lists all the buildings.

3. Announcement of New Commissioner

Staff announced new commissioner, Kerrie Spoonmore, and invited her to introduce herself. Spoonmore noted that she was born in Butte Montana, which explains her affinity for mining towns. She grew up in Pullman WA, and her parents were Oregon pioneer trail families. She loves history and would love to help preserve the history of Cle Elum and learn more about it. She spoke about her recent visits to the Carpenter House and Telephone Museum. She commended Commissioner Richard on his work for the Telephone Museum. The group welcomed her to the commission and thanked her for her application.

Next meeting agenda

1. Workplan – Revisit 2026 Workplan
2. Discuss Future Grant Opportunities for 2027

Adjournment

Commissioner Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hawk seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. and the Commission will reconvene on August 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair

Date



CITY OF CLE ELUM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 2026 WORK PLAN

From January 6, 2026 Agenda:

2026 DRAFT Work Plan

Building on the momentum of 2025, staff recommends the Commission's 2026 work plan center on public engagement, documentation, and preservation planning, with particular emphasis on the Walking Tour initiative.

Planned priorities for 2026 could include:

- “Cle Elum Stories: Walking Through History” Project
 - Advance the concept of a self-guided historic walking tour featuring professionally recorded audio stories by local historians.
 - Develop mapped tour routes highlighting historic buildings, people, and events.
 - Explore delivery platforms such as a mobile app, website, or downloadable audio files.
 - Position the project as both a preservation tool and a heritage tourism asset.
- Grant Pursuit and Project Development
 - Pursue funding opportunities such as the T-Mobile Hometown Grant (up to \$50,000) and the 2026 CLG Grant cycle.
 - Refine project scope, cost estimates, and partnerships needed to support grant applications.
- Historic Resource Identification and Research
 - Continue identifying properties potentially eligible for local listing or the National Register of Historic Places.
 - Use WISAARD and archival research to support documentation efforts.
- Ongoing Preservation Responsibilities
 - Conduct required meetings to maintain CLG status. (minimum of 8 meetings annually)
 - Review special valuation applications and provide guidance consistent with adopted preservation standards as needed.
 - Coordinate with staff and community partners to support preservation education and awareness.

Commissioner interest:

Peterson – reviewing the opportunities for state or national registry expansion would be a great way to connect with local business.

Hawk -



TORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

From August 19, 2025 Agenda:

Based off the recent walking tour with local historian, Roy Susich the following idea emerged.

“Cle Elum Stories: Walking Through History”

What if anyone visiting or living in Cle Elum could step onto your streets and hear your unique history come alive—told by local historians?

Your community holds a rich tapestry of stories—about the people, buildings, industries, and moments that shaped Cle Elum. But much of that knowledge lives in the mind and memories of just a few people. If you don’t act soon, these stories risk fading away.

The vision would be to:

- **Record** your historian(s) stories in a professional studio, ensuring high-quality, lasting preservation.
- **Create** self-guided walking tours of Cle Elum—mapped by location, enriched with photos, and guided by audio.
- **Deliver** these tours via a simple mobile app and/or downloadable audio files on a website, making them accessible to locals, tourists, and schools.

This project would not only safeguard your heritage, but also:

- Boost heritage tourism and economic activity downtown.
- Connect residents and visitors to your unique identity.
- Provide educational resources for teachers and youth programs.