

City of Cle Elum
Planning Commission (CEPC) Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
February 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Chair Berndt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call

CEPC Members Present: Chair Gary Berndt, Colonel Paul Kantwill, Matt Fluegge, Colin Brissey, and Ian Steele

CEPC Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Colleda Monick

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Jacob McGee, Snowy River Equipment. Updated the Commissioners on his need for their business (equipment rentals be a permitted use in the General Commercial zone) and how they recently made a move to purchase Bator Lumber, rather than losing out on the opportunity to purchase it. He and his brother are looking forward to seeing the city make changes to the permitted uses.

Adoption of Minutes

Commissioner Brissey motioned to accept the December 5th, 2023 minutes as presented. Commissioner Kantwill seconded. Motion passed.

Election of Chair, Vice Chair

Chair Berndt opened it up for nominations and offered to remain Chair for a while longer but prefaced that he would not like to remain the chair for the entire year.

Commissioner Flugge made a motion that Commissioner Berndt remain Chair and Commissioner Kantwill become Vice Char. Commissioner Brissey seconded, motion carried.

Public Hearing

None scheduled.

Staff Report

Chair Berndt

- Provided a quick update regarding Kittitas County Conference of Governments. The group will be utilizing tax dollars to hire a regional planner for the area. Berndt expressed a need for the city to consider other ways to align with the county.
- Mayor Lundh has requested that the Planning Commission begin meeting twice a month, so starting February, the group will begin meeting on the first and third Tuesday.

Colleda Monick

- Department of Commerce held their in-person Short Course Planning training on January 23rd, 2024 which was well attended by elected officials, commissioners, and the public.

- The Table of Permitted Uses is being worked on by a volunteer with a Planning educational background. We hope to bring that back to the Commission for review in March.
- Staff met with Washington State Fish and Wildlife today to discuss options for developing standards and buffers which incorporate Best Available Science that are tailored to the needs of the City. Staff hopes to bring something back for review in April. Commissioner Brissey voiced concerns regarding what the impacts could be on zoning and future land use with changes.
- Two openings on the Planning Commission, one in town and one out of town seat.

New Business

1. 2023 Planning Highlights
2. Planning Matrix and Priorities
3. Open Annual Amendment Process for Comprehensive Plan updates.

Commissioner Brissey made a motion for the City of Cle Elum to open up the annual amendment process for Comprehensive Plan update and to close the application process on March 31, 2024 per the Municipal Code. Commissioner Kantwill seconded. Motion carried.

4. Review 2024 Work Scheduled of draft amendments. Discussion regarding increasing the number of amendments reviewed per meeting schedule in an attempt to expedite the process. Staff to amend the schedule.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting Agenda Development

1. Review previous code revisions (15.20 (sign code) and 17.XX (zero lot line))
2. Review sections 17.12, 17.16

Commissioner Comments and Discussion

Commissioner Fluegge noted that he will not be able to attend the February 20th, 2024 meeting due to work conflicts.

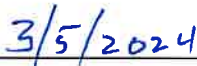
Commissioner Kantwill mentioned that there is a Town Hall presented by Ederra at February 8th, 2024 at Dru Bru.

Adjournment

Chair Berndt called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fluegge motioned and Commissioner Brissey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:014 p.m. and to reconvene on February 20th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



 Chair Berndt



 Date