

AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION March 19, 2025

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
5:15 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.A Approval of February 19, 2025 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
- 4. New Business**
 - 4.A Arbor Day Tree City Flag Recommendation
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - 5.A Recycling Event
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Bicycle Advisory**
 - 7.A Bike Month Proclamation Recommendation
- 8. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
 - 8.A Current Infrastructure Projects
- 9. Adjournment**



For more information on the Environmental Commission, contact Kathy Boots at 509-962-7231.



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Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting

February 19, 2025

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Wollman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Jean Marie Linhart, Raven Harlin, Jess Black, Brenda Devore, Christina Wollman
Others Present: Dan Carlson-Director; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; Nancy Lillquist-City Council Liaison; Nicole Baker-Sustainability & Energy Coordinator; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey -City Manager; Kamran Hermann-Potential Environmental Commissioner; Jeffrey Bousson-CWU; Jordan Spradlin

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Linhart motioned to amend the agenda to discuss bicycle infrastructure. Motion passed 5-0. Bicycle infrastructure was added to the agenda as 8B.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Approval of December 18, 2024 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Linhart motioned to approve the minutes from December 18, 2024. Motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

- 4.A Air Quality Community Engagement Grant
Introductions were completed. Jeffrey Bousson from Central Washington University (CWU) explained an air quality grant that they would like to engage the community's feedback on. The grant through the Department of Ecology is to find ways to reduce air pollution exposure through community engagement from March 2025-June 2025. Mr. Bousson solicited ideas from Commission members.
- 4.B Discuss Revised Role of Environmental Commission
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey spoke about possible changes in the role of the Environmental Commission. The Commissioners were asked to think about the possible changes before the next meeting.
- 4.C Recycling Discussion
Commissioner Devere gave an update on a recycling event that would include

bike and bike parts dropped off. Waste Management plans to attend a future meeting. IOOF gave 30 bikes to APOYO in January 2025. Central Washington University is hosting a bike repair fair on April 24, 2025. A subcommittee of Commissioner Devore and Harlin in addition to Ms. Lillquist and a CWU staff member will work on the waste management event.

4.D Transportation Safety Task Force

Commissioner Harlin explained that at a Transportation Safety Task Force meeting she learned about a safety survey that will take place regarding the safety of lights and crosswalks. There will be an open house at City Hall on March 6, 2025.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

None

7. Bicycle Advisory

7.A Bike Month Planning

Ms. Lillquist stated there is a bike month planning meeting on February 24, 2025. Activities and fundraising will be discussed at the meeting.

8. Staff Update/Discussion Items

8.A Water Fluoridation Discussion

Commissioner Harlin discussed concerns over fluoride being added to the water. The City Manager stated that it will be addressed in the future.

Lillquist stated shop with a cop was successful, with 53 children who received \$150.00 each to spend on presents for family members. All received bikes and helmets if needed.

Commissioner Linhart would like to have future presentations from Public Works regarding reports on projects before they are started so that the Commissioners can provide feedback.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

ELLENSBURG RECYCLING EVENT

FREE COLLECTION DAY

April 26, 2025 | 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Parking lot at SE corner of 2nd Ave. & Pine St.
(south of Hal Holmes Community Center)

**Bring your recyclables and learn about curbside service
and local recycling drop-off locations!**

Event Collection Items:

- Bicycles, in any condition. Your donation will be refurbished and given away at community events.
- Bicycle tubes.
- Single-stream recyclables.

Local Recycling Information:

- Curbside Recycling – Single-Stream Do's and Don'ts
- Community Recycling Resources – Beyond Curbside
- Air Quality Grant – Share Your Project Ideas
- Ellensburg Glass Recycling Coop – New Sand (glass cannot be accepted at event)



Bike Month Proclamation
May 2025

Whereas, May has been celebrated as National Bike Month in communities coast to coast since 1956 to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give biking a try; and

Whereas, creating a cycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' physical and mental health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy, attracting tourism dollars, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

Whereas, greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education will reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

Whereas, the State of Washington is ranked the #1 Bicycle-Friendly State in the nation; and

Whereas, the City of Ellensburg is a Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community and wishes to achieve Gold in 2027; and

Whereas, Ellensburg and Kittitas County's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing transportation, recreation and exercise, tourism and economic health benefits; and

Whereas, the Ellensburg Environmental Commission invites everyone to participate in Bike Month competitions or join the bicycle celebration at Unity Park to receive free helmets, bells, and bikes on Saturday, May 31.

Now therefore, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim May as Bike Month in Ellensburg, and urges all residents to give bicycling a try.

Signed this 21 day of April, 2025

Rich Elliott
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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