



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting

February 19, 2025

5:15 PM

Council Conference Room

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

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.