



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Planning Commission, Regular Meeting

February 13, 2025

5:45 PM

Council Chambers

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Harrell called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Michael Buehn, Ed Harrell, Sigrid Davison, Geraldine O'Mahony, Sathy Rajendran

Absent: George Bottcher

Others Present: Stacey Henderson-Planning Manager; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; David Miller-City Council Liaison (arrived 5:58 p.m.); Dan Carlson-Director; Chace Pedersen-Associate Planner; Mark Rud-Associate Planner

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Davison motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting
Commissioner Rajendran motioned to approve the minutes from November 14, 2025. Commissioner Davison would like the November 14, 2025, minutes corrected to include her presence. Commissioner Rajendran motioned to approve the November 14, 2024, minutes with an amendment to add Commissioner Davison's presence. The motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

- 4.A Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2025
Commissioner Rajendran motioned to nominate Commissioner Harrell for Chair. Harrell accepted the nomination. Motion passed 5-0.
Commissioner Davison motioned to nominate Commissioner Bottcher for chair. Bottcher was not present. The motion failed with no votes.

Commissioner Rajendran motioned to nominate Commissioner Davison as vice chair. Davison accepted the nomination. Motion passed 5-0.

- 4.B Staff Introductions
Staff member Henderson announced that she had been promoted to Planning Manager. As the Planning Manager, she will take over staffing the Planning

Commission.

Community Development new staff introduced themselves. Chace Pedersen spoke and gave some of his work history. Mark Rud spoke and gave some of this work history and relocation to Ellensburg.

4.C Overview of 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and Public Participation Plan

Staff member Carlson shared the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic update. A climate resiliency section will be added. Carlson reviewed the public participation plan. Objectives and methods of engagement were discussed. A consultant will be contracted through an RFP to assist with the periodic update. Future meetings will be used to discuss proposed updates. The update is due June 2026, and the Commission may meet at the second meeting of the month to assist with progress.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

None

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A Commissioner Discussion Items

Commissioner Davison would like citizen comment changed to public comment. Commissioner Harrell asked if Gateway 1 was completed. The Community Development Department is advertising for an Associate Planner.

7.B 2024 Land Development Code Amendments Update

In December, the City Council adopted an ordinance regarding flood, accessory dwelling units, middle housing, and eliminated some housing requirements.

8. Commission Representative Update

Mr. Miller did not have any updates.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.