



CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Date of Meeting
Time of Meeting
Place of Meeting

Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting
January 21, 2026
5:15 PM
Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

- 1.A **Nancy Lillquist:** City Council Member
Jordan Spradlin: CWU-Appointed Member
Christina Wollman: Chairperson
Brenda DeVore: Member at Large
Kamran Hermann: Member at Large
Raven Harlin: Member at Large
___ OPEN ___: *EHS Env. Club President (Ex-officio Member)*

Present: Nancy Lillquist, Christina Wollman, Brenda DeVore, Raven Harlin

Absent: Jordon Spradlin, Kamran Hermann

Others Present: Rebecca Springer - Water Resources Manager, Stacey Henderson - Planning Manager, Erin McGowan - Water|Storm Program Coordinator

2. Approval of Agenda

- 2.A Approval of the Proposed Agenda for January 21, 2026

Commissioner DeVore moved to approve the agenda. Motioned passed 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Approval of the Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2025

Commissioner Lillquist moved to approve the December 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Motioned passed 4-0.

4. New Business

4.A Official Welcome to Jordan Spradlin!

Jordan Spradlin's nomination to the Environmental Commission was approved by City Council.

4.B Climate & Environmental Planning Task Force - Subcommittee Creation

Stacey Henderson invited two members of the Environmental Commission (EC) to participate in the Climate & Environmental Planning Task Force. The Task Force will support the Comprehensive Plan update by assisting with development of a new Climate Resilience chapter and updates to the Environmental chapter.

The consultant recommended an extensive work plan to support policy development, determine whether the Climate Resilience and Environmental chapters should be combined or standalone, and review draft and final chapter materials. EC representatives serving on the Task Force will provide updates at regular EC meetings for discussion and direction as needed. The tentative schedule is expected to be finalized next week.

Commissioner Lillquist moved to nominate Commissioner Wollman to serve as an EC delegate to the Climate & Environmental Task Force and to circulate an email to recruit an additional EC representative.

Motion passed 4-0.

5. Unfinished Business

5.A Verification of Bike Month Subcommittee (3 members)

Commissioner Lillquist moved to appoint Commissioners Lillquist, DeVore, and Spradlin to the Bike Month Subcommittee.

Motion passed 4-0.

5.B 2026 Community Recycling Event

The Commission discussed planning and logistics for the 2026 Community Recycling Event, including revisions to the event flyer, use of a QR code for updated information, and potential materials and activities to be included. Volunteer participation and coordination with partner organizations were also discussed.

6. Citizen Comment

None.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A Ecology WQ Stormwater Capacity Grant Acceptance

Rebecca Springer provided an update on the Ecology Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant. City Council approved execution of the grant agreement, which provides \$120,000 in funding to support development of the Stormwater Companion Document.

7.B Companion Storm Document Update

Rebecca Springer provided an update on the Companion Stormwater Document currently in development. Once completed, it will be adopted into City standards and will include a flow chart outlining stormwater requirements to clarify standards and expedite review timelines.

7.C Gateway II 90% Design Grant closeout

Rebecca Springer provided an update on the Gateway II 90% design grant closeout, which is expected to be completed by the end of the month. She noted that construction grant funding will be available this spring, with construction anticipated in 2028.

7.D Winter Lecture Series

Commissioner Lillquist shared that Mid-Columbia Fisheries has put out a 2026 Winter Speakers' Series. On February 18th, they will be providing an update on the Lower Kittitas Valley Floodplain Restoration. Cowiche Canyon Conservancy will also be holding Winter Talks that you can attend in person at Yakima Valley College or view via livestream.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Wollman adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.