

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

March 18, 2026

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Teams



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926**

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**Wednesday, March 18, 2026
5:15 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

- 1.A Nancy Lillquist
Jordan Spradlin
Christina Wollman
Brenda DeVore
Kamran Hermann
Raven Harlin
___OPEN___: EHS Env. Club President (Ex-officio Member)

2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)

- 2.A Approval of the Proposed Agenda for March 18, 2026

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Approval of the Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026

4. Citizen Comment

5. New Business

- 5.A Bike Month Proclamation
- 5.B Arbor Day Proclamation (Submitted - on April 6th City Council Agenda)
- 5.C Discussion of Preferences for Proclamation Review
- 5.D April Meeting Discussion - Reviews of Sewer Plan & Transportation Element of Comprehensive Plan (Special Meetings? Change date to 4/25?)

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.A Climate & Environment Planning Task Force - Recap & Discussion
- 6.B 2026 Community Recycling Event Update
- 6.C Bike Month Subcommittee Update

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A 13-Month Pumping Report

8. Adjournment



For more information on the Environmental Commission, contact Rebecca Springer, Public Works Water Resources Manager, at 509-925-8653



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting

February 18, 2026

5:15 PM

**Council Conference Room
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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.

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

Present: Nancy Lillquist, Jordan Spradlin, Christina Wollman, Brenda DeVore, Kamran Hermann, Raven Harlin

Absent: None.

Others Present: Rebecca Springer - Water Resources Manager, Ryan Lyyski - Public Work Director, Erin McGowan - Water / Storm Program Coordinator, Shelly Edwards - KEEN, Meisner Dunlap - Staff Reporter CWU

2. Approval of Agenda

- 2.A Approval of the Proposed Agenda for February 18, 2026

Commissioner Lillquist moved to approve the agenda. Motioned passed 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2026

Commissioner Lillquist moved to approve the January 21, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

4. New Business

None.

5. Unfinished Business

- 5.A Climate & Environment Planning Task Force
Meeting #1: Tomorrow, Feb. 19 (3-5 pm) Com. Dev. Conference Room

Rebecca Springer reminded members that the first Climate & Environmental Planning Task Force meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, February 19th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Environmental Commission representatives, Commissioners Wollman and Hermann, will share feedback with the Commission at its next meeting.

- 5.B 2026 Community Recycling Event Update

Rebecca Springer shared the finalized list of approved items for collection at the Community Recycling Event, scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd. It was confirmed that Kittitas County Solid Waste will collect small batteries, and Commissioner Spradlin will collect clothing for CWU's Professional Clothing Closet. The list of booths has been tentatively finalized, with a few organizations still pending follow-up.

Commissioner DeVore moved to approve the final recycling list, including any pending items. Motion passed 6-0.

- 5.C Bike Month Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Lillquist provided an update on the work being done by the Bike Month Subcommittee. Planning for the event is similar to last year. Raffle items are being secured, and local businesses along the bike route are being contacted for potential donations.

The Bike Month Event is scheduled for May 30th at Unity Park. Youth bike helmets will be distributed, and sponsors are being sought for fundraising. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), Washington State Parks, and Central Transit will participate. The Special Olympics bike team, OPR, and Kittitas County Public Health have been invited but have not confirmed. School principals will also be invited to promote Bike to School Day, and outreach is planned for Bike to Church and Bike to Work days.

The June bike rodeo still needs to be finalized for advertising.

6. Citizen Comment

Commissioner and guest introductions.

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

- 7.A Tree City USA Application accepted by the Arbor Day Foundation, marking 43 years as a designated Tree City USA!

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Tree City USA program, and Ellensburg has been recognized for 43 years.

- There are four standards required to maintain the designation:
 1. Establish a community tree board, department, or position with legal authority for public tree care decisions
 2. Adopt a public tree care ordinance
 3. Maintain an annual expenditure of at least \$2 per capita on community tree care activities — In 2025, Ellensburg spent \$12.32 per capita to support Urban Forestry.
 4. Hold an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

- 7.B City also received 3rd consecutive Growth Award for going above and beyond the minimum Tree City requirements!
In 2025, Ellensburg also received the Growth Award recognition. The Growth Award honors communities that go above and beyond the four standards of the Tree City USA program. This is the third consecutive year Ellensburg has received the award.

- Achievements contributing to the recognition include:
 1. Completion of the City Park & Facilities Tree Inventory.
 2. Implementation of a public outreach campaign as part of the broader Urban Forestry project, completed in summer 2025.
 3. Volunteer service efforts, including partnering with CWU SLICE Volunteers to plant trees and native plants in the areas of Irene Rinehart Park affected by the 2024 summer fires.

- 7.C Upcoming utility rate update and new sewer system plan updates.

Ryan Lyyski shared that Public Works has been working on utility rate updates and a new sewer system plan update, which will be presented to the Environmental Commission in March or April.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Wollman adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



CITY OF ELLENSBURG
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Bike Month Proclamation

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 since 2015 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 by downloading the Adventure Lab app, or join the bicycle celebration at Unity Park to receive free bikes, helmets, bells, bikeslights and safety information on Saturday, May 30~~1~~.

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 24~~0~~ day of April, 202~~6~~5

Rich Elliott
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day



WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, does hereby proclaim April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Ellensburg, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, Urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed this 6th day of April, 2026.

Rich Elliott
Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk



TREE CITY USA
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

Previous City Proclamations

National Black History Month
National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
Irish American Heritage Month
National Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day
National Gas Utility Worker’s Day
Transgender Day of Visibility
National Safe Digging Month
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Arbor Day
Bike Month
Jewish American Heritage Month
Asian American Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
National Public Works Week
LGBTQ & Pride Month
Juneteenth Day of Observance
International Overdose Awareness Day
Library Card Sign-up Month
Hispanic & LatinX Heritage Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
Public Natural Gas & Power Week
Native American Heritage Month

Timeframe

February
March
March
March (8th)
March (18th)
March (31st)
April
April
April (24th)
May
May
May
May (17-23)
June
June (19th)
August (31st)
September
September (15th - October 15th)
October
October (5th-11th)
November

Deadline (Date/Time)	Activity	Responsible Party	Status	Comments
Dec-25	Check Community Calendar	Rebecca	Complete	May 2nd - Saturday - Clear for both calendars.
Dec-25	Identify / Reserve Location	Rebecca	Complete	Approved use of City Hall Parking Lot (no metal dumpsters)
Jan-26	Finalize Event Date	EC - All	Complete	May 2nd. (Could announce on Earth day if done on 5/2).
Feb-26	Announce Event in 1st WM Bill of 2026	Rebecca / Mackenzi	Complete	Date (5/2) finalized. QR Code sent to WM. WM will announce in bills.
Feb-26	Finalize List of Accepted Items	Rebecca & EC	Final list complete; needs EC approval	Single-stream recyclables (plastic bottles/jugs, cardboard, paper, tin and aluminum cans); Bicycles & tubes; Documents for Shred-It; Batteries (small); Professional Clothing.
Feb-26	Finalize List of Booths	Rebecca & EC	Final list complete; needs EC approval	WM (Curbside Recycling); Shred-It; Bike Booth; KC Solid Waste (Beyond the Curb, Batteries); Composting and WORMS!; Professional Clothing; Lid Removal/Collection & Can Crushing; E-Cycle WA Info; Med Disposal Info; Ellensburg Glass Recycling.
Feb-26	Discuss on Pending Items	Rebecca & EC		Repair café (Booth with info only - no repairing. They will need booth/table), Toner collection (Jerrols - info only - Confirmed OK to share), WM stickers for bins (Confirmed - WM will bring them) Pesticide Disposal - (Info Only? Nancy to provide update.). Medication Disposal (Whole Health Pharmacy - Info Only - Approved to share info.)
Feb-26	Coordinate Truck for Bike Transport	Nancy / Karl / Raven	Complete	
Mar-26	Finalize Recycle Station & Booth Logistics	Rebecca & EC	Complete	
Mar-26	Coordinate Tables & Booths	Rebecca / PW		Need EC member to help with logistics
Mar-26	Website, Social Media Event Announcements	Nicole		
Mar-26	List of Volunteers	EC - All		Need to Populate at EC meeting
Friday Before Event	Sandwich Board(s) for signs?	Rebecca / PW		
Friday (PM) Before Event	Cone off City Hall Parking Lot	Rebecca / PW		
Day Of	Collect Volunteer Signatures & Waivers	Nicole		
Day Of	PolyCart DropOff	WM	Map Sent. Pending Confirmation	WM will confirm that drop off will occur on Sat morning. If Friday, location will be needed.
Day Of	Day-of Booth Setup	All		
Day Of	Day-of Truck for Bike Transport	Karl/Nancy/Raven		
Post-Event Day of	Post-Event Booth Breakdown	All		
Post-Event Day of	PolyCart Pickup	WM		

Volunteer Need	Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email	Confirmed
WM Booth - Curbside Recycling	Mackenzi Borja		mborja@wm.com	
WM Booth - Curbside Recycling (Lid Collection & Can Crusher Volunteer)				
PolyCarts (Volunteer #1)				
PolyCarts (Volunteer #2)				
Shred-It (Volunteer Runner #1)				
Shred-It (Volunteer Runner #2)				
Bike Booth / Bike Transport (Volunteer #1)	Nancy Lillquist			
Bike Booth / Bike Transport (Volunteer #2)	Brenda DeVore			
Bike Booth / Bike Transport (Volunteer #3)	Raven Hartin			
KC Solid Waste Booth (Beyond the Curb + Battery Collection)	Doug Laurent		doug.laurent@co.kittitas.wa.us	
CWU Professional Clothing Drive Booth (Collection Volunteer)	Jordan Spradlin			
Composting Booth Volunteer (Info Only)	Karl Lillquist			
Safe Medication Disposal Booth Volunteer (Info Only)				
Ellensburg Glass Recycling Booth (Info Only)				
Repair Café Booth (Info Only)				
Where Do I Take ___? Booth (Info Only)				
Setup / Takedown (Volunteer #1)				
Setup / Takedown (Volunteer #2)				
Setup / Takedown (Volunteer #3)				
Waiver Signature Collection (Volunteer #1)				

Bike Month Planning 2026 status 3/13/2026

All Month –

Rides:

Adventure Lab App (provided free of charge from company)

10 rides, same as last year with some tweaking; room to add 2

Change questions

Jordan organizing rides

Raffle – Oddfellows Villager CatTrike, Oddfellows trailer?, Pool passes

Sponsors? Merchants willing to provide stuff for folks doing the rides? Brenda

Who checks app and gives raffle tickets?

Event:

When: May 30 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Unity Park

What:

1. Give
 - a. refurbished bikes (Oddfellows),
 - b. KVH donation
 - c. helmets have 105 of various sizes; Brenda will order more in sizes needed
 - d. Bells (\$500 David and Laurae Lygre)
 - e. Lights
 - f. Safety pamphlets
 - g. Maps (Chamber)
2. Labeling
 - a. State Parks - confirmed
 - b. APOYO – confirmed – need one table 2 chairs, will do group rides
 - c. LWV – confirmed - voter registration and “I Bike I Vote” stickers; will bring table/chairs
 - d. EDA – confirmed - games
 - e. Oddfellows – Bikes for giving – confirmed (Jeff, Raven)
 - f. Coffee with Council - probably
 - g. Special Olympics, with adaptive bikes – maybe – will do group rides
 - h. CWDR – maybe; will do group rides
 - i. OPR – games – maybe
 - j. KC Public Health – no
 - k. Recycle Shop - no

3. Central Transit – demo of using bike racks – pull into the Park from Pearl, park by the ramp to the stage (Betsy, Keiko)
4. Games
 - a. Ellensburg Downtown Association Lawn games -- giant Jenga and Connect Four
 - b. Outdoor pursuits ?
5. Volunteers -
 - a. Helmet Fitting – Kathryn Houk, Brenda DeVore
 - b. Games – EDA
 - c. Bells – Lygre
 - d. Lights - ?
 - e. General - Nancy

Bike to Work / Worship / School / Campus

1. Any Day in May
2. Offer raffle prize for those who share a photo on City Social media?
3. Raffle items --
 - a. "Ellensburg Postcard Mural" swag -- mug, postcard, stickers from EDA
 - b. Bike Cart?
 - c. \$250 from social club who's name cannot be said aloud in polite company
 - d. Recycle Shop
 - e. ??
4. Need to establish raffle contest rules

Proclamation: draft for review by Commission

Editorials – KC Health Dept – two (Audelia)

Bike Rodeo: unconfirmed - with Touch A Truck on June 17 at Rotary Park

Advertising

1. Banner – in hall closet
2. 10 a-frame boards for wayfinding/signage from EDA
3. Social media sharing
 - a. EDA
 - b. Chamber, plus a biking video

- c. APOYO
- d. KC Public Health

13 Month Pumping Report (Feb 25 - Feb 26)

