



Public Participation Program

Introduction

As required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Cle Elum is in the process of a periodic review and update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Public involvement throughout the Comprehensive Plan update process is vital in determining and maintaining the characteristics of Cle Elum that its citizens value most.

Goals of Public Participation

The goals of the public participation program are to keep the public informed of major updates and decisions, allow them to voice their opinions, and indicate how their feedback is being used throughout the process ([RCW 36.70A.140](#)).

Role of Planning Commission

The Planning Commission consists of 5 members and 1 citizen alternate appointed by the mayor. The Commission's job is to provide advice and recommendations to City Council and City Staff regarding planning decisions. The Planning Commission will be involved throughout the entirety of the Comprehensive Plan update including but not limited to developing goals and policies to ensure a consistent community vision.

Role of City Council

The City Council consists of 7 members and the Mayor. The Council's job is to provide effective City government representation for the citizens, determine policy, enact ordinances and resolutions, and approve contracts. Their role in the Comprehensive Plan update is to use the Planning Commission's recommendations to approve draft materials and adopt the final updated Comprehensive Plan.

Public Participation Resources

Information regarding public participation opportunities may be found at the following locations:

- Website <http://cityofcleelum.com/city-servicesplanningcomprehensive-plan-update/>
- City Facebook page
- City Hall
- Northern Kittitas County News Tribune

Cle Elum's Comprehensive Plan webpage is the key resource for current information including draft documents, maps, supplemental documents, contact information, important dates, and notices. Secondary sources, including the Northern Kittitas News Tribune, will have public involvement opportunities noticed no later than 2 weeks prior to meetings and workshops.

Public Participation Methods

Various methods to involve the public will be utilized throughout the Comprehensive Plan update. These methods include, but are not limited to, Planning Commission and City Council meetings, workshops, and electronic and hardcopy comment submission opportunities.

Public Hearings: When public hearings are required at City Council or Planning Commission meetings, they present opportunities for comments related to the review and adoption processes of the Comprehensive Plan to be voiced and recorded.

Workshops: The City of Cle Elum will host at least three workshops at a convenient location consisting of presentations of Elements, public comment and question periods. City Staff will be on hand to address questions and concerns related to the Comprehensive Plan.

Comment Submissions: Email submissions can be sent to compplan@cityofcleelum.com and hardcopy submissions will be accepted during normal City Hall business hours in the Comprehensive Plan dropbox.

Schedule for Public Participation

The schedule for the Comprehensive Plan Update is in progress and will be posted on the website once finalized.

Further Questions?

For more information or notifications regarding Comprehensive Plan processes and progress:

- Email the Planning Department
 - compplan@cityofcleelum.com
- Attend a Cle Elum Planning Commission Meeting
 - 6:00pm on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in the Cle Elum Council Chambers, 119 West First Street
- Attend a Cle Elum Comprehensive Plan Workshop
 - Dates and times coming soon!