



CITY OF CHELAN
Planning Commission Meeting
February 18, 2026

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL
PRESENT

Commissioners:

Joe Collins
Vickie Heimark
Gary Myers
Ryan Peterson - Excused
Gaylen Willett - Excused

Administrative Personnel:

Community Development Director John Ajax
Senior Planner - Monica Libbey
Assistant Planner Linda Jo Williams
City Council Member(s): Shane Collins and
Brad Chitty
City Administrator: Laura McAloon

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:16PM

2. AGENDA CHANGES

NONE

3. MINUTES

A) January 21, 2026 Minutes of the Planning Commission

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the January 21, 2026 Minutes of the
Planning Commission

I move to approve the January 21, 2026, Minutes of the Planning Commission.

MOVER:	Commissioner Heimark
SECONDER:	Commissioner Myers
AYES:	3
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Motion Passes

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A) Sign Code Update Work Session

Sr. Planner, Libbey, presented issues with outdated sign regulations and proposed a move toward trying to make the code easier to use, understand, and administer. Discussion included lighting standards, consolidating sign standards, temporary signs, and concerns about sidewalk clutter. Commissioners emphasized maintaining a small-town character.

B) Our Valley Our Future Housing Solutions Group: February Meeting

Director Ajax shared countywide housing affordability data and reported progress on infrastructure to support affordable housing. The city was awarded **\$1.4M CHIP grant** to extend sewer to the Chelan Valley Housing Trust project on Anderson Road. Noted high home prices, limited inventory, and benefits of the Apple Blossom multi-family project.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- **John Olson** spoke about regional housing challenges, rising costs, and encouraged formation of a Housing Action Committee.
- **Lynette Grande** expressed concerns about excessive signage, electronic signs, and large window graphics; encouraged broad public outreach in the sign code process.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Heimark asked if there were any Legislative updates affecting zoning. Staff will follow up.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Final Comments / Motion to Adjourn

MOVER:	Commissioner Myers
SECONDER:	Commissioner Heimark
AYES:	
NAYS:	
RESULT:	Meeting Adjourned at 6:34PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Date Approved:

John Ajax
Community Development
Director

Joe Collins
Chair