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## **Agenda**

### **New Castle Climate and Environment Commission**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026, 4:00 PM**

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To join by computer, smart phone or tablet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7096588400>

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Meeting ID: 709 658 8400

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### **Call to Order**

### **Agenda Changes**

### **Items For Consideration**

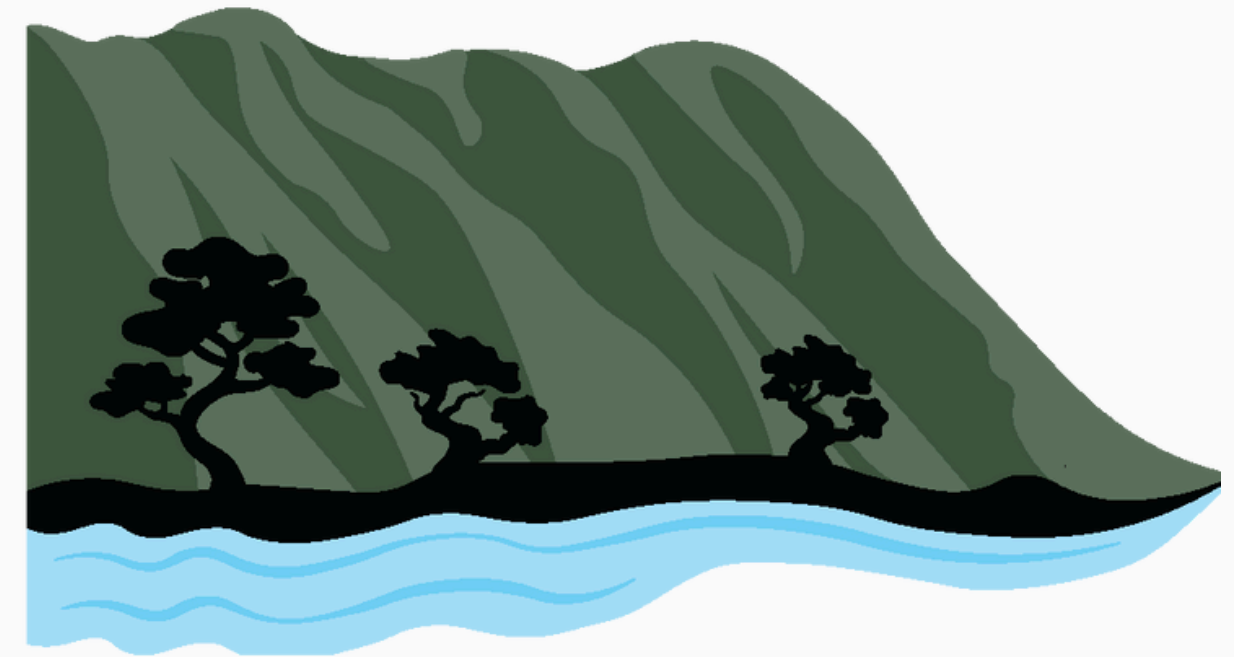
- A. Graphic Design Update**
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OVERVIEW

# Climate and Environment Commission Logo



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# Logo



This logo captures New Castle's famous mountains. This design smoothly combines features like the flowing river and juniper trees, showcasing the town's unique spirit and environment.



# CEC Colors

Color palette for logo usage

**Juniper Leaves**  
#3e553f

**Mountain Sage**  
#5c715d

**Colorado Water**  
#a4dff8

**Rocky Midnight**  
#101b2a



# Logo Font

M O N T S E R R A T

**MONTSERRAT**  
**BOLD**

ABCDEFGHIJKLM  
NOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
abcdefghijklm  
nopqrstuvwxyz  
1234567890



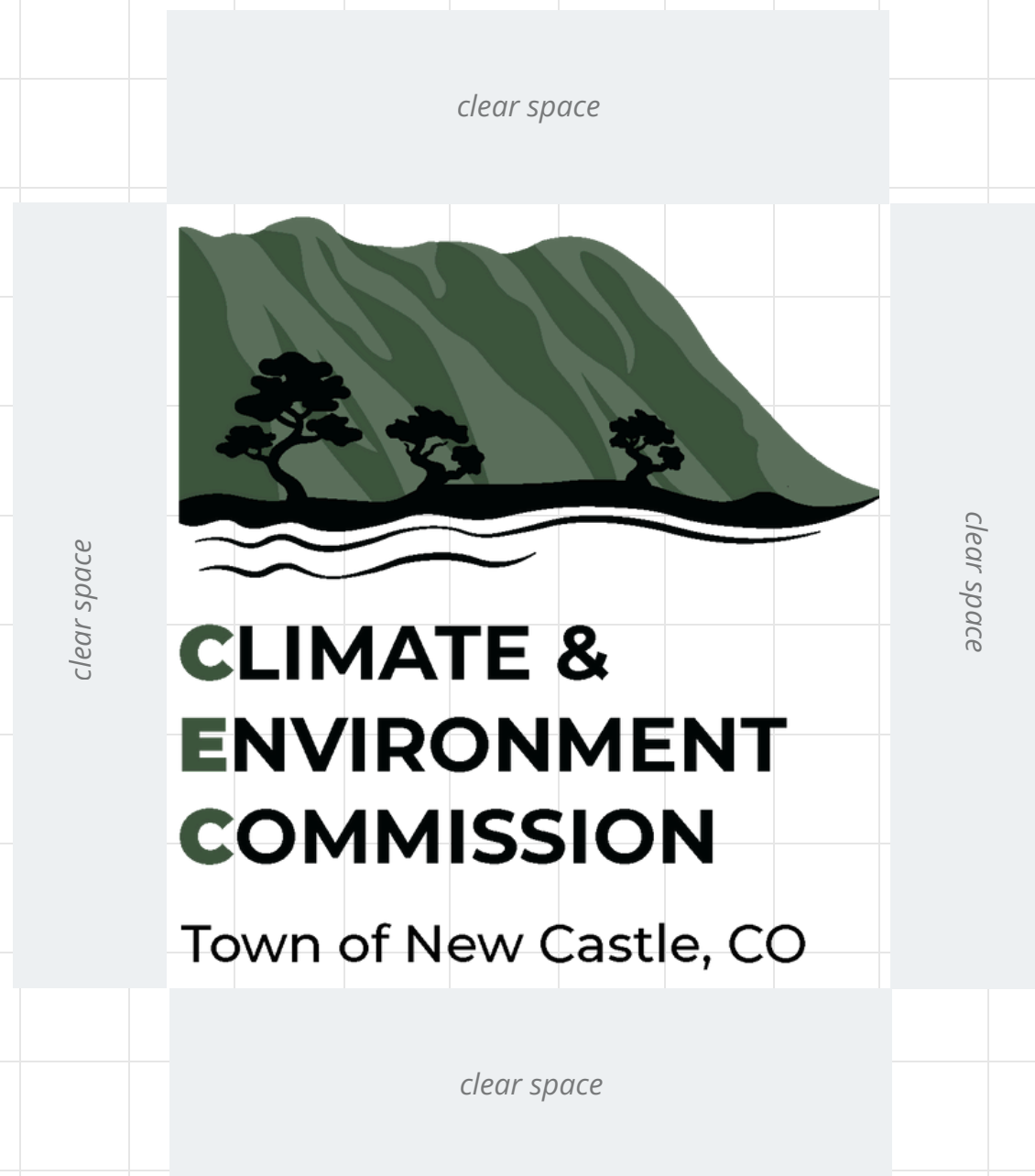
# Exclusion Zones

## The safe distance to put in the logo

Keeping clear space around the logo helps it stay easy to see. When other things get too close, the logo can feel crowded and harder to read.



## Three Color Version

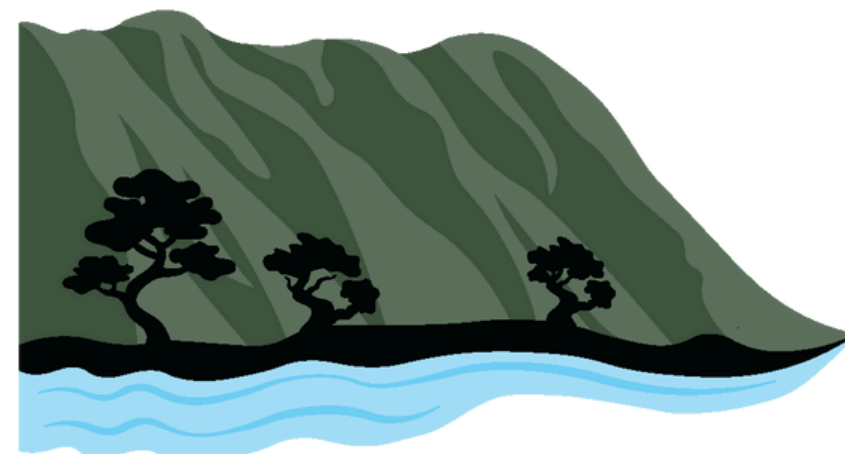


## Black and White Version



# Logo Variations

Vertical

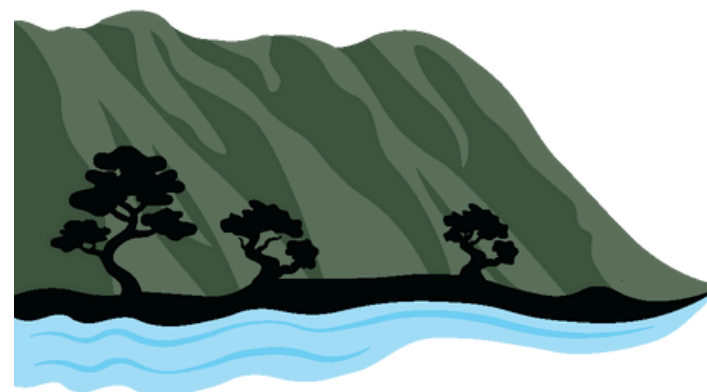


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Complete logo for regular usage

Horizontal



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To use when the space is limited or the regular version does not fit.

Text

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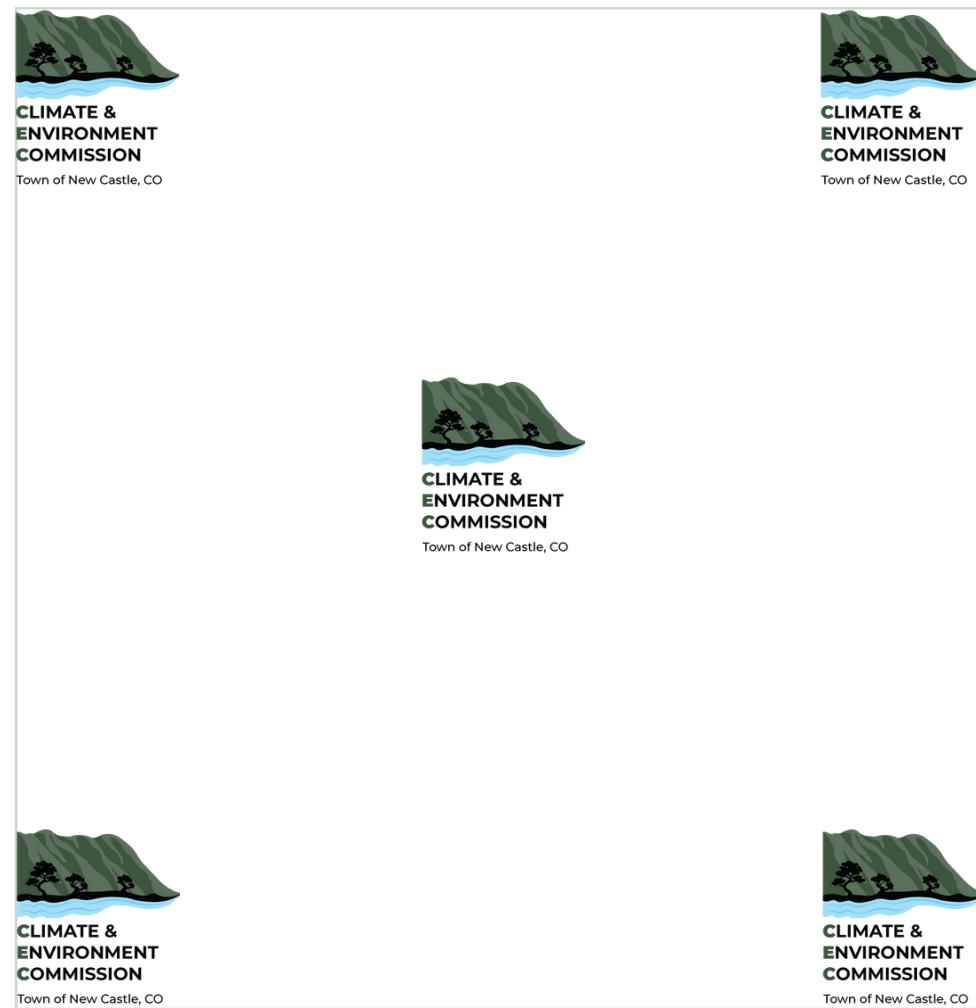
Plain text can be used to create a more formal tone.



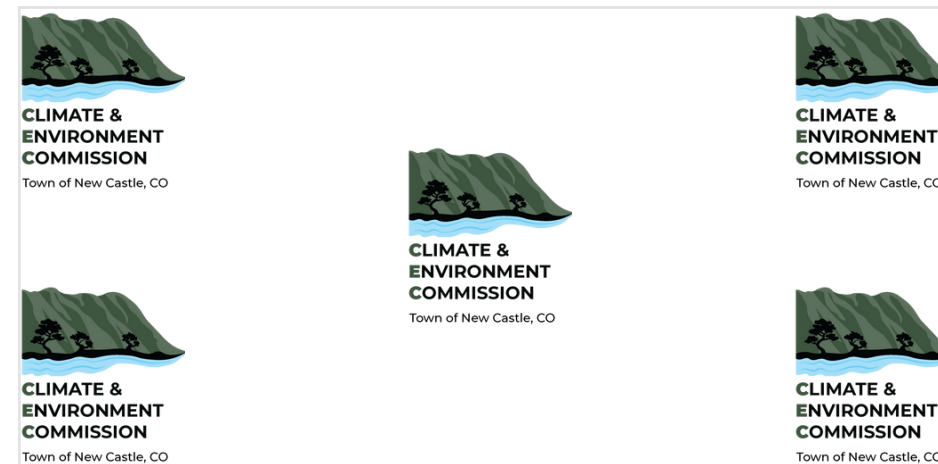
# Logo Positioning

The safe distance to put your logo in

The logo can be positioned in where is best suited, depending on the application and tone.



Square



Landscape



Portrait



# Logo Application

Rules on logo use to keep in mind



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**DO NOT** change the color.  
Use colors in the palette.



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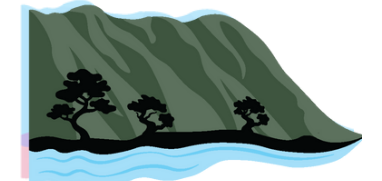
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the logo.



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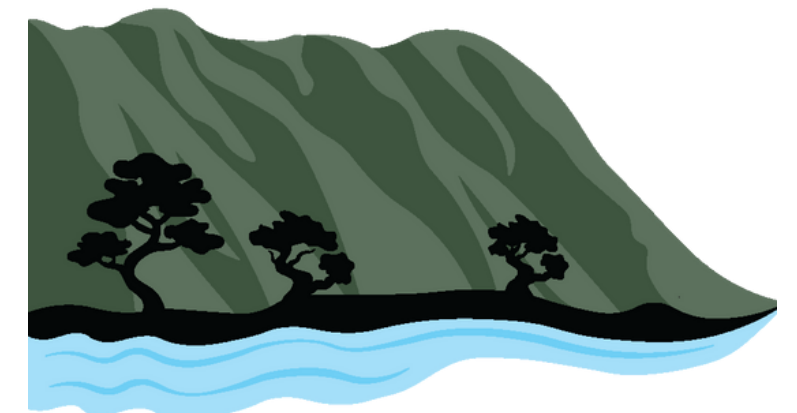
**DO NOT** add  
shadows or effects.



**DO NOT** rotate  
the logo.



**DO NOT** put over  
another illustration.



**DO NOT** use  
just graphic.

# Badge (Sticker)

Forest Guard Shape





Display Font

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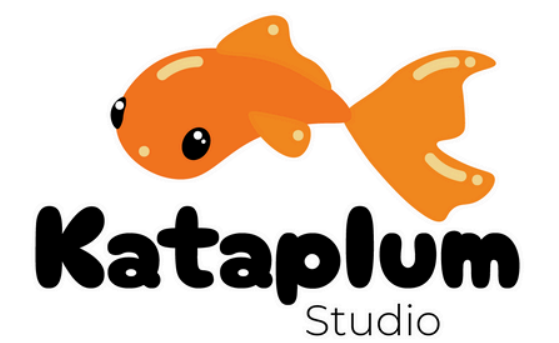
Sub Font

*Fenway Park JF*

Color Palette



**Thank You!**



Graphic Design Update (See Logo and Badge Materials)

Discussion of "The Last Drop" Screening on February 11, 2026

(Nancy's graphic)



## Documentary Screening & Panel Discussion

Join us for a screening of the National Geographic documentary film *The Last Drop*. Explore the growing problem of water scarcity in the U.S. and discover ways to conserve water at home.

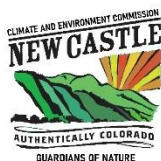
The Town of New Castle's Climate and Environment Commission will facilitate a Q&A after the film with Town Manager Dave Reynolds, Lady Luck Gardenworks owner Ryan Deyarmond, and CPW's Kendall Bakich.

Wednesday, February 11

6 to 8 pm

New Castle Branch Library

Free and open to all. For more information call 970-984-2346.



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# Discussion Earth Day 2026

Earth Day – List of Participants – Who else do you have in mind?

- Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado Mountain College
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Colorado River Fire Rescue
- Colorado State University Extension
- Elk Creek Girls STEM Leadership Club
- EverGreen ZeroWaste Composting
- Fish For Change
- Garfield Clean Energy
- Garfield County Libraries
- Garfield County Vegetation Management
- Hula Hoop
- Lions Club of New Castle
- MidColorado Watershed
- Mountain Waste and Recycling
- New Castle Garden Club
- New Castle Trails
- Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
- Scouting America

Other Ideas for Vendors

# Discussion of Business Grants

For the past three years, shoppers have paid 10 cents per bag at large retailers for plastic or paper bags. But have you ever wondered where that money goes? A portion of the funds collected are returned to local communities to support plastic reduction initiatives.

In New Castle, the Town Council designated the Climate and Environment Commission (CEC) to oversee the use of these funds. So far, the CEC has provided a grant to a hair salon and real estate firm for recycling materials. The town has also purchased reusable bowls for the Rec Center and the Chili Cook-Off.

We are launching a second round of a small grant program to help New Castle businesses start or expand waste-reduction and plastic-replacement efforts.

## Grant Details

**Any business located within New Castle town boundaries** may apply for up to **\$1,000** to support new projects that reduce waste or replace single-use plastics.

## Examples of Eligible Projects

- Subscribing to a composting service for food, paper, and yard waste (e.g., [EverGreen Zero Waste](https://evergreenzerowaste.com/) <https://evergreenzerowaste.com/>)
- Starting a commercial recycling program (e.g., [Mountain Waste](https://www.mountainwaste.com/) <https://www.mountainwaste.com/>)
- Shredding and recycling paper (e.g., [PaperWise](mailto:paperwiseusa@gmail.com) email: [paperwiseusa@gmail.com](mailto:paperwiseusa@gmail.com))
- Using compostable food service containers (e.g., [Western Paper](https://www.western-paper.com/) <https://www.western-paper.com/>)

## How It Works

This is a reimbursement grant. Once your application is approved, you may move forward with your project. Submit your receipts to the Town **by \_\_\_\_\_**, along with a brief report describing how the funds were used. Reports may be submitted online or in-person with your receipts and are required for state auditing purposes.

## Grant Guidelines

- Projects must clearly reduce plastic use or other business-related waste.
- Businesses must be located within New Castle town limits.
- Applications can be submitted using the online form or by emailing the filled form to [mandis@newcastlecolorado.org](mailto:mandis@newcastlecolorado.org).
- **Application deadline extended:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Award notification:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Reimbursement deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Energy Symposium Participation-

TBD

## Trail Day Update

### Work Description

- Time: Saturday, May 9, 9-3pm
- Clearing noxious weed including Scottish and Russian Thistle adjacent to trail to Back to school and Talbott Burning Mountain Trail
  - May include raking, removing thistle buds, and bagging weeds
  - Walk through in march to optimize location and removal strategies
- Re-seeding with native grasses- may require additional budget

### Volunteers

- RFOV will provide 3 crew leaders
- RFMBA will provide additional crew leaders and weed experts
- 40 volunteer max
- All volunteers will register through RFOV, they provide waiver

### Promotion

- Opens to RFOV members on 3/15
- Open to public on 4/1
- RFOV will promote
- RFMBA will promote

### Food

- Reaching out to local businesses for breakfast and lunch
- Bonfire coffee has consistently provided coffee

### Funding

- CEC may provide up to \$500
- Asking town of New Castle to provide trail funds
- RFMBA has funding specific to New Castle Trails
- RFOV does not require a donation, but donation does help organization and will help to buy additional supplies such as seeds

### Other Considerations

- Reaching out to Dave Reynolds, town administration to ask about best point of contact with town
- Reaching out to Russel Talbott, land owner to discuss his land management plan

# Approval of December 18, 2025, Minutes

## New Castle Climate & Environment Commission Minutes December 18, 2025

**Attendees:** Chair Sharon Morris, Commissioner Deyarmond, Commissioner Julia Koch, Commissioner Kendall Bakich, Commissioner Leland, and Commissioner Nancy Barnes

### End of Year Report

Chair Morris submitted the end-of-year report for Commission review. Commissioners made several minor changes. Chair Morris will submit the revised report to Town Council.

### Mission, Goals, Objectives

Commissioners reviewed the mission, goals, and objectives document, along with the commission activities document.

**Motion:** Commissioner Barnes moved to accept the 2026 mission, goals, objectives and activities with noted revisions. Commissioner Leland seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Chair Morris and Commissioner Barnes will align activities with objectives and present the updated version at the January meeting. Chair Morris will also work with town staff to update the website with the new plan.

### Calendar of Events, 2026

Commissioners reviewed the 2026 calendar of events and made several additions. Commissioners will elect officers in May.

**Action:** Commissioner Leland will explore the possibility of the CEC sponsoring an upcoming Bingo night to raise awareness about the Commission.

### Graphic Design Options

Commissioners discussed the logo and badge options provided by the graphic designer. Commissioners preferred the “Mountain Valley” option, with slight font modifications and a revised black-and-white version. Commissioners recommended using the same logo image in the badge with minor adjustments to the ribbon.

**Action:** Commissioner Koch and Chair Morris will collaborate with the graphic designer to convey the CEC’s feedback and finalize revised logo options.

### Business Grant Preparation

Commissioners recommended including information about past grant recipients and increasing the award amount to \$1,000.

**Action:** Chair Morris and Commissioner Leland will revise and finalize the grant for 2026.

### **Bee Awareness Project**

Chair Morris presented a proposed bee mural project to promote awareness of bees and pollinators. The concept would involve partnering with the CEC to raise approximately \$48,000. The Commission expressed general interest in pursuing the project in 2027 and agreed to bring the idea to Town Council.

### **Approval of October 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

**Motion:** Chair Morris moved to approve. Commissioner Deyarmond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of November 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Leland moved to approve. Commissioner Bakich seconded. Motion carried.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Leland reported that Recreation Manager Kelley Cox requested an additional \$100 to purchase replacement reusable bowls and cups. Commissioner Leland also noted that the Urban Wildland Building Code has been revised and strengthened to improve fire resilience, including a new requirement for energy recovery ventilators in new homes.

Commissioner Deyarmond expressed support for focusing on pollinator initiatives in 2027.

Commissioner Bakich indicated her intention to increase her participation in CEC events.

Commissioner Barnes expressed appreciation for the new members and shared her enthusiasm for 2026.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.