

**CLE ELUM LODGING TAX & EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2025**  
**9:00 AM**  
119 W FIRST STREET  
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:**

Steven Cook  
Steven Harper  
Audrey Malek

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Debbie Lee - Clerk  
Ed Mills - Fire Chief  
Rich Albo - Police Chief  
Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director  
Whitney Prosek- Office Assistant

**2. Unfinished Business**

a. [Park Reservations On-Line Form Review](#)

An update was provided on the park reservation online form, reflecting feedback and decisions from previous meetings.

Whitney Prosek, Office Assistant, has spoken with Mayor Lundh regarding the integration of an Outlook calendar to support park reservations. Whitney, will send the link to the form for the committee to review and comment.

b. [Update Lodging Tax Application](#)

The committee is still waiting for the county, so this item will remain as a placeholder and will not move forward until we receive a response or action from them.

c. [CEDA Placer Labs, Location Intelligence Software 2025 Lodging Tax Fund Application](#)

**MOTION: Committee Member Harper made a motion to approve the CEDA Placer Lab 2025 Lodging Tax Fund Application in the Amount of \$11,479.80; seconded by Committee Member Cook.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.**

The grant is beneficial either way and will make things easier from an optics standpoint next

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year, as the amount is expected to increase. It is advisable to include this in a yearly service. No red flags or concerns were identified. This item will be moved to the council agenda for formal consideration.

d. **Event Code**

Steven Cook, Committee Member, presented a draft for review. Steven Harper, Committee Member, requested that this item be moved to the next meeting for further discussion.

e. **Horse Park/Baseball Park Event Packet Required - Discussion**

The committee has not yet had a conversation with the Horse Park. Both the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police would like to receive a list of scheduled events for safety planning purposes. Discussion that the Horse Park submits one event application for the entire year, listing multiple events on that single application.

The event packet has undergone some changes, and the Council has requested a redlined version to be presented at the next meeting. It was suggested that multiple events at the same venue could be handled under one application, with the intent being that organizations submit one application that outlines their full calendar of events for the year with number of attendees and an emergency contact person.

3. **New Business**

a. **September 10, 2025, Cle Elum Lodging Tax & Events Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION: Committee Member Harper made a motion to approve the September 10, 2025, Lodging Tax & Events Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Committee Member Malek.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.**

b. **2025 Pangrazi Nominations**

Two different citizens submitted nominations for Bev Gonyea. Based on these nominations, the committee will prepare and provide a recommendation to the Council.

**MOTION: Committee Member Harper made a motion to approve the 2025 Pangrazi Nomination of Bev Gonyea; seconded by Committee Member Malek.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.**

Bev Gonyea - Nominated by Jordan Peterson

Bev Gonyea - Nominated by Whitney Prosek

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### c. Lodging Tax Fund Balance - Update

There was discussion about whether the senior center grant should be funded through the General Fund or the Lodging Tax Fund, with consideration given to using Lodging Tax Funds. Committee Member Harper will speak with Lori Nevin, the Director of the senior center, to explore whether a future application might be a better fit, as the current request is relatively small in comparison.

### d. Event Tracker

## 4. Other Committee Comments

There was some hesitation regarding the Suncadia Lodging Tax application, submitted to the County Lodging Tax with concerns that it may compete with the Cle Elum fireworks event. However, Committee Member Harper noted that the events are not necessarily in competition. The Council agreed to set a date to discuss individual scores for the County Lodging Tax applications following the Council meeting on October 28, 2025.

## 5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

  
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Steven Cook, Chair  
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Debbie Lee, Clerk