

CLE ELUM LODGING TAX & EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2026

8:30 AM

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Members Present:

Beth Williams - absent

Jon Cornelius

Audrey Malek

Staff Present:

Matthew Lundh - Mayor

Debbie Lee - Clerk

Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director

Ed Mills - Fire Chief

Rich Albo - Police Chief

Whitney Prosek - Office Assistant

Amy Pridemore - Librarian

2. Unfinished Business

a. Update Lodging Tax Application

Moved to the next meeting because the application is with the attorney for review.

b. Event Application

Moved to the next meeting because the event application is with the attorney for review.

c. Lodging Tax Logo — Kittitas County Lodging Tax Application

It was decided to use the city seal on the Kittitas County Lodging Tax Application. Mayor Lundh has already informed the Chamber of Commerce.

3. New Business

a. Summer Reading Program — Amy Pridemore

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Amy Pridemore, Librarian, presented ideas for the summer reading program, and was asking for clarification on whether a distinct event packet is required for each event. The committee felt that one event packet was enough. It was established that fire and life safety plans must be submitted as separate documents. Additionally, it is necessary to attach insurance documentation for vendors to each application.

b. [Cle Elum Lodging Tax & Event Committee — Meeting Minutes — February 11, 2026](#)

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated February 11, 2026; seconded by Committee Member Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

c. [Pioneer Days Parade — 2026 Event Application](#)

Kaylee Thompson, representing the Cle Elum Downtown Association, inquired about the fireworks display application and the associated watch party featuring amplified music, scheduled at Wye Park from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. She indicated that the music component is a new request and confirmed that permission has been granted along with the required permit.

Furthermore, it was noted that the fire pyrotechnics company had proposed a program to synchronize the music with the fireworks to potentially increase attendance.

Concerns were also raised regarding the clarity of the logo on the signage for visitors. Additionally, a suggestion was made to consolidate all Pioneer Days events for a single vote.

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve all Pioneer Days Events; seconded by Committee Member Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

d. [Pioneer Days Dock Diving Dogs — 2026 Event Application](#)

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve all Pioneer Days Events; seconded by Committee Member Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

e. [Pioneer Days Fire Works — 2026 Event Application](#)

MOTION: Committee Member Cornelius made a motion to approve all Pioneer Days Events; seconded by Committee Member Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

[Pioneer Days Fireworks — Addendum](#)

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f. Spring Ladies Night Out — 2026 Event Application

Concerns regarding the alcohol concept have been addressed.

The Fire Department has conducted a review and has determined that the event is safe. The overall objective is to ensure that events are both safe and enjoyable. Commendations are extended for the thoroughness of the submitted packet, which was found to be in order.

MOTION: Committee Member Malek made a motion to approve the Spring Ladies Night Out 2026 Event Application; seconded by Committee Member Cornelius.
MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

g. Easter at the Park — 2026 Event Application

Calvary Church has been hosting this event for several years. They will be cooking on-site and will require a cooking permit.

MOTION: Committee Member Malek made a motion to approve the Easter at the Park 2026 Event Application; seconded by Committee Member Cornelius.
MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

h. Terry Bland Egg Hunt — 2026 Event Application

Chief Mills has expressed an apology for the late application regarding the upcoming egg hunt. The fire department will be present at the event, which has a long-standing tradition in the community.

MOTION: Committee Member Malek made a motion to approve the Terry Bland Egg Hunt 2026 Event Application; seconded by Committee Member Cornelius.
MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

4. Other Committee Comments

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.



Audrey Malek, Chair



Debbie Lee, Clerk