

CLE ELUM SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 29, 2024

8:00 AM

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call**

2. **Unfinished Business**

a. **After Event (Pioneer Days) Discussion**

Chamber of Commerce: Chelsea Cramer & Darbi Grimes

- Overall, the event went smoothly.
- The counts were taken by the chamber by actually counting people in the crowd. They also had people raise their hands if they were from Kittitas County or outside of Kittitas County. They had video footage of this and were able to count using this footage.
- There were concerns about not enough police presence regarding the number of people in attendance. Open containers were observed as well as underage open containers. People were also lighting sparklers.
- The Chamber had to call the police to come to the site, and they were also told that the police would assist with parking and traffic. This did not happen.
- It was discussed that next year that they would hire more officers to cover these areas.
- The Chamber had talked to the police prior to the event.
- The Chamber stated they now have the contact information for the baseball field and will make sure next year to work with them on the placement of trailers, fencing, watering, etc.

Sassy Trash Market: Cindy Crawford

- Cindy reported that the market went well.
- She had concerns regarding having to supply a Fire & Safety Plan 5 days before the event.
- Discussion was had about making sure that this is all provided prior to events. The Event Committee is working on this. This plan is also something that is now being required for Washington State.
- Cindy would like to see First Street closed all day as that would create more foot traffic. It was discussed that this is a state road and there are guidelines as to how long it can be closed.

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- Suggested charging a \$100 deposit for parade entrants and, if all rules are followed, you would get 1/2 your deposit back.

Chief Mills:

- A Fire & Safety Plan will be required for all events moving forward.
- All vendors will be required to register and have all inspections prior to the event being approved. This will be clear on all applications.
- Chief Mills stated as long as the food trucks have the WA sticker he will approve them.
- Discussion was had about the threshold for business licenses, and it was also explained that if you have sales that are less than the threshold you still register but at no cost.
- The group discussed moving the fireworks location and creating a VIP section. If the fireworks were moved, they could possibly go one step higher due to the increase in the safety zone.
- Fencing off the area will need to be "hard" fencing. This is expensive. Steven Harper suggested asking for Lodging Tax Funds to help with the cost of fencing and extra police.
- Chief Mills suggested having the participants assigned numbers, and they could have them ahead of the parade and post the numbers in their windows.
- Honoring the start time of 10:00 a.m. is critical.
- Have more time to stagger vehicles.

Cle Elum Downtown Association - Jordan Peterson

- The print deadline was May 9, 2024, and some people were not happy with that.
- There was a mix-up with the musicians, but it all worked out.
- Dock Diving needed an extra day since they were coming from Colorado. They need to coordinate parking better. Possibly next year the Dock Diving could be their own event.
- 4,000 cans of water from Dru Bru. They had some left over so they were donated to the Rotary Club.
- Start registration earlier than 8:00 a.m. or have blocks of time to sign up.
- Number the stalls for organization.
- Close Railroad Street at 6:30 a.m. for no parking.
- Delay horse check in time due to the heat.
- There were several parade entrants who violated the no throwing candy rule. The drone footage caught this activity. Some of the participants were not kind to the Cle Elum Downtown Association.
- Discussion was had about how to enforce this policy. Possible solutions are to place an orange barricade type fence, issue citations, ban participants for two years, and consider a fee to join the parade.
- CEDA will have more volunteers for better crowd management. They had four but

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- will have at least 12 next year.
- CEDA will hire out next year for traffic management.

Public Works: Aaron Barr

- Discussion about the baseball fields and turning the sprinklers off on time and the weight of the stage. There was some damage this year to the fields. They also discussed marking the sprinkler lines and heads marked with paint ahead of time.
- If there are crossing guards, they need to be certified and go through the Department of Transportation.

Mayor Lundh is hopeful that 3 on 3 basketball will return next year after the construction on First Street is complete. Safety is the main concern for this event.

All groups thanked the City and staff for their help with the events.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Matthew Lundh, Mayor

Debbie Lee, Clerk