

**2025 Pioneer Days Planning Meeting
April 9, 2025
Cle Elum Fire Department
Station 51
4:00PM – 5:00PM**

**Meeting Start time: 4:10PM**

**Introduction(s)**

**Kaylee Thompson (CEDA Executive Assistant/CEVFA)**

**Cassie (CC’s Sweets + Treats)**

**Michael Richard (CEDA President/Pioneer Days Queen)**

**Maggie Bator (CEVFA/Support role)**

**Dave Bridgeman (Beau’s Pizza, Pasta, Steak Owner/Kiwanis)**

**Amy McGuffin (KCCC)**

**Important Deadlines**

* City Event Permits Due: *April 1, 2025*
* Marketing Deadlines:
	+ Print Materials (CEDA) – May 23, 2025
	+ Social Media (CEDA) – June 6, 2025
	+ Newspaper Insert (NKC Tribune) – Monday, June 23, 2025
		- CEDA will include a Pioneer Days event cover, and a follow-up insert highlighting the weekend event calendar (markets, dock diving dogs, community events).
	+ Weekly Newspaper Ad Deadline – Tuesdays at 12:00PM for Thursday distribution
		- Contact NKC Tribune: 509-674-2511

Market Discussion: CC’s Sweets + Treats / CC + Vaughn

* Cassie (CC's Sweets) is interested in a market setup near the old motel lot (burned down a few years ago), which has been discussed with Rob (property owner and FD6 volunteer).
* CEDA Support Suggestions:
	+ Reach out to Vaughn and Michele (possibly Amber from Mac-A-Bee’s) to collaborate on hosting the market.
	+ Cassie has her own insurance coverage.
	+ CEDA does not provide liability/insurance coverage.
	+ Coordinate with Rob for access and include this in the official event application.
	+ Explore the possibility of additional vendor setup at South Cle Elum park during the fireworks show.

**Theme –** “1902” – Cle Elum Established

* + Consider wording preference: “Established” vs. “Founded”
	+ Decide whether the fireworks event will have a separate marketing cover or be included as a sub-event under the larger Pioneer Days calendar.

**Events**

* Parade (CEDA) - Confirmed
* Dock Diving Dogs (CEDA) - Confirmed
* Fireworks (CEDA) – Confirmed

**Confirmed Events**

**Parade (CEDA) – Saturday, July 5**

* CEDA will coordinate additional weekend activities (markets, canned water, sub-events).
* Print and social media content will reflect these coordinated efforts
* CEDA will hire a trash crew for parade day (as done in previous years)
* Negligent parade participants from last year will not be allowed back (documented via drone footage).
* CEDA is working with Dave Shaka Sound for parade speaker/music setup
* CEDA is now managing the parade due to previous route disagreement between KCCC and Cle Elum PD
* KCCC has offered to provide volunteers for the parade, in 2024, volunteers were not accessible

**Dock Diving Dogs (CEDA) – July 3 to July 6**

* Setup will begin Thursday evening and run through Sunday afternoon (times TBD)
* Water for the dock diving pool will be supplied by the city and covered by CEDA
* West Mobile Dock will coordinate directly with CEFD regarding water removal post-event

**Fireworks Show (CEDA) – Friday, July 4**

* Park trash must be picked up immediately after the show or early the next morning (coordinate with Audrey at City Hall).
* Continued contact with Alpha Pyrotechnics to plan fireworks safely in the South Cle Elum ballfields
* Including fire weather/wind caution language in promotional materials.
* CEDA is considering a First Responders BBQ or Chili Cook-off prior to fireworks.
	+ A dunk tank may be available (Dave Bridgeman may have access).
* Porta-potty needs will depend on whether food and drinks are provided in the park.
* In 2024, the beer garden was operated by the **Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce** in S Cle Elum
* This year, **CEDA will not host a daytime beer garden** due to past issues with:
	+ Park security
	+ Emergency vehicle access (blocked river dike access point)
* CEDA will re-evaluate all daytime activities in the park with safety as the top priority.

**Fireman’s Pioneer Breakfast (CEFD Association)**

*Confirmed – park will need to be picked up accordingly*

**Fishing Derby (Kiwanis)**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Theater Production (Boulet Theater)**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Pioneer Day Queen Coronation**

* Michael will complete his application to participate in the coronation.

**Roslyn Riders Family Fun Play Day**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Rainier Revival (Mike’s Tavern)**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Indoor Fundraiser – Cle Elum Eagles (No street closure)**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**9-Hole Putt-Putt Golf (Dru Bru)**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Friends of the Carpenter Library Book Sale**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Craft Fair (Putnam Senior Center)**

*Confirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Pending / Unconfirmed Events**

**Boss of the Toss Cornhole Classic (Jerred Weis)**

*Unconfirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**3-on-3 Basketball (Beau Nicholls)**

*Unconfirmed – Still in discussion.*

**Jam Shop Market (Vaughn Smith)**

*Semi-confirmed – No additional notes in this section but discussed earlier in full notes regarding location and insurance.*

**Touch-a-Fire Truck (CEFD)**

*Unconfirmed – No discussion notes listed.*

**Touch-a-Truck: Military Vehicle (Jim Hanson)**

*Confirmed by Michael – No discussion notes listed.*

**Sassy Trash Market (Cyndi Crawford)**

*Unconfirmed – May be replaced with a different market.*

**General Notes (Other Event-Wide Considerations)**

* CEDA will include **QR codes** on all print materials and promotional canned water.
* If you wish to be included in the **online event calendar**, notify CEDA.

**General Discussion / Questions / Concerns**

* Include QR codes on all CEDA materials (print, canned water, etc.).
* If you’d like to be included in the online event calendar, notify CEDA.
* Michael will complete his Pioneer Days Queen application.
* Mentioned on CEDA managing the parade, as the parade route could not be agreed upon with Cle Elum PD when KCCC was running parade previously
* Continued contact with Alpha Pyrotechnics to plan safe fireworks in South Cle Elum ballfields, possible weather factors/fire cautionary
* CEDA is considering a First Responders BBQ or Chili Cook-off before fireworks. Possibly include a dunk tank (Dave may have access to one?)
* Discussed porta-potty needs in South Cle Elum Park during fireworks—dependent on whether food/drinks are accessible
* CEDA will hire a trash crew for parade day as in prior years.
* Negligent parade participants from last year will not be allowed back (documented via drone footage).
* CEDA is working with Dave Shaka Sound for parade speaker/music setup.
* Include fire caution language (fine print) in fireworks promotional materials.
* Beer Garden:
	+ In 2024, the beer garden was operated by the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce.
	+ This year, CEDA will not host a daytime beer garden before the fireworks due to prior issues with security and blocked emergency access points during their event
	+ CEDA will re-evaluate all daytime activities in the park with safety as a priority.
* Water supply for dock diving pool will be covered by CEDA (provided by the city).
* CEDA will connect West Mobile Dock directly with CEFD to coordinate water removal after the event.

**Meeting end time: 5:15PM**

*Next Meeting Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 4:00PM – 5:00PM*