

Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Via Videoconference

Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:

Agency	Representatives	Noted in Minutes As
Department of Construction & Inspections	Dan Powers	DCI Noise Abatement
Department of Neighborhoods	Laura Jenkins	DON
	Alvin Edwards	DON
Finance and Administrative Services	Brenda Strickland	FAS
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	Metro
	Suzy Sowulewski	Metro
Parks and Recreation	Carl Bergquist	Parks
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	Seattle Center
Seattle Department of Transportation	Tom Le	SDOT
Seattle Fire Department	Lt. Keith Wyatt	SFD
Seattle Police Department	Lt. Doug Raguso	SPD Operations
	Lt. Jung Trinh	SPD
	Lt. Ann Martin	SPD
	Lt. Bryan Clenna	SPD Traffic
	Diane Lalor	SPD Admin
Seattle Public Utilities	Sheryl Anayas	SPU
	Spring Miles	SPU
Special Events Office	Randy Wiger	Chair
	Julie Borden	SE
	Hannah Tyo	SE
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Lt. Robert Rieder	WSLCB

Additional Attendees:

Carlos Alvarado [USA Latino Festivals]
Christine MacKay
David Doxtater [The Workshop]
Al Parisi [The Workshop]
Kristin Rosello McVey [The Workshop]
Chris Quigley [GPK]

Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 06/09/22 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.

Post-Event Evaluations/Comments:

DATE	EVENT
May 13	Seattle Opera's Big Opera Party
May 14	Nordstrom Beat The Bridge
May 14	Haze Fest
May 14	Bans Off Our Bodies
May 15	Great Strides Seattle
May 17	Seattle Norwegian 17th of May Parade
May 20 – June 2	Northwest Folklife Staging & Production [Street Use]
May 21-22	University District Street Fair
May 21 +	Ballard FC Home Games
May 22	Bike - N - Brews South End
May 25 +	Wallingford Farmers Market
May 27-28	May Night Market
May 28	Eritrean Independence Day Celebration
May 28	Massive Monkees Day
May 30	Black Wall Street
June 1	White Center Pride Flag Raising
June 3	HONK! Fest West - Georgetown
June 4	HONK! Fest West - Columbia Park
June 4	Loop the Lupe Obstacle Course and 5K Run
June 4	Pride in the Park
June 5	HONK! Fest West - Yesler Terrace Park
June 7	Microsoft Sales Training and Celebration

- Seattle Center – Big Opera Party street closure Feedback? SFD: Some issues with cars parking close to the event and blocking a fire hydrant. Some confusion with the organizers, had to move the cars. Otherwise fine. SPD: no feedback yet, but if anything comes in they will communicate it.
- University Streetfair – SFD: reports the event went really well from the Fire departments perspective.
- Black Wallstreet – Chair: some parking issues with vendors. Quite a bit of back up on street. Some issues with vendors encroaching on sidewalk and interfering with local businesses that were open. Fairly minor issues, will put in file for next year. These organizers have another event (Juneteenth) coming up and remain engaged and responsive.

Meeting Minute Approval

- Vote to approve May 12, 2022 minutes
- No changes or edits to the minutes
- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

Applications Review / Discussion

Event: West Seattle Summer Fest

Date(s): Friday-Sunday, July 15-17, 2022

Location: West Seattle Junction

Organizer(s): David Doxtater [The Workshop]
Al Parisi [The Workshop]
Kristin Rosello McVey [The Workshop]
Christine MacKay

Event Notes:

- Alcohol Service; Parks Permit; PSEMP; SDOT TCP; food; vendors
- Running 4 blocks on California.
- Participating vendors Running down California Ave: 134 vendors, 16 food booths, stage on California, Beer garden, Kids Area on Alaska
- Complying with fire department needs
- Combination of Music and community oriented events
- Great for local merchants and Community

Committee Discussion:

- Chair: Last year there were some noise related items. Consider that there are more residential buildings in this area in regards to noise.
- Event: working with the West Seattle Farmers market. Ending their permit for the day that the Farmers Market runs (on Sunday there will be no beer garden or main stage)
- Christine: wanted to develop a better partnership with the farmers market, so Summer Fest has opted to release that space to the farmers market on Sunday
- Chair: will need an updated map from the Farmers Market for that date
- Dox: intent to leave barricades for the farmers market in partnership.
- Randy: They will need to have their own permit for this
- Dox: asking if they can close the street for stage building at noon on California to avoid noise issues. From Genesee to Oregon
- Chair: please send in an Update for this
- Lt. Wyatt: requesting an updated map for beer garden and Stage that is more detailed.
- Chair: Please CC special events on email with updated map
- Rieder: Working with officer Tyler Thomas
- Kristin confirmed that the set-up is the same as previous years. Will send more updated site maps with businesses that have storefront set ups, port-a-john, etc.
- Lt Wyatt: info booth size?
- Kristin: 10x15
- Al: has a final vendor list and will send them to Lt. Wyatt and CC SE office
- Laura Jenkins: checking in regarding neighborhood notifications, staff turnover, so want to make sure communication is met. Laura will communicate/follow-up with Christine the needs of communicating street closures and amplified sound.
- Christine: will work today to send it out by tomorrow with other communications tomorrow.
- Chair: Closed discussion.

Event: Seattle Catrinas

Date(s): Wednesday, Oct 26 – Wednesday, Nov 2, 2022

Location: Club Sur in SODO

Organizer(s): Carlos Alvarado [USA Latino Festivals]

Event Notes:

- Organization produced Cinco de mayo festival, music festivals, etc.
- Celebrating Day of the Dead in 2022 at Club Sur
- 3 different alters inside of Club Sur
- Staff will be dressing up as Catrinas: unique symbol from Mexico
- Procession from 6:30pm starting inside Club Sur and travel around the area for the street permit. Will decorate market with crafts and art from Mexico.
- Procession is slow walking and led by a mariachi band. During the day, the doors will be open from 1pm-8:30pm for kids, folklorico, female mariachi band, different performances from PNW performers and performers from Mexico
- Festival will close at 9pm so that the Club can reopen for businesses (owner requested this)
- 8 days – lots of set-up and want to sustain celebration for the community

Committee Discussion:

- Chair: showed street view of street
- Event: asking to close just half of the street. Has also communicated with Gym next door, they are supportive.
- Event: Procession will start inside Club Sur, through the street market and back into the club.
- Event: has been in discussion with CORT (equipment rental company) for tents.
- Event: Procession will go THROUGH market, not onto street
- Lt. Wyatt: Are those 10x10 booths under the tents?
- Event: vendors will not have tents, they will have tables/chairs, but no tent.
- Event: removed 6 vendors from the middle of the plan. Will send updated map.
- Lt. Wyatt: Will there be fencing around the tent?
- Event: yes, there will be fencing around the whole 40x140 tent
- Lt. Wyatt: will discuss with CORT. Also, will need to see the 20ft firelane in map
- Chair: Follow up with our office with new maps and measurements.
- SDOT: believes there will be space. Will confirm the street can be open to traffic.
- Ann Martin: Will Club Sur be open and have alcohol sales?
- Event: Club Sur will sell alcohol to own patrons. There will be a bracelet system for event attendees indicating 21+, but the event will not be serving alcohol.
- Rieder: would like to make sure Club Sur alcohol doesn't mix with the event.
- Event: no alcohol allowed at street market. Event is paying Club Sur's security, but no alcohol will be at event.
- Chair: Please follow up with us.

Event: Greatest Party Known to Humankind (GPK)

Date(s): Saturday, August 6, 2022

Location: Georgetown

Organizer(s): Chris Quigley [GPK]

Event Notes:

- Same as previous years with a new location

- Might have an event in Lucielle (no infrastructure)
- Beer garden is in a fenced in lot
- 25th Annual – 17 years of unpermitted events, on the 18th year they worked with the city and made a good partnership
- Initially in Georgetown, closed airport way and the event got even bigger
- DIY event, not a money making venture, but always breaking even
- Small event during Covid-19
- Change in Location is an attempt to shrink the event a bit.
- Lucielle between 5th and 4th
- Events won't be on street

Committee Discussion:

- Lt. Wyatt: fire performers listed? Is that happening?
- Event: potentially, they'll be from hazard factory. Very diligent about permitting
- Lt. Wyatt: Beer garden details?
- Chair: showed street view of gated lot
- Event: There will security
- Lt. Wyatt: vendor list?
- Event:
- Event: They will be building BMX infrastructure in near brick building on 5th
- Ann Martin: Stage around Findley? No road closure requested
- Event: yes, will add this and the side streets to street closure requests.
- Chair: Requesting updated street map and more detailed beer garden map.
- Rieder: would also like updated beer garden map.
- Non-Profit hosting beer garden– Peace Peleton
- SPU: trash and compost collection?
- Event: Equinox is allowing them to use waste disposal.
- SDOT: will be investigating detour route for Lucille.
- Laura Jenkins: Plan for neighborhood notification? Office is happy to check-in with event planner. Will connect with Alvin Edwards.

Committee Business –

SPKRBX Presents:

- Randy has a meeting with them set for next week (after some silence)
- Chair would like to take a poll regarding if we would approve the current event with current paperwork.
- Discussion about taking a poll. Determine a special
- Parks: existing map is inadequate.
- FAS: hasn't heard back about licensing. Concerns about hospital nearby and lack of engagement
- Chair: Has brought up hospital, not sure if they have engaged
- SPD: not sure they have the capacity to build a traffic plan, and have note provided refinement we have asked for.
- Chair: we offered alternatives and have been specific about our concerns as stated in the ordinance. We will tell them we will vote in our July meeting and give them 3 weeks to address concerns.
- SPD/Traffic: staffing is not possible that weekend.
- Informal Poll: All those who would approve this event with materials submitted: Unanimous Nay.

Pride Events Check-In

- Ann Martin: The Comeback Presents follow-up?
- Chair: They are scaling back their event. Will send out update Monday.
- Chair: listed events for committee. Any issues with any of these events?
- Laura Jenkins: Not an issue for permitting, but wanted to check in about apartment building on pride parade route.
- Chair: will follow-up with neighborhoods about this
- Laura: will be reaching out to some of these events to check-in about neighborhood notifications.
- Carl Berquist: Downtown Parade hasn't paid yet (anticipates they will). Cap Hill Pride March and Rally haven't paid either (they might not)
- SDOT: still evaluating Laura's apartment building question. Will Follow –up
- Chair: Issue with Wildrose and the Unicorn. The Unicorn will have to stop just short of their location. Question regarding fire lane positions. Will follow-up with fire to try and find an agreeable solution for everyone.

Fremont Solstice Parade Status Updates:

- SPD: Who will monitor and provide feedback on how the event goes since its 3rd party officers and volunteers?
- This will fall on the SE Office Chair to determine oversight needs.
- Motion to take a vote: yes and seconded
- Vote for \$275 fee approval
- Unanimous yay vote to approve fee

Multi-Date Permits Status Updates:

- CHAIR: Following up, our office plans to issue multi day permits as is appropriate. Would like feedback from other departments on how they handle multi-day events fees
- PARKS: We have a quarterly system