



Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes

April 13th, 2023

VIA WebEx Meeting

Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:

Agency	Representatives	Noted in Minutes As
Department of Neighborhoods	Osbaldo Hernandez-Sahagun	DON
Finance and Administrative Services	Toner Eren	FAS
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	Metro
	Eric Stewart	Metro
Parks and Recreation	Carl Bergquist	Parks
Seattle-King County Health Department	Rosemary Byrne	Health
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Beth Lehman	WSLCB
Seattle Department of Transportation	Mike Minor	SDOT
Department of Construction & Inspections	Dean Greenleaf	SDCI Structures
	Anthony Jagow	SDCI Noise Abatement
	Dan Power	SDCI Noise Abatement
Seattle Public Utilities	Pat Kaufman	SPU
Seattle Police Department	Jung Trinh	SPD
	Dorian Korieo	SPD
	Lt. Bryan Clenna	SPD Traffic
	Diane Lalor	SPOC
	Marc GarthGreen	SPD Harbor Patrol
Seattle Fire Department	Keith Wyatt	SFD
	Nicolas Crosser	SFD

Mayor's Office	Israel Rios	MO
	Dominique Stevens	MO
Special Events Office	Randy Wiger	Chair
	Hannah Tyo	SE Permit Spec
	Carol Nordin	SE Permit Spec
	Francesca Rubatino	SE Admin Spec II

Additional Attendees:

- Teak Pociwong - Ruthless Ryderz, Event Organizer
- Mun Salee - Ruthless Ryderz, Event Organizer

Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 04/13/2023 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.

Roundtable announcements

- N/A

Meeting Minute Approval

- Vote to approve March minutes
- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

Other Committee Discussions

Ruthless Ryderz First Annual Car Show Topics

-Questions on TCP – will use Greenwood Car Show TCP as example

-One change near Alice Ball Park

- Will need to leave parking lane open next to south park of the park to be used as a load zone if someone should reserve the park for use during your event.
- SEO will follow up on Alice Ball Park
- Neighborhood notifications – can we do that early? 60vday or 30 day?
 - DON: Earlier is welcome. More notification is always better.
 - EVENT: So we can mail those out early.

- SEO: Yes, Mailings/flyers/public postings for neighbors on greenwood and in the immediate couple of blocks. Maybe contact the Greenwood Community council. DON is happy to assist with connecting you to those resources.
- EVENT: Anything you need from us in regard to vendors?
- FAS: I know you'll have less than 25 so I just need that vendor list from you. We like to have the vendor list at least 2 weeks prior.
- SKCPH: Do you plan to have food booths/trucks?
- EVENT: We may have a couple on board. I'll let them know they need their fire permits,
- SKCPH: Mobile will need their permanent mobile permit and access to a bathroom with access to hot water. This is the responsibility of the Event Coordinator AND the food vendor.
- EVENT: We are setting up porta-potties with handwashing stations, this is sufficient?
- SKPCH: Ideally it would be permanently plumbed, but a foot pump option is acceptable at this time. Also, a vomit and diarrhea kit are required from event coordinators now.

RR: what insurance do we need to provide?

CHAIR: main page on our SE web page in the handbook under insurance tab with required docs: certificate of liability insurance, and endorsement doc, insurance coverage up to \$1 million, make City of Seattle as additional insured

RR: anything else I need to be aware of?

METRO: road closure request you have is very significant and impactful, your event is exactly 1-month after the greenwood car show closes down that section of greenwood and s side of 85th, but it's doable. Something to keep in mind as 1st time event, we will be playing close attention to customer feedback and first line observing event. Please review footprint and review right of ways to ensure success of event and the impact it will have.

CHAIR: Which cross streets are open? Specifically, East/west crossing Greenwood?

RR: East and West crossings are not closed

CHAIR: Having tents 10 feet back from crosswalk and vehicle traffic is better. Let's discuss police staffing

SPD Traffic: normally we don't provide traffic control. Question: motorcycles being shown or demonstration?

RR: no demos, if anything comes in, they will be parked. Similar to greenwood. But 60% smaller footprint/street closures. Some motorcycles but mostly cars, they will be parked.

SPD Traffic: Do you need security for this event?

RR: just ourselves and our club and org and volunteers helping. Lowrider community have zero tolerance for drama, we typically handle these situations ourselves.

CHAIR: Seattle Police needs certain amount to manage intersections, if police cannot provide staffing for traffic control, then event will need to hire 3rd party staffing.

SPOC: this is taking place in N precinct, under Lt Osborne. Originally states that 1 Sgt 6 off 2-4 PEO's - issues with date or 29th of July, changes to 22nd.

CHAIR: Event org responded to the request to move event to the 22nd? With the date move, can SPD provide the staffing needed?

SPOC: 22nd is better, yes. I will follow up with Lt. Osborne with availability in staffing an official plan

KC Metro: 85th st is that closing just 85th greenwood on S side? W bound traffic can come through. Greenwood between 75th and 85th is the full closure?

RR: will not shut down 80th, but yes that is correct.

CHAIR: is there fire station near event?

SFD: 77th and greenwood fire station. The event producer, have you reached out to local fire station?

RR: please advise, I haven't yet

SFD: fire lane throughout event, reach out to station 21 on 77th and Greenwood. Arterial heading NB. This will affect station 31 in Northgate, will increase their call volume and effecting station 35. Make sure to call station 21. What is your attendance numbers?

RR: 500-700 people in attendance

SFD: Fire Lane and occupancy load won't be thousands of people which is good. Ill reach out to captain also at station 21 to discuss, they may alternate to 3 Ave NW proceed NB for EMS or fire run arterial.

Chair: We will send event organizer and SFD staff Crosser and Wyatt to start conversation and you can add whoever at whatever fire station needed

Chair: any question comm or conc?

Post Event Review/Comments:

Green Stripe

No comments

St. Patricks Day Parade

No comments

Queen Anne Little League 2023 Season

No comments

St. Patrick's Day Dash

No comments

LLS Firefighter Stairclimb

No comments

UW Rowing – Class Day Regatta

No comments

Columbia City Night Market

- FAS: org was running into confusion about vendor list. Its handled now but if he needs any direction refer him to me.
- CHAIR: I saw convo, thank you for looping me him.
- PARKS: It has been resolved

National Stop Dirty Banks Day of Action

No comments

Running of the Beavers 5k Run/Walk

- Amp sound system, neighbors complained
- We were notified, marching band is what was the noise issue

Magnolia Little League 2023 Season

No comments

The Big Taste

No comments

UW Rowing – Huskey Open 2023 Regatta

No comments

UW Cherry Blossom Run

No comments

Protest Against Military Fascism in Pakistan

No comments

Big Climb Seattle

No comments

March for Trans Lives

No comments

Special Events Forecast

- A look ahead and review what events we are inviting to Subcommittee meetings and touching on events that need some attention
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CHAIR: ***ANNOUNCED UPCOMING EVENTS***

CHAIR: Contact me if any of these upcoming events need to go to SE committee? Please email me. Let me know what event could benefit from a meeting and will coordinate. Any questions, comments or concerns?

Pride Weekend Street Parties

- Proposal to close 11th and Pine intersection
- Request to allow amplified sound to go until Midnight instead of 11 pm as voted on by the committee in December 2019
- CHAIR: to begin, lets discuss the proposal from Queer Bar regarding their extended street closure to include 11th and Pine intersection. The issue is not yet settled. It seemed like a compromise had been reached during the site visit, but it seems like it was not settled.
 - o SFD: After looking at the proposal and taking some measurements, we do not agree with shutting down 11th and Pine. Pine is a major arterial for us and there is not enough egress for vehicles. The turning of the apparatus is the challenge. It's too tight and would reduce our response time. Right there at 11th and pine would be prohibitive. Cpt Crosser spoke w/ captain Green at station 25, it is the busiest station in the city, and

they have asked this area to not be closed. It is a major arterial and they need either Pike or Pine to be open. Other construction in the area has also caused issue. SFD is formally requesting that Pine remain open.

- CHAIR: To confirm, this is a formal objection to the closure of Pine.
- SFD: Yes.
- CHAIR: I also received an email from Assistant Chief Sutey, objecting to this closure. There will be no east west cross streets open for 10 blocks on Capitol Hill other than John ST. It will be significantly congested and will likely impact emergency response times. In addition, Saturday will see another closure with the Market.
- SDOT: I think as a group we were in agreement that it had to stay open, at least one lane for first responders. I would like to meet with Joey before moving to a formal vote.
- CHAIR: With this formal objection I would like to have a conversation with the Applicant to see if we can see if there is a way to adjust their footprint in order to give them the equivalent square footage. My preference as chair is that I try to make steps towards a solution before bringing a vote to the committee.
- SDOT: If you want me to join on that meeting, I can?
- CHAIR: Yes, please.
- PARKS: are we considering the street only be open for the Fire Department?
- SFD: Still concerned with all the pedestrian traffic when we do have an emergency.
- CHAIR: Next steps are having a meeting with the event coordinators to discuss their footprint before bringing to the committee meeting in May
- CHAIR: Next topic - Request to allow amplified sound to go until Midnight instead of 11 pm as voted on by the committee in December 2019. There has been feedback from residences and businesses. In 2019 there was an extensive survey with 1000+ responses. Based on those responses the committee voted on a decision to only allow for amplified noise until 11pm.
 - SDCI: For more background. This neighborhood is growing and changing. There are more residents here and when this vote was taken in 2019, we felt this was the overall best outcome with neighborhood health in mind. These parties and events have indoor spaces as well and these events can be taken inside after 11pm. Giving them the extra hour to retain folks seemed fair and gave them time to move into their indoor spaces. Another factor was tearing down stages/barricades/etc. If the outdoor event ended at 11pm rather than 12pm, teardown can happen before 3am. SDCI does not permit any other amplified sound past 11pm for multiple days in a row for any other space in the city. There is residential use right on top of these closures.
 - CHAIR: And to mention, loud speaking voices continue after the amplified sound ends.
 - SDCI: Yes, the hope is ending the amplified sound at 11pm allows time for folks to go into the indoor spaces themselves.
 - DON: Department of Neighborhoods also had some concerns regarding extending these times for one group and not others, it could open a can of worms regarding noise ordinance exceptions.
 - CHAIR: Yes, to summarize the meeting SEO had with DON:

- Community had been speaking up/complaining about impact of large events in core Capitol Hill neighborhood for some years.

- The momentum of the unrest seemed to increase in 2019 and city-led community survey was conducted to capture impacts of these events.
- Amplified sound was an impact that had been named for some time.
- Because some events held in Capitol Hill frequently received noise exceptions until 12 midnight, events held in other neighborhoods were beginning to request similar exceptions.
- Concerns about amplified sound allowed until later hours on community quality of life.
- Core Capitol Hill neighborhood (i.e. Pike/Pine corridor, etc.) had significant increase in residential density in recent years (certainly since 2015, 1,000's of new residential units now above streets).
- Concern that city needs to stop the spread of allowing amplified sound until later hours into other neighborhoods.
- Supports 2019 Committee decision to limit amplified sound exceptions to 11 pm.
- Opposes revisiting the issue.

- CHAIR: To point out, revisiting this only for the Pride weekend events may violate anti-discrimination rules if we do not provide the same provisions for other events. We also pointed out that the street party events could continue without amplified sound.
- CHAIR: Next steps include an April 27th follow up meeting. Straw poll:
 - All of those who support not re-visiting this topic: 10/13
 - Those who are not in favor of re opening the topic: 0

CHAIR: Other topics for Pride: Medic One, I have engaged in discussion with Medic One regarding staffing.

CHAIR: Convo with medic 1, prob be about t 4 staff minimum, initial thought, not set in stone. Sending them info so they can make more detailed plan. need to be assigned when more than 5,000 or more at 1 time. None of them will have 5k, collectively I'm sure they will exceed that at multiple times throughout weekend. They are not unreasonable, costs, given than events will have continuous medic 1 during times open to public. This is a topic I'm bring up at the next meeting. Due to amount of people, MEDIC 1 will surely be needed. Any comments?

METRO: will u propose something similar for UPO costs?

CHAIR: that's a little different. Short answer is yes, it will look a little different. I don't have any projections developed yet.

SFD: far as medic 1, in past they had area set up at 10th and pine, toward s of intersection on 10th ave E.

CHAIR: we had our meeting with event operator, we had follow-up site visit 3/22 - at that time unicorn bar had not submitted application. After site visit unicorn responded for east arm of intersection. Possibility objection to street closure. They submitted 2 versions. Just closing northern travel lane leaving sb open (like last year) *take look at their application please*

Anything Else

none

SIDE NOTE:

none