



Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes

October 12th, 2023  
 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
 VIA WebEx Meeting

**Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:**

Agency	Representatives	Noted in Minutes As
Department of Neighborhoods	Osbaldo Hernandez	DON
Finance and Administrative Services	Toner Eren	FAS
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	METRO
	Eric Stewart	METRO
Seattle Police Department	Lt. Brian Clenna	SPD Traffic
	Brian Kokesh	SPD
	NA	SPOC
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	SC
Parks and Recreation	Sandra Fukuhara	PARKS
Seattle-King County Health Department	NA	Health
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Lt. Robert Reider	WSLCB
Seattle Department of Transportation	Joey Woletz	SDOT
Department of Construction & Inspections	Dean Greenleaf	SDCI Structures
	Dan Powers	SDCI Noise Abatement
Seattle Public Utilities	NA	SPU
Seattle Fire Department	NA	SFD
Special Events Office	Carol Nordin	Chair
	Hannah Tyo	SE Permit Spec
	NA	SE Admin Spec II

## Additional Attendees:

- ◆ NONE

*Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 10/12/2023 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.*

## Review Previous Meeting Minutes

- Vote to approve edited July minutes
- No changes or edits to the minutes
- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

## Downtown Seattle Tree Lighting and Fireworks

- **EVENT:** Annual 2023 Downtown tree lighting and fireworks on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>. New element this year. 10<sup>th</sup> year of having this event. The Downtown Seattle Association with support from Dover Entertainment.
  - No Carousel, no parade, and this is a free event! There will be light installations from Enchant. Located in Westlake Park and Westlake Plaza and near the old Macys building.
  - Attendance is weather dependent, but anticipate 5,000-10,000, biggest crowd around 5:10 PM
  - Live music on the Westlake Park stage beginning around 3:30pm
  - Install large lighting installations that scan buildings in the area with winter motifs.
  - Snow machines as well to create atmosphere.
  - Key Musical performance around 5pm – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave is working with them bringing performances from upcoming White Christmas.
  - Tree lights at 5:15 and holiday Star. Then fireworks show will begin, 2min and 20 sec. Confetti cannons will go off at the end of the fireworks with water soluble confetti.
  - Afterwards a 10 min drone show will take place and live music will continue
  - Stage is just under the 48" mark. Will be covered. Using CORT party rentals for tenting.
  - Still working with the fire department on drone elements.
  - Street closures are historic and will be staffed. Will follow SPD and SDOT's lead on time closures required.
  - Question regarding the Metro bus tunnel
  - Leave access to the Mayflower hotel open on 4<sup>th</sup>
  - In addition to the regular street closures – a closure the night before on Pine from 7:30pm-9:30pm to program the lights.
  - Requesting police presence and input from the Fire Department, especially on the drone show.
- **SPD Traffic:** Just confirming the Drones are launching from a different building?
- **EVENT:** Yes, off the Macys building
- **SPD Traffic:** Okay so the drone exclusion zone is the same as the fireworks?
- **Event:** Yes.
- **Metro:** The closure on pine ends at 6pm on the app, but I heard you say 8PM? Which one?

- **Event:** I will update the application, we are requesting 8pm
- **SDCI:** I think my questions on stage height and tent have been answered.
- **DON:** this area is overseen by my colleague Laura Jenkins. Please share your letter and plan with the Department of Neighborhoods for your notifications.
- **EVENT:** I can share that by the end of the week.
- **SPD Traffic:** We will have to have a subcommittee meeting for SPOC to be in attendance? To answer your security and staffing questions. There is a Kraken game that day.
- **Seattle Center:** Launch of Winterfest and the Seattle Christmas Market are also happening this day and we are excited to see the monorail traffic.
- **Metro:** Access to the Tunnel with that fire exclusion zone. We would like to have it open, but if it is not safe, we will close it.
- **CHAIR:** Look forward to seeing you again soon

### **Review Recent Events**

<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>
9/13/2023	Omnivorous
9/15/2023	St. Benedict Wallingford Wurst Festival
9/15/2023	Walk to End Lupus Now Seattle
9/15/2023	Pickleball For All
9/15/2023	Anniversary of “Woman, Life, Freedom” Uprising in Iran
9/16/2023	R-Day
9/16/2023	Orca Half Marathon
9/16/2023	Sea Mar Fiestas Patrias Parade
9/17/2023	PNW Pink Ribbon Row
9/17/2023	End the Era of Fossil Fuels
9/17/2023	Seattle Friday for Future Climate Protest
9/19/2023	University of Washington Academic Student Move-In
9/21/2023	Fremont Oktoberfest
9/23/2023	Bourbon Bonanza Benefit
9/23/2023	TSA White Center Fund Run
9/23/2023	Access Walk
9/23/2023	UW Campus Friday Night Football Rally
9/24/2023	West Seattle Fall Festival
9/27/2023	Google 25th Birthday Celebration
9/28/2023	Mass of the Holy Spirit
9/29/2023	Seattle Greek Festival 2023
9/30/2023	Seattle St. Jude Walk/Run
9/30/2023	Wa Na Wari Walk the Block 2023
9/30/2023	Sustainable Ballard Festival
9/30/2023	One Duwamish Valley: Celebrating Community Resilience and City Investments
9/30/2023	Orange Shirt Day March and Rally

9/30/2023	U District Food Walk
10/1/2023	Tail of the Lake Regatta
10/1/2023	Palengke at FCS
10/5/2023	Gay Bowl XXIII
10/7/2023	Water Lantern Festival
10/7/2023	Mercer Island Sausage Pull
10/8/2023	Double Tenth Flag Raising and Parade
10/8/2023	Dawg Dash 5K/10K Run/Walk
10/9/2023	Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration March

*Pickleball for All*

- **Seattle Center:** The big thing to remember here is the importance of the distance from the Monorail for future events.

*End of the Era of Fossil Fuels*

- **Seattle Center:** They closed Broad, but then moved most of their infrastructure onto the Seattle Center Lawn. Access to the Space Needle and tour busses get impacted when we close Broad St, but that is expected and there were notifications. Note for Department of Neighborhoods – there are condos by 3<sup>rd</sup> and Denny. If there is amplified sound, those neighbors may need notification.

*Wa Na Wari Walk the Block*

- **SDCI:** Did anyone go to this event? I didn't go to this event and didn't get an answer from them on stage height.
- **OED:** No, but we will work with this event in the future on response time.

*Water Lantern Festival*

- **CHAIR:** we did receive complaints about sound, trash left in neighborhood, and traffic around the festival.

**Meeting Adjourned**