



Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

Via WebEx Meeting

Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:

Agency	Representatives	Noted in Minutes As
Department of Neighborhoods	Sonny Nguyen	DON
Finance and Administrative Services Licensing	Toner Eren	FAS
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	METRO
King County Metro Transit	Eric Stewart	METRO
Mayor's Office	Israel Rios	MAYOR
Parks and Recreation	Sandra Fukuhara	PARKS
Parks and Recreation	Carl Bergquist	PARKS
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	SC
Seattle Fire Department	Lt. Keith Wyatt	FIRE / SFD
Seattle Police Department	N/A	SPD
Seattle Dept of Construction & Inspections	Dean Greenleaf	SDCI Structures
Seattle Dept. of Construction & Insp. / Noise	Dan Powers	SDCI Noise
Seattle Department of Transportation	Jack Bighorse	SDOT
Seattle & King County Public Health	N/A	SKCPH
Seattle Public Utilities	N/A	SPU
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	N/A	WSLCB
Special Events Office	Kiah Patzkowsky	CHAIR
Special Events Permit Specialist	Hannah Tyo	SE
Special Events Permit Admin II	Leslie Kodish	SE

Additional Attendees:

- Mary Paterson, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility (WPSR)
- Dr. Breck Lebeque, WA Physicians for Social Responsibility

Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 09/12/2024 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.

Public Comment

- Dr. Lebeque: Seafair Event – has concern with fossil fuel exhaust, air pollution, PM 2.5 from Blue Angels. Blue Angels flying over population harms population. Sound from jets is excessive, F/A-

18 Blue Angel plane is 110 decibels. OSHA would require ear protection at this decibel level but Seafair provides no ear protection or warning to public. Requesting a health risk assessment of the Blue Angels. Seafair has environmental impact due to 1,000 gallons of fuel burned. Requests to reduce fossil fuel use, move to something that protects our health vs. arms our health.

- Paterson – WPSR and Anti-War Coalition. We attended Blue Angels event and handed out ear plugs. Oppose event as it glorifies US Militarism, during heightened tension for nuclear war and time of genocide. We think this is oppressive. Request we reconsider permitting the Blue Angels. Propose to reimagine Seafair weekend. Concern with mental and physical health of the population in the area.

Roundtable/Announcements

- PARKS: Will be on vacation Sept-October. Sandra Fukahara will cover Parks for SE.
- CHAIR: Notify us if you will take time off so we are aware for meetings/voting.

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

- CHAIR: Do we have a quorum?
- SE: Yes

Meeting Minute Approval

- Vote to approve August 8, 2024, minutes.
- SDOT Motion to approve. PARKS: second
- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

Fall meeting/project goals for SEC

- CHAIR: Fall goals for the special events committee. Propose we work on projects. September 19 meeting might focus on World Cup event planning. Please hold the time as is on your calendar. October 3 hope to do a physical walk through of the Waterfront to begin parade prep/advancing work.
- SDOT: Might need to wear PPE and SDOT can help outfit for the walk through.
- CHAIR: In advance of December 12, review fee scenarios for 2025. Also plan to cover permits within a permit scenario, such as bicycle weekend closures. November 14 will feature presentation from Race and Social Justice consultants on permit fee structure analysis and impact on event organizers. Will continue to have FIFA planning meetings. Plan for large scale events that overlap with other major events. Standardized walk and run route planning to pick back up (SDOT, METRO, SPD). Any other topics to discuss?
- SC: Memorial Stadium construction planned for July 1, 2025, to July 2027. Will impact walk and runs from Seattle Center.
- METRO: What is the maximum capacity of the new stadium?
- SC: Unknown. Think could be 12,000 not 20,000 people.
- SDOT: Need to consider load and unload needs for events when permitting. Didn't realize a recent needed to unload and area adjacent to event was under construction.
- METRO: Don't we always keep one side of the street open?
- SDOT: Yes, but parking was removed, so if you have to stop, it is on the only open street.

- FAS: Some events move off right-of-way and into parks only. Muz Fest moved to the park south end (Genessee) moved off right-of-way as park met their needs. Vendor applied for Public Health Permit, and SKPH wasn't aware of the event, and had to shut things down. Need to remind event organizers rules still apply when shifting away from right-of-way. I will work on notifying event.
- CHAIR: Event perhaps confused whether rules on street apply to parks. If they apply next year, need to remind them. Working on our website and application to be more user friendly. Idea to discuss- Neighborhood notification-provide a one sheet handout for ticketed events.
- DON: We will have a new district coordinator. Will work on a one pager for Gas Works Park and Downtown area.
- SC: For Seattle Center Campus we have addendums / checklist / rules for the road for each area. We can provide our addendums.
- DON: That would be great.
- CHAIR: Could Parks have a handout for places such as Gas Works Park?
- PARKS: We don't have a checklist for each park. Each park is very different. Do you have any sound requirements?
- SC: We ask sound company to provide the cardioid monitors, which helps. Carlson Audio did a sound analysis and had cardioid monitors cancel out a section of the sound. Helps mitigate sound for the neighborhood. Suggest for Gas Works Park have a sound analysis and then create rules of the road for large events with amplified sound.
- PARKS: Yes, we have a lot of complaints, need to find a way to mitigate it.
- CHAIR: I can help with a planning meeting.
- SDCI Structures: Want to be involved for Gas Works Park planning document due to temporary structure permits. Checklist #1, event organizer "have you contacted the Parks department?" Stages in this area tear up ground and grass which affects the temporary structure. Receiving last moment applications and it takes 4 to 6 weeks to get a permit. Fleets and facilities looped up for handicap access.
- PARKS: Need to start the conversation early. Summer 2025 events already booked and should know rules. We will determine the load capacity of the park. Last event happened during rain and affected grass at amphitheater now. Looking at sound by Kite Hill.
- SDCI: We haven't had a stage at that location. Working with them now. Please provide me a tentative list of the 2025 events. We can remind the applicant to work on the site plan.
- PARKS: We do a walk through on bigger events as each Park is unique and moved their stage.
- SC: We prepared guidelines for specific spaces on campus with requirements specific to the space. I will share Fisher Plaza with you. Every time there is construction it changes how the sound bounces within the neighborhoods.
- PARKS: We ask event organizers to have a sound hotline so they can adjust the sound live.
- SC: Propose a way to measure bass and - even if it isn't in an ordinance - Parks/Center could advise as guidelines around limits there.
- PARKS: Concern with historical events consistently turn in application last moment.
- SE: We will reach out to organizers w/late applications or organizers who cancelled this off season to check in and remind of deadlines.
- CHAIR: We hope to have a quarterly newsletter to remind events of deadlines and education them. And can identify repeat offenders who do not honor our deadlines.

- METRO: Good idea! Newsletter would be a good way to keep them abreast of FIFA news.
- CHAIR: We are looking ahead to remind event organizers of what we need at 60- and 90-day deadlines. Could focus on each agency to remind all of what we need.
- SE: One issue is long term-events have turn over in their organizers, and we don't have current emails for those organizers.
- FAS: Regular event organizers not current, and often just recycle their application.
- SDCI ST: It is also good to have more than one contact for special event applications, especially if the person running the event is new.

- **Review Recent Events**
- Event Dates for Review 08/08/2024 to 9/11/2024

Name of Event	Permit Number	Event Start Date
<p>Experience Music Festival/Vivid Presents, Westlake Park & Pike St: SFD: Not organized, did not comply for fire lanes in the alleyway. Pike Street had pallet blocking the fire lane. Westlake Park location missing exit signs, should have been up prior to opening. Beer Garden set up correctly. South end fencing and exits were wrong and had to be adjusted. SDOT: Pike Street: Received two complaints that traffic control plan was confusing and had a hard time getting around event. CHAIR: Concerns from Pike Place Market that three-day festival would negatively impact their buskers. An MOU is in process programming and management of Pike Street between 1st & 2nd. Portable toilet left over for three weeks. SE received noise complaints from Hotel and residents. Westlake Park residents didn't like the late-night music. Noise Variance not followed, and music went later then allowed. Neighborhood notification not provided properly. PARKS: We received dozens of complaints. Notified DSA. We don't allow three-day music festivals. CHAIR: Please forward to us so we can track in a post event report.</p>	<p>S24AU274 S24AU275</p>	<p>8/8/2024</p>
<p>South Lake Union Block Party</p>	<p>S24AU228</p>	<p>8/8/2024</p>
<p>Seattle Slam Showdown- 6th Avenue downtown</p>	<p>S24AU250</p>	<p>8/9/2024</p>
<p>Downtown Summer Sounds SFD: Some DSA event schedules changed and/or cancelled and SFD sent resources without knowing this. Need event to notify SPD and SFD so officers not sent out. CHAIR: Will work with this Assn. to get better advance notice of changes and more advance planning pre-event METRO: Need to discuss plan, limitations around trolleys CHAIR: Will get guidance to determine when appropriate to reroute Metro off of Pine St between 4th & 5th for event activity</p>	<p>S24AU338</p>	<p>8/9/2024</p>
<p>Alphabet Vodka Dayfide Block Party</p>	<p>S24AU264</p>	<p>8/9/2024</p>

Maple Leaf Park Movies by the Tower	S24AU221	8/10/2024
Equinox Studios Very Out In The Open House	S24AU231	8/10/2024
Loyal Heights Community Center Tasty Tunes CHAIR: Last minute review, deadlines not followed	S24AU339	8/10/2024
Lard Butt 1K	S24AU015	8/10/2024
Reuben's Brews Anniversary Party	S24AU298	8/10/2024
Capitol Hill Market	S24AU086	8/10/2024
Lake Union 10K Run/Walk CHAIR: Discussed with SPD	S24AU155	8/11/2024
Caribbean SEAFEST- Last moment cancelled event PARKS: Do we track the last moment events with organizer. SE: We track status but not date cancelled. We could pull a report of last moment cancellation. PARKS: Certain groups continue to cancel last moment. SE: We only charge the application fee of \$88 PARKS: We require 14 days' notice, or they owe entire fee.	S24AU259	8/11/2024
Othello Park International Festival	S24AU169	8/11/2024
Magnolia Village Car Show	S24AU230	8/11/2024
Google WA Commute Expo	S24AU238	8/14/2024
Sip, Savor, Repeat Wine Garden CHAIR: Last moment cancelations.	S24AU294	8/15/2024
Chinatown-International District Block Party	S24AU240	8/16/2024
Seattle Design Festival Block Party	S24AU239	8/16/2024
Sunset Supper at Pike Place Market	S24AU237	8/16/2024
TSA White Center Fund Run CHAIR: We worked with SDOT on use of sidewalks rather than streets – number of attendees doesn't currently justify street closure	S24AU218	8/17/2024
Brewery Running Series X Lucky Envelope Brewery SPD: Event did not inform the brewery that the Fun Run event would end at their location. No beer garden was set up. Beer Garden did not meet fire code standards.	S24AU266	8/17/2024
Big Day of Play	S24AU049	8/17/2024
Big Day of Play Fun Run	S24AU317	8/17/2024
MXR:SEA	S24AU307	8/22/2024
Anjuna Beats SFD: Event set up appropriately. Lawn turned into mud fest due to rain pre-event – need to solve how to mitigate this in case of emergency egress. SDCI Structures: Structure permit was last moment. Need to sort it out better for next time. PARKS: Received noise complaints. Late sound complaints, 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. tear down noise and happened outside their permit time. Received complaints regarding access to park. Need to resod that section of	S24AU032	8/22/2024

<p>the park. Parks need to decide what threshold is for events like these – not a lot of solutions when it rains heavily.</p> <p>CHAIR: Noise complaint from Eastlake, load out after midnight had a noise variance. I went to the event, 21 and older, well behaved, no major medical, safety or security issues.</p> <p>PARKS: I took videos for the sound and can share with SDCI.</p> <p>SDCI Noise: Please send to us. We turn down some events as amplified sound too loud.</p> <p>CHAIR: DBA doesn't catch the low-end sound. Any requirements for EDM music.</p> <p>SDCI Noise: DB levels are in the ordinances. DBC isn't in code but could be possible to add to addendums for specific spaces?</p>		
<p>WABA Korea Expo & Festival 2024</p> <p>CHAIR: Last minute information provided.</p> <p>PARKS: Unorganized and all last moment.</p>	S24AU312	8/22/2024
<p>Bangladesh Hindus - Peaceful Protest – sidewalk only protest</p>	S24AU349	8/23/2024
<p>Admiral Junction Funktion Block Party</p>	S24AU222	8/24/2024
<p>For the Town Concert Series (Westlake) - no sound complaints received.</p>	S24AU321	8/25/2024
<p>Kawabe House Summer Fest</p>	S24AU142	8/25/2024
<p>Ballard Bites and Brews</p> <p>CHAIR: Late with providing correct alcohol requirements.</p>	S24AU256	8/25/2024
<p>Bumbershoot Staging and Production-curb use only from SE</p> <p>SC: Good reviews, great festival. Wonder how the turn around closure worked?</p> <p>SDOT: I didn't witness any impact. I went out there.</p> <p>SFD: MOPOP turn around fine for fire access. Harrison Street fine.</p> <p>Concern: Food vendors didn't read their permit for type of fire extinguisher. Half vendors had the wrong fire extinguisher.</p> <p>Last moment car parade intruded into the fire lane on Harrison St on campus, worked with event to place vehicles safely.</p>	S24AU330	8/26/2024
<p>Free Speech Informational Picket (IBEW Local 77)</p> <p>SDOT: Sidewalks have capacity. Public cannot use the sidewalk if too many people. Need to close the sidewalk if attendance too large.</p>	S24AU347	8/27/2024
<p>9th Ave Block Party</p>	S24AU002	8/29/2024
<p>Ho-Jindal Wedding Baraat</p>	S24AU265	8/31/2024
<p>5K Fun Run X Ravenna Brewery</p>	S24AU156	8/31/2024
<p>White Rabbit Group & The Euphoria Project Present Sidekick (8.31)</p>	S24AU261	8/31/2024
<p>Alki Beach Pride</p>	S24AU019	8/31/2024
<p>Boats Afloat Show –move to next month's review. Load in only. Event starts this weekend.</p>	S24SE278	9/4/2024
<p>Cider Summit Seattle</p>	S24SE280	9/5/2024
<p>San Gennaro Festival</p>	S24SE186	9/6/2024

Pratt Open House and Jackson Street Jazz Walk	S24SE277	9/6/2024
For the Town Concert Series (Occidental) SDOT: Logistical concerns with port a potty placement. SE team worked with applicants. Thank you SFD: Event was great to work with for the last moment fire code exit adjusting	S24SE322	9/7/2024
CID Celebration	S24SE350	9/7/2024
Electrify Expo 2024	S24SE353	9/9/2024

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