

Special Events Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Webex Video Conference

Member Representatives in Attendance:

Agency	Representatives	Noted in Minutes As
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	Metro
Parks and Recreation	Carl Bergquist	Parks
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	Seattle Center
Seattle-King County Health Department	Rosemary Byrne	Health
Seattle Department of Transportation	Mike Shea	SDOT
Seattle Fire Department	Tom Heun	FMO
Seattle Police Department	Joseph Osborne	Police
Special Events Office	Meli Darby	SE
Special Events Office	Chris Swenson	SE
Special Events Office	Felicitas Sanchez	SE
Seattle Police Operations Center	Diane Lalor	SPOC
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Beth Lehman	WSLCB

Additional Attendees:

Katy Ricchuito, U District Partnership

Don Blakeney, U District Partnership

Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 08/12/21 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.

Post-Event Evaluations/Comments:

DATE	EVENT
Jul 8-11	Union Emerald City Classic Softball Tournament Event
Jul 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug 6	Beats & Eats
Jul 17	Ting-Kaler Wedding Baraat
Jul 21	NHL Draft 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFD: Event not set up per approved site plan and required significant day of changes to be in compliance; 1 ½ to 2 hours to fix the problem
Jul 22-24	Beers & Bites
Jul 24	March for Medicare for All
Jul 25	St. James Cathedral Parish Picnic
Jul 25	Welcome Back Westlake: Halloween in July
Jul 31, Aug 7	Downtown Summer Sounds
Aug 3	Molly Wizenberg Book Signing
Aug 4, 11	Wednesday Wine-Down

Aug 7	Reuben's Brews Anniversary Party
Aug 7	Duwamish River Festival
Aug 8	Magnolia Village Car Show

Committee Roundtable

- Seattle Center – Gretchen announced that a ticketed concert is back on campus, 1st concert will be in Fisher Pavilion this weekend.
- Duwamish River Festival – cancelled application – city park surrounded by county streets, therefore the street use was not under Seattle jurisdiction. SEO cancelled application without fee.

Meeting Minute Approval

- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

Event: U District Station Opening Festival

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Location: University District

Organizer/s: John Blakeney; Katy Ricchiuto [U District Partnership]

- Outdoor event will be held on 10/2/2021, Saturday with street use
- Overview of the site plan, traffic control plan, streets closure
- A huge drop off from a population of 105,000 to about 36,000 due to pandemic
- Neighborhood excitement to celebrate the opening of the light rail station
- Expected to bring about 12,000 people a day to the neighborhood once opened
- Student groups, outdoor dining opportunities food & drinks, musical entertainment
- Will have a fully closed Northeast street between 43rd and 42nd
- 50 restaurants serving food & beverages; no outside food so no additional permit required
- No further comments from the committee

Committee Business

Late Fees

Presented by: Meli Darby, Chair

- In effort to be aligned with City recovery efforts, the SEC is considering temporarily waiving late fees
- Referencing the Seattle Municipal Code 15.52.060(A), permit applications submitted under 60 days, the department is temporarily waiving the late fees retroactively for special events effective May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 includes New Year’s Eve special events.
- Currently 34% of 82 applications are submitted <60 days prior to the event
- The committee so moved and seconded that to temporarily waive late fees for Special Event Permit Applications submitted under 60 days from the event date for events occurring May 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- The motion passed.

Celebrating the Life & Service of Glenn Bartolome, Metro Transit

Feedback from the Committee Members:

- Long time Special Event Committee representative, Glenn Bartolome, passed away peacefully on August 1, 2021
- The SEC takes a moment to honor our colleague and friend, and the outstanding service he gave throughout his career at King County Metro. He will be missed.