

Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2022
Via Videoconference

Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:

Agency	Representatives	Noted in Minutes As
Central Budget Office	Miguel Jimenez	CBO
Citizen Representatives	Lisa Fraser	Citizen Representative
Department of Construction & Inspections	Jessica McHegg	DCI
	James Dasher	DCI Noise Abatement
	Dan Goodman	DCI Noise Abatement
Department of Neighborhoods	Laura Jenkins	DON
Finance and Administrative Services	Brenda Strickland	FAS
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	Metro
Parks and Recreation	Carl Bergquist	Parks
Seattle-King County Health Department	Rosemary Byrne	Health
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	Seattle Center
Seattle Fire Department	Lt. Keith Wyatt	SFD
Seattle Police Department	Lt. Doug Raguso	SPD Operations
	Lt. Bryan Clenna	SPD Traffic
Seattle Public Utilities	Sheryl Anayas	SPU
Special Events Office	Randy Wiger	Chair
	Julie Borden	SE
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Beth Lehman	WSLCB

Additional Attendees: Sonia Palma – SDOT Parking Enforcement; Christopher Lopez – FAS; Diane Lalor – SPD

Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 5/12/2022 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.

Post-Event Evaluations/Comments:

DATE	EVENT
Apr 14	SIFF 2022 Opening Night Gala
Apr 14	Holy Thursday Pilgrimage
Apr 24	Walk / Run MS - Seattle
Apr 28-May 1	Boats Afloat Show
Apr 30	Lunar New Year Celebration
Apr 30	PurpleStride
May 3, 10	Park Party 2022 - Occidental
May 5	5 de Mayo
May 5, 12	Park Party 2022 - Westlake
May 6	Pacific Crest Montessori School Spring ARTS Fair

May 7	Madrona Mayfair
May 7	UW Rowing Windermere Cup/Opening Day Regatta
May 7	Opening Day of Boating Season Parade
May 7	South Lake Union Saturday Market

Meeting Minute Approval

- Vote to approve April 14, 2022, minutes
- No changes or edits to the minutes
- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

Applications Review / Discussion

Event: Emerald City Ride
Date(s): TBD (tentatively Sunday, July 31, 2022)
Location: West Seattle and Sodo
Organizer(s): David Douglas [Cascade Bicycle]

Event Notes:

- Start in Sodo area to assist with parking; enter bridge at 1st Ave; route circles West Seattle counter-clockwise
- Main route is 20 miles; shorter route is 8 miles
- Most is rules of the road
- Not timed
- Will control who is allowed on the bridge but otherwise streets are shared with normal traffic
- There will be portable restrooms at start line
- Requesting SPD officers at 8 intersections (likely 16 officers)
- SDOT approval of event is still pending

Committee Discussion:

SDOT/Metro – Need follow up discussion regarding on/off ramps that will be affected

Event: West Seattle Bridge Grand Reopening Festival
Date(s): TBD (tentatively Saturday, July 30, 2022)
Location: West Seattle
Organizer(s): Jared Loranger [Fizz Events]
Chris Mackay [West Seattle Junction]
Brie Noble [West Seattle Chamber]
Brian Callanan [West Seattle Chamber]
Whitney Moore [West Seattle Chamber]

Event Notes:

- Celebration will help to support businesses who have suffered so much during COVID and the bridge closure
- West Seattle Junction Association and West Seattle Chamber are partnering with SDOT for reopening celebrations
- Saturday – 7AM: Race, 10AM-1PM: community walk, 10AM-6PM: festival/celebration with beer garden, food, activities, live music and entertainment
- Sunday – Emerald City Ride

- Festivities format similar to SR99 reopening events
- Race – estimate 5,000
- Use eastbound lanes for most of race, end in westbound
- Walk – will have timed tickets
- Festival – will invite local businesses to set up in street booths and/or adjacent to their storefronts
- Beer gardens will be at West Seattle Brewing Co and Pecos Pit on their adjacent properties

Committee Discussion:

SDOT/Metro – Need follow up discussion regarding on/off ramps that will be affected

WSLCB – Organizers should follow up Lt. Robert Rieder regarding extended service at Pecos Pit and West Seattle Brewing Co

DON – Important to include in outreach materials that events are timed to take advantage of time between construction and opening to vehicle traffic; probably makes sense to do communication/outreach of all events together

SPD – Concerned about traffic congestion for those coming in for walk (based on SR99 tunnel walk event); organizer could consider opening both ends of bridge or other starting points/parking areas with shuttles

Event: Obliteride
Date(s): Friday-Saturday, August 12-13, 2022
Location: Gas Works Park; UW and City streets
Organizer(s): Mel Blakey [Medalist Sports]
Jim Birrell [Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center]
Christine McCann [Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center]
Sean Thurman [Medalist Sports]
Bryan Kelley [Medalist Sports]
Bob Bowman [Medalist Sports]

Event Notes:

- On Friday, kick-off celebration at Gas Works Park
- Kick-off celebration includes live music, food, drinks
- Park set up begins Tuesday, clean up ends by Monday
- On Saturday, 20-50-100 mile rides; 5K walk; start/finish at University of Washington parking lots
- At finish line, will have food, alcohol service, DJ entertainment
- Footprint will be larger as past years, since moving finish line from park
- Rides start at 6:30AM (100 mile), 7:30AM (50 mile), and 8:30AM (20 mile) mass starts for each route, no waves within that
- Reversing directions for 100 and 50 mile rides
- Rest stop has moved from Seward Park to Madrona
- Previous years have used traffic control and cone lane coming off Fremont Bridge; would like to consider eliminating

Committee Discussion:

Parks – Parks staff will follow up on construction project in Gas Works Park

DON – Be aware that sound travels across lake and can affect neighbors that seem far away; will follow up with contacts at floating homes association and other neighborhood groups

SFD – For stages four feet or higher, need a permit from SDCI

Event: SPKRBX

Date(s): Saturday, August 27, 2022
Location: Jefferson Park

Background:

- May 5 subcommittee meeting was convened to discuss some information received from Chicago city staff regarding working with SPKRBX events
- Several areas of concern were identified for the proposed Seattle event
 - SPD has limited resources on that day due to previous commitments for stadium events
 - Location is not normally used for this type of event and there are some concerns about neighborhood impacts and safety of site
- Some conditions could be set to mitigate concerns
 - Limit attendance to 5,000 (or other manageable number)
 - Require organizers to work with a local producer
 - Change locations

Committee Discussion:

SPD – Lt. Bryan Clenna proposes denying event based on police resource availability on that day and multiple issues with location

Seattle Center – Important to offer acceptable alternatives to allow event to take place; need to balance City resources/public safety with being open and accommodating to event business

SFD – There is a significant slope at this site that limits egress and occupancy load; also not well-lit; event will impact Fire Station 13 access

Parking Enforcement – Recommend offering other more appropriate parks to organizers

Parks – Met with them onsite, will be adjusting southern border; other parks could be considered for event, Seward might be good choice

Special Events Office – Ordinance requires the committee to offer the organizer an opportunity to submit an alternative date and/or location before denying the permit

Chair – Will communicate with organizers the following issues

- Availability of police resources (SPD will identify some alternative dates)
- Site capacity/egress (SFD will work with Special Events Office to approximate occupancy of Jefferson Park site; Parks will identify some alternative locations)
- Traffic and parking impacts

Multi-Date Permits Update

- Tabled