

**Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Via Webex Video Conference

**Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Noted in Minutes As</b>
Department of Neighborhoods	Ed Pottharst	DON
King County Metro Transit	Jonathan Rose	Metro
Mayor's Office	Michael Wells	MO
Parks and Recreation	Carl Bergquist	Parks
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	Seattle Center
Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections, Noise Abatement	Dan Powers	Noise Abatement
Seattle Fire Department	Lt. Tom Heun	SFD
Seattle Police Department	Sgt. Nathan Shopay	SPD
Seattle Public Utilities	Pat Kaufman	SPU
Special Events Office	Meli Darby	Chair
	Julie Borden	SE
	Felicitas Sanchez	SE
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Beth Lehman	WSLCB
	Victor Hopkins	WSLCB

**Additional Attendees:**

William Edwards – SPD

Jennifer Dzubay - WSLCB

Cara Payne – SPU

Claire Farrington – SPU

Diane Lalor – SPD Operations Center

Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 7/8/2021 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.

**Post-Event Evaluations/Comments:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Aug 13, 20, 27, Sep 3	Beats & Eats
Aug 14, 21, 28, Sep 4	SLU Saturday Market
Aug 14, 21	Downtown Summer Sounds
Aug 15	Lake Union 10K
Aug 15	Refill
Aug 18, 25	Wednesday Wine-Down
Aug 20	Sunset Supper at Pike Place Market
Aug 21-22	Seattle Design Festival Block Party
Aug 22	Taste of Queen Anne
Aug 28-29	Celebrate Little Saigon

Aug 28	Seattle Afghan Protest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MO – Break-ins happened during the event</li> </ul>
Aug 29	Loop the 'Lupe Obstacle Course & 5K Fun Run
Sep 3-6	PAX West 9th Ave
Sep 3-6	PAX West Queuing
Sep 4-5	PrideFest Capitol Hill
Sep 4-6	Union LGBTQ Labor Day Come Out Seattle
Sep 4	ENAT Inc. Empowering Ethiopian Women

### Meeting Minute Approval

- Vote to approve minutes from 07/08/21 and 08/12/21 meetings
- No changes or edits to the minutes
- Meeting minutes approved; All in favor, none opposed

### **COVID19 Public Health Update Special Events Requirements**

*Meli Darby*

- Background
  - 70% KC population vaccinated across every racial group
  - 72% cases increased hospitalization
- Mask mandate continues for all events, whether attendees are vaccinated or not vaccinated
- Proof of vaccination required for stadium sporting events, and soon for outdoor events over 500 in attendance
- As an alternative to vaccination, attendees can show proof of a negative test taken within 72 hours prior to event
- Attendees under age 12 are exempt from vaccination/testing requirements

### Committee Discussion:

- Seattle Center – It is important to clarify rules regarding accessing the venues once new mandate is in effect.
- Chair – Organizers will be required to make a plan for verifying vaccination status as part of the permit application process. Will work to establish guidelines.
- MO – FYI: Vaccination Mandate comes from the State of Washington. The City has funding available to support small businesses with implementing COVID mandates. Support could include (but not limited to) posters, masks to distribute to visitors, etc.
- WSLCB – Venue policy right now should get an exemption prior to the State workers mandate. WSLCB will not require our enforcement officers to take frequent COVID tests, nor require them to show proof of vax to enter an establishment to conduct an inspection.

**Event:** Ryther Marathon to Hope  
**Date:** October 16, 2021, Saturday  
**Location:** Green Lake  
**Organizers:** Grace O’Loan, Kelly Scalise, Emily Prey

### Event Overview:

- First-time fundraiser to support organization
- 7:15 am amplified sound start; 7:30 am marathon start
- Flaggers available at the crosswalks
- Will use 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor and volunteers for the waste management. Establishing “green” team for sanitation, recycling & trash collection, maintain safe and clean areas
- No alcohol or food sales
- Bananas, water, and snacks available for the participants

- Would like further information on masking requirements for participants

**Committee Discussion:**

- Parks – based on your map, the event is going to be pretty good., will do a follow-up.
- Ed P – will follow-up with Grace after this meeting regarding the neighborhood notification
- SPD – No dedicated SPD staffing for event
- Chair – recommended to obtain a noise variance permit for amplified sound prior to 9:00 AM