



Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 VIA WebEx Meeting

**Member and Partner Representatives in Attendance:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Noted in Minutes As</b>
Department of Neighborhoods	Laura Jenkins	DON
Depart of Construction & Inspections	Dean Greenleaf	SDCI Structures
Finance and Administrative Services	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	Theresa Chin	PARKS
Seattle Center	Gretchen Lenihan	SC
Seattle Fire Department	Lt. Keith Wyatt	SFD
Seattle Fire Department	Captain Nicholas Crosser	SFD
Seattle Police Department/Traffic	Lt. Bryan Clenna	SPD Traffic
Seattle Dept. of Construction & Inspections / Noise Abatement	Anthony Jagow	SDCI Noise
Seattle Department of Transportation	Eric Stewart	SDOT
Seattle Public Utilities	Pat Kauffman	SPU
WA State Liquor & Cannabis Board	Beth Lehman	WSLCB
Special Events Permit Lead	Randy Wiger	CHAIR
Special Events Permit Specialist	Carol Nordin	SE SPEC
Special Events Permit Specialist	Hannah Tyo	SE SPEC
Special Events Permit Admin II	Leslie Kodish	SE ADMIN

### Additional Attendees:

- ◆ Captain Nicolas Crosser joined 10:24 a.m. not counted in initial roll call

*Note: As always, these are "raw minutes notes" based on the discussion of the 07/13/2023 meeting and do not include every word spoken - not a literal transcript - merely a summary of ideas.*

### Roundtable/Announcements

- CHAIR- announced retirement on July 14, 2023, Hannah and Carol will know how to reach him. Invited the team to July 13<sup>th</sup> Owl and Thistle Happy Hour and July 22 retirement picnic. Introduced Carol Nordin, taking over Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Position has been posted internally - link in the chat. Please share with your networks.
- Meeting topic – FAS Licensing and Parks Department: How does vendor list information get routed if the event is not a Special Event? (*Did not discuss.*)
- 115.52 Crowd Control Events is the ordinance. Informally known as the Special Events Ordinance. SMC 15.52  
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- PARKS: Teresa Chin filling in for Carl Bergquist when he goes on vacation or is out. Carl is OOC as Athletic & Scheduling Manager.
- MAYOR: Israel Rios introduced himself, 1 yr, 2 months has been at Mayor's office working on community events and outreach. Excited to be here and working with everyone.
- No public comment at this time.

### Review Previous Meeting Minutes: CHAIR confirmed we have a quorum.

- Vote to approve May Meeting minutes
  - Edits include: SFD asks for one correction on page 3 for Cinco de Mayo review. "SPD should be SFD";
  - Meeting minutes approved with change; All in favor, none opposed
- Vote to approve June Meeting minutes
  - Meeting minutes Approved. DON to abstain from vote; All other departments in attendance in favor of meeting minute approval, none opposed

### Review and approve permit fees for Fremont Solstice Parade & Seafair Events (Citywide Events)

#### Fremont Solstice

- CHAIR: Fremont Solstice Parade sent a letter June 12, 2023, requesting payment of less fee due to increased costs. Reasons shorted parade route by half, CHAIR charged administrative min \$300. Historically if Seattle Police provides police, there is no charge, but event had to use 3<sup>rd</sup> Party UPOs. Last year's route was shortened, no beer garden fundraiser. Event chose to shorten route in 2022 and not go to Gas Works Park. SEO told Event that next year they will not receive a discount on fees. This year, 2023, had longer route, Fremont Ave to Woodland, where they had a beer garden. 2024 fees will return to normal, increase to 2019 fees as a step. Not advocating to keep fees at \$300 in perpetuity.
- DON: How many city-wide special events are there per year and events organized by small groups like the Fremont Arts Council? Do they know they have an opportunity, to pay less

- because they are a smaller organization. Curious if others are aware of this opportunity.
- CHAIR: Ordinance 15.52 defines the 7 event categories and lists conditions that would qualify a city-wide special event. Ordinance also lists 6, such as Fremont Solstice Parade and Seafair Family Fourth, Torchlight, Hydroplane, so there are four city wide events. Potentially other events could meet the criteria, but I'm not aware of any that are at this time. We need to have some discussion by the committee and have clear boundaries, because one of the features of the city-wide event category is that the fees are expected to be negotiated between the chair and the event organizer. The context of that category is that these are larger scale events that are central to the city's identity and shape or form. And the cost of city services, primarily police services, begins to add up, likely becoming more than an event can afford in a sustainable way. If the city believes these events are essential, then they've got to allow for some reduced fees through a negotiation process for these events to be sustainable and continue each year.
    - I think it'd be great to maybe at a future meeting to have a 20-30 minute discussion with some preparatory reading. For example, if there is a great, large event, and Seattle loves it, but they don't have a problem paying their permit fees without a reduction, do they really need to be in the city-wide category? There is always some gray area, not easy cut and dry.
  - Question from SC in Chat: how much did Fremont pay in 2019?
    - CHAIR: \$4,390. Street closure fees, not all of the fees. Police fees over \$10,000.
  - DON: It's comparing apples to apples. We aren't saying they are paying \$300 instead of \$10,000, I'm sympathetic to the idea that we need to discount because they are continuing to build back. When they could have some build back due to beer garden.
  - CHAIR: Fundraising done at this years event funds the next year event. Permits are subsidized by city and don't cover the full event costs or staffing. General fund subsidizes. Usually [for city wide] what happens is we do a calculation of what the total cost of city services is for their event and then sit down with them and negotiate. The receipt is just the portion they paid. If the total cost was \$10,000, they're only paying \$4,000. The total cost of the city services, my memory was over \$10,000 or \$12,000 counting all the police labor and everything, and they paid \$4,000 in 2019. They are an all-volunteer counsel. They do say in their letter they recognize the permit fee will be negotiated, understand the expectation is they will build back up.
  - DON: Where is the money coming from? I'm trying to understand who pays for the fees they don't pay.
  - CHAIR: The city does.
  - DON: Does it come from other permitting fees?
  - CHAIR: The permitting fees charged by our office do not reflect the full cost of city labor to issue a permit and that's true for every single permit we issue. In that sense, every permit that we issue is partially subsidized for the benefit of the city to have these events. All of the fees collected by the special events permit fee system go into the general fund.
  - SDCI Structures: It's the general fund that covers the shortfall or subsidizes. I guess is a better way to put it.
  - CHAIR: Even just one small event that closes one block of the street - All of us spending an hour between a meeting/reviewing. 10-12 staff members with cost of labor, right there is something like \$400 - \$1,000 easily in staff labor. Yet that small event gets charged \$300-\$400 if it's just one block for a minimal street use fee. And it goes up from there.
  - SC: It sounds the conversation you've already been discussing with them, this is where you want to land. I get that people are trying to restart, recognition of financial challenges. I don't want to undo the work that's already been done and we've spent more than \$300 just talking about it.
  - CHAIR: I appreciate that, but I very much appreciate your perspective. I think there's a lot in

there and I would frankly welcome the committee in drafting a letter/position statement/direction or something that can be shared with the council. Inviting them to a meeting this fall to talk about what would be realistic next year. That's all within the ability of the committee to do. Could draft a letter to the Fremont Council to send in January 2024.

- SDCI Structures: That letter regarding fees could go to more than just Fremont Art's Council, it could go to all city-wide events and to past participants to encourage a discussion.
- CHAIR: Need to decide what is realistic for next year.
- SC: In the meantime, you need us to vote on whether we can move forward with the \$300 for this year.
  - o **VOTE**
    - SPD Traffic: Move for a Vote on the Permit fees for 2023 Fremont Solstice Parade
    - CHAIR: is there a second? We have a motion to take a vote on the permit fees for the Fremont Solstice Parade for 2023 being \$300. Raise your hand so more than a voice vote.
      - All voted in favor; none opposed. 2023 Fremont Solstice fees approved.

### **Seafair Events**

- CHAIR: Next is **Seafair payment plan for 2023**. Coming out of COVID, negotiated a 30% percent reduction from their 2019 fees. Fees in 2019 were about a \$167,000 for all three events combined. I propose this year we keep it at the same reduction of about \$112,000. Seafair had some difficult news, their website was hacked and funds redirected in the spring, they lost money. The sponsors paid into those bank accounts that were affected. It is a criminal investigation.
- SC: The 2023 payment plan is for 2023 fee and the expectation is the 2024 permit fees would be paid per usual. We wouldn't be kicking this can down the road.
- CHAIR: That would be my philosophy. We might like to see an increase in 2024 if possible, but at the very least, a full one-time payment before the first event. If they needed another payment plan, the ordinance allows for that because it does say that permit fees must be paid before permits are issued OR there needs to be an approved payment plan by the committee before permits are issued. This one's running a little late, they had the Fourth of July event, but I want to get this done before Torchlight and Seafair Weekend.
- SPD Traffic: If we gave them a discount the previous year, does that mean that we can't raise their fees or is that a grey area? Like more than 4% or something like that?
- CHAIR: No, we can raise them back. The ordinance says we negotiate the fees for city wide events and there's no limits on negotiation. Maybe we negotiate one year it's \$10,000 the next year, it's \$25,000 the next year, it's \$18,000. I wouldn't advocate jumping around like that, but there's no limits like that on the fee negotiation's part for the city-wide special events category.
- SC: Are we voting the fees or are we voting on the payment plan?
- CHAIR: Both.
- SC: Propose that we separate the vote into one approving the reduced fee for this year and then the other one to approve the payment plan.
  - o **VOTE 1 of 2 – 2 voting topics (approval of this years reduced fees and approval of 2023 payment plan)**
    - SC: I'd like to move that we accept that that we have our vote to accept the combined fees at the reduced rate for 2023 only. Knowing it will be negotiated as usual. I'd like to move that we that we have our vote to accept the combined fees at the reduced rate for 2023, only.
    - SPD Traffic: I second.
    - CHAIR: We have a motion to accept or approve a vote on the permit fee, the

total for all three events for 2023 being \$112,264.87. All those in favor raise your hand icon.

- 14 hands in favor. 1 opposed. Motion passes and 2023 fees approved

### **Discussion on opposition**

- CHAIR: All those opposed to approving the fees for 2023 to be the \$112,267.87 one hand opposed. I'd like to ask for your comments and hear your concerns, Lt. Crosser.
- SFD/CROSSER: Did they tell you what kind of revenue they get, they received from this year's July Fourth?
- CHAIR: no
- SFD/CROSSER: Saw close to 100,000 people at Gasworks Park and the number of VIP sections, and beer gardens. Didn't seem like they were hurting whatsoever, but that's just my opinion.
- CHAIR: thank you for that information. Again, the committee could invite them to a conversation in the fall about the 2024 permit fees. There is nothing in the ordinance that would say we couldn't ask to see their books or get some financial benchmarks if desired. I think they do a lot of sponsorships and fundraising for income and they have a lot of expenses, but it could be good to ask how much of that they'd be willing to share.
- CHAIR: Next item would be to discuss/vote on the proposed payment plan. We're issuing them an invoice if approved for their first 10% payment of \$11,206.49. Second one to be paid by the end of December 2023. A third one by August 2024, and the last by December 2024.
- SC: with my background working in the non-profit festival realm - In general for organizations like this, they are trying hard to make sure to not carry excessive debt with vendors (tent/Pyro/Porta-potty companies). Critical vendors for everything we ask them to do. If they are getting the people who are doing the work paid and they need to carry that a little further, it makes difference in financial solvency. It's how Folklife and Bumbershoot were able to carry on for a little while. It's not ideal, but when something catastrophic happens to an organization, like this, given how tight their business opportunities are in the year, this is an opportunity for us to help. The reason why I asked about if we were going to expect that they pay the 2024 fees on the normal schedule is important, because you can't just let it continue over time and get bigger and bigger. I think we can show them a little grace now and come 2024, we are back to higher fees. Trying to help them get to a fresh start baseline. It can make a difference.
- CHAIR: Thank you, it's a great insight. I fundamentally agree. I like the idea of beginning to engage them in a conversation this fall with the committee to have some conversations about this and about sustainability (stability and financial). Getting their finances on a solid footing.
- SDCI Structures: Is there a burden that happens if the fees are paid overtime?
- CHAIR: We don't get the money till next year.
- SDCI Structures: I don't know what the impact of that might be, but that would be something to discuss. I also am sympathetic.
- CHAIR: I think it's a great question. To me, it comes down to all of our permit fees are going into the general fund. I'm not entirely clear with the central budget office, if the fees that we collect this year are in this year's fiscal expenditures or is it next year or what. I'm guessing it's probably this year's. What that would mean is about \$78,000 that would come in next year, instead of this year. The other thing to note, we are getting more events in the door this year, meaning more permit fees collected than last year. I think we permitted about 250 events so far this year. We're

certainly going over 300. I don't know to what extent that might offset having a delay in collecting the \$78,000 with this payment plan. With the size of the city budget, it may be inconsequential, but every dollar counts. It funds something in the city.

- SPD Traffic: I just want to defend the last no vote when it comes to what police and fire see, these large organizations receiving discounts because, as you all know, we get budgets, but we don't get compensated for all the man hours and other stuff we do. That comes out of our special event budgets or our overtime budgets, and then everyone wonders why we go over on our overtime budgets. I understand his points. I just want to let everyone know that but from a Police and Fire perspective the amount of OT we do and how much money that we spend year over year on Special Events.
- CHAIR: I hear that. I think 2019, Police labor was in \$100K or more, or \$200,000 comes out of police budget, they don't get compensated from the permit fees. We do charge, but fees go to the general fund. Presumably, every department is getting some general fund money. It kind of comes back at least partially, but it's far from what's called "Full Cost recovery" and it is a valid conversation to have, especially with the city-wide event category because they get so much discounted off the actual cost of city services.

#### **VOTE 2 of 2:**

- o Vote on the proposed payment plan. 10% due 7/15 \$11,206.49, 20% 12/31, 50% 8/30/2024, 20% due 12/31/2024
  - SPD Traffic: motions to take a vote.
  - Payment Plan approved - 14 vote yes. Opposed: none

#### **Municipal Code Discussion**

- CHAIR: Please look at the Seattle Municipal Code (sent in chat & emailed PDF) 115.52 Crowd Control Events is the ordinance. Informally known as the Special Events Ordinance. SMC 15.52. Encourage you to read the code sometime.  
[https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal\\_code?nodeId=TIT15STSIUS\\_SUBTITLE\\_ISTUSOR\\_CH15.52CRCOEV](https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT15STSIUS_SUBTITLE_ISTUSOR_CH15.52CRCOEV)
- CHAIR: There are couple items that probably could be deleted. Under permit fees for mixed use events it gives two options. If ever the code gets revised, I would recommend deleting Option B- it says to assess exactly how much labor all the departments spend on the event and charge them the true cost of it. The amount of labor it would take to go department-by-department and assess how much labor was spent on a review of a mixed free speech event - the Permit would be greater than the cost of the actual labor to review the permit. Option A works fine.
- CHAIR: Additionally, some of the street use fees are complicated. Takes a lot of staff labor by our Permit Specialist to calculate Street Use fees for events using more than 2-3 blocks of streets. Appreciate the detailed mindedness of how it's written, but we could come up with a simpler system that would work just as well.
- CHAIR: I'd like to quickly highlight this because these are the powers that you and your departments have. It's not really us in the Special Events Office and it's not really me as Chair. The ordinance clearly gives authority to the committee for many things. It says there shall be a Special Events Committee, these are the departments on the committee that have a vote, the committee shall have the power to do the following things:
  - o to interpret and administer this ordinance
  - o to establish criteria for determining whether an event meets the definition of a special event or which type of category

- to represent the city under the supervision of the Mayor, in discussions and in making agreements with persons who propose an event at any special event.
- to finalize the permit
- to set terms and conditions on a wide variety of things
- the committee can negotiate with any event applicant on the date time location and scope.
- the crowd control, traffic control, safety, security, public health and sanitation regulations, emergency, medical treatment, fire suppression, emergency passageways, proper waste, recycling and compost, medic and traffic conditions, among other things.
- CHAIR: This committee has the clear authority to negotiate these types of terms and conditions. The way this committee is set up and the ordinance is a great method for larger cities to handle Special Events. This committee is the body that gets to decide and define and set parameters around events, and I'd like you to step into your power. As a committee and as departments that participates in this committee that is clearly defined by ordinance.

### **Review of Recent Events:**

- SFD: There are too many events using the same names. Such as Juneteenth Celebrations. Email mix ups.
- CHAIR: We can distinguish more. We had over three Juneteenth events this year.

### ***Trans Pride Seattle - S23JU199***

- SFD: Trans Pride Seattle event 6/23, the map they submitted was not the same when they arrived. No proper fire extinguishers. Contention between the promoter and myself when I went to do the inspection, need bare minimums. This is what was approved and agreed to so you have a safe event. Canopies didn't have separation as discussed - they put them in long rows. Ran power cords over main entrance without cable ramp or something to cover up [tripping hazard]. Think head of security came up with a solution. Fire extinguishers were checked and way out of compliance. Food Vendors were able to make small corrections. Security staff was fine. Issue was with event coordinator.
- CHAIR: We will pull this section out in its own word document put this in the post event report.
- FAS: Trans Pride received concerns that I was able to alleviate, but I never received vendor list. Received complaints. It was some, something to bring up for next year when they do it again next year.
- CHAIR: Please send us an email (save and attach) and record for their post event file.

### ***Seafair Family Fourth- S23JY090***

- SFD CROSSER: Seafair Family Fourth of July at Gasworks Park was the largest number of people we had seen. Safety issues with this event. Primary Gasworks Park - enclosed area, fenced, started off okay, people kept coming in, got to 2,200, and then stopped checking bags for firearms. Over 100,000 people. Event staff code supposed to have 1 event staff to 250 people, should have 300 to 400 event staff and they didn't have anywhere near that amount. Fire code-standing room 7 square feet per person. Was anyone taking a count of people coming in through gates?
- CHAIR: please email us specific concerns and we will put in their post event report. We would love to get a clear list with concerns, to provide to event so they can respond on how they will address them. Please email us a list of specific concerns.
- SFD Wyatt: I was at South Lake Union Park. Event didn't have enough scanners for the VIP people. People couldn't get to the event, cutting in line, people who paid for the tickets vs. People trying to buy tickets, lines too long. Entrance reached out to Valley St, 8 to 10 people wide to Westlake. Were supposed to shut down the bridge. Bridge was overcrowded/max

capacity. SPD didn't have enough resources to assist. Need to shut bridge down three to 4 hours prior to the event next year.

- CHAIR: please email us a list of issues. Need to get ahead of this for next year. July 20<sup>th</sup> invite them to talk how will do it for Seafair weekend. Lead Carol Nordin will invite them.
- WSLCB: I had a conversation with a nonprofit for the all ages beer garden for Genesee Park for Seafair [Weekend]. They are asking for three beer gardens, with a car show. We asked them to make area smaller.
- CHAIR: Are you available to talk with them next Thursday? We will invite Seafair for next Thursday.
- WSLCB: I'll be there.

#### ***Greenwood Car Show - S23JU074***

- FAS: Organizer for the Greenwood car show 6/24/2023: very uncooperative and unprofessional. Next year, if no compliance, we object to issuing permit. Didn't get vendor list. Event organizer ignored city code.
- CHAIR: Our office had difficult interactions also. Please resend the email so we can put it into the file.
- Permit Spec: I attended the Greenwood Car Show and took photos/video. I want to address Toner's concern with vendors, we need more clarity regarding vendors (who is selling/promoting items). Crossed Greenwood and 85<sup>th</sup>, no police presence or 3<sup>rd</sup> party UPOs visibly directing pedestrian crossing, took photos/video. Park use permit that was given was not followed, vehicles parked along the 50-foot lane that was requested for Alice Ball Park access. Event did not follow the parameters of the permit.
- SPD Traffic: Thank you for doing that, we don't have oversight built in. Events say they will do certain things and they don't, this problem is a pattern. Going forward maybe that is something the Chair can address - representation on checks.
- Permit Spec: Concerned about the exit plan of vehicles, vehicles exiting without traffic control, driving right next to pedestrians walking down the street. Event wrapped up around 4:00 PM and witnessed free flowing traffic intermingled with pedestrians unmanaged. The streets were still closed as a pedestrian area and participating cars drove out to exit. I did take video of that.
- CHAIR: I will summarize the experience of our office with the applicant. In May 2022, the applicant became uncooperative and verbally abusive to our staff. Chair took credit card payment over the phone, there were cuss words and vulgarity. He was unprofessional and verbally abusive. Abuse began in April/May. SEO had a conversation with Parks regarding the new Alice Ball Park, the event was expected to leave 50 feet of curb lane open for the park loading zone if they chose to not reserve the park. This upset the event organizer resulting in email tirades received at 3:00 a.m. and emails unrelated to permit processing [saved to file]. He emailed the mayor's office and Council member Strauss and threatened to sue staff at SEO. We turned it over to law at that point. Our staff is professional and courteous. He did not follow rules regarding 50 feet of curb lane. This event is at risk of having a permit denied next year given the behavior of the main applicant. There is an organization associated with the event, might be worth reaching out to them. We did elevate to HR to develop protocol if verbally abusive to our staff. City Staff shall not be subjected to verbal abuse and harassment while doing their job duties. Fortunately, he was civil when he called to pay fee. Applicant name is John Harwood III.
- SPD Traffic: Next time tell the committee about this behavior before issuing the permit, because next time we can yank it. That would have been a good candidate for yanking someone's permit no matter how close it is to their event.



- CHAIR: I hadn't thought of that, it would be worth scheduling a meeting this fall.
- SPD Traffic: if his name is on the application. That's a veto.
- CHAIR: A strategy would be to have this conversation in September or October - we are going to deny this applicant, event would need another person in their organization to work with us, we will deny if it's the same applicant in 2024.
- SPD Traffic: I am fuming you had to go through that. In a uniform, you go through a lot in this town, but you [SEO team] are civilians not dealing with the same rage, but effects are the same. Hannah, if you come across any people like that, you need to let the full body know for awareness.

#### ***Wildrose Pride 2023- S23JU073***

- CHAIR: The other person who used vulgarities while paying for their permit fee was Shelly from the Wild Rose Bar in Capitol Hill. She said she mailed the check, it hadn't shown up a week before their event. I said I'd come in the office to take their payment over the phone the day before the event thinking I was doing them a favor. Experienced verbal abuse and swearing throughout the payment process.

#### ***Queer Pride Festival- S23JU019***

- CHAIR: Joey Burgess with the Queer Bar became verbally abusive. We held a site visit and then a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting where he was abusive. We reported to the Mayor and said someone needs to talk to Joey if he doesn't stop being abusive, we will not give him a permit as no one wants to work with him. He was better. It was a difficult situation. The City have authority over public space, and if an event wants to use the street for a different purpose other than intended, we can decide to permit or not. It is an issue of permission. That is what a permit is. You are not guaranteed to get it. Main issue with Queer bar: Fire department objected to closing 11<sup>th</sup> and Pine. Agreed to allow them to enclose east side of the sidewalk 11<sup>th</sup> and pine, between Pike and Pine. Insisted sidewalk on West side be open to pedestrian traffic. Event closed it to connect it to the side entrance of the Rhino room that he rented for the weekend. Officer Dorian made him take down fencing multiple times over the weekend, 2:00 p.m. Sidewalk was open, later was closed, I sent a photo to Officer Dorian and he got it back open.
- SFD Wyatt: Tried to get there before event started. Fencing was pushed, 2 feet of building, we must maintain pathway, told them to push it back. It was an ongoing thing, every time I came back to visit - you have to maintain this. Spoke to the security personnel. This is not part of their event, they kept changing it.
- CHAIR: Lt. Wyatt please send in post event write up. The first time they were told they did it again and again over weekend. We cannot trust this person to follow the permit condition. Other item - called out in revised street plan, South end hook over to Pike Place, he wanted to put up metal fencing to handle the line, fire dept said no. Firetruck could hit fencing head on, would damage truck. Were told to use pole with ropes, agreed to stanchions queuing with ropes. He agreed to this, and I have this in writing, but didn't follow it and had fencing instead of stanchions. Here is a clear photo - entrance to Q bar, West on Pike Street. Queer Pride, turn right, enter fence area. Didn't follow that element of his permit. We will set up meetings end of August, need notice in advance to close this intersection. I'm ready to send an appt for that. Fourth Thursday in August.
- CHAIR: will invite you to August 24 at 10:00 a.m. meeting to review Pride Festivals around 11<sup>th</sup> and Pike. You will get an appt with him on that. Working with Shata Stevenson, Medic One, they view these events as one large event not four separate events. Need to start help these organizers to understand to work together and evaluate as one multi-block event rather than individual Beer gardens attached to bars. This is a valuable conversation.

- SFD Wyatt: Those small events becoming a large event is the only place this is happening in the City of Seattle.
- CHAIR: There are other large events like Ballard Seafood Festival or the Capitol Hill Block Party, but this is unusual as it is multiple individual fenced street closures in proximity and has an impact. Unique situation. Photo of street being closed, west side of 11<sup>th</sup>, people walking here as there is no closed sign, halfway up that sidewalk before anyone sees the street closed. They had fencing going to adjacent business for performers staged.

### **Final Thoughts**

- CHAIR: Unfortunately, out of time to talk about digitizing the permit or applications, help fire with initial reviews when we route applications. We have steps to discuss, vendor lists with FSA licensing, Parks how does vendor information get routed need to table for the August meeting. Carol please put on the August meeting. Any closing comments?
- SDCI STRUCTURES: Would love to see if OED special event permits could be added to Accela.
- CHAIR: Our Permit Specialist would love to have a little presentation about our adventures in purpose built special events permitting software. Will have to wait for another meeting.
- METRO: Thank you to your office, this has been a doozy of a Special Events season. Pride week was quite the quagmire. I don't think it is even on the list as it's too recent, we had that event that had an impact on our Trolley overhead wire, you came to our rescue. Thank you for your dedication, understanding, patience, big thanks and appreciation.
- CHAIR: I learned something - new trolley impact line deactivation. A second one come up to Chinatown International event connected to MLB. It is a pleasure and joy to work with you. Public service is a unique privilege, I thrived on it my 22 years, making a difference, creating great outcome for citizens, touchstone, I love doing it, I'll miss it. I hope my tenure has been more productive than not. You do great things for the city and the event planning community.
- MEMBERS: thank you! Good luck

### **Special Events Forecast**

Coming up...

- Upcoming events.
- Future meeting topics: Digitized applications, incomplete applications, consolidated vendor list, purpose built special events permitting software.
- FAS Licensing and Parks Department: How does vendor list information get routed if the event is not a Special Event?
- Draft letter to Fremont Arts Council to state what permit fees will be in 2024, invite event to a meeting. Drafting a letter or a position statement for City-wide events.
- Invite Seafair to a meeting to discuss 2024 fees, In fall invite: Greenwood Car Show, Queer Pride Festival
- Rewrite the code for street use fees: Seattle Municipal Code; 115.52 Crowd Control Events/Special Events Ordinance. SMC 15.52 Calculate Street Use Fees and Option B

**Meeting Adjourned 11:52 a.m.**