

CITY OF BELLEVUE
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2022
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Freeburg – Parks
Andy Heider – Parks
Mark Anderson – Fire
Kyle Nelson – Fire
Landon Barnwell – Police
Rick Logwood – Transportation
Casiano Atienza – Transportation
Neal Christiansen – Community Representative East
Mike Ogliore – Business Representative Downtown
Laurie Scott – Downtown Resident Representative
Jonathan Rose – King County Metro
Chad Charbonneau - Parks

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Bennett, Imane Elmesbahi, Parks; Christopher Rivera, Transportation; Michelle Kinberg, Office of Emergency Management

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chair Freeburg who presided.

2. COMMUNICATIONS: Written and Oral

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Laurie Scott. The motion was seconded by Mark Anderson and the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the November 10, 2022, meeting minutes as submitted was made by Neal Christiansen. The motion was seconded by Laurie Scott and the motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Routing and Location Subcommittee Report

Casiano Atienza reported that all is looking good. The subcommittee met on December 7 to talk about the Downtown ice rink and Snowflake Lane. No concerns were identified.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ Tabled Events – None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Applications of Intent

Crossroads Movies in the Park

Laurie Scott asked if any changes to the event are planned for next year. Chair Freeburg noted not being aware of any with the exception of adding one additional date. In all there will be five movies, running from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., with setup starting at 5:00 p.m. and take down being done by midnight.

Answering a question by Andy Heider, Chair Freeburg expressed confidence in the event having the exact same layout.

A motion to approve the date, time, location and permit for Crossroads Movies in the Park for 2023 was made by Andy Heider **((Connection lost))**

Pakistan Independence Day Celebration

Chair Freeburg asked about the start time of the Pakistan event start time at 6:30 am and asked if it should be 7am keeping the residents in mind since the event is scheduled until 9 pm.

((Reconnected mid-conversation))

Andy Heider asked about private vendors not being allowed to drive in the park no matter what. Chair Freeburg said that issue was discussed with the event organizer following the incident last year. It is not a plan or policy change. The issue was that private cars were driving into the park and parking, which made random park visitors feel like they could do the same.

Laurie Scott asked what is in place that dictates what will happen if the organizer lets it happen again. Chair Freeburg said the Special Events Committee can elect not to issue permits to events that show they are unable to follow all park rules.

A motion to table approval of the events until the January Special Events Committee meeting was made by Andy Heider. The motion was seconded by Kyle Anderson and the motion carried unanimously.

Downtown Ice Rink

Mike Ogliore stated that, given how early the MLK weekend is, operation of the event would like to continue through that Monday. To that end, the application was resubmitted with the end date of January 15, 2024.

Chair Freeburg asked if there were any obvious issues with extending the ice rink for an additional week. Andy Heider said there are no issues from a maintenance standpoint. Mike Ogliore allowed that concerns have been submitted by a resident, and all of those concerns have

been addressed. The current season iteration of the event will end on January 8, 2023.

Kyle Anderson voiced no concerns about extending the ice rink for an additional week as proposed, and added that working the event with Mike Ogliore has been very easy.

A motion to approve the date change for the Downtown Ice Rink from January 7, 2024, to January 15, 2024, was made by Neal Christiansen. The motion was seconded by Laurie Scott and the motion carried unanimously.

❖ Post-Event Evaluations – None

❖ Comments / Follow-up – None

Chair Freeburg noted the meeting dates for 2023 would be sent out soon, adding a desire to begin moving back toward meeting in person. The meeting in January will be virtual and updates will be given after that.

Chair Freeburg said nothing different has been heard about the Rock n Roll Marathon from what was previously reported. The event will not be coming back to the Northwest at all in 2023. The organization will reassess after that.

Michelle Kinberg said the Emergency Manager would be seeking to have added to a future meeting agenda a discussion of setting thresholds for when an event action plan is needed.

Brad Bennett noted that recently there was parade in a community where a drunk driver plowed into the scene. That incident resonates with the importance of the Special Events Committee and the careful review work it does, particularly around public safety.

7. NEXT MEETING

❖ January 12, 2023

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Freeburg adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.