

Special Events Task Force Meeting Notes

9/16/2019 | 2pm – 4pm

Items for potential recommendations to Council ([SETF Potential Recommendations Tracker](#))

- Two waste management forms - One for established venues and one for one-offs
 - Simpler form for Tiers 1 & 2

Meeting Notes

- Citizen Communication
 - SXSU
 - Concerned about Tier 2 # of day requirements possibly pushing to Tier 3
 - Argued attendance # is irrelevant – maybe use load capacity instead?
 - ACL Live and 3TEN
 - Submit mostly food truck applications – not many issues w/ application process
 - Want streamlined permit refund process – possibly future waivers for consistent organizers
 - AMLI Residential (White Linen Night)
 - Requested reduced permitting fees when all proceeds go to nonprofit
 - Issue with committing to vendors 120 days out – too far in advance
 - Issue with self-posted “No Parking” signs
- Discussion of Tier 2 Waste Management Form
 - Should waste management form be required if event location has private waste plan already?
 - Yes - Tiers 2, 3, 4 are required to ensure the venue maintains plans
 - Maybe venues could prepare info sheets for planners to reference
 - Why are after-event reports required?
 - City collecting data to help direct future ordinance action/special event policy
- Discussion of Tent Permits
 - Tent permits can't be pulled by tent venues anymore
 - Only event organizer/planner can pull tent permits
 - Information about tent permit requirements can be found on the ACE website and will be available in the new guidebook
- Discussion of Tiers 1 & 2, comments from invited speakers
 - See Citizen Communication
- Discussion of Tiers 3 & 4
 - No meeting of subgroup – reach out to non-SETF speakers to come to October meeting
- Discussion of SETF meeting notes
 - Cannot have “live” shared doc. Okay to have one working document but cannot all be actively editing outside of posted meeting – must send comments/edits to Bill

Re. Section 4-20-21 (A)(3)

4-20-21 CATEGORIES OF SPECIAL EVENTS. A special event application will be designated into one of four tiers in accordance with this section.

(A) A Tier 1 event is a special event that does not include the consumption of alcohol and:

(1) is stationary, impacts only one block of a sidewalk or a city right-of-way that is not a street, and only needs a permit issued under Chapter 14-8 {Temporary Closure for Special Events and Block Parties}; or

(2) is moving and consists exclusively of people in a police-escorted bubble; or

(3) is an assembly at a city facility, lasts less than five hours, and does not include food or beverages or a request to increase the permanent occupancy limit.

Why is this included in ordinance? This subsection was included due to protests, smaller events, etc.

Re. the question of where number of 2,500 daily attendance originated from

Section 751.002 Definitions (1) "Mass gathering" means a gathering:

(A) that is held outside the limits of a municipality;

(B) that attracts or is expected to attract:

(i) more than 2,500 persons; or

(ii) more than 500 persons, if 51 percent or more of those persons may reasonably be expected to be younger than 21 years of age and it is planned or may reasonably be expected that alcoholic beverages will be sold, served, or consumed at or around the gathering; and

(C) at which the persons will remain:

(i) for more than five continuous hours; or

(ii) for any amount of time during the period beginning at 10 p.m. and ending at 4 a.m.

This came from Texas Health and Safety Code. While this definition is specifically for gatherings held outside the limits of a municipality, this was used as a basis for above section of Special Events Ordinance to keep Tier 2 events at a level below that of a mass gathering, as defined in a State Law.