

ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL TASK FORCE

Meeting Summary – September 23, 2015

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT: Roel Amara on behalf of Cathy Chidester (DHS), Vincent Amerson (CEO), Stan Brawer (LACFD), Paul Capraro (Pomona PD), Dardy Chen (CEO), Phil Cocker (LACFD), Dennis Cross (LACFD), Wesley Ford (DPH-SAPC), Michael Jordan (DPH-EH), Clayton Kazan (LACFD), Kevin Klar (LACFD), Alexander Li (DHS), and Glen Stanley (LAC Sheriff)

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mark Gluba (City of Pomona), Bryon Prewett (LACFD), and Sheila Williams (CEO)

GUEST REGISTER: Rachel Barbosa (BOS-SDI), Rosemarie Belda (County Counsel), Melinda Bakshi (DPH-EH), Thomas Faughnan (County Counsel), Gary Rio Hardy (Live Nation), Janine Jordan (Electronic Music Alliance), Melodie Larson (County Counsel), David Laus (LACFD), Dr. Benedict Lee (DPH), Donna Lee-Liu (DPH-SAPC), Christine Nieto (DPH-SAPC), Mario Salcedo (DPH-SAPC), Thomas Sannasardo (Dance Safe), John Todd (LACFD), Paul Waldorf (Dance Safe), and James Wolak (LAC Sheriff)

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Agenda; September 1, 2015 Board Motion, and County Counsel Guide to Brown Act Requirements

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Call to Order	Acting Chair Wesley Ford called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., Quorum was present.	
Introduction of Task Force Members and Guests	Acting Chair Wesley Ford asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and include what agency they are representing.	
Review Board Motion	Acting Chair Wesley Ford briefly reviewed and described the Board Motion along with the review of the Brown Act and the timeframe to which the Task Force has to provide their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. As of 9/1/2015, the Task Force has 120 days to respond.	
Discussion of proposed timeline, meeting schedule, staffing and space	<p><u>Move to discussion of Board Motion and ultimate goal of Task Force</u></p> <p>Acting Chair Wesley Ford recommended to the Task Force that due to the Brown Act and the short timeframe, the membership of the Task Force should be kept small rather than large.</p>	Those that are not members are encouraged to participate in proposed sub-groups (committees).

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	<p>(16 member committee, minimum of 9 are needed in attendance to make a Quorum – voting/decision making)</p> <p>Acting Chair Wesley Ford moved to discussing the Board Motion and the ultimate goal of the Task Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal is to “develop recommendations for enforceable health and safety measures, and procedures that would be required for all electronic music festivals on County-owned property, and report back in 120 days.” The motion also mentions reviewing the efforts of the 2010 Task Force. <p>Alexander Li (DHS) inquired as to when the first draft should be completed.</p> <p>Kevin Klar (LACFD) and John Todd (LACFD) inquired as to whether the recommendations that the Task Force develops will be expected to be integrated into the planning and implementation of the Halloween Electronic Music Festival (EMF) taking place: Saturday, October 31, 2015 and Sunday, November 1, 2015.</p> <p>Janine Jordan (EMA) informed the committee that the resource guides for festival safety are readily available at EMA-global.org</p>	<p>Task Force members agreed and approved the recommendation.</p> <p>To understand the efforts of the previous 2010 Task Force, Ben Lee (DPH) will provide all related documentation, including previous recommendations, previous motion, and list of previous Task Force members.</p> <p>Acting Chair Ford stated within 90 days from September 1, 2015, which would be either late October or early November.</p> <p>Acting Chair Wesley Ford stated that the Fairplex Planning Committee is separate from Task Force and should report back on results of upcoming Halloween EMF. Furthermore, the additional recommendations being developed by this Task Force will be submitted to the Board by November for implementation in 2016.</p>

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	<p>Dr. Ben Lee (DPH) informed the committee that the 2010 Task Force worked with Dance Safe, Nathan, and Drug Policy Alliance when developing resource guides and recommendations.</p> <p><u>Move to choosing Task Force Chair and confirm committee members</u></p> <p>Acting Chair Wesley Ford informed the committee that he would volunteer to Chair the Task Force on a permanent basis, unless the committee members would like to nominate another member.</p> <p>A question was brought up if alternates were allowed to participate and if needed could vote on decisions presented to the Task Force.</p> <p>Rachel Barbosa (BOS-SDI) requested that the final members of the task force be read out.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford stated that the following sub-committees will be formed and provide information to the Task Force that will assist in making decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Music Community 2. Medical Response 3. Best Practices and Education 4. Safety and Security <p>Rachel Barbosa (BOS-SDI) suggested that Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Wesley Ford as the Chair of the Task Force.</p> <p>Donna Lee-Liu (DPH-SAPC) confirmed with County Counsel that alternates are permissible and can serve as voting members, providing that the actual assigned committee member is not present.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford proceeded to read out members name and their affiliated agencies (There are 16 elected members).</p> <p>The following are the individuals designated to lead each one of the sub-committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Music Community – Janine Jordan (EMA) 2. Medical Response – Cathy Chidester (DHS) 3. Best Practices and Education – Ben Lee (DPH) 4. Safety and Security – Glen Stanley (LAC Sherriff)

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	<p>should have a bigger role in the safety and security, at events and in the surrounding community, while Fire should focus on the medical aspect.</p> <p>Donna Lee (DPH-SAPC), recommended and emphasized the importance of having representatives from Electronic Music Alliance and other music community members participate in the various sub-committees as appropriate, since these entities are very aware of the profile of individuals participating in these types of events.</p> <p>Committee member commented that the Music Festival Community be involved in each of the sub-committees.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford stated that the committee will make</p>	<p>Kevin Klar (LACFD), stated that the Fire Department (FD) is responsible for safety such as crowd control. The FD is also responsible for medical assistance during events. The FD can participate in committees from a safety/medical perspective.</p> <p>Paul Capraro (Pomona PD), stated that he is already involved in the security planning for such events and represents law enforcement. Additionally, he will participate in the Safety and Security sub-committee.</p> <p>Janine Jordan (EMA), stated she would like to participate in the Best Practice and Education sub-committee, since EMA already utilized best practices and is in the process of developing standards for the industry.</p>

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	<p>recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. He expects to review and approve committee recommendations in December 2015. He added that if approved, the recommendations will go into effect for events in January 2016 and thereafter. He further stated that in the past that it has been difficult getting approval or implementing recommendations because of controversial verbiage including "Harm reduction" by the Board. This being the case, the Task Force needs to keep this in mind when developing new recommendations.</p> <p>Alexander Li (DHS), recommended that the Task Force use a template that list items and actions taken.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford stated it would be helpful to obtain a list of County-owned properties hosting electronic music festival events.</p> <p>Roel Amara (DHS) commented that Health Services is developing a policy for Medical Response for these events.</p> <p>Kevin Klar (LACFD) stated that the Fire Department is currently in the process of amending their Policy# 842. He added that it would be helpful to obtain list of original 2010 Task Force members and reach out to them when developing sub-committees.</p> <p>Thomas Faughnan (County Counsel), stated it is important to discuss how recommendations will be incorporated into County policy, ordinance, etc.</p> <p>Rachel Barbosa (BOS-SDI) recommended a report back from</p>	<p>Dr. Ben Lee (DPH) to provide previous template used.</p> <p>Rosemarie Belda or Melodie Larsen (County Counsel) agreed to get the listing.</p> <p>Dr. Ben Lee (DPH) will provide information on 2010 Task Force members.</p> <p>Dr. Ben Lee (DPH) will provide information for review of the 2010 Board Motion as well as AB-848.</p>

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	<p>Halloween EMF event.</p> <p>Kevin Klar (LACFD) inquired as to who will assist in the development and convening of the sub-committees.</p> <p>Rachel Barbosa (BOS-SDI) suggested to invite Parks and Recreation to be part of each of the sub-committees. Contact person's first name is Frank.</p> <p>Committee member asked that Task Force member list and contact information be provided to all member.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford made a recommendation to meet every 2 weeks starting from the next meeting to be scheduled.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford made a recommendation to also add Environmental Health to the sub-committees as appropriate and asked that they explain their role on the Task Force.</p> <p>A Committee member asked when the Chair expects Draft Report of the Task Force recommendations.</p>	<p>Paul Capraro (Pomona PD) stated that he will lead that report and have Byron Prewett (LACFD) assist.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford stated Leads of each sub-committee will be responsible.</p> <p>Mario Salcedo (DPH) will provide listing.</p> <p>Donna Lee (DPH) asked if everyone was o.k. with the proposed meeting schedule. There was no opposition noted.</p> <p>Michael Jordan (DPH-EH) stated that Environmental Health's position on the committee is to provide assistance and information pertaining to issues outside of human health: food, water, soil, air, climate, sound, etc.</p> <p>Chair Wesley Ford stated before Thanksgiving (late November 2015).</p>

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Public Comments (Comments from the public on Items of Interest within the Task Force Subject Matter Jurisdiction)	<p>Chair Wesley Ford made a move for public comment.</p> <p>Janine Jordan (EMA) stated that this is a great opportunity for Los Angeles County to set a good example of how to best implement industry standards pertaining to electronic music festivals.</p>	
Adjourn to the next meeting	<p>Next meeting is scheduled to take place:</p> <p>Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1000 S. Fremont Ave. Alhambra, CA 91803 A9 East Building Ground Floor Conference Room G-2</p>	<p>Mario Salcedo (DPH-SAPC) will provide next agenda, logistics or future meetings, meeting minutes, member listing with contact information.</p>