

FAIRGROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Greetings neighbors,

AMPHITHEATER OPERATIONS. For years we have endured county neglect of problems associated with amphitheater operations. As a result, the neighbors bear the negative impacts. For the last 2 seasons we have been *very* vocal about the most blatant violations.

On September 1 the county finally appointed a “responsible county official” to oversee amphitheater operations. She fills a position that was vacant for many years. At our September meeting she got an earful about our concerns and frustrations. But 2 months later, there had been no further communication from her.

SO we asked for the annual reports. The 2 files we received were cause for concern. For example:

- 1) Has anybody at the county pursued the violations we discussed and the reports have documented?
- 2) Has anybody at the county even discussed solving these violations with the amphitheater operator?
- 3) Has anybody at the county pursued other problems with amphitheater operations?
- 4) Does anybody at the county recognize that the 2 reports are incomplete?
- 5) Why are we not getting progress reports from the county?

So far, in response to our concerns we’ve repeatedly been told the county will get back to us. ??? The amphitheater operators are already deep into planning for the 2018 season. The first event has already been announced. (Foreigner will appear on Saturday July 28 and tickets are already on sale.)

The governing documents for amphitheater operations are the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and the Traffic Management Plan (TMP). A “responsible county official” oversees amphitheater operations. Violations are handled by the Community Development department.

Violations require the county to bring the amphitheater operators before the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner will evaluate the violations and determine if they are valid. If so, the HE will specify corrective action and impose penalties (liquidated damages).

The 2 annual reports the county provided document the same concerns we discussed at our September meeting. Even so, we have no reason to believe the county has made any progress resolving these violations. Instead of a progress report we are told repeatedly “I’ll get back to you.”

We have researched, observed, reported, compiled, and documented violations of the amphitheater operations. County staff is *paid* to do that! Have they?

Following in this newsletter are the specifics for *over* 50 violations that the county should be pursuing with the Hearings Examiner. What is the status? Come to our monthly meeting and find out! If you can’t make the meeting, please email with your comments and suggestions to convince the county

MONTHLY MEETING
AMPHITHEATER OPERATIONS
with Clark County staff
Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm
Community of Christ meeting room at 400 NE 179th Street

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AMPHITHEATER VIOLATIONS AMPHITHEATER CUP 99-003-1531; SPR99-019-1531

VII.K.9. Require that all weekday Amphitheater events (excluding weekday holidays) that have attendance greater than 15,3000 patrons start no earlier than 8:00 PM. Lower attendance events will be allowed to start earlier if the traffic impacts are less and if approved by the County Engineer (or his/her designee) prior to the event.

Early start times were not approved for these 9 concerts:

ACT	WEEKDAY	DATE	START
Styx / REO	Friday	June 20	7:00
Brad Paisley	Tuesday	June 29	7:00
Train	Friday	July 14	7:30
Matchbox 20	Wednesday	July 19	6:45
Incubus	Friday	August 18	6:45
OneRepublic	Wednesday	August 23	7:00
Nickelback	Wednesday	August 30	6:00
Foreigner	Friday	September 8	7:30
Jason Aldean	Friday	September 22	7:30

NINE VIOLATIONS

VII.K.17.f. Provisions for restricting amphitheater traffic to 179th and Delfel Roads and limiting amphitheater traffic on other local streets; As per the TMP Restricting amp traffic. " Local Resident Access Passes will be issued to each local property owner in the closure areas. Manned barricades with traffic monitors will be positioned at the intersection of NW 11th Avenue and both 164th Street and NW 179th Street allowing access only to those vehicles with a Valid Resident Access pass.

Approximately one half hour after the main act has begun, the barricades will be moved to the Amphitheater entrances on NE 179th Street and Delfel Road to control egress. No cars will be allowed to exit the venue headed west on 179th Street or south on Delfel Road."

Barricades were not manned for any of the 12 concerts during the 2017 season. As observed, barricades were not moved to restrict egress routes.

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACT	INGRESS	EGRESS
June 11	Sunday	7:00	Future	NO	?
June 20	Friday	7:00	Styx/REO	NO	?
June 29	Tuesday	7:00	Brad Paisley	NO	?
July 14	Friday	7:30	Train	NO	?
July 19	Wednesday	6:45	Matchbox 20	NO	NO
August 18	Friday	6:45	Incubus	NO	?
August 23	Wednesday	7:00	OneRepublic	NO	?
August 30	Wednesday	6:00	Nickelback	NO	?
September 3	Sunday	7:30	Ldy Antblm	NO	?
September 8	Friday	7:00	Foreigner	NO	NO
September 22	Friday	7:30	Jason Aldean	NO	NO
October 7	Saturday	7:00	Florida Georgia Line	NO	NO

MINIMUM 16 VIOLATIONS

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VII.K.17.h. Provide manual control of the North leg of Delfel Road to allow traffic to exit onto 179th Street in either direction. As per the TMP "Each event on the Amphitheater site will require two officers at the main amphitheater entrance and one officer at Old (North) Delfel ROAD. (TCO.)"

On a sporadic basis a TCO stood at the end of North Delfel Road for some of the 12 concerts during the 2017 season. During those limited times the TCO always faced 179th Street, ignoring the cars stacked behind him/her on North Delfel Road. The TCO never acted to allow traffic to exit onto 179th Street in either direction. Multiple dangerous traffic maneuvers by cars on North Delfel Road were observed on many of these dates.

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACT	OPEN	PATRONS
June 11	Sunday	7:00	Future	2:38	9182
June 20	Friday	7:00	Styx/REO	2:37	4905
June 29	Tuesday	7:00	Brad Paisley	3:00	7355
July 14	Friday	7:30	Train	2:33	7731
July 19	Wednesday	6:45	Matchbox 20	2:15	6029
August 18	Friday	6:45	Incubus	2:31	5924
August 23	Wednesday	7:00	OneRepublic	2:27	6311
August 30	Wednesday	6:00	Nickelback	1:16	8053
September 3	Sunday	7:30	Ldy Antblm	2:32	5750
September 8	Friday	7:00	Foreigner	2:50	7375
September 22	Friday	7:30	Jason Aldean	2:29	14880
October 7	Saturday	7:00	Florida Georgia Line	2:20e	9062

TWELVE VIOLATIONS

VII.K.19. Promote that onsite parking areas for weekday Amphitheater events will open no earlier than 6:00 PM;

Onsite parking opened much more than 2 hours before the 12 concert times during the 2017 season.

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACT	LOT OPEN	ACTUAL
June 11	Sunday	7:00	Future	5:00	2:38
June 20	Friday	7:00	Styx/REO	5:00	2:37
June 29	Tuesday	7:00	Brad Paisley	5:00	3:00
July 14	Friday	7:30	Train	5:30	2:33
July 19	Wednesday	6:45	Matchbox 20	4:45	2:15
August 18	Friday	6:45	Incubus	4:45	2:31
August 23	Wednesday	7:00	OneRepublic	5:00	2:27
August 30	Wednesday	6:00	Nickelback	4:00	1:16
September 3	Sunday	7:30	Ldy Antblm	5:30	2:32
September 8	Friday	7:00	Foreigner	5:00	2:50
September 22	Friday	7:30	Jason Aldean	5:30	2:29
October 7	Saturday	7:00	Florida Georgia Line	5:00	2:20

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VII.K.25. Provide manual traffic control for all events with more than 9000 patrons. As per the Traffic Management Plan “For Level Two (9,000-12,000) and greater size events, two officers will be assigned for the local access task and manual control will be implemented at the signals at the Northbound off-ramp, Northbound On-Ramp, Southbound Off-Ramp, and New Delfel Road.”

“The TCO will manually take the exit ramp intersections when traffic is observed to be collecting on the exit ramp. For crowds of 8,500 or more TCOs are to take command of the 179th Street and northbound I-5 exit ramp intersection to allow rapid and safe entry onto 179th.”

Manual traffic control at 3 intersections was not provided at these 5 events.

DATE	ACT	ATTENDANCE
June 11	Future	9,182
June 29	Brad Paisley	9,177
August 30	Nickelback	9,555
September 22	Jason Aldean	14,880
October 7	Florida Georgia Line	12,789

FIVE VIOLATIONS

		SUNLIGHT	SUPPLY	2017	CONCERT	SEASON
DATE	DAY	TIME	ACT	OPEN	PATRONS	
June 11	Sunday	7:00	Future	2:38	9182	
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TOTAL 2017 ATTENDANCE				92,557		

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DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS

In November we sent you the results of our recent member survey. As a group, we agree on most of the development issues in the Discovery Corridor.

That said, even though FGNA members generally agree among ourselves, we are at odds with our county government on many important matters. We will need to be proactive in protecting our quality of life. We will need to be outspoken about how our taxpayer dollars are spent and who benefits. Here's a brief description:

Currently there is a de facto moratorium on development around the 179th Street interchange. There are no available trips. The state's \$50 million funding for interchange improvements will provide the new trips that will open up the area for development.

According to our survey, 95% of us want a Strategic Plan for Discovery Corridor development. Then, where appropriate, 82% of us want the creation of any Developer Agreements within that framework. And finally, 66%+ of us agree that under no circumstances should our inclusion in the city of Vancouver be accomplished without a vote of those affected.

This calls into question the county's long standing efforts to negotiate a Developer Agreement to speed construction of the I-5 / 179th Street project. The developer plans more than 100 acres of commercial uses – service related jobs. (When asked, the developer declined to meet with us for now. He's still on our radar.)

The proposed spending of \$50 million in taxpayer funds is creating heartburn for us. First, the draft reserves many, probably all, of the new trips for low paying service jobs in this commercial development.

Second, it annexes the area into the city of Vancouver without a vote.

Third, it proposes roundabouts in lieu of traffic signals at I-5 off-ramps. (The effectiveness of such traffic control - when thousands of cars new to the area arrive for events - appears to be pure speculation.)

The FGNA strategy includes gaining a seat at the table in Developer Agreement negotiations, insisting on directly comparable traffic studies on roundabout effectiveness, the creation of a Discovery Corridor Strategic Plan, informing our state legislative elected officials of our concerns, and input on the annexation agreements being negotiated with the city of Vancouver.

We also plan to use local media as a means to bring citizens up to speed about our concerns. Stay tuned!

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FYI: The Community Development department emails out a development review status report every Friday. If you want to know what's in process or submit comments on a development review proposal, ask to be added to the mailing list. Advise Jodi.creamer@clark.wa.gov. *It's too late when they start unloading the dozers next to your property!* If you have concerns about proposed developments that we need to address call Bridget at 360.573.5873.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WE MEET at 7 PM ON SECOND THURSDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY of CHRIST MEETING ROOM
400 NE 179TH STREET, 1/2 MILE WEST OF I-5

OUR BOUNDARIES :

NORTH, 219TH STREET

WEST, LAKE RIVER

EAST, NE 72ND AVENUE

SOUTH – WEST OF I-5, NW 151ST STREET TO NW 41ST AVENUE TO NW / NE 164TH STREET;
SOUTH - EAST OF I-5, NE KLINELINE RD TO NE 119TH ST TO SALMON CREEK TO NE 50TH AVE
TO NE 149TH ST TO NE 72ND AVE

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