

Williams, Debra

From: Lisa McDonald <lisa@teahaus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 2:48 PM
To: Williams, Debra
Subject: Re: AA Downtown Jazz Festival

Here are a few of the emails. I had asked them to send them to you as well and two others said they would attend the meeting. Did they?

Lisa

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Yes a great jazz event would be lovely!

Looking at this application---one has to pause.

First, and important, there is a problem with the title of the festival. There is already a festival in town called Ann Arbor Jazz Festival---which is headed by Dave Sharp (artistic director of Blue Llama).

This problem underlines the fact that these organizers are not of our community.

These organizers do not seem to have any presenting/organizing track record---the sort they are proposing. A basketball game (mentioned as prior experience) is quite a different animal!

The budget seems unrealistic for an event of this magnitude--therefore, if they are allowed to do this---the city should not bear any cost---since this is not an Ann Arbor applicant.

It seems like --if there is to be a street closing for events----KDA should be the drivers. There are just so many times the public can work around a street closing. Trying to get to Kerrytown and parking etc on a Saturday is already a trick. So any closing like this effects ALL of the area.

In fact, June already has a closing; for the African American festival--which has been a tradition for many years and was a grass roots organization coming from within our own neighborhood.

Who does this festival support?---is there a mission? Charitable mission?

Looking at the roster---half the time is simply DJ music---which will be quite loud I'm sure.

Given the rich jazz culture we enjoy in Ann Arbor---and indeed -downtown--it is bit like "carrying coals to Newcastle" ---:) sorry.

All best for the season,

Deanna
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2.

Hello All!

Yes, as the festival director of the A2 Jazz Fest, which just completed it's 4th year in Ann Arbor <http://www.a2jazzfest.com>, I agree with Deanna's points-

Can someone direct me toward the details of the proposed event? I'd be glad to assist via email, text or meeting on making this a successful event.



Dave Sharp

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On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 2:42 PM Lisa McDonald <lisa@teahaus.com> wrote:

So sorry. My store is so crazy being the last week people are in town.

I have a few more points from others who were VERY against it.

I so wanted to be there but I have not looked up since 10am until now. I seriously thought it was 1:30 not almost 3pm

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Should I forward the other comments?

Lisa

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2019, at 14:39, Williams, Debra <DeWilliams@a2gov.org> wrote:

Miss you today. I shared your feedback and they are all about wanting to have the businesses partner with them. I told them I would share your contact info with them so you can work that out. Is that okay?

From: Lisa McDonald <lisa@teahaus.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 12:09 PM

To: Grace Singleton <gsingleton@zingermands.com>

Cc: Williams, Debra <DeWilliams@a2gov.org>; Clock, William <WClock@a2gov.org>; Summersgill, Kathleen <KSummersgill@a2gov.org>; Thomson, Maura <MThomson@a2dda.org>

Subject: Re: AA Downtown Jazz Festival

Hi there

I will attend the meeting and see if anyone else from our block has any input. The African American Festival has been very slow sales days for our block in the past so I think the city just wants our input. I personally love events on our street but I do want to make sure that we are asked to be involved or at least are given the chance to know what's going on ahead of time. I don't think we can actually approve the event (up to the city) but we can advise or give our two cents. If anyone has input or questions but can't make the meeting, let me know. I will relay it for you.

Thanks

Lisa

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 11:54 AM Grace Singleton <gsingleton@zingers.com> wrote:

thank you Debra for sharing this with me.

I'm sharing this with the KDA board members so they are aware of it.

I am not really sure of the KDA's role in approval of new events in our district. If you have any advice on that front I'd appreciate it. Up until now I've only had long standing annual events come my way.

This seems like they're hoping to do something fairly sizeable- but seems like they're still in the planning stages.

happy holidays!

gracee

Grace Singleton

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On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:36 AM Williams, Debra <DeWilliams@a2gov.org> wrote:

Please replace the previous with the updated document. There were two additional pages that were missing.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Williams, Debra

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 9:23 AM

To: Lisa McDonald; Grace Singleton; Clock, William; Kathleen Summersgill

Cc: Maura Thomson

Subject: AA Downtown Jazz Festival

When: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: ConfRoom - Larcom 1st Floor North

This is a new event. As such, I am calling a meeting with the organizers to discuss impacts, security, communication plans, solid waste, etc. This event mimics the African-American Festival in terms of timing and footprint.