



Legislation Text

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: April 18, 2017

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DCM: Bryan Langley

SUBJECT

Consider a request for an exception to the limitations imposed by Section 17-20 of the City of Denton Noise Ordinance for the purpose of hosting the Denton Juneteenth Celebration in Fred Moore Park, located at 629 Lakey St., on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 2017. The exception is specifically requested to increase sound levels from 70 to 75 decibels, and to extend the hours from 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Friday, and until midnight on Saturday.

BACKGROUND

Cheyron Brown, chair of the Juneteenth Celebration, has requested an exception to the noise ordinance for the Denton Juneteenth Celebration held in Fred Moore Park located at 629 Lakey St. The event is hosted on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 2017. This outdoor festival is hosted annually, one weekend prior to June 19, and held in Fred Moore Park.

This event commemorates the date, June 19, 1865, when General Gordon Granger informed the slaves of Texas that the Emancipation Proclamation was signed and made all slaves free. The Juneteenth Committee's mission is to actively preserve and promote the broad spectrum of African American heritage through educational and cultural activities that benefit the City of Denton's community. The Juneteenth Celebration features a parade, live bands, food vendors, choirs, entertainment, and children's games.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On May 6, 2014, the City Council approved a three-year noise exception via Ordinance No. 2014-130 that expired in 2016.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Liveable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community

Related Goal: Provide and support outstanding leisure, cultural, and educational opportunities

EXHIBITS

Letter of Request

Respectfully submitted:
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Director of Parks and Recreation