## **Linda DeWitt**

From:

Keith Bredael , APD

Sent:

Thursday, April 10, 2014 2:23 PM

To:

Linda DeWitt

Subject:

RE: Top Shelf Special Event

Linda,

First it's the location that cannot be monitored from the road. Response time for emergencies would take a while having to drive thru the ramps. We don't encourage people hanging out in the ramps due to vehicle break ins extra and wrong doing. There is no way to control who would be involved in the event or how to get that many people out safely in case of an emergency. I know some first responders would not be able to get their vehicles into the ramp. Bathrooms are an issue. Encouraging people to use the restrooms in the bar would not be good, esp. underage people who could be attending. You can expect indecent conduct with people relieving themselves between cars. The added amount of vehicle traffic, could result in a higher probability of an accident in the ramp. I like the car show aspect, not the location. A park or parking lot would be more of a desirable location. This sounds like a group of people just wanting to hang out. It is not a fundraiser or for any time of cause like most events that occur in the city are. Power to run electronics is an issue as well. Hope this helps.

## Linda DeWitt

From:

Steve Patterson

Sent:

Monday, April 14, 2014 9:17 AM

To:

Linda DeWitt

Subject:

RE: Top Shelf Special Event

Representing the Fire Department, we have some concerns, but not enough to warrant denial of this event.

Rather, our comment involves future events that may follow this. Once the door is open, it's open to all. Is it unreasonable to assume other clubs/groups will take notice when City ramps are approved to use for assembly of people? Precautions need to be discussed by City staff to prevent issues at future events; fire extinguishers may be needed, which seems to an expense borne by the City. And *no smoking* signs may be needed to prevent problems in the future, too, if the ramps are used to assemble people. Are we preparing in the 2015 budget to add fire prevention in the ramps due to a change in how they are used?

## **Paula Vandehey**

From:

Linda DeWitt

Sent:

Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:09 AM

To:

Paula Vandehey

Subject:

FW: Top Shelf Special Event

Here is what I received from Tim Mirkes.

From: Tim Mirkes

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 3:54 PM

To: Linda DeWitt

Subject: RE: Top Shelf Special Event

From the Health perspective, they are not serving food, so no concern there. But they intend to have amplified music (probably from a car stereo) so noise may be an issue, but, they are not *required* to obtain a noise variance... So, really no Health issues.

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Sent:

Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:09 AM

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Subject:

FW: Top Shelf Special Event

Here is what I received from Barb Limpert.

From: Barb Limpert

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 11:42 AM

To: Linda DeWitt; Steve Patterson; Keith Bredael; Tim Mirkes; Ross Buetow; Dale VandeWalle

Cc: Maureen Hanley

**Subject:** RE: Top Shelf Special Event

Linda,

There are Safety, Health and Risk concerns if the Top Shelf Event was held on the top of the Washington St Ramp.

Some of the concerns that were discussed at the Special Events Committee Meeting are listed below:

- 1) Pedestrian traffic in an area that is used for vehicles could be a dangerous.
- 2) A Fire truck or ambulance cannot get to the top of the ramp.
- 3) Electrical service is questionable for the D.J. & the vendors.
- 4) No bathrooms
- 5) Attendees may bring in their own food & alcohol.
- 6) Trash & spills
- 7) Unsecured tents or display items could be blown from the ramp and this would be hazardous to people on the sidewalks. (An attendee at Appleton's Farmers Market was struck by a patio style umbrella that was blown over by the wind and the person died.)
- 8) Past requests for Events in the Ramps were denied and it would be difficult to deny future requests if this event is allowed.

It is my recommendation that a Park would be a better location for this event. Let me know if I can provide additional information.

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