

**ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL (EMF) TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Summary – December 3rd, 2015**

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vincent Amerson (CEO), David Laub for Stan Brawer (LACFD), Paul Capraro (Pomona PD), Dardy Chen (CEO), Roel Amara for Cathy Chidester (DHS), Phil Cocker (LACFD), Dennis Cross (LACFD), Wesley L. Ford (DPH), Mark Gluba (Pomona Deputy City Manager), , Clayton Kazan (LACFD), Kevin Klar (LACFD), Alexander Li (DHS), Byron Prewett (LACFD), Glen Stanley (LAC Sheriff)

**TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Sheila Williams (CEO) and Michael Jordan (DPH-EH)

**GUEST REGISTER:** Janine Jordan(EMA), Loy McBride (LAC Sheriff), Judith St. John (Protect our Neighborhood), Roy Williams (LAC Parks and Rec.), Dale Coleman (Fairplex), Desiree Naranjo (Insomniac), David Loomstein (EMA), Stephanie Raby (LAC EMS), Debra Martin (City of Pomona), Jason Henry (Pasadena Star News)

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Meeting Agenda; Draft 11/19/15 Meeting Minutes, Draft 2015 Recommendations for Electronic Music Events on County-Owned Property, and document with 2014-2015 Los Angeles County Mass Event medical treatment data by age.

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<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairman Wesley Ford called meeting to order at 9:05am., a quorum was present.	
<b>Welcome and Introduction of Task Force Members and Guests</b>	Chairman Wesley Ford asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves and include what agency they are representing.	
<b>Approval of meeting minutes 11/19/15</b>	<p><u><b>11/19/15 Meeting Minutes</b></u> Minutes were approved with corrections.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to approve.</p>	Task Force member Glen Stanley initiated the motion. Task Force Member Kevin Klar seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve minutes.



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	<p><b><u>Safety and Law Enforcement Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Item# 1a – Alternate Task Force Member Roel Amara asked about who will be responsible for providing peace officers.</p> <p>Task Force Member Paul Capraro explained that the law enforcement agency within the jurisdiction of the event would provide the officers.</p> <p>Item 2B- Alternate Task Force Member Roel Amara asked about who could request the contents of the amnesty boxes</p> <p>A law enforcement representative explained that law enforcement would have possession of the contents of the amnesty boxes and would work with the Department of Public Health when necessary.</p> <p>The Task Force had no changes for the “Safety and Law Enforcement Recommendations” section. Chairman Wesley Ford asked for a motion to approve the “Safety and Law Enforcement recommendations section”.</p> <p><b><u>Alcohol Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Task Force members had no changes to the recommendations. Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to approve the “Alcohol Related Recommendations” section.</p> <p><b><u>Education Related Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>Item #1: Task Force Member Alexander Li asked if the recommendations would be expanded to all events.</p>	<p>Task Force Member Paul Capraro initiated the motion and Alternate Task Force Member Roel Amara seconded. Unanimous approval of “Safety and Law Enforcement recommendations”.</p> <p>Task Force Member Alexander Li initiated the motion. Task Force Member Kevin Klar seconded. Unanimous approval of “Alcohol Related Recommendations” section.</p>

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	<p>Chairman Wesley Ford explained that the charge of the Task Force was to focus on electronic music festivals.</p> <p>Item #2: Task Force Member Byron Prewett had concerns over using the word “requiring”.</p> <p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar provided a suggestion to change number 2.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to change item 2 to: “Require the Department of Public Health to establish partnerships (e.g., with non-profit and key local community organizations, music community organizations, and local educational institutions) to create evidence-based educational and informational materials on alcohol and drug use.”</p> <p>There were no more comments on the “Education Related Recommendations” section. Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to approve the section.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford moved to discuss the “Health Related Recommendations” section.</p> <p><b>Health Related Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no comments on the “Health Related Recommendations” section. Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to approve the section.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford moved to discuss the “Emergency Medical Response Recommendations”.</p>	<p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar initiated the motion. Task Force Member Roel Amara seconded. Unanimous approval to amend item 2.</p> <p>Task Force Member Clayton Kazan initiated the motion. Task Force Member Alexander Li seconded. Unanimous approval of “Education Related Recommendations” section.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Task Force Member Phil Cocker initiated the motion. Task Force Member Clayton Kazan seconded. Unanimous approval of the “Health Related Recommendations” section.</p>

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	<p><b><u>Emergency Medical Response Recommendations</u></b></p> <p>There were no comments on the “Emergency Medical Response Recommendations” section. Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to approve the section.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford moved to discuss the “Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors” section.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors</u></b></p> <p>Item #5: Task Force Member Kevin Klar and Alternate Task Force Member Roel Amara recommended changes to item 5.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford requested a motion to change item 5 to “These recommendations should be considered in the planning of all mass gathering events and festivals on County owned or operated property, as appropriate.”</p> <p>There were no other comments on the “Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors” section. Chairman Wesley Ford asked for a motion to approve the section.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford explained that County Counsel will have to review the recommendations to determine whether they are enforceable. Chairman Ford wanted to give the community the opportunity to comment before finalizing the minutes.</p>	<p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar initiated the motion. Task Force Member Roel Amara seconded. Unanimous approval of the “Emergency Medical Response Recommendations” section.</p> <p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar initiated the motion. Alexander Li seconded. Unanimous approval of amendment to item 5.</p> <p>Task Force Member Phil Cocker initiated the motion. Task Force Member Clayton Kazan seconded. Unanimous approval of “Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors” section.</p>

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<p><b>Public Comments (Comments from the public on Items of Interest within the Task Force Subject Matter Jurisdiction)</b></p>	<p>Chairman Wesley Ford moved to public comment.</p> <p>Public attendee Ms. Judy St. John suggested that the age limit be set at 21. She indicated that there were instances where individuals under the age of 18 were able to get into previous events, possibly with IDs that did not belong to them. If the age was set to 21, then it would be more difficult for minors to successfully use the ID of another individual due to the difference in age based appearance.</p> <p>Public attendee Janine Jordan asked if the “planning committee” mentioned in the “Education Related Recommendations” is the same as the “working group” that is addressed in the general recommendations.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford indicated that they are the same.</p> <p>Fairplex representative commented that there is good intention in number 5 of the “Recommendations to the Board” section, but that it may be overreaching. Fairplex is already doing much of what is in the recommendations and they are in favor them. But number five would allow for politicians to hold all events accountable to the recommendations, regardless if the event does not require the same planning or oversight as an electronic music festival. The Fairplex representative also explained that the job of the Task Force was to focus on electronic music festivals, and may inadvertently open a can of worms. Nobody wants that. Maybe County Counsel will fix it.</p> <p>Task Force Member Kevin Klar explained that the Fairplex representative’s concerns were addressed in the amendment to item 5. Also, the new “842” categorizes events by intensity so not all events would qualify for the same amount of planning and oversight.</p> <p>The Fairplex representative understood and hopes that the outcome of this item matches its intention. The representative also explained that he hopes that the document is not used in</p>	

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	<p>retrospect to hold other events accountable for unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford explains that his concern should be addressed in the amendment. Many of the recommendations should be used in various mass events, such as medical response and safety.</p> <p>Task Force Member Byron Prewett explained that the Fairplex provides the Fire Department with all planned events to be approved. The Fire Department can determine which events may be considered electronic music festivals.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford explained that even though the focus is on electronic music festivals, the overall intent is to ensure public safety.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford asked the Task Force if they wanted to change any of the recommendations based on public comment.</p> <p>No motions were brought forward.</p>	
<b>Final vote on all recommendations</b>	<p>There were no comments on the final recommendations. Chairman Wesley Ford asked for a motion to approve the recommendations.</p>	<p>Task Force Member Glen Stanley initiated the motion. Task Force Member Clayton Kazan seconded. Unanimous approval of recommendations.</p>
<b>Closing Remarks and Adjournment</b>	<p>Task Force members asked for a timeline as well as a copy of the final draft of the recommendations.</p> <p>Chairman Wesley Ford thanked everyone for their participation and also explained that County Council will review the recommendations, which will then be sent to Cindy Harding with an accompanying report for approval. Another meeting may be scheduled if necessary.</p> <p>Wesley Ford adjourned the meeting at 9:54 am.</p>	<p>Task Force assistant Mario Salcedo indicated that the recommendations will be provided to the Board by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December. Mario will also provide the Task Force with the final recommendations once they are reviewed by county counsel.</p>