

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2021-066

Authorizing consumption of beer and wine only within Boyd Plaza adjacent to the Columbia Museum of Art for White Nights on Boyd Plaza on Thursday, August 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the Columbia Museum of Art ("CMA") is hosting White Nights on Boyd Plaza on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the CMA has requested permission for the temporary closing and use of the courtyard/plaza area adjacent to the Museum for CMA White Nights from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for preparation and staging of the area for an outdoor event to be held between 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and for patrons to consume beer and wine beverages only on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, to insure the safety of attendees Organizer understands and agrees as follows:

1. Organizer shall work with the City to develop a written plan and design a footprint of the event area that adheres to COVID-19 pandemic safety and social distancing protocols as published by the CDC and SCDHEC and shall modify the plans and footprint as safety protocols published by the CDC and SCDHEC are updated.

2. The City may cancel the event at any time based upon public safety and/or public health concerns. The City shall not be financially responsible for any costs associated with the cancellation of the event.

3. Organizer shall display signs (physical and/or electronic) throughout the event area that discourage physical contact such as hugs, handshakes, fist bumps, and high-fives during the event.

4. Organizer shall encourage all attendees of the event to adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols to include but not be limited to wearing of face masks, social distancing and frequent washing of hands.

5. Organizer is required to provide portable restroom facilities at the event unless it can substantiate the sufficient availability of both ADA accessible and non-accessible facilities in the immediate area of the event site which will be available to the public during the event. Organizer is to provide a minimum of four (4) chemical or portable toilets and two (2) wash stations for every 250 people, or portion thereof who attends the event. Ten percent (10%) of these facilities should be ADA accessible. This figure is based upon the maximum number of attendees at the event during peak time. The City of Columbia may determine the total number of required restroom facilities on a case-by-case basis. Organizer shall post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near the restroom without maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from other people.

6. Organizer shall post signs or markers to prohibit lines or crowds forming near food vendors and should encourage attendees to bring their own water. Alcohol, beer and/or wine shall be prohibited at the event without approval of a written resolution of City Council.

7. Organizer shall coordinate with food vendors to offer touchless payment options if possible and available or provide a tray for the exchange of payment to avoid hand contact. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned after each customer and customers are encouraged to use their own pens.

8. At no cost to the City, Organizer shall be responsible for hiring no less than two (2) off-duty City of Columbia police officers during the hours of 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such an event would be in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 20th day of July, 2021, that the sale of beer and wine beverages only in plastic containers or cans only is authorized between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages other than beer and/or wine beverages only within the event area is prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that VIP tents or VIP areas for the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquors or alcoholic beverages, other than beer or wine beverages only, within the event area are prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that organizer is responsible or shall make arrangements for the cleanup of all trash and debris within the festival area and shall place same in the roll carts provided by the City. Any overflow of trash and debris shall be placed in garbage bags with the top securely closed and placed beside the City roll carts. The number of roll carts needed for the event shall be determined by organizer and the City Solid Waste Division prior to the event and placed throughout the event area to ensure that trash and debris are well contained. Roll carts and bagged trash and debris shall be returned to the collection point designated by the City in a timely manner. If the

organizer has not opted to use City services to clean up the festival area, any costs incurred by the City in removing loose trash and debris within the festival area, which the organizer has failed to clean up, shall be billed to and paid by the organizer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of the event to residential properties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed within the area. All other traffic, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate boards, and horses, except police horses, police golf carts, and horse-drawn carriages, is prohibited. All pets, including snakes, shall be prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, large bags and backpacks shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the closed portion of courtyard/plaza area adjacent to the Museum, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, the closed portion of the courtyard/plaza area adjacent to the Museum, with the exception of the parking area and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, is deemed to be the site of a public festival at which beer and wine beverages only may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Sec. 14-99 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the areas designated.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the event organizer shall provide the names and cell phone numbers of at least two contact persons who can receive complaints during the event, including any set up and breakdown times. The cell phones shall remain on at all times during the event and during any set up and breakdown time.


PROVIDED, FURTHER, that failure of the event organizer to strictly comply with the time frames and other requirements and responsibilities set forth in this resolution may result in a denial of subsequent requests to allow the event.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the organizer reschedule the event for another date beyond one (1) week from the date of the originally scheduled event, a request for a resolution of City Council approving the new date of the event shall be required.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Shealy



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: 7/20/2021
Final Reading: 7/20/2021

DATE OF REQUEST 5/24/2021
REQUESTOR'S NAME/CONTACT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/PHONE#/FAX#)
Wilson Bame
wbame@columbiamuseum.org
803-343-2181

EVENT NAME/PURPOSE (i.e., St. Patrick's/Charity Fund-raiser) White Nights on Boyd Plaza

DATE(S) OF EVENTS: (multiple day can be on one request) August 12, 2021

RAIN CONTINGENCY DATE: (Rescheduling due to inclement weather is allowed once within one week from the date of the originally scheduled event upon 24-hours written notice to the City, without a new request. The time of event operation shall remain the same.)
None

LOCATION OF EVENT (i.e., Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street)
Columbia Museum of Art
1515 Main St.
Columbia, SC 29201

STREET(S) OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED (i.e., 1300 and 1400 blocks of Main Street between Lady Street and Hampton Street; Amphitheater area of Finlay Park; Boyd Plaza)
Boyd Plaza

HOURS FOR STREET(S) OR PARK AREA TO BE CLOSED (i.e., 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.) ALLOW TIME FOR SET UP/CLEAN UP
6:00pm - 10:00pm

HOURS OF EVENT (i.e., 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)*
7:00pm - 10:00pm

HOURS OF SERVICE OF BEER/WINE BEVERAGES ONLY (NO LIQUOR**) (Service should end one-half hour prior to end of event (i.e., event is 6-10 p.m., beer/wine service is 6-9:30 p.m.)*
7:00pm - 9:30pm

DUE TO COVID-19 THERE ARE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE IN PLACE TO INSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR SAFETY PLAN/PROTOCOL WITH DRAWING DEPICTING CLEANING/SANITIZATION AREAS WITH YOUR SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST FORM

Requests should be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax at least ***NINETY (90) days in advance of the event*** to allow for preparation and review of the Resolution and scheduling on Council's agenda. Requests may be sent by e-mail (shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov), fax (803-737-4250) or mailed to City Attorney's Office, ATTN: Shari Ardis, POB 667, Columbia, SC 29202. A draft Resolution will be prepared and forwarded for review to the event organizer, as well as to the City departments for coordination of City services and requirements (i.e., Police, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation, etc.). Approval from the adjoining business/property owners must be obtained before your request will be submitted to City Council if streets are to be closed off during business hours. The event organizer is responsible for obtaining a permit or license if required by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

***Outdoor possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages only, all outdoor musical performances and use of sound-amplifying devices shall end by 10:00 p.m. due to the proximity of events to residential properties.**

****ONLY BEER AND WINE BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON CITY PROPERTY. POSSESSION OF LIQUOR IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. VIP tents or VIP areas for possession and consumption of beer and wine beverages within the event area are PRHOHIBITED.**

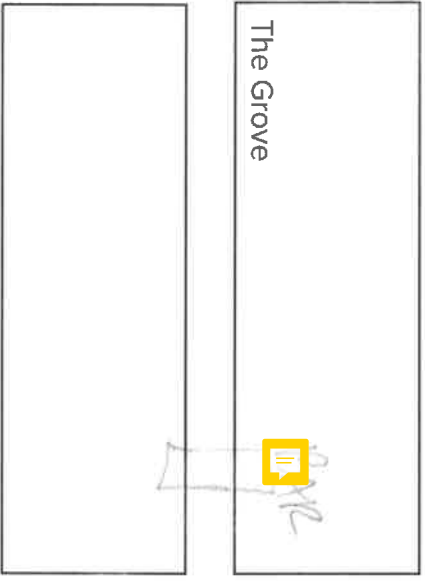
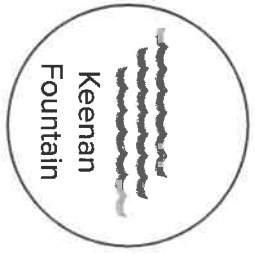
NOTE: **This form should only be used for public events where beer and/or wine are to be sold and consumed on City property** (i.e., Main Street Latin Festival, St. Patrick's Festival, Vista Lights., Rocky Shoals Spider Lily Festival, etc.).

This form **should not** be used to request use of City property for **private** events (birthday, retirement, anniversary parties, etc.) nor for sidewalk sales or neighborhood block parties. Requests for private events at City parks should be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Requests for sidewalk sales should be made to the City Manager. Requests for street closings for private neighborhood block parties should be made to the Police Department Special Events and Public Safety.
Fire Marshal George N. Adams, Jr., 803-545-3703; george.adams@columbiasc.gov
Legal Department - Shari Ardis; 803-737-4242; shari.ardis@columbiasc.gov or fax 803-737-4250 - resolution preparation
Parking Services - Jessica Argoe; (803) 545-0287; jessica.argoe@columbiasc.gov - meter bagging
Parks and Recreation - Pearl Osborne; 803-545-3100; pearl.osborne@columbiasc.gov park reservations
Police Department Special Events - Sgt. Jennifer L. Jordan; (803) 545-3514; jennifer.jordan@columbiasc.gov - parade permit, police
Police Department Community Services - Brenda Murphy; 803-545-3507; brenda.murphy@columbiasc.gov - street closing

BOYD PLAZA

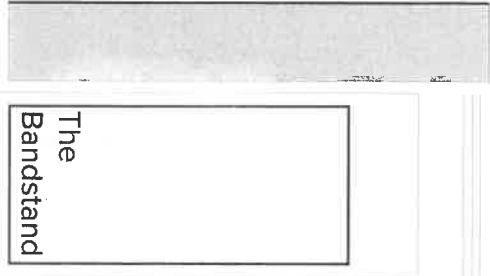
Hampton Street

White Nights



Approved seating

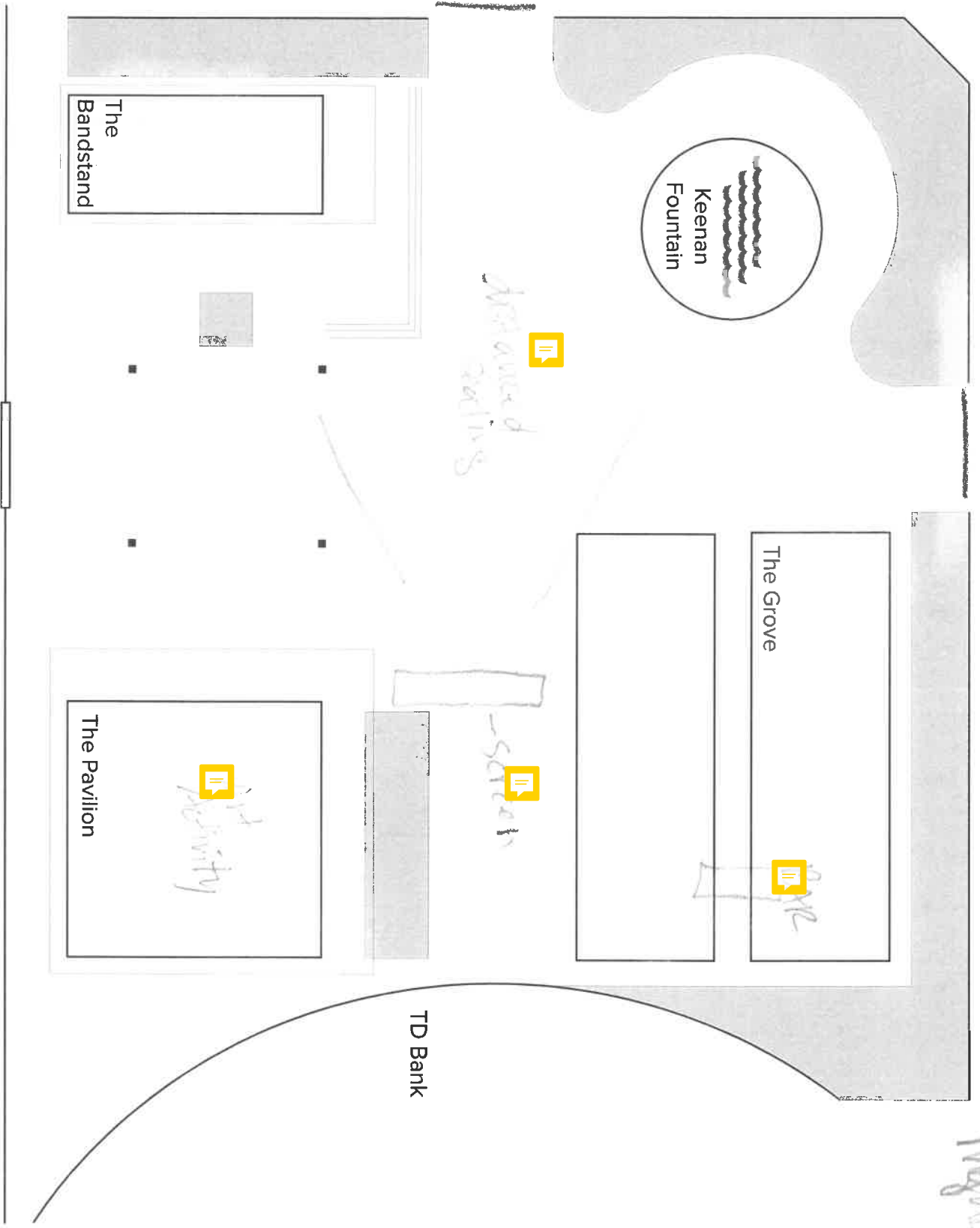
Screen



TD Bank

Main Street

Columbia Museum of Art





COVID-19 Event Safety Plan

Masks are required to gain admission or participate in the event in accordance with applicable state laws/ordinances.

Sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the event area and museum for the duration of the event. The CMA has adequate supplies for increased cleaning and disinfection for high traffic areas and bathrooms.

The CMA has a social distancing plan in place. The plan encourages individuals who are not part of the same household to stay at least 6 feet apart before, during, and after the event by addressing traffic flow, seating layout and/or availability of seating, and, if applicable, blocking off rows and/or sections.

Visible guidelines will be posted, such as decals/tape on floors, signs on walls, and/or stanchions with signs, to promote social distancing.

All outside event vendors will be fully informed of the CMA's COVID-19 safety protocols and agree to adhere to all protocols for the duration of the event.

Visible guidelines of COVID-19 safety protocols and event specific rules will be posted for attendees to see upon entry.