

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting  
Agenda Item D-7  
February 11, 2020  
City Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli  
Vice Mayor Vince Lago  
Commissioner Pat Keon  
Commissioner Michael Mena  
Commissioner Jorge Fors**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias  
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos  
City Clerk, Billy Urquia  
Parks and Recreation Director, Fred Couceyro**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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A Resolution authorizing Satchmo Blues Bar and Grill, Inc. to host event and sell alcoholic beverages on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Bierhaus Plaza, located at 60 Merrick Way, during the “St. Patrick’s Day Block Party” event, subject to Florida Department of Professional Regulation Requirements.

Commissioner Keon: Anyone ask the Parks Department, they do events, when do they do their setup? If it doesn’t start till 4 o’clock they can do their setup that day?

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: No, they will do it 24 hours beforehand.

Commissioner Keon: Why.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: That’s what they’ve requested, that’s what it takes for them to set up.

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Commissioner Keon: I know, but you know what, you do that all the time and that takes that plaza out of commission for 24 hours, the day before and the day after. I think that if it starts at 4 o'clock and its just St. Patrick's Day, they can set up that morning. If Kiwanis of Little Havana can set up the Miracle on the Mile the day before and break it down that next day, they can set up that thing on that plaza. They take the whole plaza.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What difference does it make? Its St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Commissioner Keon: Because if they start setting up today and they can do it on St. Patrick's Day, the event doesn't start until 4 in the afternoon. I think going forward you can ask them to set up that day and they can take it down the next morning. So, the plaza is not available to the public in general for 24 hours, not for 48 hours.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: OK.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: I have a quick question. When you say its not available to the public, I understand they are setting up, but I don't want them to rush setting up and there be a safety concern. They are using heavy equipment, they are probably bringing in fork lifts.

Commissioner Mena: The restaurants don't open at 4, the event starts at 4.

Commissioner Keon: The event starts at 4, so that morning they could set up.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Its their restaurants...[Inaudible – off mic]

Vice Mayor Lago: I would rather, I would rather...

Commissioner Keon: Take the plaza out of everyone's use for that long period of time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Everyone's use...

Commissioner Keon: The people that live in that area.

Vice Mayor Lago: I know I'm in that area constantly and I don't think its that much of a big issue, and I've received e-mails – you know that we receive on the Commission are more geared toward

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noise, more issues with noise, and obviously we are addressing that with Code Enforcement. What I'm concerned about and I'm concerned about you are putting somebody putting together a pretty serious event, I've gone to these events before, I think we all have, staging, heavy water barrels of sand, there's the forklift, there's trucks coming in and out. I don't want them to be starting something, by the way, they can't start building it until what, 8 o'clock in the morning, 9 o'clock in the morning. You'll have residents who would be upset, who would be upset because of the noise, because its very loud and I imagine when they are putting these events together, you have heavy machinery, you have a lot of metal that's being put on the floor, you have a lot of people coming in and out. So, its kind of a situation where you have to be a little bit careful to balance this out, because if you have them come in too early, 5, 6, 7 in the morning, you are going to have people complaining, rightfully so, about the noise early in the morning. And beyond that, my biggest issue is, I don't want to rush putting this event together and then it becomes a safety issue, and somebody potentially gets hurt, and I just want to be very careful, want to be very careful when we talk about that, and I want your opinion. What do you think?

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: Well what we can do, we can look at their setup.

Vice Mayor Lago: But do you agree with me what I'm saying about safety?

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: Absolutely. You are looking at larger tents that you are setting up, there is barricading that goes around. The Commissioner is correct, Kiwanis does set up quicker, they are a much bigger operation and they have a little bit more contractors. What I think we can do is we can go and look at as we go through this even, see what their setup times are and whether there is a lag, whether they are just doing it for their convenience or whether they actually do need that setup time. The timing is a concern. I don't want them setting up at 6 in the morning.

Commissioner Keon: Well they are not allowed to. You are dealing with time.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We look for complications where there shouldn't be any.

Commissioner Keon: I'm only asking you to look at what the timing is.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: Absolutely we will. We will look at it. Absolutely, we'll look at it and we'll go through this to make sure the time that they need they are taking its not any time...

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: You are talking about Kiwanis, when you talk about Kiwanis you are talking about a completely different operation.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: It's a different operation.

Vice Mayor Lago: Completely different operation. You are talking about an area with staging, an area that's a much bigger site to allow them a lot more flexibility.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: Correct.

Vice Mayor Lago: You are talking about a much tighter site that has traffic flow going through it. The Kiwanis own the entire street and they barricade people from walking onto the site, people who are living around that area. This is an active area completely, so I'd be careful pushing the envelope, because then we can get ourselves into a situation where somebody gets hurt.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: What we'll do is we'll look at it, and we'll see detail it what it is and the time. I'll have my staff make sure to be on site while they set up and then if there needs to be alterations, we'll do that.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Thank you. That's for years to come. Thank you very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a motion.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any second?

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Call the roll please to authorize it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

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[End: 10:13:15 a.m.]

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