



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0231

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 18, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road
Closures with Kids in Distress, Inc. for the 19th Annual Duck Fest Derby -
(Commission District 2)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an outdoor event agreement and road closure requests with Kids in Distress, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager.

Background

On July 16, 2024, Kids in Distress, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for the 19th Annual Duck Fest Derby to be held at Esplanade Park. The event is scheduled to take place on April 5, 2025, which is more than the 90-day application deadline, therefore, the outdoor event application fee is \$200. The event impacts will start as early as April 4, 2025, and are scheduled to end April 5, 2025, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the February 12, 2025, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff, including the Parks & Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meetings focus on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

This event organizer is requesting the following special permissions that require City Commission approval:

Road Closures:

- SW 2nd Street from SW 4th Avenue to SW 5th Avenue
- SW 4th Avenue from SW 2nd Street to the Cul-de-sac

City staff invited the surrounding Civic Associations to the outdoor events meeting, as well as sent a copy of the application and site plan. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement defines the responsibilities of the event organizer such as covering the associated event expenses and the required certificates of insurance. The event organizer will also secure all other necessary permits and licenses that are required from other agencies. Authorization for the execution of the event agreement is contingent upon the City Attorney’s Office reviewing and approving as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City Manager or designee.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to these agreements is included in the FY 2025 operating budget in the accounts listed below.

<i>Funds available as of February 25, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6025-574-347-200-PKR029	Community Events	Charges for Service/ Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees	\$90,000	\$9,400	\$200
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$200

Strategic Connections

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Place specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – 19th Annual Duck Fest Derby Event Agreement

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