

PUBLIC EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION
City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Application #: PEL17-000126
File #: 17-012426

Organization name: Somerville Arts Council

Description: The Ignite festival is a global food and fire festival featuring fire spinners, multicultural song and dance, interactive food art and a dozen food vendors

Date(s): Saturday, August 19

Setup starts at (time): 2pm

Cleanup after the event ends at (time): 11:30pm

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 5,000

Maximum attendees accommodated: 8,000

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Free

Social or cultural benefits:

Free festival celebrating a variety of cultures through dance, music and other art forms

Event name: Ignite: Global Food and Fire Festival

Location: 90 Union Square Union Square Plaza and parking lot and Stone Park

Rain date(s): Sunday, August 20

Event starts at (time): 6pm

Event ends at (time): 10:30pm

Total people attending: 7,000

Total Somerville residents attending: 3,500

What is your budget for this event:

Financial benefits:

Significant financial benefit to local businesses

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Food served?	Yes	Various local restaurants will apply for their own temporary food licenses
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	Yes	Some of the restaurants may need to use a grill and will work directly with Lt. MacLaughlan
Streets blocked?	Yes	Two lanes of traffic on Somerville Ave. will be closed for the event area alongside Union Square Plaza (so that Somerville Ave. will be converted into a two lane street in this area with one lane off traffic going in each direction (as we did last year for this event).
Sidewalks blocked?	Yes	Sidewalks in Union Square Plaza will be partially blocked with vendors
Arrangements:		
Auxiliary Police?	Yes	Will coordinate directly with Aux. Dept.
Police Detail:	Yes	Coordinating directly with Sgt. Whalen
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	Yes	Portajohns will be in place
Liability Insurance?	No	
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Stone Park
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	Aug 13

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Complete

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Scott Whalen, Police, Approved

Reviewer: CS Traffic and Parking, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Christine Morin, Public Works, Approved

Reviewer: Wally Forrest, Fire Prevention, Approved with Conditions

1. Fire detail required. Will be on site

Reviewer: Elise Collins, ISD Health, Approved

Reviewer: Jill Lathan, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: John J. Long, City Clerk, Approved
