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Work Session - Tuesday, September 9 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

Public Comment Session - Tuesday, September 9 - 7:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled public comment session at **7:00 P.M.**

INFORMATION:

Seaboard Station Social District Request

Staff Resource: Whitney Schoenfeld, Special Events, 996-2204, whitney.schoenfeld@raleighnc.gov

Following the successful launch of Sip n' Stroll Downtown and at Council direction to create a process for additional applications, staff developed an online form for other areas of the City to apply for a social district.

A social district is defined by state statute as a designated area where alcoholic beverages, sold by an establishment licensed for on-premises consumption, may be consumed. State statute allows municipalities to create one or more social districts by adopting an ordinance. Each district established subsequent to the original ordinance must be enacted as an amendment to the original ordinance, a process prescribed by the enabling legislation.

Staff has received an application from Hoffman & Associates requesting the creation of a social district within the Seaboard Station development. The applicants are pursuing a social district because, while the area includes some privately maintained streets, it also contains several City maintained streets.

Hoffman & Associates has engaged broadly with the community by surveying retailers and residents; presenting to the Substance Use Advisory Commission; meeting with City staff and officials, including RPD, and connecting with the surrounding neighbors such as the Cotton Mill community and the Mordecai Community Action Coalition.

The following details related to the submitted application will be reviewed for Council at the upcoming September 16 meeting for consideration:

- Proposed area, boundaries, and map
- Proposed hours of operation
- Participating and non-participating establishments
- Signage plan
- Management and maintenance plan

The current social district, Sip n' Stroll Downtown, has received overwhelmingly positive feedback and serves as a tool to increase the economic activity and vibrancy of downtown Raleigh. The boundaries include portions of the Fayetteville Street District, Warehouse District, and Capital District. Sip n' Stroll Downtown operates from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days per week.

The RPD Downtown District has reiterated that there is no quantifiable data indicating that the social district has led to any quality-of-life issues in the downtown area, including no correlation between a social district and incidents of underage drinking, DUIs, accidents, or crime. RPD has noted that there has been little to no need for enforcement, and they have no concerns with the creation of an additional social district provided that all alcohol consumption is lawful and originates from establishments with appropriate ABC permits.

Resources are available on the City's [Sip n' Stroll webpage](#) to educate business owners, patrons, and event organizers on the rules associated with the district.

(No attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

No Items This Week

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, September 5 – Thursday, September 11

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

Permitted Special Events

[Hopscotch Music Festival](#)

Fayetteville Street District & Moore Square

Friday, September 5 & Saturday, September 6

Event Times: 4:00pm - 11:00pm on 9-5-25; 2:30pm - 11:00pm on 9-6-25

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed, and Market Plaza will be used from 2:00pm on 9-3-25 until 3:00am on 9-7-25. Martin Street between S. Salisbury Street and Fayetteville Street will be closed from 10:00am on 9-4-25 until 3:00am on 9-7-25.

[Hopscotch Day Party](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, September 5

Event Time: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 10:00am until 5:30pm.

[First Friday at The Times](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, September 5

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:30pm until 11:59pm.

[North Hills 5K](#)

Trinity Baptist Church & Route

Saturday, September 6

Event Time: 8:45am - 11:00am

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed from 8:45am until 10:00am for the 5K. Note that all cross-streets one block in each direction will be detoured during the event, and [view the 5K route map](#) for more details.

Other Upcoming Events

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, September 5

Downtown Raleigh

[Nine Inch Nails](#)

Friday, September 5

Lenovo Center

[Indie Rewind](#)

Friday, September 5

City of Raleigh Museum

[Daniel Barksdale's The Family Reunion \(The Stage Play\)](#)

Saturday, September 6

Kennedy Theater

Summer Concert Series – SWAG

Sunday, September 7
Fred Fletcher Park

Benson Boone

Sunday, September 7
Lenovo Center

The Wheels on the Bus

Through Sunday, September 7
Raleigh Little Theatre

Kali Uchis

Monday, September 8
Lenovo Center

Pixies with Spoon and Fazerdaze

Tuesday, September 9
Red Hat Amphitheater

Sierra Ferrell

Wednesday, September 10
Red Hat Amphitheater

Adam Sandler

Thursday, September 11
Lenovo Center

Jazz in the Square – Enloe Jazz Ambassadors and Juno Hill

Thursday, September 11
Moore Square

Raymonda Variations – Carolina Ballet

Thursday, September 11 – Sunday, September 28
Fletcher Opera Theater

Public Resources

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

Road Closure & Road Race Map: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

Online Events Calendar: View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dix Park.