MEMORANDUM

Date: October 21, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: October 20, 2020 Call to the Public Comments by Matt DeYoung of Tucson Dragway

Mr. DeYoung appeared before the Board of Supervisors at their October 20, 2020 Board meeting and submitted the attached October 6, 2020 letter from the Health Department Director who denied the Special Event Application for the Rolling Thunder Side by Side Rally and Music Event.

I have annotated the letter by underlining the pertinent points as to the primary reason the application was denied. Please note that this same event was previously denied on August 31, 2020. Please see the following reasons the event was not approved:

- Lack of specific information on certain areas such as mask usage as being mandatory. The extensive delineation of exemptions in the application submitted by the event sponsor indicates clear preference for an exemption to the mask usage requirement.

- Staff wellness/symptoms are not addressed in the application. The County has a wellness plan that is executed everyday where individuals, both employees and the public, entering County facilities are checked for symptoms and receive temperature clearance.

- There was no clarification as to patron capacity limits. The size of the event is concerning at 2,400 given the State’s Executive Order limits attendance at special events to 50.

- Concerns arose over the concert crowd and the tendency of crowds to congregate near the concert stage area. The Health Department asked how the staff would prohibit this or monitor it. No clarification was provided by the event sponsor.

- There was no information provided about the event planned for Sunday.

Of the number of events that have been held at the Fairgrounds of which the Tucson Dragway is part of, 101 events have been approved and 2 events have been denied. As you can see, a majority of the events have been approved or the event was withdrawn by
the applicant due to the inability to provide the requested information regarding protective measures to be taken.

It should be noted that current guidance from the White House dated Sunday October 18, 2020 states:

“In Arizona, we see increasing test positivity and increasing cases; aggressive communication and mitigation is critical. Mitigation efforts should continue to include mask wearing, physical distancing, hand hygiene, avoiding crowds in public and social gatherings in private, and ensuring flu immunizations.”

This is the most current guidance from the White House for the State of Arizona. Therefore, while it has been inferred by some that these measures are not important, they clearly are given preference by the federal government. In addition, a recent paper authored by several State health officials in the US Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention dated October 9, 2020 states:

“Enhanced mitigation measures should be implemented by communities and persons to slow COVID-19 spread, particularly before a vaccine or therapeutic treatment becomes widely available. State, local and tribal officials are best positioned to continually monitor data and collaborate to determine the level and types of enhanced mitigation required. Mitigation measures, including mask mandates, that are implemented and enforced statewide appear to have been effective in decreasing the spread of COVID-19 in Arizona.”

While we would all like to return to our pre-COVID-19 activities, such is not possible at this time and continued public health strategies need to be employed to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including appropriate review and approval of community special events where more than 50 individuals are likely to attend.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
    Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
    Terry Cullen, MD, MS, Public Health Director, Pima County Health Department
October 6, 2020

Matt DeYoung
Tucson Dragway
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RE: Special Event Review submitted for Rolling Thunder Side by Side Rally and Music Event

Dear Matt DeYoung:

Thank you for submitting a special event request. The Pima County Health Department had previously reviewed and denied this event on August 31. This is a review of the revised Special Event Application Form for Rolling Thunder Side by Side Rally and Music Event scheduled to occur on November 6 and 7, 2020 that we received on September 16, 2020.

Positive Plan Comments:

- Online ticket purchasing
- No tent camping; only self-contained RVs allowed
- Restroom cleaning and monitoring. Twelve additional porta-potties and five additional hand wash stations will be provided.

However, this event request has been denied based on the following reasons:

- The submitted plan indicates mask usage is required unless they meet the “Exempt Person” parameters as outlined in Pima County Resolution 2020-49. Mask usage mandatory; see above.
- Staff wellness/symptoms are not addressed in the plan. Looking through previous event submittals, we do not see a mitigation plan. This would be required with specific steps outlined.
- How will attendance be monitored to prevent overcrowding and ensure a capacity limit is kept?
- What is the patron capacity limit set at?
  - The RV limit is set at 100 and the Drive-In Concert spots are set at 350 per night. RV notes 1 RV unit max people of 6. Average vehicle capacity is 5 people per vehicle. This will result in approximately 2,400 people on site at any one time.
- Are patrons supposed to stay in their vehicles during the live performance concert that is offered Friday and Saturday night? Since this is a concert, is the assumption that people will stay in their car or get out to watch the concert. How will people who are in the RV watching the concert? What is the expectation for the attendees on motorcycles? Concert attendees tend to congregate towards the stage. How will crowd control be handled? What information is provide
to the patrons regarding the Drive in music concert? What happens if they walk and congregate towards the front of the stage. Will your staff prohibit this? How will this be monitored?

- If someone is symptomatic, will the current Tucson Dragway & CDTFD Emergency Plan be used? A plan was included with the Labor Day race event.
- We have no information about Sunday. This is noted as Hang out and TBD with no information regarding the intended event.

Appeal process: A person who has been adversely affected by the outcome of the Special Event application review process may appeal by filing with the Pima County Health Director a written request for appeal within ten days of the time the person notified of the action. See P.C.C. 8.04.130(A). Written requests must be sent to the Pima County Health Director at 3950 S. Country Club Rd. Ste. 100, Tucson, AZ 85714.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns of this review.

Sincerely,

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Pima County has required us to have an emergency plan if a patron should suddenly develop COVID like symptoms while at Tucson Dragway. After speaking with Chef Davis of Corona Fire we have put this plan into action.

If a patron develops symptoms or is not feeling well and does not have a Motorhome or RV on site and can move without limitations we will move them to our designated “Quarantine Area”. This area is the Shaded area just to the North of our Ticket Booth located next to the Main Gate of Tucson Dragway. Once Tucson Dragway Medical Personal have evaluated the situation Corona De Tucson Fire will be called and notified where the Patient is located.

If a patron develops symptoms or is not feeling well and does have a Motorhome or RV on site we will ask them to stay inside and quarantine while Tucson Dragway Medical Personal evaluate and get Corona De Tucson Fire rolling to the area while providing a space number where the patient is located.
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Tucson Dragway would like to host a Socially Distanced Side by Side Rally & Music Fest. Participants will be able to bring out their RV’s and Camp Trailers Only (No Tent Camping, all are self contained). Tucson Dragway will host a Live Drive-Up Style Music Concert for them where we park them socially distanced just like our Drive-In movies in front of the stage. Participants will pull their Side by Sides or trucks up to the Stage and be parked by our parking staff. The events feature an off road ride to Bisbee, Lunch at Hot Rods, Live Music Friday and Saturday Night (Drive-In Concert Parking Style) and then a relaxing day on Sunday. Each Campsite is 20ft by 90ft in size, already permanently marked.

Tucson Dragway will limit the Camp Sites sold to 100 for the weekend.

Tucson Dragway will limit the Drive-In Concert spots to 350 per night.

We will be requiring everyone in attendance to wear a Face Covering when outside of their Pit Spot, Race Vehicle or when they can not maintain a proper amount of social distance; unless they meet the “Exempt Person” details as listed in Pima County Resolution 2020-49 and listed below.

Section 2. Exempt persons. Section 1 of this Resolution does not apply to:

a. Children under the age of 5. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that children between the ages of 5 and 17 wear appropriate face coverings when required under this Resolution.

b. Persons who cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering. A person is not required to provide documentation demonstrating that the person cannot medically tolerate wearing a face covering.

c. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

d. Persons, including on-duty law-enforcement officers, for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

e. Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose, face, or head for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.

f. Persons who are eating or drinking at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, so long as the person is able to maintain a distance of 6 feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or party as the person.

g. Any member of a group of persons who are in a public place together and live in the same household or are part of a party of 10 or less, so long as the group can easily maintain a continuous physical distance of at least 6 feet from all other persons not part of the household or party.

h. Persons who are engaged in outdoor work, recreation, or exercise, when alone or as part of a group of people who live in the same household or constitute a party of 10 or less, so long as they are able to easily maintain a continuous physical distance of at least 6 feet from all other persons not part of the same household or party.

i. Persons who are incarcerated.

j. Persons who are swimming.

k. For any activity not listed for exemption, an exemption may be granted on a case-by-case basis from the Pima County Chief Medical Officer and the Director of the Pima County Health Department. General descriptions of exemptions granted will be posted on a website accessible via www.pima.gov, without identifying who requested the exemption.
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6ft White Markings are on the ground at the Bathrooms, Concession Stand, Food Trucks and anywhere lines could form to remind people to maintain a proper amount of social distance.

The Food, Drink and Desert Facilities onsite will be following the proper precautions and guidelines from the Health Department, The CDC, Pima County and the State. (Wearing Masks, Gloves, Hand Washing, Etc.)

Tables in the Concession Stand Row will be marked with signs saying "Tables are limited to members of the same household only."

Tucson Dragway Bathrooms will have our normal Bathroom attendants (1 Male & 1 Female) to continue to clean, maintain and sanitize the bathrooms and frequently touched areas.

The main doors of the bathrooms will be propped open to minimize the touching of the door handles.

We will close every other stall in the bathrooms.

The Bathrooms will have our normal bathroom attendants in place to continue to clean, maintain and sanitize the frequently touched areas. Plus an additional 12 Porta-Johns & 5 Hand Washing Stations (Placed in Banks 4 banks of 3 with a Hand Washing Station)

Stamback Septic will be making two rounds Saturday & Sunday to Bring Fresh Water, Dumb RV's and Provide Services to the Porta-Johns as well.

Participants will also be given a Welcome Packet that will explain they must be wearing a Face Coving when outside of their “Camp Site”, they must practice proper social distancing and they can use the RV Dumb Next door at the Fairgrounds Approved Dump Site.

We will be requiring everyone in attendance to wear a mask per The State, Pima County and the CDC’s Guidelines when outside of their Camp Sites.

Ticketing Personal, Security Personal, Parking Personal will have the proper PPE available to them and will wear it when they are instructed to and are close to our patrons.

Signs placed throughout the facility reminding people to wash their hands (CDC Sign), Remember to Social Distance, The Pima County STOP Sign and “If you are not feeling well, please consider coming back for a different event.”

There are adequate Trash Cans to support the number of people we will host per event.

Participants will purchase their Tickets and Passes online.

The Tucson Dragway Tower is closed to any non essential personal.

Tucson Dragway Staff is limited to the essential crew to safely and properly run the facility.

The Bleachers will be closed for this event.
The Track Announcer will be making the following announcements plus additional at least three times an hour.
- Please keep wash your hands often.
- Please maintain a proper 6ft of social distance.
- Please keep the Red Rows of the bleachers closed as to allow for room between you and other guests.
- When sitting at the Tables in the Concession Stand Row Please keep one table per family.
- Along with our normal safety protocols they announce on a regular basis.

Tucson Dragway will be following the additional Protocols Set from the Pima County Health Dept as listed below.

- Participant and guest list of rules packets must be available upon request onsite on the day of the event.
- Please provide me a copy of the food establishment permit.
- Functional RV unit or motor home that are self-contained.
- Potable water source must be provided. Can be a spigot with a back flow preventor and a food grade water hose.
- If potable water is provided by alternative means such as water hauler - contact PDEQ for approval.

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- Adequate sanitary facilities
- Additional porta potties and hand sinks must be provided as noted. Units must be serviced on a frequent basis. Hand washing facilities must be available at all times.
- Additional hand sanitizer stations
- Provide Instructions of approved dumping stations, for patrons. If a septic company will be used to provide services to RV’s document requirements for patrons.
- All wastewater must be disposed of at the sanitary dumping site.
- All areas around the RV unit must remain dry. No discharge of gray water or sewage water onsite.
- No washing or cleaning of pots, pans, and dishes. This is prohibited outside of RV unit.
- Operator must ensure that patrons follow local fire jurisdiction regulations.
- Limit the number of RV spaces to 100. Over flow of RV units can be referred to other approved RV sites. Pima County Fairgrounds has an approved RV site.
- If rules and regulations are updated at any time, SWFC on behalf of Tucson Dragway must submit to Attractions and Tourism for Pima County Health Department Review.
- Patrons who purchase tickets must be provided with a list of rules and regulations for renting RV spaces and it should also include COVID-19 safety measures.”

Tucson Dragway will provide documentation of the preventative measures taken and managed during the event within 24 hours at the conclusion of the event.

Event Schedule:

Friday: Parking, Getting Set Up, Night Concert (Drive-In Parking Layout)
Saturday: Day Run to Bisbee and Night Concert (Drive-In Parking Layout)
Sunday: Hang out and TBD
Event Layout:

We have placed more than 100 RV's on this map simply because this is where they can park. We will still be limiting them to 100. The layout above is the plan right now. The full event layout my shift once we have the Power and Stage Layout done. The Continued socially distanced Parking, Layout and Numbers will stay the same.
Keep Fighting! Something we say and try to live by everyday. Failure and quitting are not an option! There are days recently that seem like it would just be the easier option but there is no way we will let that mentality into our area!

I have a pair of these gloves in the house that say “Greatness is Within” and remind me to keep fighting everyday before I leave the house! Today I felt that we needed a pair in the office to remind us to keep fighting. Fight for our business, fight for our racers, fight for our families and to fight for our industry!

Who is with me!? Get a pair of Gloves and hang them in your home or office so you can see them everyday and remember what you are fighting for!