



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. X. J
9/10/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Concurrence with the Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority in adopting a Resolution authorizing the Riversport Foundation to offer limited, event-specific camping within a designated area of the Boathouse District for the “Vendor Trade Show,” September 3-6, 2024; requesting that staff execute a letter of understanding establishing terms for the event camping; and restating that camping under all other circumstances remains prohibited under applicable sections of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, as it may be amended. Ward 7.

Location:

A designated area of the Boathouse District, 800 Riversport Drive

Background:

The Riversport Foundation (“Riversport”) is scheduled to hold the “Vendor Trade Show” (“Event”) September 3-6, 2024. Certain vendors wish to camp on site to protect their equipment and merchandise. Riversport stated that its Boathouse District facilities will be closed to the public during the Event. Under Section 38-723 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, camping is prohibited on Oklahoma City Riverfront Redevelopment Authority (“OCRRA”) property, except where specifically designated and posted by the General Manager. OCRRA has occasionally authorized Riversport to allow limited camping under similar circumstances. No negative issues were reported with those activities.

Under the letter of understanding (“LOU”), Riversport may authorize RV and “overlander-type” truck camping in designated areas of the Boathouse District during the Event. Tent camping is not allowed. No restrooms, RV hookups, or potable water will be available within the camping area. All campers must check in and out with Riversport. A security contractor will conduct overnight patrols within the Boathouse District. However, no additional security will be assigned to the camping area. Unauthorized camping must be promptly reported to the Oklahoma City Police Department. Campfires, glass bottles, smoking and vaping, alcohol, and loud music are prohibited.

Riversport must provide required indemnification and submit a summary report after the Event. OCRRA may revoke the camping privileges under certain conditions, as stipulated in the LOU. OCRRA adopted the resolution on August 27, 2024. Afterward, staff executed the LOU.

Review:

Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: Concur with OCRRA in adopting the Resolution.