

City of Detroit

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City Clerk

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DEPARTMENT PETITION REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

Petition No.	2024-308
Name of Petitioner	PAXAHAU INC
Description of Petition	Petition of PAXAHAU INC (#2024-308), request to hold "2025 Detroit Music Festival" at Parking Lots Along Atwater Between Beaubien and Riopelle", on September 6 th , 2025 through September 7 th 2025, from 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Set- up to begin August 20 th , 2025 7:00 AM and completed by September 5 th , 2025 11:00 PM with tear-down to begin September 7 th , at 11:00 PM and completed by September 13 th 11:00 PM.
Type of Petition	Special Event
Submission Date	9/5/2024
Concerned Departments	Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED), Department of Public Works (DPW), Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Detroit Fire Department (DFD), General Services Department (GSD), Media Services Department, Municipal Parking Department, Police Department (DPD)
Petitioner Contact	Sam Fortias PAXAHAU INC 586-596-9463 SAM@PAXAHAU.COM

2 Woodward Ave. Coleman A. Young Municipal Center Rm. 200, Detroit, MI 48226

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City of Detroit Special Events Application Authorizations

AUTHORIZATION & AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I certify that the information contained in the foregoing application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that I have read, understood and agreed to abide by the rules and regulations governing the proposed special event, and I understand that this application is made subject to the rules and regulations established by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. Applicant agrees to comply with all other requirements of the City, County, State, and Federal Government and any other applicable entity, which may pertain to special events. I further agree to abide by these rules, and further certify that I agree to be financially responsible for any costs and fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the event to the City of Detroit.

Applicant Signature:

sam fotias

Date: 8/10/2024

NOTE: Completion of this form does not constitute approval of your event. Pending review by the Special Events Management Team, you will be notified of any requirements, fees, and/or restrictions pertaining to your event.

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold the City of Detroit (which includes its agencies, officers, elected officials, appointed officials and employees) harmless from and against injury, loss, damage or liability (or any claims in respect of the foregoing including claims for personal injury and death, damage to property, and reasonable outside attorney's fees) arising from activities associated with this permit, except to the extent attributable to the gross negligence or intentional act or omission of the City.

Applicant affirms that Applicant has read and understands the Hold Harmless and Indemnification provision and agrees to the terms expressed therein.

Event Name: DETROIT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Event Date: SEPTEMBER 6

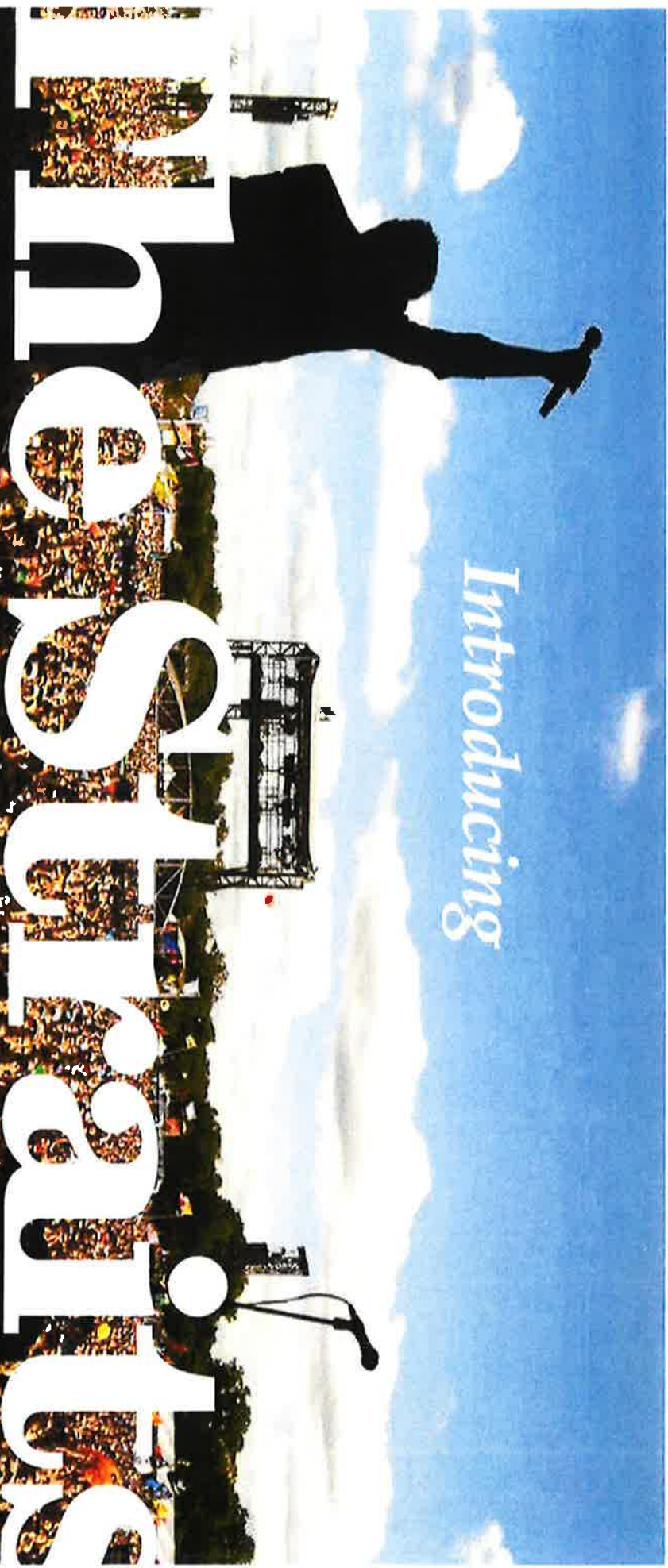
Event Organizer: PAXAHAU, INC

Applicant Signature:

Sam Fotias

Date: 8/10/2024

Introducing



September 6th & 7th, 2025

12pm-11pm

Lots on East Riverfront

2 Days, 3 Stages, 42 Artists



Globally Recognized, Locally Celebrated

30K Attendees, 1 Multi-Genre Lineup + Thousands of Detroit Stories Generated
Robust Art Program + Celebrated Culinary Program

The Straits Narrative Pillars



Music

A multi-genre lineup of globally recognized, locally celebrated artists.



Food

A robust food program that spotlights the city's diverse and ambitious gastronomic life.



Arts & Influence

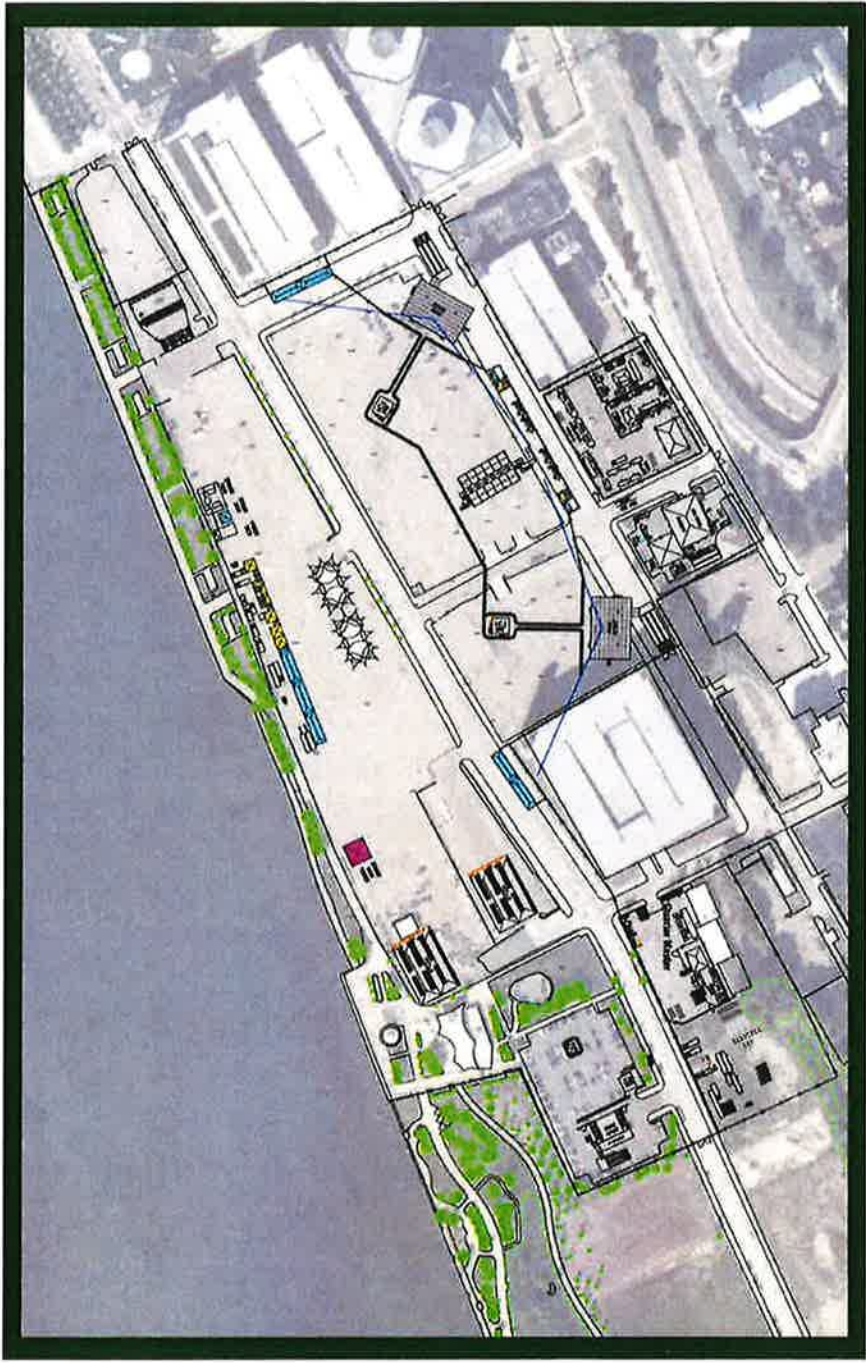
Experiences in the arts (more than music) that pay homage to Motor City's arts & industrial legacy past, present, and future.



Community

Detroit-born collaborators and experiences that bring the best of Detroit (businesses, creators, and more) inside the festival footprint.

Proposed Site/Format
2-3 Stage Setup
Waterfront Location



Proposed Street Closures

- Road Closure on Atwater from Beaubien Blvd to 450ft east of Rivard St
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic at Renaissance Dr
- Detour EB traffic on Atwater Left onto Renaissance Dr →
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic at New St & Beaubien Blvd
- Road Closed at New St & St. Antoine
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic at Franklin St & Beaubien Blvd
- Road Closed at Franklin St & St. Antoine
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic at Woodbridge St. & St. Antoine
- Parking Lane Closure 450ft on Woodbridge St.
- Road Closed at Schwetzer Pl & Woodbridge St.
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic at Woodbridge & Rivard St
- Road Closed at Rivard St. & Franklin St.
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic on Franklin St. & Riopelle St.
- Road Closed to Thru Traffic at Riopelle St. & Atwater
- Detour WB traffic on Atwater Right onto Riopelle St →



Event Schedule

Begin Setup: 8/20/25 7am

Complete Setup: 9/5/25 11pm

Location: Parking lots and streets along Atwater Beaubien and Riopelle

Event Start: 9/6/25 12pm

Event End: 9/7/25 11pm

Begin Teardown: 9/7/25 11pm

Complete Tear Down: 9/13/25 11pm



Security Overview

Participating Agencies

- Detroit Police Department
- Detroit Fire Department
- Michigan State Police
- Homeland Security
- Border Patrol
- Coast Guard

Private Security Contractors (Proposed)

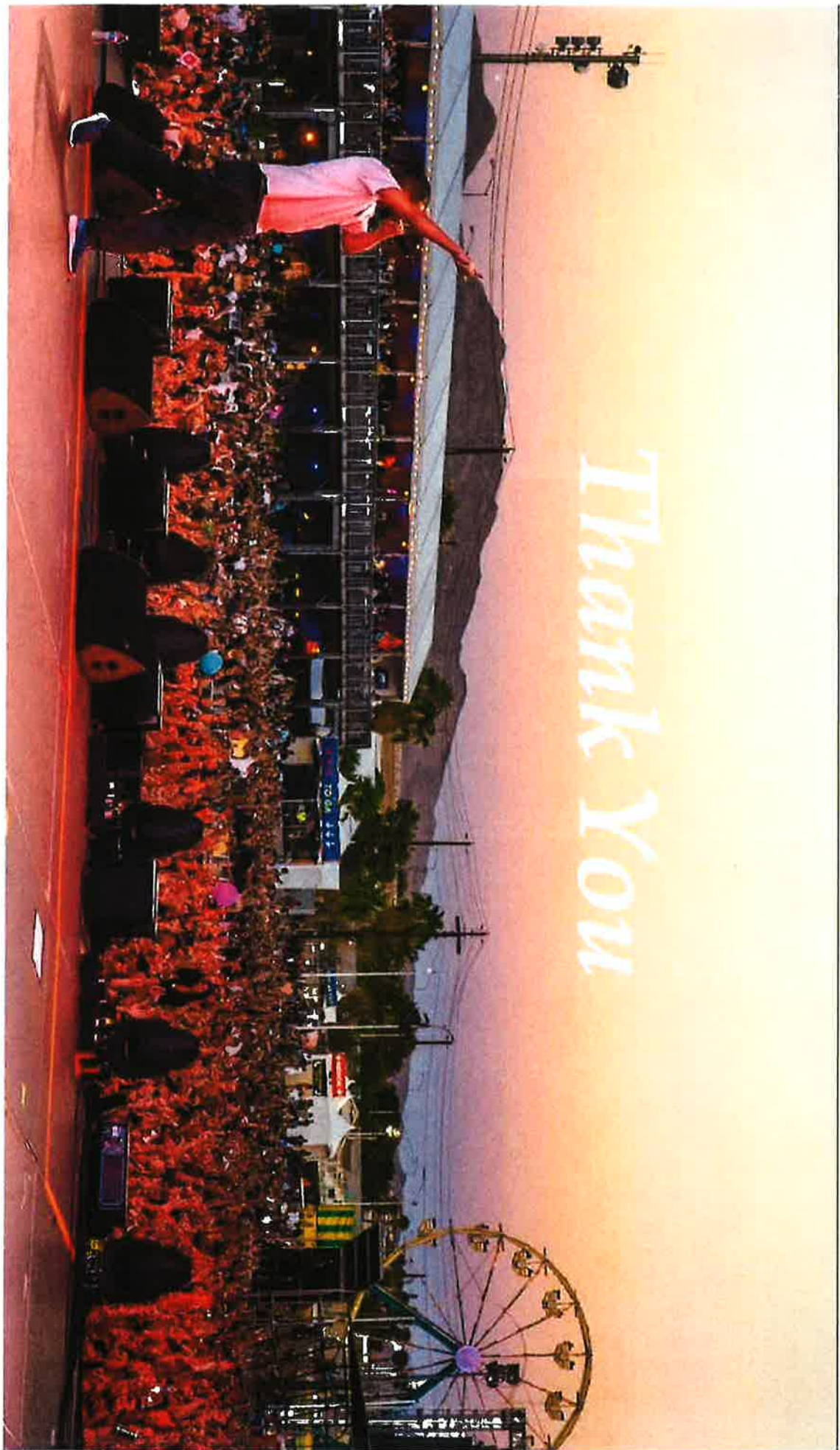
- CSC
- APEX
- IPS
- CISS
- FESS
- Prostar Security

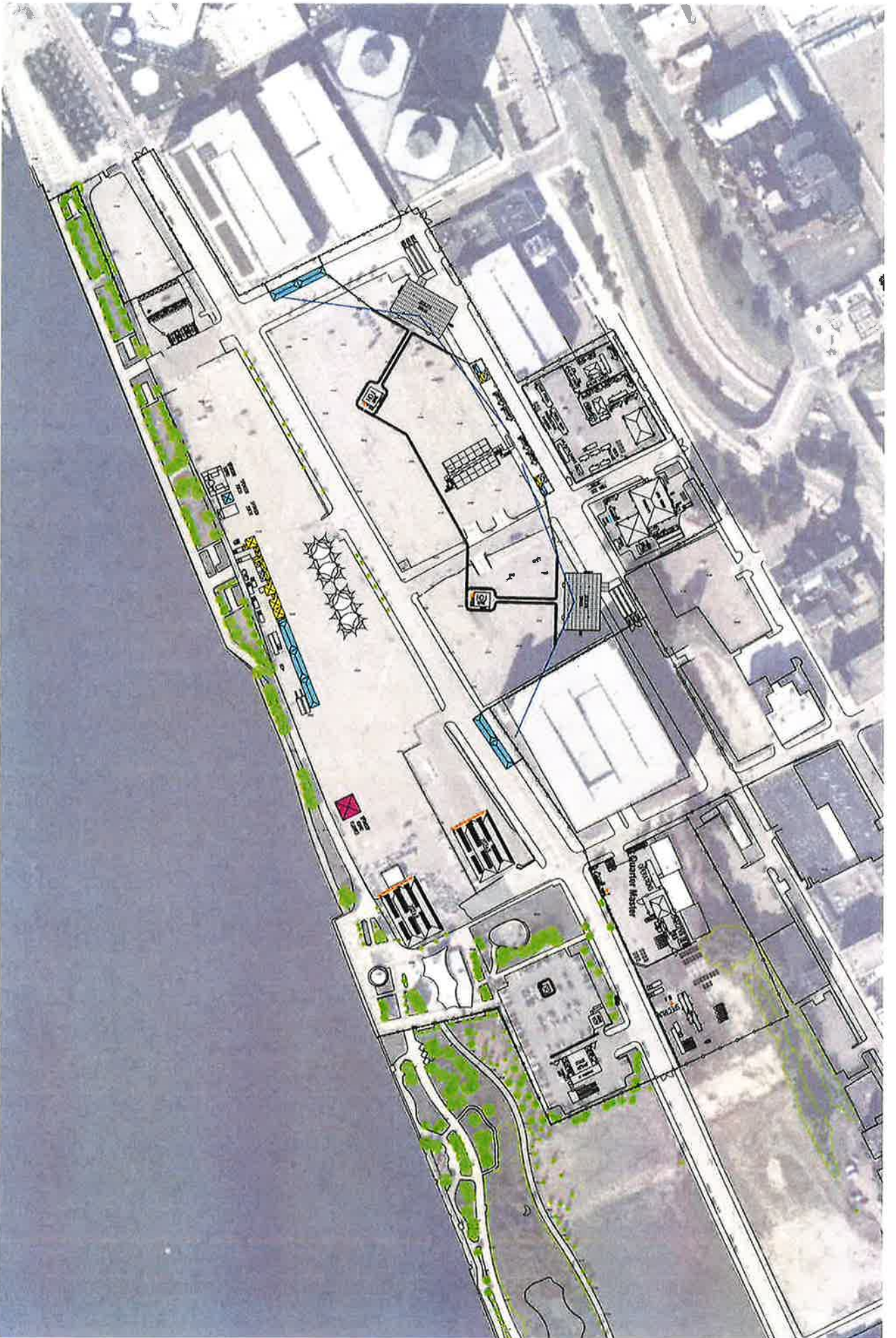
Additional Partners

- Elite Tactical Security Solutions/MSA (K9 explosive detection teams)
- Meridian Rapid Defense (vehicle mitigation barriers)
- Evolv (weapon detection systems)



Thank You



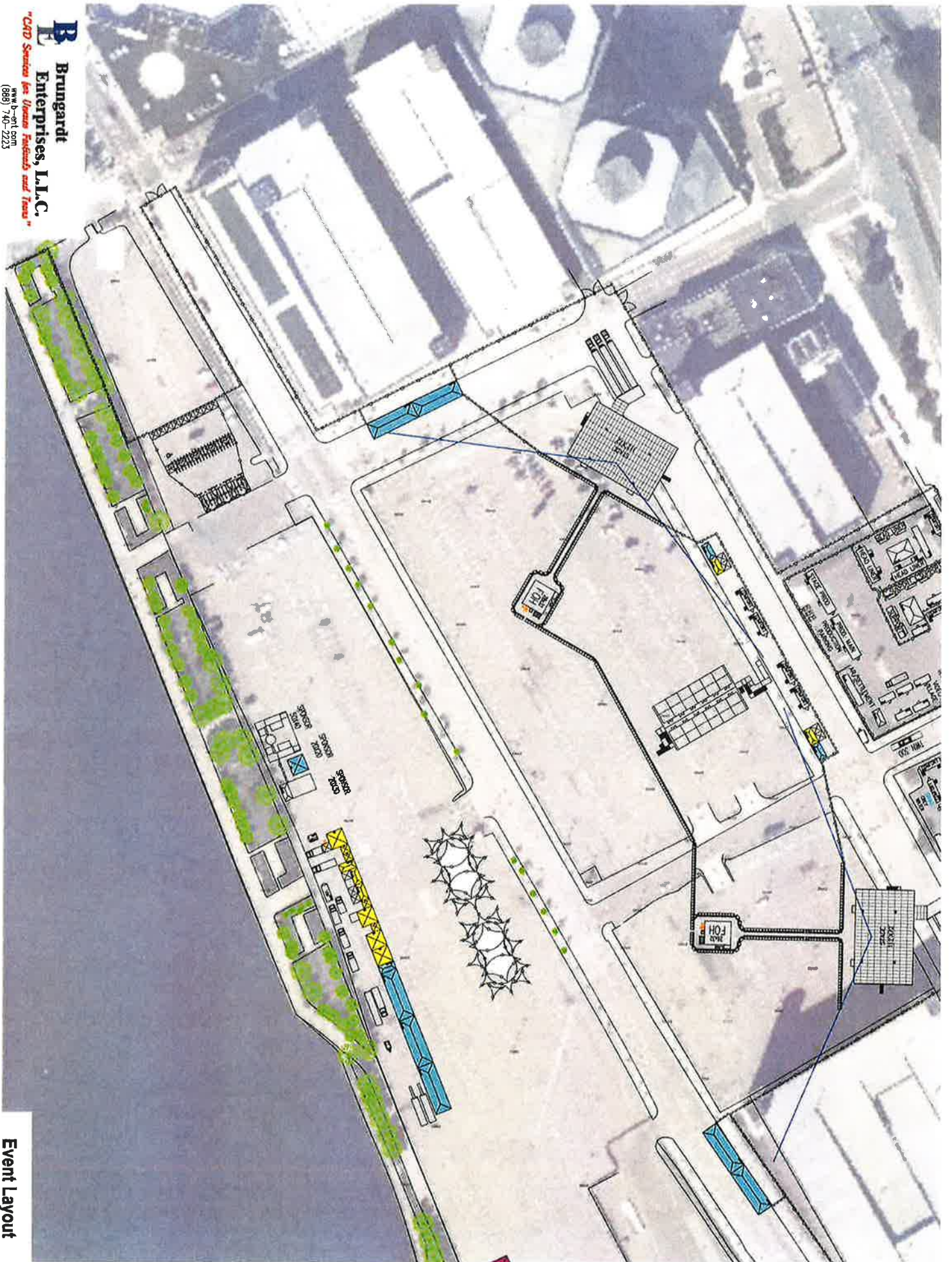


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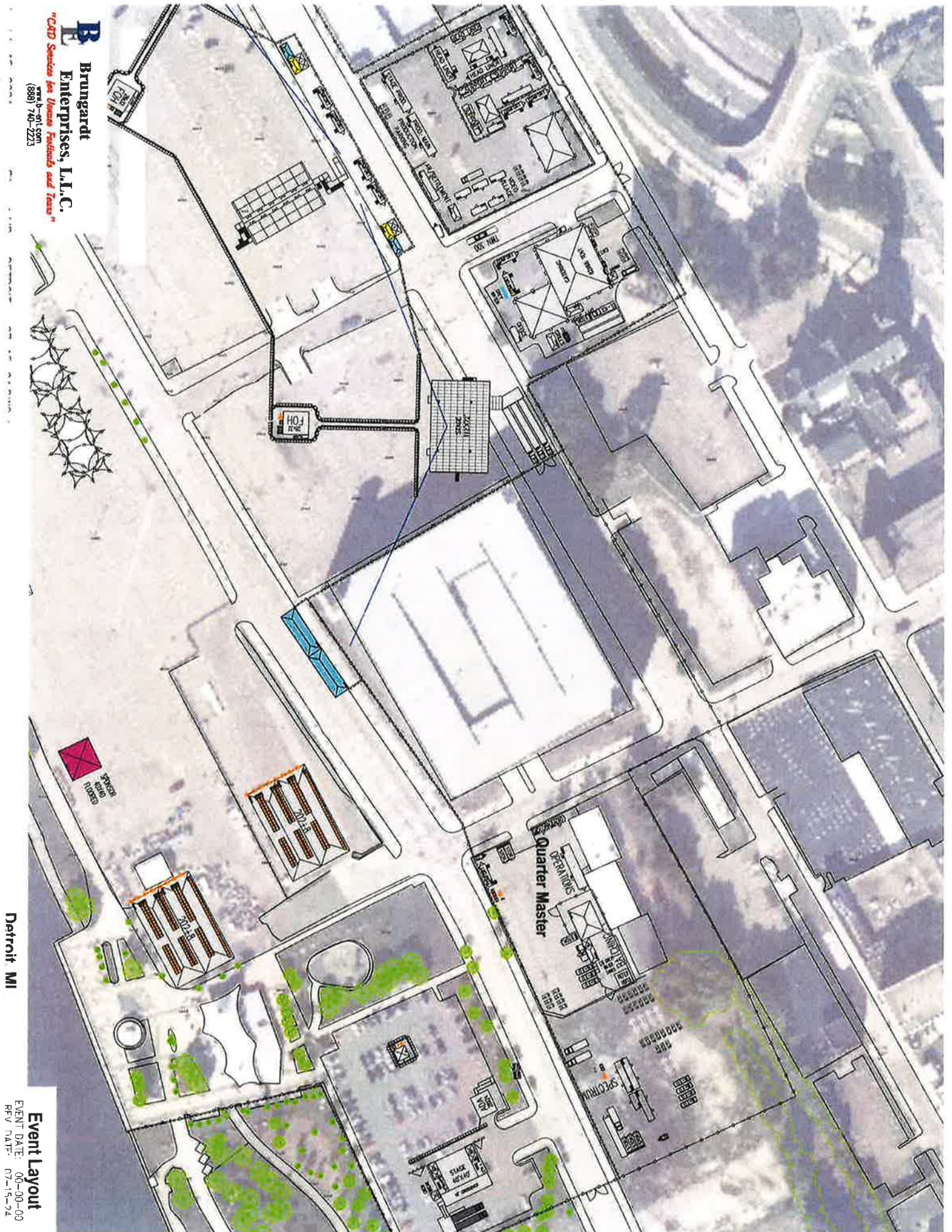
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Event Layout
EVENT DATE: 06-09-09
REV DATE: 07-15-09



Detroit, MI

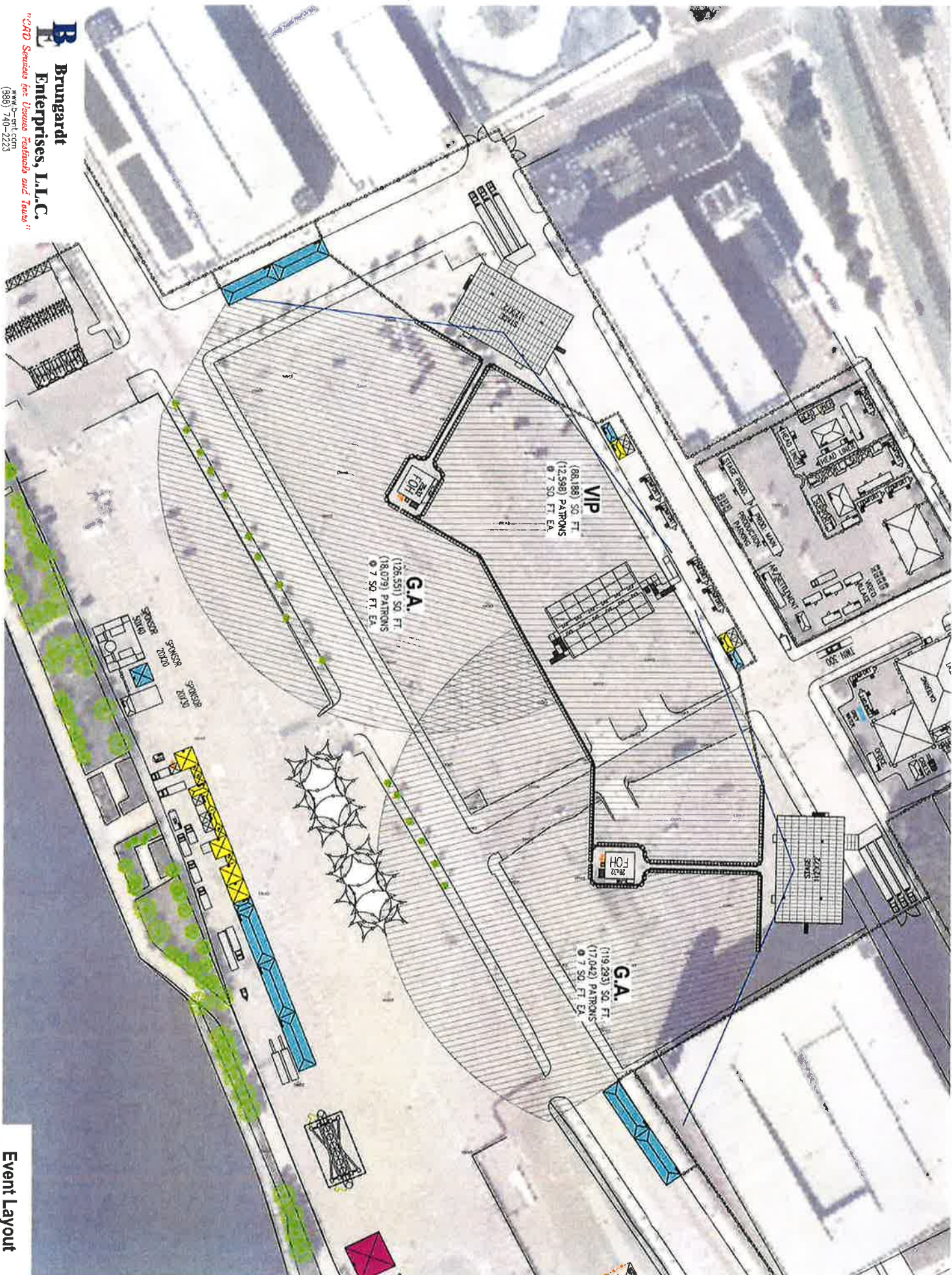
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SPECIAL EVENTS PETITION

Petition No: 2024-308

Event Name: 2025 DETROIT MUSIC FESTIVAL (The Straits)

Event Status: In Review- Clerk's Office (Step 2 of 6)

Petitioner Name / Organization: PAXAHAU INC

Event Location: PARKING LOTS ALONG ATWATER BETWEEN BEAIBIEN AND RIOPELLE

Event Date(s) and Time(s): 09/06/25 12:00 PM to 09/07/25 11:00 PM

Type of Event: Concert/Performance, Festival, Fireworks/Pyrotechnics

Applicant Contact:
SAM FOTIAS
sam@paxahau.com
+1 (586) 596-9463

Submission Date:	08/10/24
Date of Clerk's Office Referral:	09/05/24
Date of City Departments Sign Off:	9/4/24
Date Referred to Council:	9/6/24

Department Approvals

DPD	DFD	EMS	GSD	DDOT	MPD	DPW	DHD
DPD Reviewed-Ready for Council	DFD Reviewed-Ready for Council	EMS Reviewed-Ready for Council	GSD Approval Not Required	DDOT Reviewed-Ready for Council	MPD Approval Not Required	DPW Reviewed-Ready for Council	DHD Reviewed-Ready for Council

BSEED
BSEED Reviewed-Ready for Council

Mayor's Office Special Events Signature: *Gakeima Fife*

Date: September 6, 2024

General Event Information

Has this event been hosted before? No

Has the applicant (individual or organization) ever applied for a Special Event with the City of Detroit before? Yes

Is this an annual event? Yes

Event Website: TBD

Which spaces will be used? Street, Sidewalk, City Facility, Private Facility

Will this event include the use or sale of marijuana? No

Event Description

Brief Event Purpose & Description:

2 DAY MUSIC, ART AND FOOD FESTIVAL CELEBRATING MULTIPLE GLOBAL GENRES OF MUSIC

Estimated Peak Attendance: 35000

Estimated Total Attendance: 70,000 OVER TWO DAYS

Is this a public event? Yes

Will there be ticket sales or admission charged? Yes

Does this event use Hart Plaza? No

Will there be merchandise sold? Yes

Will you be taking donations? No

Is this a charity event? No

Does this event involve campers, tents and/or RVs? No

Will this event involve a petting zoo or tattoo art (not including temporary tattoos)? No

Contact Information

Organization / Petitioner Name: PAXAHAU INC

Mailing Address: 1551 ROSA PARKS BLVD SUITE A

DETROIT MI 48216

Primary Contact:	Secondary Contact:
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Organization Type: Corporation

Organization Website: WWW.PAXAHAU.COM

Event Setup & Breakdown

Begin Setup: 08/20/25 7:00 AM

Complete Setup: 09/05/25 11:00 PM

Setup Location(s): PARKING LOTS AND STREETS ALONG ATWATER BETWEEN BEA

Event Start: 09/06/25 12:00 PM

Event End: 09/07/25 11:00 PM

Begin Tear Down: 09/07/25 11:00 PM

Complete Tear Down: 09/13/25 11:00 PM

Number of Trash Containers: 300 Number of Recycling Containers: 300

Cleaning Service Vendor: TBD

Other Waste Elements: ALL OF THE ABOVE

Street Closures & Parking

How many streets will be closed: 4

Will you be closing any part of Woodward Avenue? No

Street Closures (if there are 1-4 closed streets):

1. ATWATER 08/29/25

BEAUBIEN TO RIVARD 6:00 AM 6:00 AM

2. ST ANTOINE 08/29/25

FRANKLIN TO ATWATER 6:00 AM 6:00 AM

3. SCHWEIZER PLACE 08/29/25

FRANKLIN TO ATWATER 6:00 AM 6:00 AM

4. RIVARD 08/29/25

FRANKLIN TO ATWATER 6:00 AM 6:00 AM

Will you charge attendees for parking? No

Valet parking or blocking metered parking spaces? Neither

Describe the parking plan to accommodate anticipated attendance:

MESSAGING WILL BE DELIEVRED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER EVENT MEDIA SOURCES FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARK AND GET TO THE EVENT.

Food & Beverage

Will food be served? Yes

Will food be prepared on site? Yes

Number of food trucks: 16 Number of non-truck food vendors: 10

Food & Beverage (cont.)

Will any type of alcohol be served (including beer)? Yes

Will there be sales, service and/or consumption of alcohol in public at the event? Yes

What type(s) of alcohol will be served? Wine, Liquor, Beer

Day(s) and time(s) alcohol will be served: BOTH EVENT DAYS FROM OPEN UNTIL 30 MINUTES

Will ice be used in any served beverages? Yes

Stages, Tents, & Structures

Is a stage being built? Yes

How many stages will be used? 3

Do any of the stages have a canopy? Yes

Number of tents 10' x 10' and smaller: 20

Number of tents larger than 10' x 10': 20

Tent Contractor: KNIGHT TENTS

What other structures will your event include? VIP AND ADA VIEWING DECKS

Will your event use any grills? Yes

What kind of grills? PROPANE

Utilities & Portable Restrooms

Event Utilities that will be used: Generators

How will generators be fueled? VIA OUR FUEL CONTRACTOR - CHAPP OIL

Generator contractor: MICHIGAN CAT

Will additional wiring be installed? Yes

Does the event require access to a hydrant? Yes

Will there be amplified sound? Yes

Will a sound system be used? Yes

Will you be providing Port-a-johns? Yes

Security & Emergency Plans

Will the event have a security contractor? Yes

Security Contractor: TBD

Number of private personnel per shift: 150

Which of these apply to the private security personnel? Licensed

Will you contract emergency medical services? Yes

Name of emergency medical services contractor: TBD

Does this event include fireworks? Yes

Day(s) and time(s) of fireworks: TBD, MOSTLY PYRO SPECIAL EFFECTS FOR STAGES

Fireworks vendor: TBD

Attachments

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant Signature Page (required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Event Clean Up Plan (required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Plan (500 or less attendees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Response Plan & Medical Procedures (500+ attendees)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communication and Community Impact Plan (500+ attendees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining of Traffic Plan (1000+ attendees or if closing a street)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Build and Breakdown Schedule (if you are erecting any structures)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Site Map Plan (if event involves any temporary elements including tents)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barricades Provider Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Port-a-john Contractor Agreement (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitation Contractor Agreement (if applicable)

City Council Member: _____

Resolved, The Mayor's Office is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to **PAXAHAU INC.** to host "**2025 Detroit Music Festival**" (2024-308) on **September 6, 2025 through September 7, 2025** from **12:00 PM – 11:00 PM** at **Parking Lots along Atwater between Beaubien and Riopelle, Detroit, MI.**

PROVIDED, that there will be DPD Assisted Event; Contracted with private security and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DFD Pending Inspections; Contracted with Private EMS to Provide Services; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be BSEED Permits Required for Tents, Generators, and Stages; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DPW Barricades; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DHD Permits Required for utility power; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be a Business License Required; and be it further

PROVIDED, that all necessary permits must be obtained prior to the event. If permits are not obtained, departments can enforce closure of event.