

City of Detroit

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE 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.	2025-005
Name of Petitioner	PAXAHAU INC
Description of Petition	Petition of PAXAHAU INC (#2025-005), request to hold "2025 Afro Future Festival-Detroit" at Brewster Douglas Event Field on August 15 th through August 17 th , from 2:00PM to 11:00PM. Set up to August 1 st , 7:00 AM and completed by August 14 th 10:00 PM with tear down to begin August 17 th , at 11:00 PM and completed by August 22 nd 10:00 PM.
Type of Petition	Special Event
Submission Date	1/9/25
Concerned Departments	Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department (BSEED), Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), Detroit Fire Department (DFD), Detroit Health Department (DHD), 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

(313) 224 - 3260 | Fax: (313) 224 - 1466

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:



Date: 12/3/2024

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: 2025 AFRO FEST

Event Date: AUGUST 15, 16

Event Organizer: PAXAHAU

Applicant Signature:



Date: 12/3/2024

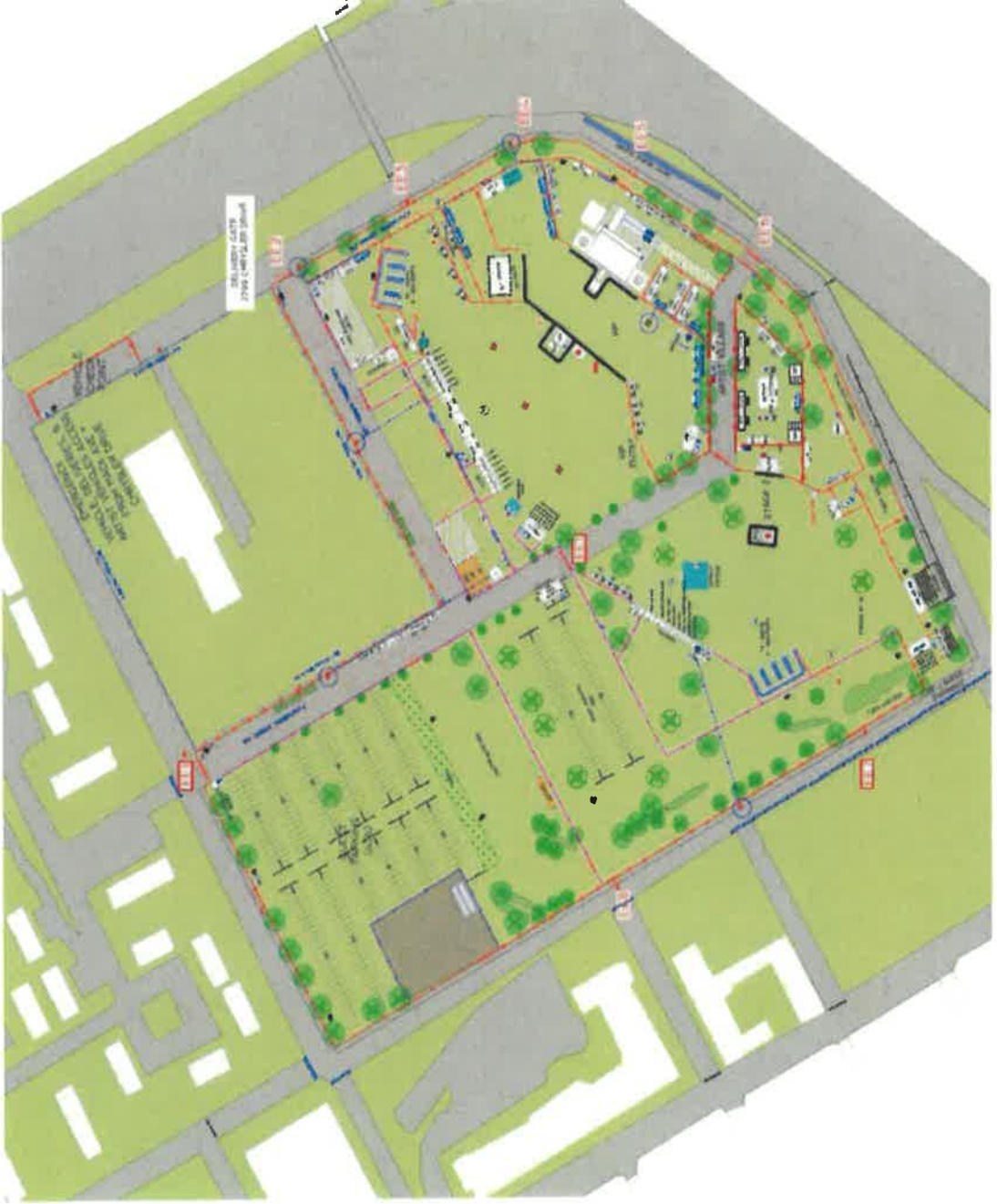
EVENT SUMMARY

Afro Nation is an annual two-day music festival produced by Event Horizon, Smade Entertainment and Paxahau. The festival was founded by Obi Asika, and Smade, in association with BBC 1Xtra, in 2013. The platform was established to bring together the best African artist in Afrobeats, Hip hop, RnB, Dancehall, Amapiano, Afro House and more. The festival was nominated in the Best Overseas Festival category at the 2019 UK Festival Awards.

VENUE + EVENT DETAILS

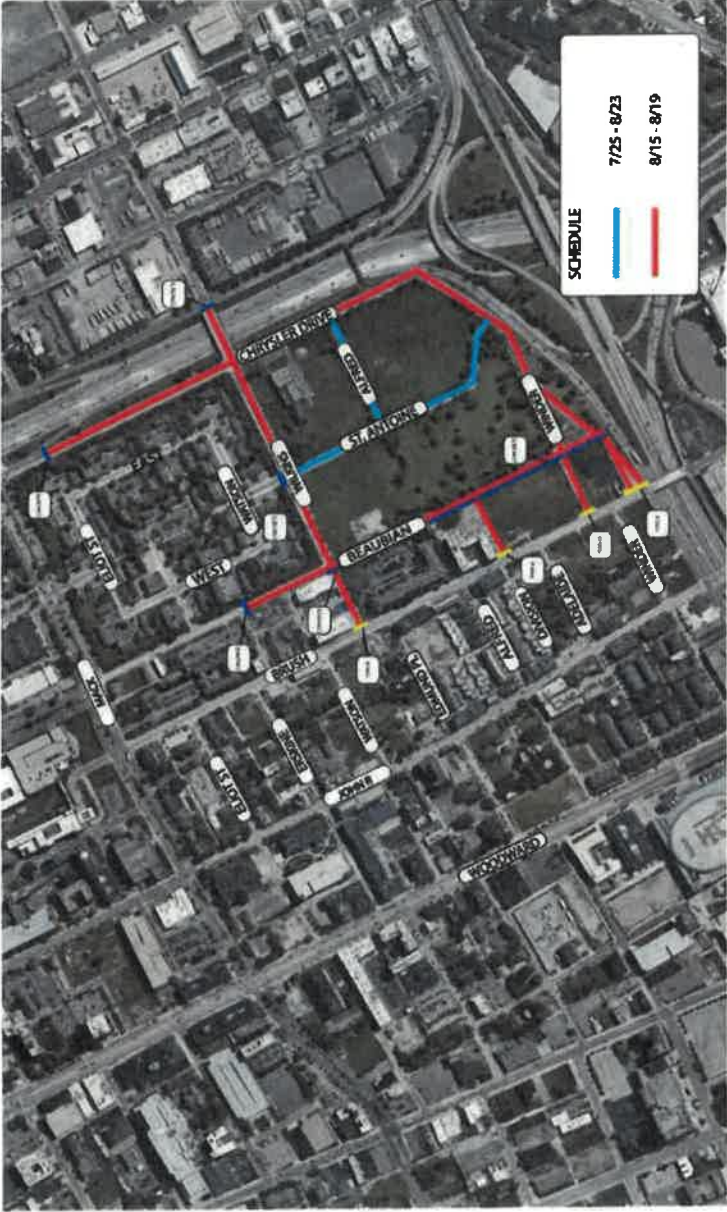
- Brewster - Douglas Fields - 22 ACRES
- Estimated Attendance ~ 15,000-20,000 each day
- Saturday August 16th and Sunday August 17th, 2025 - 2 pm till 10 pm
- Ticket Types:
 - GA Daily
 - GA Weekend
 - VIP Daily
 - VIP Weekend
 - Leopard Lounge
- Load in begins roughly 14 days before show + load out begins immediately, lasting about a week.
- There are 2 Stages:
 - Main Stage – capacity ~25,000
 - 2nd Stage – capacity ~5,000

Festival Site Map



[View full map here](#)

Street Closure Plan



2025 AFRO FUTURE DETROIT ROAD CLOSURES

BREWSTER DOUGLAS EVENTS FIELDS

SHOW DAYS: AUGUST 15, 16 & 17, 2025

Prepared By Sam Fotias – Director of Operations - Paxahau

Closure 1: 75 South Service Drive from Mack to Brush – August 13 to August 18

Closure 2: Wilkins from 75 north Service Drive to Brush – August 13 to August 18

Closure 3: Beaubien from Erskine to South 75 Service Drive – August 13 to August 18

Closure 4: Division at Brush – August 13 to August 18

Closure 5: Winder at Brush – August 13 to August 18

OPERATIONS

SECURITY

- On-site Security - ProStarCam Security
 - Contact - Mike Whittaker - mike@prostarcams.com - 734-323-1679
- Rock Security
 - Contact - Chuck Wilson chuckwilson@rocksecurity.com – 313-220-3858

Other Agencies and Representatives to be confirmed.

On-site Security Radio Channel - **SECURITY**

On-site Security has a command post located in a 40' Unified Command Trailer in the

Operations Compound. Security Briefings happen daily at 10am in the Unified Command

Trailer in the Operations Compound

****The liaison for all external communications is Sam Fotias, Operations Director.**

Sam Fotias - 586-596-9463 – sam@paxahau.com**

- Off-Site Security – DPD TACOPS, Wayne County Sheriff Deputies, Michigan State Police, and Wayne State Police

Off-site Security Radio Channel - **SECURITY**

Paxahau is extremely fortunate to enjoy a robust relationship with all municipal and federal agencies in the area. These include Detroit Police, State Police, Border Patrol, Coast Guard, Homeland Security, Detroit Fire Department

MEDICAL

- On-site Medical - Hart Medical
 - Contact – Adam Gottlieb – adam@hartems.com - 248-789-5646

On-site Security Radio Channel - **MEDICAL**

If an incident necessitates off site transport, they will be transported to DETROIT RECEIVING HOSPITAL

EVENT MANAGEMENT STAFF

Festival Director	Operations Director Sam Fotias sam@paxahau.com 586-596-9463
Production Manager Michael Fotias foton@paxahau.com 248-912-8989	Site Manager Joe Choma joe@paxahau.com 313-402-7880
Talent Buyer	Finance Manager
Volunteer Manager	Publicist

Detroit AfroFuture: Community Engagement Strategy

Outreach

- The outreach timeline for the Festival will begin several months before the event.
- Provides ample time for community engagement, feedback, and planning to ensure that the festival is a success for all involved.
- We will provide regular updates to the community and local businesses to keep them informed of festival plans and opportunities for participation.

Phase One:

- Contact neighborhood, business and residential associations to discuss logistics, timing, traffic, security and other matters associated with the festival.

Phase Two:

- Dissemination of specific information that promotes the festival and informs residents and residential leadership on contact information for matters and/or concerns.
- Post festival-specific information on print and social media.

Phase Three:

- Initiate necessary meetings to mitigate specific concerns as indicated from residents, businesses, et. al. prior to festival.

SPECIAL EVENTS PETITION

Petition No: _____

Event Name: 2025 AFRO FUTURE FESTIVAL - DETROIT

Event Status: In Review- Special Events Management Team (Step 1 of 6)

Petitioner Name / Organization: PAXAHAU INC

Event Location: BREWSTER DOUGLAS EVENT FIELDS

Event Date(s) and Time(s): 08/15/25 2:00 PM to 08/17/25 11:00 PM

Type of Event: Concert/Performance, Festival

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

Submission Date:	12/03/24
Date of Clerk's Office Referral:	1/9/25
Date of City Departments Sign Off:	1/8/25
Date Referred to Council:	1/10/25

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 Reviewed-Ready for Council	DPW Reviewed-Ready for Council	DHD Reviewed-Ready for Council

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Reviewed-Ready for Council

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

Date: January 10, 2025

General Event Information

Has this event been hosted before? Yes

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: TBA

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

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

Event Description

Brief Event Purpose & Description:

ANNUAL EVENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS AFRO NATION CELEBRATING THE GLOBAL EMERGING GENRES OF AFRO BEAT AND AMAPIANO MUSIC. A THREE DAY MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH MUSIC, FOOD AND ART.

Estimated Peak Attendance: 25000

Estimated Total Attendance: _____

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:
SAM FOTIAS	JOE CHOMA
sam@paxahau.com	JOE@PAXAHAU.COM
	+1 (313) 402-7880

Organization Type: Corporation

Organization Website: WWW.PAXAHAU.COM

Event Setup & Breakdown

Begin Setup: 08/01/25 7:00 AM

Complete Setup: 08/14/25 10:00 PM

Setup Location(s): BREWSTER DOUGLAS EVENT FIELDS

Event Start: 08/15/25 2:00 PM

Event End: 08/17/25 11:00 PM

Begin Tear Down: 08/17/25 11:00 PM

Complete Tear Down: 08/22/25 10:00 PM

Number of Trash Containers: 250 Number of Recycling Containers: 250

Cleaning Service Vendor: KINZLER JANITORIAL

Other Waste Elements: ALL OF THE ABOVE

Street Closures & Parking

How many streets will be closed: 5+

Will you be closing any part of Woodward Avenue? No

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

1. Document Attached

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Will you charge attendees for parking? No

Valet parking or blocking metered parking spaces? Neither

Describe the parking plan to accommodate anticipated attendance:
USE OF LOTS FOR THE DISTRICT, FORD FILED, COMERICA PARK AND LCA

Food & Beverage

Will food be served? Yes

Will food be prepared on site? Yes

Number of food trucks: 15 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

Day(s) and time(s) alcohol will be served: ALL THREE DAYS FROM 2 PM UNTIL 11 PM

Will ice be used in any served beverages? Yes

Stages, Tents, & Structures

Is a stage being built? Yes

How many stages will be used? 2

Do any of the stages have a canopy? Yes

Number of tents 10' x 10' and smaller: 15

Number of tents larger than 10' x 10': 15

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, Neither

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: PRO STAR CAMS SECURITY

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: HART MEDICAL

Does this event include fireworks? No

Day(s) and time(s) of fireworks: _____

Fireworks vendor: _____

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 checked="" 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. “2025 Afro Future Festival-Detroit” (2025-005) on August 15 -17, 2025 from 2:00 PM -11:00 PM at Brewster Douglas Event Field.

PROVIDED, that there will be DPD Assisted Event with Contracted 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 Stages, Tents, Generators and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be Health Inspections and Licenses; and be it further

PROVIDED, that there will be DPW permits for road closures; and it be further

PROVIDED, there will be a Business License Required obtained following City Council approval; and be it further

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