



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

E-SIGN: *James R. Clinch*

FROM: Brianne Lorenz, Special Events and Marketing Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

DATE: Nov. 20, 2023

MEETING DATE: Dec. 12, 2023

SUBJECT / TOPIC: 2024 Dueling Pianos

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Please find the following attachments for your review regarding an application for a new Special Event, Dueling Pianos, on Jan. 6, 2024, in the 200 block of Miami Avenue with portions of Nokomis Avenue.

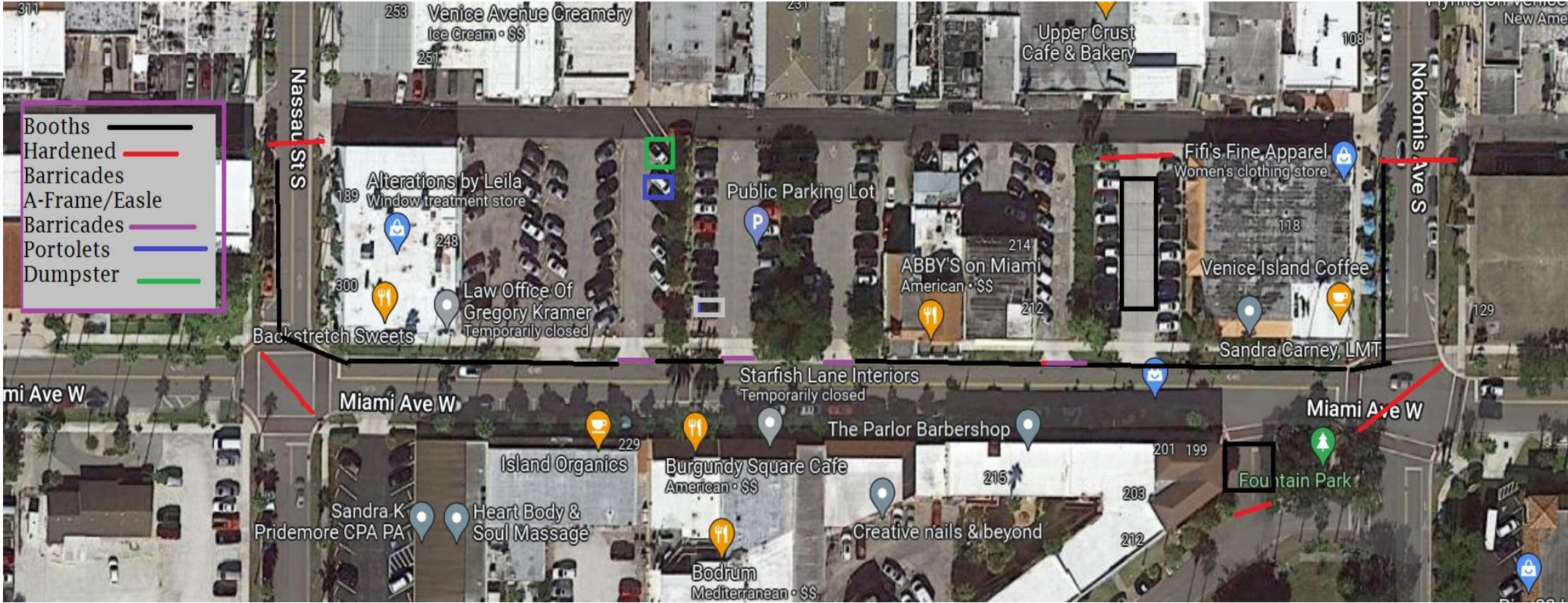
- Staff memo
- Event layout and site plan

First time special events are presented to City Council for approval per the current special event policy. Major changes to events may request review by City Council. Venice MainStreet Inc., a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to preserve and enhance the character and economic vitality of downtown Venice and whose purpose is to work collaboratively with the City and other community groups to support businesses and community partners, will bring in a Dueling Piano event on Jan. 6, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Miami Avenue. While businesses in downtown Venice are predominantly supported by events held along Venice Avenue and at Centennial Park, the Dueling Pianos event aims to support businesses along Miami Avenue. This event will include the use of two upright or grand pianos and talented musicians who will “duel” through musical performances appropriate for all ages. The event holder, Venice MainStreet Inc., will set up tables and chairs, an elevated stage, and beer truck to create an enticing ambiance to host residents and visitors during the two-hour event. The Dueling Pianos event will utilize follow the same site and road closure plans a Venice MainStreet’s June craft festival on Miami Avenue, in addition to the City’s Special Events Trailer, Solid Waste services and Venice Police officers, hardened barricades and event staff/volunteers.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Five: Encourage and Support a Robust and Diverse Economy

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Consent Motion

Cc: Brianne Lorenz, Special Events and Marketing Coordinator





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