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## Meeting with Department Heads recap

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Good morning

Here is a recap of the meeting (Jamie and Gary, please correct me if I got something wrong or left something out):

- Candace Davenport (Head of Health Department) wants us to add to any advertising, promos, emails, press releases and the program (i.e., any announcements) that "it is recommended that anyone who is not vaccinated should wear a mask".
- Nancy, Candace Davenport and Acting Fire Chief Chris Ariemma said they want the vendors and the beer garden off of Flag Pole area.
  - Candace's and Nancy's reasons were over crowding during a pandemic.
  - Deputy Chief Ariemma wants us to move the food vendors (not related to COVID) because he wants better access in case of any kind of potential fire accident (propane accident, etc).
  - In addition they raised the concerns of trampling of plantings
- Chief Jimmy DeVaul had the most to say (as always)
  - We can not use the Auxiliary Police because they all resigned after their firearms were taken away from them.
  - To spread out he wants us to use the South Field (the one behind the stage) because moving across Oakview would require more security for safety reasons due to people crossing the street and possible mingling in the street. This would cost us more. He was pretty adamant about this.
  - His preference is that we put the vendors on the South Field, however, he's ok with using Oakview (on the street) as long as the vendors are facing the South Field and the lines form onto the South Field. They would put barriers behind the vendors stations to still allow for vehicles to enter Oakview for unloading.
  - He suggests we put the Beer Garden on the street at the top of Oakview (by Dunnell) and close off the street to cars by the bridge (or right about the entrance to the park from Oakview). It was funny actually, because he said he thought it would be better for the people in the beer garden as they could hear the music better from there.
  - He did say we could use crossing guards for traffic control.
  - Jimmy would like to have another call with just him to discuss all of this AND he said that if we can provide him with a detail schedule of timing and requirements he will do his best to keep the costs as low as possible.
  - With regards to stage delivery he said give him a call when we know when that will happen and he will ensure that "temporary no parking" signs are put out to give plenty of room for the truck to deliver the stage.
- With regards to using South Orange Rescue Squad.
  - Chris Ariemma indicated that we could use SORS if we want. HOWEVER, he once again cautioned that they have not been 100% reliable in the past. I did say we planned to offer an incentive by giving a donation to the squad.
  - My original inquiry to the SORS a couple of months ago bounced back. Chris gave me a new contact at SORS and that, too, bounced back. Nancy suggested I reach out to Chief Danny Sullivan of the SOFD to see if he has a good contact
  - I called Chris after the meeting to get have a candid discussion about the SORS. While he wouldn't give an opinion either way (which I understand) he did give me some anecdotes about past experience with volunteer departments (donation or not). WE NEED TO DISCUSS THIS! I don't have the warm/fuzzies.
  - In past years, on average there are over medical 30 incidents over the two days. Only a few were major (possible overdose, broken bones, injured child, diabetic incidents), but I was unaware there were so many.