

City of Falcon Heights State Fair Task Force

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

AGENDA

Wednesday, August 21, 2024
6:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL: Chairperson McGarthwaite____ Vice Chairperson Porter ____
Secretary Johnson__
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| Allard ____ | May ____ |
| Hausman ____ | Brace ____ |
| Davis ____ | Paulus ____ |
| Prather____ | |
- Staff Liaison Linehan ____
Council Liaison Mielke ____
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. July 17, 2024
- E. NEW BUSINESS -
1. Post-State Fair Survey / Feedback
 2. "Please Be Good to Our Neighborhood" Sign Distribution
- F. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. City Council Liaison Update
 2. Staff Liaison Update
 - i. Final Fair Preparation Updates
- G. ADJOURN

Next regular meeting date: September 18, 2024 at 6:30PM

City of Falcon Heights 2024 State Fair Task Force Meeting

City Hall
2077 Larpenteur Avenue West

MINUTES

Thursday July 17, 2024
6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Chairperson McGarthwaite __x__ Vice Chairperson Porter __x__
Secretary Johnson __x__(arrived after roll call)

Allard __x__(arrived after roll call) May __x__
Brace __x__ Prather __x__
Davis __x__ Paulus __x__
Hausman __x__

Staff Liaison Jack Linehan __x__ City Council Member

Mielke____

Voting members. 9 Present. 5 Required for a Quorum. Quorum
has been achieved.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion by Georgianna **APPROVED 8-0**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 20, 2024 Minutes **APPROVED 8-0**

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Law Enforcement Durin Fair- Deputy Brodin present
 - i. Discussed typical process for enforcement during fair
 - ii. Concerned about no parking areas and options to enforce
 - iii. Supports use of hang tags or stickers to aid Sherriff's office
2. Car shows
 - i. MSRA: Back to the 50's Recap - June 21-23, 2024 Approx 11,000 cars
 1. <http://msrabacktothe50s.com> has data
 2. Hausman mentioned fewer idling cars this year. However bad weather meant less cars overall

3. Parking changes included no sleeping in cars while waiting in line.
- ii. Street Machine Nationals – June 19-21, 2024 much smaller event than the MSRA event
 1. 1965 and newer cars
 2. Additional police enforcement
- F. District 10 Como Fair Group Request introduction- Kate McCreight and Cindy Mitch
 1. Chairperson McGarthwaite mentioned she is aware of Kate and Cindy's efforts to improve communication in the Como Park area
 2. District 10 website has a virtual newsletter and emails specifically to allow communication in the neighborhood
 3. One option is to try to locate the list is: <https://district10comopark.org>

G. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Council Liaison
 - i. P. Mielke has been assigned to the task force
2. Parking
 - i. Commercial Parking
 1. Discussed the drafted ordinance by staff
 2. Should have insurance, meets regulations, public safety is evaluated, no past history of violations
 3. Awareness of who is managing the commercial lots.
 4. Cost should be minimal, since business often replace their revenue lost during the State Fair by parking cars.
 5. Recommend looking over the guidelines of other cities (included) to determine what might be recommended
 6. Specifically, issues were noted with traffic backing up on to Larpeur off of Amber Union's paid parking lot.
 - ii. Resident Parking
 - iii. Street Parking
 1. Temporary Signage
 1. Confirmation that all previously mentioned corners and park-able sides are covered by signage
 2. Confirmed recommendation for Public Works to add temporary signs and markings on the curbs to reduce environmental impact of flaking permanent paint
 2. Permits
 1. Recommendation to either produce with a cling sticker for the window or a hangtag to reduce attempts at forgery and increase visibility for officers.
3. State Fair Resource Guide
 - i. Vice Chairperson Porter spearheaded that the resource guide could be trifold and include more information and offered to aid in completion

- ii. No other concerns about the guide for this year. Recommendations to include information previously discussed.

H. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Staff Liaison Report
 - i. Pedicab Ordinances
 - 1. Ordinance passed at July meeting

I. ADJOURN 7:50PM

Next regular meeting date: August 31st, 2024 at 6:30pm

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| Meeting Date | August 21, 2024 |
| Agenda Item | E1 |
| Attachment | N/A |
| Submitted By | Jack Linehan, City Administrator |

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| Item | Post-State Fair Survey |
| Description | <p>Following the State Fair, the City has run a survey the past two years to provide data on the resident experience of the Fair. In 2022, the City also hosted a resident town hall meeting to hear from residents on the Fair.</p> <p>The Task Force will be asked to review the draft survey and give feedback to staff on what questions you'd like to know more about. The Task Force will also be asked whether we should solicit feedback in other manners, such as in-person.</p> |
| Budget Impact | N/A |
| Attachment(s) | Draft 2024 State Fair Survey |
| Action(s) Requested | Staff recommends the task force discuss the data collection process following the 2024 Minnesota State Fair |

2024 Falcon Heights MN Post-State Fair Survey

2024 Falcon Heights MN State Fair - Survey

The City's State Fair Task Force was formed prior to the 2023 MN State Fair to provide recommendations to the City Council in an effort to improve the experience of residents during the fair. The Task Force was renewed in 2024 for two years to continue to refine the resident experience. And, while they can't solve every issue, the Task Force is interested in hearing your feedback to better improve your experience in the future.

1. What is your name? (OPTIONAL - You may remain anonymous if you prefer)

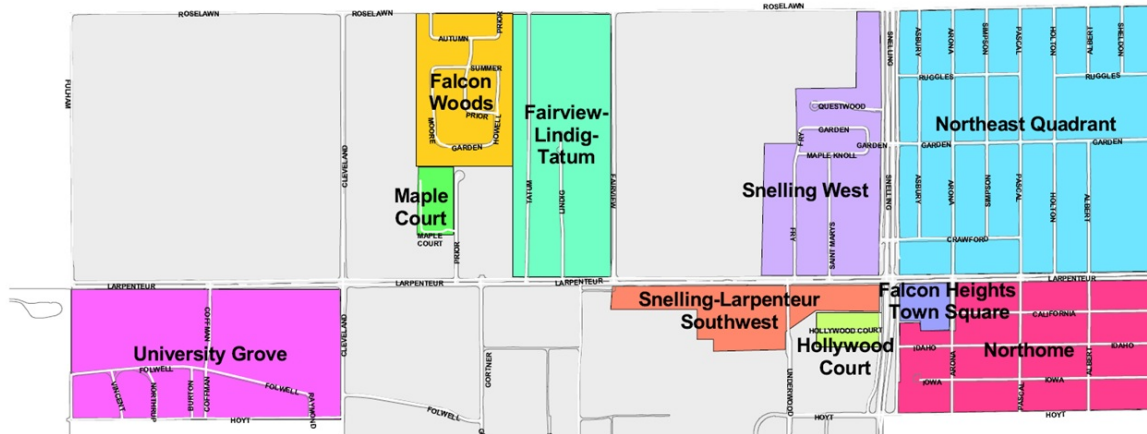
* 2. Are you a Falcon Heights resident?

Yes

No

3.

Falcon Heights Neighborhoods



If you reside in Falcon Heights, which neighborhood do you reside in? See map above.

- Fairview-Lindig-Tatum
- Falcon Woods
- Hollywood Court
- Maple Court
- Northeast Quadrant
- Northome
- Snelling West
- Snelling-Larpenteur Southwest
- Town Square
- University Grove

4. Did you see police officers patrolling your neighborhood during the course of the State Fair?

- Yes
- No

5. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, there was adequate policing OUTSIDE the fairgrounds / in Falcon Heights during the course of the State Fair.

- Strongly Disagree** that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.
- Disagree** that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.
- Strongly Agree** that policing was adequate outside the fairgrounds/ in Falcon Heights during the fair.

6. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, there was adequate parking enforcement in your neighborhood during the fair.

- Strongly Disagree** that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.
- Disagree** that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.
- Strongly Agree** that there was adequate parking enforcement in my neighborhood during the fair.

7. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, litter was less of an issue in your neighborhood from fairgoers this year.

- Strongly Disagree** that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.
- Disagree** that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.
- Strongly Agree** that litter was less of an issue in my neighborhood this year from fairgoers.

8. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, 2024 fairgoers were respectful of personal property.

- Strongly Disagree** that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.
- Disagree** that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.
- Strongly Agree** that fairgoers were respectful of personal property.

9. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the level of noise was LESS of a problem this year during the 2024 MN State Fair.

- Strongly Disagree** that the level of noise was less of a problem.
- Disagree** that the level of noise was less of a problem.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that the level of noise was less of a problem.
- Strongly Agree** that the level of noise was less of a problem.

10. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, you felt safer in your neighborhood this year during the 2024 MN State Fair.

- Strongly Disagree** that my neighborhood felt safer.
- Disagree** that my neighborhood felt safer.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that my neighborhood felt safer.
- Strongly Agree** that my neighborhood felt safer.

11. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, traffic was LESS of a problem this year during the 2024 MN State Fair.

- Strongly Disagree** that traffic was less of a problem.
- Disagree** that traffic was less of a problem.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that traffic was less of a problem.
- Strongly Agree** that traffic was less of a problem.

12. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the City's State Fair Task Force implementation of doubling parking violation fees from \$50 to \$100 between August 15-September 15 (Ordinance 23-04) was an improvement.

- Strongly Disagree** that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.
- Disagree** that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.
- Strongly Agree** that the doubled parking fee was an improvement.

13. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the City's State Fair Task Force implementation of prohibiting parking on the water side of all streets in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.

- Strongly Disagree** that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.
- Disagree** that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.
- Strongly Agree** that prohibiting parking on the water side in the NE Quadrant was an improvement.

14. On a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, the City's State Fair Task Force implementation of placing signage and marking curbs to indicate no parking was allowed within 30 feet of stop signs was an improvement.

- Strongly Disagree** that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.
- Disagree** that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.
- Unsure / Neutral**
- Agree** that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.
- Strongly Agree** that marking curbs /adding signage before stop signs was an improvement.

15. Do you think the City of Falcon Heights should require licenses for commercial State Fair parking lots to regulate who/how businesses sell parking spots?

- Yes
- No

16. Did you contact the City of Falcon Heights, the MN State Fair, or Ramsey County Sheriff for any issues during the fair? If so, who did you contact? Please select all that apply.

- Falcon Heights City Hall
- Ramsey County Sheriff
- MN State Fair
- I did not need to call.

17. Did you attend the 2024 MN State Fair?

- Yes
- No

18. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

19. If you could suggest something to the organizers of the MN State Fair to help improve the experience for Falcon Heights residents, what would you like to see implemented?

20. Provide optional feedback regarding the State Fair / areas you'd like the Task Force to address for 2025 and beyond.

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| Meeting Date | August 21, 2024 |
| Agenda Item | E2 |
| Attachment | N/A |
| Submitted By | Jack Linehan, City Administrator |

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| Item | “Be Good to Our Neighborhood” Sign Distribution |
| Description | <p>The State Fair has once again provided the City with 200 signs that can be placed in yards to remind visitors that they are guests. As with 2023, we have offered to place signs in residents yards if they sign up. In the first 24 hours, we’ve received 55 sign requests.</p> <p>To help staff with preparation, we’ll see if any volunteers from the Task Force would be open to grabbing a few signs to place in yards that asked for them. Any the Task Force can’t do will be handled by staff.</p> |
| Budget Impact | N/A |
| Attachment(s) | N/A |
| Action(s) Requested | Staff asks Task Force Members willing to volunteer to grab some signs for distribution. |