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Regarding The Schedule And Rules For The North Shore Winter Surfing Contests.

Council Committee Testimony 6/26/08

Honorable Committeemembers, I am writing to submit testimony at the 6/26/08 committee meeting. First, due to lack of notice, I cannot attend and am unable to submit a comprehensive critique of the proposed rules.

I will start by elaborating that in the last 12 weeks all (or the vast majority) of the prospective contest directors were notified of a meeting that took place in which an attempt was made to proactively schedule the surf season calendar based on the wish-list and priorities of the applicants with compliance to the current Honolulu DPR rules.

The outcome of this meeting and created a schedule which still omitted several events which included a one-day bodysurfing event at Ehukai and a one weekend bodysurfing event at Waimea bay. The proposed schedule was shared by email with all of the applicants and when the Honolulu DPR requested submissions of the required permit applications and the datasheets with attached event information by June 16th, 2008.

The net-result of this experiment to organize a meeting to attempt to solve scheduling conflicts was vulnerable to "wild-card" applicants and the displaced applicants submitting permit requests that would nullify this attempt.

In fact this is exactly what has happened and therefore the entire effort by the event directors is in jeopardy and will catapult the applications back into the Honolulu DPR "mandatory" Conflict resolution process.

This process involves a group of select employees of Honolulu DPR reading all of the submissions and assigning a numerical score for each of the criteria [Community Relations Record (Total 60 points), Diversity of Events (Total 20 points) & Diversity of Participants (Total 20 points)]. Then the events are flagged for conflicts in scheduling and the conflicting events are assessed the pre-assigned scores to determine which applicant will be awarded that time slot.

Different contest applicants have different priorities in requesting their time slot. Some of the applicants are constrained by world tours, some of the events are amateur and some events are hybrid or pro/am.

The problem in using pre-assigned scores to determine which applicant will receive the time slot, is that there is no way for the system to be sensitive to the overall diversity of the events calendar. This diversity is termed "external" diversity or the make up of the whole season. This is opposed to the "internal" diversity of each applicants event (what

does that event contain (i.e. two vs. one gender, multiple sports such as longboarding, shortboarding, bodyboarding, bodysurfing, handboarding, paipoboarding etc).

In experiencing first hand how an existing event is denied a permit, I am familiar with the logistical calamity of salvaging sponsorship, resources and competitor furor when this occurs.

I have previously proposed some minor changes to the conflict resolution process will allow it to be sensitive to BOTH external and internal diversity, depending on the ability of the rankers who are utilized.

In examining the proposed changes to the process regarding the entire body of rules (submitted to the City Council on June 21, 2007 from Lester Chang Honolulu DPR), I have several concerns that these rules are highly bias towards the large funded world tour events and will displace the smaller pro/am and amateur events.

The North Shore neighborhood board had created an adhoc committee (March 2008) that will submit recommendations, and the activists who are working on recommendations are going to submit criticisms that are following the agenda of Mike Takahashi and Gil Riviere's Lets Surf Coalition. However, I believe that the city can derive some benefit from this input as to one perspective.

Obviously, when Honolulu DPR fully publicizes requests for public input on the proposed rule changes, I am certain they will receive an onslaught of recommendations covering the entire spectrum of concerns.

From a grouping of bodysurfers who are thrilled to have one or more events on the north shore calendar, they only ask that the smaller and less funded unique events be protected as well. Obviously, the Pipeline Bodysurfing Classic is such an event having a history at pipeline spanning back to the first competition held at that break in February 1971.

Thank you for your time.

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IDENTIFY CONFLICTS; PERFORM CONFLICT RESOLUTION WITH SENSITIVITY TO DIVERSITY

1) Flag (identify) conflicts with Blank Calendar SHOWING UPCOMING APPLICATION SEASON [Prior to or with submission of normal application and Event datasheet]; included in calendar are notations showing official Holidays; have this calendar returned PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE application & Datasheet

1a) PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE normal application and event datasheet; send blank season calendar to previous applicants & request 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice. Request return of applicant's Completed Calendar to city by a certain deadline date.

1b) Then City Parks Department Compiles and Identifies all conflicts on 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices and notify applicants of conflicts and ask them to choose whether they want to proceed with 1st, 2nd OR 3rd choice? Request return of applicant's choice to city by a certain deadline date.

1c) Compile requested Priority Choices. This will be used for Conflict resolution meetings between those parties (conflicting applicants). Mediation can be requested by the Mediation Center of the Pacific.

2) Compile calendar of applicants who are not in conflict. This group of applicants will be on hold until conflict resolution meetings are completed or waived and city conflict resolution method is completed (see item 4); then these applicants can utilize normal city application process.

3) Notify conflicting parties that there is a conflict resolution meeting date to determine if a resolution can be obtained. Provide them with entire calendar of events; arrange a mediator/facilitator from the Mediation Center of the Pacific.

3a) If a conflicting applicant proposes an adjustment between more applicants (non-conflicting) shown on the calendar; those parties should be requested to attend meeting as well.

4) If conflict resolution meeting fails or is unable to convene by REASONABLE AND FLEXIBLE Deadline date then City internal conflict resolution proceeds.

4a) A group of autonomous personnel who will be asked to recuse themselves from the panel if they have any alliances or involvement with any of the flagged conflicting applicants.

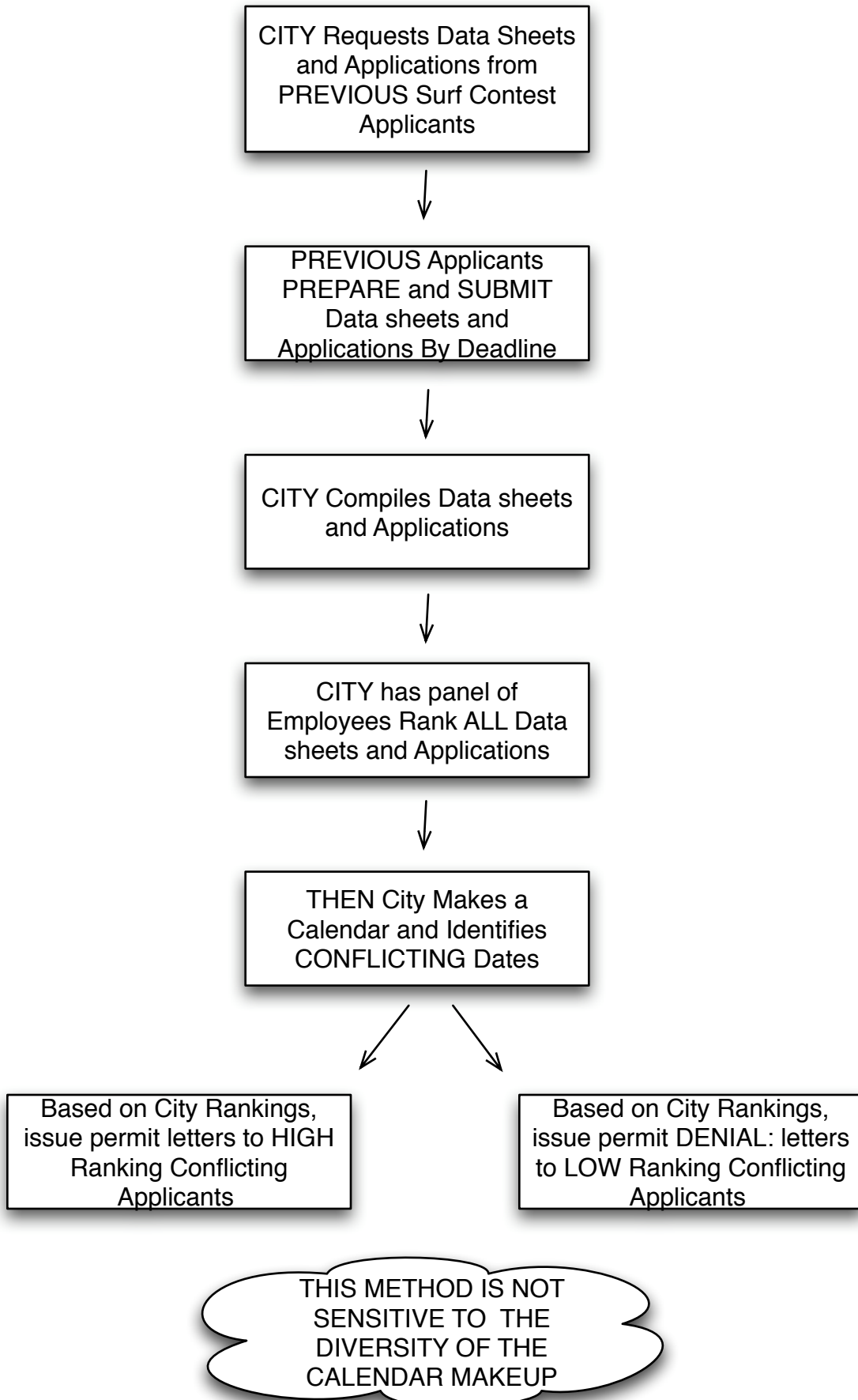
4b) The Panel will review NON-conflicting Calendar of applicants to become familiar with the current diversity (or lack of diversity) of the current calendar.

4c) The Panel will be asked to review the Conflict Resolution Criteria.

4d) The Panel will review the applications and datasheets from the TWO applicants in conflict; then the panel will rank those TWO applicants based on the criteria. This includes which applicant will make the calendar MORE DIVERSE.

4e) This procedure will be done for each pair or group of applicants in conflict, that is not resolved by resolution meeting.

Wrong (Current Conflict resolution)



PROPOSED SOLUTION (Conflict resolution)

CITY Requests CALENDARS (WITH PRIORITY CHOICES), Data Sheets and Applications from PREVIOUS Surf Contest Applicants



PREVIOUS Applicants PREPARE and SUBMIT CALENDARS (WITH PRIORITY CHOICES; 1st, 2nd & 3rd), Data sheets and Applications By Deadline



City Makes a Calendar and Identifies CONFLICTING Dates and NOTIFIES APPLICANTS of their conflicts with other events, requests which dates they will stay with



Compile requested Priority Choices. This will be used for Conflict resolution meetings between those parties (conflicting applicants).



Notify conflicting parties that there is a conflict resolution meeting date. Provide them with entire calendar of events; arrange a mediator/facilitator from Mediation Center of the Pacific. If a party proposes an adjustment between more applicants (nonconflicting) shown on the calendar; those parties should be requested to attend meeting as well.



If conflict resolution meeting fails or is unable to convene by REASONABLE AND FLEXIBLE Deadline date then City internal conflict resolution proceeds.



An impartial city panel will review NON conflicting Calendar of applicants (become familiar with current diversity or lack of diversity); Panel will review Conflict Resolution Criteria. Panel will review applications and datasheets from the TWO applicants in conflict; panel will rank the TWO applicants based on criteria. INCLUDING which applicant will make calendar MORE DIVERSE. This procedure will be done for each pair or group of applicants in conflict that is not resolved by resolution meeting.

Compile calendar of applicants who are NOT IN CONFLICT; They will be on hold until conflict resolution meetings completed or waived & city conflict resolution is final then these applicants can utilize normal city application process.



MOST DIVERSE Conflicting Applicants added to calendar with Non Conflicting Applicants