



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: August 14, 2020

RE: **Request to Conduct March and Resource Rally – Stomp the Stigma**

The attached memorandum from Port & Harbors Director Steve Corporon is self-explanatory and requires no elaboration on the part of my office. Unless the City Council directs otherwise, my office intends to authorize the Port & Harbors Director to approve Stomp the Stigma's request to conduct a march and resource rally on Saturday, September 26, 2020.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Karl Amylon, City Manager
From: Steve Corporon, Liaison Officer, Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center/Unified Command
Date: August 7, 2020
Re: **Request from Stomp the Stigma for Recovery March and Resource Rally**

Stomp the Stigma has submitted a request and proposed COVID-19 safety measures to conduct their third annual recovery march and resource rally on September 26. The event will consist of resource tables being available at the Plaza Mall prior to the march, a recovery march from the Plaza Mall to the tunnel and back followed by listening to speakers at the Plaza Mall.

The request included three options for the march itself. After review the EOC has recommended approval provided the second option is followed which would allow them to march to the tunnel and back to the mall as long as the marchers kept the household groups well staggered before, during and after the march.

The key elements of the request and the proposed COVID-19 safety measures are as follows:

- Volunteers staffing the resource tables will be screened for any symptoms commonly related to COVID-19 and for any quarantine or self-isolation status due to recent travel or contact with a COVID-19 patient prior to being allowed to participate. Screening will be performed and documented the day of the event using the form provided.
- Volunteers and the public will be encouraged to follow the rules already in place at the Plaza Mall which encourages social distancing and the use of masks.
- Volunteers at the resources tables will be required to wear masks whenever social distancing is not possible.
- Hand sanitizer and extra masks will be available for use by both the volunteers and the public.
- During the march participants will be asked to stay together in family groups and maintain social distancing from other family groups. The groups will also have staggered start times.
- During the speaking event chairs will be spaced to keep adequate social distancing between family groups and the microphone will be sanitized between speakers similar to the protocols being used at the City Council meetings.

I intend to approve the request while reserving the right to withdraw the approval if the pandemic situation worsens to the point that the EOC recommends not to allow the event.

Stomp the Stigma

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Re: Stomp the Stigma Recovery March and Resource Rally Mitigation Plan

I am requesting permission to hold the 3rd annual event that celebrates National Recovery Month on Saturday September 26, 2020. Stomp the Stigma was organized in an attempt to rid the shame that has silenced people from discussing mental health and substance use disorders, to provide support to all those who have been affected by these disorders and to give a platform and opportunity to share the experience, strength and hope many have seen through the recovery journey. I know the wake of Covid-19 has left many still guessing what the impact will be for them. My thoughts and prayers go out to our community as we all face the following months and the aftermath of this unprecedented time. The unfortunate reality is that because of the devastating events happening in our community; there will be an abundance of people who are in crisis, relapsing with drugs and alcohol, attempting to self-harm or complete suicide. This will increase the need for resources in Ketchikan and Stomp the Stigma Recovery March and Resource Rally will be a perfect time to provide connection to support, to services and give an opportunity to spread light and hope in dark and uncertain times.

This event has 3 separate elements – Resource Rally, Recovery March, Speaking event.
The resource rally and speaking event will take place at the Ketchikan Plaza located at 2417 Tongass Avenue.

In addition to the normal operations and safety plan at the Plaza the following steps are being added to minimize the possible spread of COVID-19 during the times the event take place indoors.

1. Volunteers will be screened for any symptoms commonly related to COVID-19 and for any quarantine or self-isolation status due to recent travel or contact with a COVID-19 patient prior to being allowed to participate. Screening will be conducted on the day of the event using the attached form for documentation. One person will be designated to take temperatures and ask the covid screening questions. This will all take place at the front main doors by McDonalds.
2. The number of volunteers will be ranging from 20-30 people. Volunteers working at each station will maintain social distancing to the extent possible and wear masks when not possible. Masks will also be provided at each table.
3. Each of the resource tables at the resource rally, which will be held inside the main court of the plaza will be set up to ensure adequate (6ft apart) social distancing. One person will be designated to distribute information from the resource tables rather than allowing all participants access to handouts on the table.
4. Hand sanitizer and extra masks will be available on site.
5. We will make announcements periodically to remind those in attendance to practice social distancing, use sanitizer often.

6. During the speaking event we will have chairs set up in groups of 2-4 with the groups being separated 6 feet apart. We will be encouraging people to sit within same households or close social circles and keep 6ft apart from those not within their home or close social circle.
7. The microphone will be sanitized between each speaker.

This year's march will be different than previous years to provide safer social distancing measures. The route may slightly vary depending on which of the 3 options is recommended by your team. I included them in the details below.

There have been a few ideas considered for this portion of the event and I am asking for guidance on which the EOC would deem safest.

1. Instead of walking in a large group as in previous years we will stand on the sidewalk with the 6ft recommended space between households which will be clearly marked by sidewalk chalk, masking tape, or any other suggested media from the city to ensure no damage will occur to any property. This will be arranged beginning at the Plaza south on the water side of Tongass Avenue on the sidewalk only. At no time will we block the street or traffic. At approximately 12:00 we will march in place for roughly 5 minutes. When the march is over people will either drive or walk back to the plaza for the speaking event. (I question how to get participants back to the plaza in a safe social distancing manor)
2. Complete the march as usual (Route is from the Plaza south on tongass to the tunnel, cross at crosswalk and walk north back to the Plaza and cross at crosswalk) with a staggered start between participants. Ask participants to stay in their family groups and keep 6 feet between groups without passing others.
3. Station family groups along Tongass between The Plaza and Jefferson 4 way intersection (where people often campaign or protest) this could be a reverse parade idea.

If there are any additional precautions you would like us to add please let me know.

Sincerely,

Danielle Duckworth

Stomp the Stigma Volunteer Health Screening Form

Person Completing Form: _____ Date: _____

Screen each Volunteer for any symptoms commonly related to COVID-19 and for any quarantine or self-isolation status due to recent travel or contact with a COVID-19 patient prior to allowing them to participate in the event. If a volunteer answers yes to any of the screening questions listed below, inform them that they will not be allowed to participate.

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