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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kimberly Greer, Assistant to the City Manager

Date: August 9, 2010

Subject: Text Amendment – Definition of Special Event

BACKGROUND

Prior to our ownership of the parks, the Mayor and City Council established a process for permitting and coordinating special events in Chapter 26, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places.

Currently, the Section 26-265 (1) requires that a permit must be obtained for “any organized for-profit or nonprofit activity having as its purpose entertainment, recreation and/or education which takes place on public property or on private property, but requires special public services and which is permitted by the city under this article.”

Now that the City coordinates events in public park property, the broad permitting requirement for any event occurring on public property must be evenly applied to both the community events such as Lemonade Days as well as the smaller private events such as a child’s birthday party at a park pavilion or regularly scheduled events by organizations such as the Dunwoody Nature Center or Dunwoody Senior Baseball which occur on public property. Staff believes this may not be the original intent of this definition.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends initiating a text amendment to Chapter 26, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Section 26-265 – Definitions to allow for further exemptions to the requirements for permitting for small, private gatherings and regularly scheduled, pre-approved events of nonprofit organizations. Because Chapter 26 is not subject to the regulations of the Zoning Procedures Act, if Council is amenable to this suggestion, staff could prepare a first read for this section for the August Voting Meeting.