

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE National Capital Region 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20242

#### PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 22-0312 Date: January 4, 2022

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Movement Catalyst

Dates(s): Thursday, January 6, 2022

To: Thursday, January 6, 2022

Time: Starting: 2:00 pm Ending: 6:30 pm

Location(s):

Mall: Center Turf Panel, 3rd - 4th Street

Purpose: Candlelight vigil for democracy in remembrance of the attack on democracy that occurred on Jan 6th, 2022. Several members of congress have been invited to speak

Anticipated Number or Participants: 500

Person(s) in Charge: Patrick Young & Liz Butler

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (b) (6) Mobile Number:

On-Site Contact: Liz Butler Mobile Number:

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
- 2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles, and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

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The Mall, Center Turf Panel and Gravel Walkways-Between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets

January 6, 2022 (02:00 p.m.-06:30 p.m.)

Event Overview: Permittee will assemble on the Mall, center turf panel between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, to conduct a Candlelight vigil for democracy in remembrance of the attack on democracy that occurred on January 6, 2021. The rally on the Mall will involve speeches by members of Congress and organization leaders and singing. After the rally on the Mall, participants will cross 3<sup>rd</sup> Street onto Union Square and conduct a candlelight vigil around the Capitol Reflecting Pool. Permittee estimates a maximum crowd size of (500) participants.

#### Timeline:

02:00 p.m.-04:45 p.m. Deliver, Off-Load & Setup

04:45 p.m.-05:30 p.m. Rally on the Mall

05:30 p.m.-05:45 p.m.Cross to Union Square/Capitol Reflecting Pool05:30 p.m.-06:30 p.m.Tear down/Load out/Cleanup/Depart the Mall

# **Equipment List:**

Signs/Placards

One (1) Podium

One (1) Banner (30' x 8')

One (1) Generator

Twenty (20) Chairs

One (1) Press Riser (4' x 8' x 2')

One (1) Stage (12' x 8' x 2')

Four (4) Tables

One (1) Camera on Tripod

This permit authorizes use of the Mall, Center Turf Panel and Gravel Walkways, between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, subject to the following conditions and may be amended to reflect changes to conditions.

The Permittee shall include in all plans submitted the details how they will ensure the safety of employees, contractors, concessioners, park visitors, and all others during the permit activities. Specifically, the Permittee will outline how they will follow all Centers for Disease Control, National Park Service, and District of Columbia rules, regulation, policy, law, and guidance on COVID-19 prevention measures.

Guidelines should include maintaining at all times six-foot social distancing or the mandatory use of cloth or other face masks when distancing is not possible, disinfection and one-person use of all equipment and items, use of hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations, and other measures as required.

Consistent with the Centers for Disease Control guidance and the Department of Interior's August 16, 2021aouncement:

- 1. All individuals must wear masks in common areas and shared workspaces in federal buildings and in indoor spaces leased by the NPS (including open floorplan office spaces and conference rooms) regardless of vaccination status or community transmission levels in that county.
- 2. Masks are also required to be worn in shared government vehicles and on federal property in outdoor areas, when others are present, where the superintendent has determined that physical distancing cannot reasonably be maintained, regardless of vaccination status or community transmission levels in that county. Mask wearing is required on the Mall, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Streets where physical distancing cannot reasonably be maintained.

<u>Permittee is responsible for developing, monitoring, and administering their Covid-</u>19 mitigation plan.

# **GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Permittee is responsible for providing all necessary equipment/objects to conduct this activity. All equipment must be removed from park property immediately following the conclusion of the event. Items left on park property will be considered abandoned property and will not be the responsibility of the National Park Service.

Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the National Park Service and United States Park Police personnel.

Permittee and its representatives will follow instructions provided by these individuals with regard to accessing park property and will take all precautions to protect park resources.

Permittee does not have exclusive use of the area. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed during the construction activities to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles, and other park visitors.

All requests, correspondence and meetings with the National Park Service pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by the Permittee only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their requests through the recognized representatives of the Permittee, who in turn will contact the National Park Service.

The permittee shall insure that all facilities and structures placed on park property adhere to all applicable codes, standards, and regulations including but not limited to BOCA, OSHA, USPHS, NFPA 101, IBC 2006, IFC 2006 and ADA, covering requirements including but not limited to safe construction practices, grounding of generators and maintaining access to the Memorial. Permittee will submit stamped engineered drawings for all structures, i.e. cable trusses, tents, stages, audio, and video towers, etc. for NPS review and approval.

The Permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions and to protect park visitors and property.

Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc. necessary for employee and public safety, shall be provided and adequately maintained. Such devices require the concurrence of the NPS Permit Specialist or designated representative.

Throughout the course of this permit, the Permittee, its contractors, and agents are responsible for taking all necessary precautions to minimize resource damage throughout the permitted area. In addition, Permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

No wires or cables are to be attached to trees or other vegetation or flown aerially. Any wires or cables required in support of permitted activities must be run on the ground, in troughs or yellow jackets, to prevent tripping hazards. Troughs covering pedestrian walkways must be ADA compliant.

All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.

The Permittee shall be responsible for the cost and repairs to any structures, facilities, roadways, sidewalks, infrastructures, sod, soils, or landscape vegetation on park land damaged by the work authorized under this permit that is conducted outside the conditions specified in this permit.

The area must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.

All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval prior to the installation of facilities. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection.

Permittee will provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to the National Park Service and the United States Park Police personnel at all times during construction or set-up activities and during dismantling of facilities post-event.

The Permittee, vendors and all exhibitors may not load in any materials prior to the predetermined load in period as outlined in this permit.

A copy of this permit shall be available on site for inspection by National Park Service and United States Park Police personnel.

# **SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:**

# **Resource Protection:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(xii), 2.31(a)(2),(3) the destruction, defacement, damaging, alteration, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, statues, walls, fences, or other park property.

<u>Walkways</u>: Stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on gravel and/or cement walkways, must be supported by 3/4-inch plywood or similar material. *Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS*.

Digging or trenching is prohibited on parkland in conjunction with a permitted event.

<u>Landscape:</u> Lawn, trees, shrubs, and the irrigation system, curbs, electric conduits, and water mains located within the permit area, shall be protected from adverse impacts associated with event activities.

<u>Turf Protection:</u> For the purpose of protection, any area not paved shall be treated as lawn. No heavy equipment (cranes, backhoes, etc.), vehicles or stock piling of materials is permitted on turf areas without the approval of the NPS.

Vehicles moving heavy equipment on turf must be supported by some form of heavy duty plastic material that clicks or snaps together to avoid movement of material and tripping hazards. *Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS*.

Temporary turf cover materials used for vehicular travel (load-in and load-out) should be removed as soon as possible to prevent damage to turf.

The temporary covering of turf for events allows for pedestrian walkways, temporary flooring, structure, support, and vehicle access, with special permission from NPS

Permittee is encouraged to secure products such as Terraplas, Terratile and Matrax LD or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below.

The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS.

Display vehicles, stored equipment, materials, etc., on walkway areas shall be supported by 3/4-inch plywood or temporary interlocking protective material heavy enough to support the wheels and jacks of all vehicles/mobile units.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors' private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.

# **Site Furnishings:**

Permittee may not move or otherwise harm existing site furnishings, including but not limited to posts and chains, benches, waste receptacles, and drinking fountains. No attachments may be made to, pass through, or be affixed to existing site furnishings.

Additional temporary site furnishings may be provided by the Permittee; however, these furnishings must meet the guidelines set forth in this document. No permanent installation of site furnishings is permitted.

#### **Hard Surfaces:**

Temporary protection of all hard surfaces affected by the construction or erection of staging elements, sound towers, camera equipment, cranes, lighting structures, miscellaneous equipment, or scaffolding must be provided. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.

Oil or Hydraulic Fluid Leaks: Temporary protection of hard surfaces shall be used where motorized vehicles are operating to avoid oil and/or hydraulic fluid leaks. Should a leak of this type occur, the permit holder shall be held liable for clean-up, at no expense to the NPS.

# **Structures:**

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 30 mph.

All structures must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

Any temporary structure exceeding over 500 square feet require the submission of engineered drawings stamped by a structural engineer licensed in the United States. Drawings should include tent support lines identified by flagging.

Structures on the turf should be on a raiser with as few points as possible touching the turf. Each point that does touch the turf should have Enkamat Flatback 8 or equal product and plywood pads under all points as outlined:

Each screw jack should have a wooden pad and two layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product, eighteen inches square (18"x18").

Concrete pads should have four (4) layers of Enkamat Flatback or equal product under each concrete tower pad two (2) layers of plywood.

All screws and fasteners used in the construction of structures should be policed during the build and retained during removal. Screws and fasteners should be made of a nonaluminum metal, enabling a post-event magnet sweep to ensure all pieces are removed from the site.

# Specific Conditions for Mall-Center Turf Panel-3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Street:

To protect the turf areas, it is strongly encouraged that structures be placed on the Mall's hardscape areas where it would not impact the turf. The NPS may allow under permit the use of turf areas, however, if the structure and its equipment use the turf protection measures as detailed throughout this permit. All structures must minimize all points that come in contact with the turf.

Logistical vehicles accessing the Mall with appropriate Vehicle Access Passes must drive at least five feet (5') away from the Mall center panel's granite curbs.

Event vehicles of any kind (delivery, cranes, forklifts, golf carts, trailers, exhibit trailers, etc. are not allowed on the Mall turf of curbs.

Back of house, trailers, bone yards, generators portable toilets etc. are not permitted on the turf panels or curbs.

Vehicle mounted signs, LED screens, media towers and light towers are not permitted on the turf panels or curbs.

Equipment used for set up must be kept at least five feet (2.5') away from the granite curbs.

All temporary facilities approved for placement on the Mall center panels must be hand carried onto the panels from the gravel walkways.

Stakes required for anchoring tents, scaffolding and other structures approved for placement on the Mall center turf panels must be thirty-six inches (36") or smaller.

No staking within the designated "No-staking Zone" to protect irrigation lines.

The no staking zone is the area at least ten feet (10') away from the edge of the granite curds and at least ten feet (10') away from either side of the center line of the Mall turf panel. Specific areas must be designated on approved site plan prior to staking.

Planting strips, along the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street edges of the turf panel, are no staking zones.

Water filled ballast tanks and/or cement blocks may not be used on the turf.

Appropriate turf cover/ground protection material approved by NPS, is required for the setup of chairs or other seating on the turf panels. Permittee is encouraged to secure products such as Terraplas, ArmorDeck 1, Supa Trac Translucent, Clear Road, Groundshield, RGT Panel Pedestrian or equal that is ADA-compliant, interlocking mats that are translucent and allow UV light to pass through to the grass below. The products must either be perforated or ribbed, allowing for ventilation and some moisture access to the turf below. Material to be used must be approved in advance by NPS. Plywood cannot be used as turf cover/ground protection.

With NPS approval, on–site staging areas are to be used for no more than two (2) days; staging and storage requiring lengths of greater than two (2) days must occur off-site.

# **Logistical Vehicles/Site Access – The Mall-Gravel Walkways:**

Commercial vehicle access to the Mall, gravel walkways for set-up, event, and tear down will be allowed on a reasonable basis to be monitored by NPS/USPP.

Commercial logistical vehicle access onto the Mall gravel walkways must be coordinated with Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin and/or Sgt. Eddie Burnett, United States Park Police. Permittee must contact SSgts. at (202) 610-7092 to acquire any/all vehicle access passes.

Site access for general delivery and hauling of materials shall be from adjacent roadways as demonstrated by the Permittee's site plan and approved by NPS. Access shall be along sidewalks and every effort must be made to avoid operating vehicle through tree groupings or near individual trees.

Access onto the gravel walks will be from 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Logistical vehicles entering/exiting the Mall are not permitted to enter/exit sidewalks from Madison Drive nor Jefferson Drive.

**Extreme** caution must be exercised when driving on the gravel walks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public, Permittee, will make their request to NPS for approval.

Parking of Permittee(s) employee's or subcontractors' private vehicles for conduct of this permit's activities, in tree panels and/or on turf or walkway areas is prohibited.

Except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways: Logistical equipment and vehicles, including gas and electric carts, must not exceed 5-mph. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds, and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, forklifts, and cranes, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public.

#### **Emergency Access:**

All pathways and roadways must remain open and unobstructed. A minimum twenty-foot (20') drive aisle must remain open at all times for emergency vehicle egress. No temporary or permanent structures may be located within the egress lane. The egress drive aisle must be called out on the site plan.

# THE AREA MUST BE CLEAR OF LOGISTIC VEHICLES NO LATER THAN ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE EVENT.

The Permittee will be responsible for any injuries and/or damage to government property occurring as a result of noncompliance with the permit conditions for this activity.

# **Transportation-Parking:**

Permittee must receive prior, written approval from the NPS/USPP if traffic is to be blocked at any time during preparation for, during the course of, and after a special event or demonstration (at any location in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall). If District of Columbia streets are to be blocked, the appropriate authorities must be notified as well.

All vehicles must park in designated, available public spaces. NOTE: Madison and Jefferson Drives are metered parking areas. Permittee is responsible for paying \$2.30 per hour, during the hours of 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. each day.

#### **Fire Hydrants:**

A minimum 36 in. of clear space shall be maintained to permit access to and operation of fire protection equipment, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves. Vehicles must maintain a 15 ft. clearance of all fire hydrants.

#### **Protection of the Public & General Welfare:**

Event fence, chain link fence and/or bike rack shall be erected by the Permittee to contain the event areas and provide necessary resource protection, security, and buffer zones. The Permittee(s) is responsible for encircling generators, light, and sound towers, jumbotrons etc. with event fence and/or bike rack.

#### Health, Medical and Safety Plan:

The NPS adheres to the District of Columbia Department of Health, Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Administration guidelines established according to the number of people anticipated at an event. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all who participate, Permittee is responsible for developing an event health, medical and safety plan. The plan must contain an overview of the event and the health, medical and safety procedures that will be utilized in an emergency during the event.

# **Portable Restrooms:**

If attendance is expected to exceed the capacity of nearby NPS public comfort facilities, or if none exist in or near the requested park area, the Permittee must provide portable, temporary toilets with sufficient capacity to accommodate anticipated attendance. The general guideline is a minimum of one (1) portable toilet per three hundred (300) people, of which at least twenty percent (20%) must be handicapped accessible. All portable toilets must be placed in groups of (5) or less, with a (6') clearance between each group.

# **Trash/Debris Collection & Removal:**

Permittee is encouraged to clear all trash and debris generated as part of the permitted activity from the permit site grounds immediately after the conclusion of the event. Open trash and recycling containers on the Mall, between 3<sup>rd and</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Street should be used for this effort. Permittee may provide additional trash and recycling receptacles to prevent the overflow of Mall containers. Trash receptacles must be placed on hard, paved surfaces and must not overflow with trash or debris. Use of **clear trash bags** is required for all trash receptacles used for the event. **Permittee has indicated that a team of (15) organizers will provide trash collection and removal services.** 

Glass: No glass bottles and/or containers are permitted on parkland

**Balloons:** No balloons of any type are permitted on parkland.

## **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the National Mall or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy snow and thunderstorms with lighting and high winds.

Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

Closing or canceling a Permitted Event is a last resort. However, while most events will be held despite the weather, the Permittee is responsible for providing updated information in the event schedules and drop-off points may change.

The Permittee agrees to save and hold harmless the United States of America, and its agents and employees, from any and all claims, damages, suits at law or equity, of whatever kind or nature, for damages to or loss of property, or injury or death to persons resulting directly or indirectly from, or attributable to the Permittee or its participants (service providers) in conjunction with activities authorized by this permit.

# **ADDITIONAL PERMITS**

Permittee is responsible for contacting the Metropolitan Police Department, (202) 671-6522, and DCEMA (202) 727-6161, to obtain the necessary paperwork and/or permit for those portions of this activity that fall within each respective jurisdiction.

Contact Leonard D. Lee, Division of Permits Management, National Park Service, 202-245-4715 to finalize permit planning and logistics.

Contact Sgt. Zakiyyah Mahasin and/or Sgt. Eddie Burnett, U.S. Park Police, (202) 610-7092, to finalize U.S. Park Police planning and logistics.

Contact Officer Jake Goss and/or Robin Boyle, Metropolitan Police Department, (202) 671-6529, to make a request for the use of District of Columbia jurisdiction.

Contact United States Capitol Police, Special Events Section, (202) 224-8891, to make a request for the use of United States Capitol jurisdiction.

If the Permittee decides to cancel or substantially modify its event, the Permittee must immediately advise both the United States Park Police Special Events Sergeant at (202) 610-7092 and the Division of Park Programs at (202) 245-4715.

A copy of this permit must be on hand while under the authority granted.

- 3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
- 4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 1/2 feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
- 5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
- 6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
- 7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
- 8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.

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