



MEMO

Date: February 14th, 2023
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: Future Fest Special Use Permit for June 17th, 2023

Request for a Special Use Permit and waiver at Oakledge Park to allow for amplified sound.

The vision of Vermont Future Fest is to create an inspiring and interactive environmental event that is free and open to the public. The main focus is to educate visitors about solutions to the energy crisis and encourage them to take action. We want people to leave feeling empowered, motivated, and excited to make changes in their own lives and to support policy change. We want to steer them away from the defeatist mindset that tends to inhibit climate action. We intend to achieve this by hosting a wide array of engaging activities. These include a scavenger hunt/trivia quiz, visualization exercise, raffle, clothing swap, and ideas wall. We will also have vendors selling local food, music from local bands, information tables, and speakers with interactive presentations.

They are hoping to attract around 200 attendees over the course of the event and are hoping to have roughly 20-25 vendors. They are requesting to have amplified sound from 11:30am – 2:30pm which will include live performances and a DJ.

The point of contact for the event is Sara Lourie.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.