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Scott Nichols  
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Dear Scott,

As a follow-up to the recent Chive Fest held in Denver's City Park on Sunday, Aug. 16, I want to notify you of an issue that has emerged as a result of the event.

I do want to note that your cooperation and willingness to work with Denver Parks and Recreation to address concerns about parking, noise levels and clean-up around the event, helped to ensure that the management and operation of the Chive Fest went smoothly.

Unfortunately, we have received numerous complaints and comments regarding the use of profane and obscene language by one of the bands in the Chive Fest lineup, Steel Panther. We have heard and viewed video of this behavior from various sources. In granting the permit for this event, our permit office also provided you with a copy of the rules and regulations for the Denver Parks and Recreation System. Specifically, the rule states:

**"10.0 Disturbance of the peace.** (39-12) Maintaining peace and quiet in Park Facilities, as specified herein, is important to the safe and harmonious public use of Park Facilities. 10.1 Misbehavior: Action or behavior or the promotion or instigation of action or behavior that disturbs the peace of the public in Park Facilities is prohibited ("Misbehavior"). Such Misbehavior includes violent, tumultuous, offensive or obstreperous conduct; loud or unusual noises; unseemly, profane, vulgar, obscene or offensive language calculated to provoke a breach of the peace; or the assault, striking or fighting of another person."

With Chive Fest being held in a public park (where portions of the park remained open and were outside the event perimeter) that families utilize for recreation and is located within a densely populated residential area, use of that language is inappropriate, nor can it be tolerated going forward. While we welcome musical performances and view using the parks as a way to showcase the arts, we also have to balance the use of the park to ensure it is a place where all visitors, regardless of why they are there, can enjoy their experience. The ABE permit provides special opportunities for events to occur within our parks, but those events must realize the special responsibilities that come with having an event within a public space, where the public can easily hear all of the music.

Moving forward Denver Parks and Recreation will ask any permit holders of admission-based and special events to acknowledge park rule 10.0 in writing and it will be stated clearly in their permit package that the first violation of this rule will result in a warning from Park Rangers. If a second violation occurs after that warning, the performer will be instructed to leave the stage and, if necessary, the permit for the entire event will be revoked and will be shut down.

Should you choose to bring Chive Fest back to Denver – or wish to permit any other event within the park system – we remind you to keep this stipulation in mind as you work to identify performing acts.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Lauri Dannemiller  
Executive Director  
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cc: Kris Wilson