# EVENT STEERING COMMITTEE Roles and Responsibilities

# 1. Chair/Co-Chair Friends Advisory Board

- Ringmaster / Cheerleader
- Convenes and chairs all steering committee meetings.
- Reports to Advisory Board.
- Approves all marketing/solicitation assets.
- Supports committee members as needed.
- Distributes agendas and meeting notes/minutes to members.

## 2. Advisory Board Treasurer

Friends Advisory Board

- Develops the budget in collaboration with Event Chair and ARFOP Development Director.
- Approves expenditures, including reimbursement requests, and submits to ARFOP Executive Director for payment.
- Tracks and reports on revenue and expenses.

### 3. Entertainment/Program Chair

Friends Advisory Board

- Identifies entertainment/supplier options.
- Negotiates fees according to budget and in collaboration with ARFOP Development Director.
- Collects W-9 forms from entertainers.
- Communicates entertainment support needs to Logistics Chair and Venue staff.

# 4. **Logistics/Equipment Chair** (set-up/tear-down/suppliers/vendors) [supported by ARFOP staff and venue staff liaison]

Friends Advisory Board

- Identifies equipment needs and suppliers.
- Identifies volunteer needs.
- Reserves on-site space for
- Manages equipment and distribution of that equipment.
- Recruits and trains set-up and operations "leads" as needed.
- Schedules work sessions, set-up and tear-down with Volunteer Supervisor.

## 5. Retail Chair (if appropriate)

Friends Advisory Board

- Selects inventory items to be sold at the event (to be purchased by ARFOP staff).
- Collaborates with ARFOP staff on pricing, signage requirements, point-of-sale equipment, and start-up cash.
- Communicates set-up requirements to Logistics Chair.
- Configures Square for credit card and cash sales and trains volunteers on using.
- Observes all cash-control requirements, manages start-up cash, makes bank deposits of cash.

## **6. Donations Chair** [supported by ARFOP Development Director]

Friends Advisory Board

- Identifies and cultivates prospective donors (in-kind, sponsorships, etc.).
- Collaborates with Community Engagement Manager on solicitation materials.
- Collaborates with Development Director on sponsorship benefits.
- Participates in sponsorship solicitation with Development Director.
- Is responsible for sponsors receiving all entitled benefits.

## 7. **Volunteer Recruitment Chair** [supported by venue volunteer staff]

Friends Advisory Board

- Identifies and cultivates volunteers and volunteer sources beyond registered venue volunteers – with an emphasis on recruiting corporate and community groups.
- Provides names and contact information for the venue Volunteer Supervisor.
- Manages selection of volunteer apparel (t-shirts) including collecting sizes.
- Collaborates with Logistics Chair on training sessions.
- Manages volunteer appreciation.

#### 8. ARFOP Development Director

**ARFOP Staff** 

- Collaborates with Donations Chair to develop the sponsorship program (levels, benefits, etc.).
- Manages sponsorship-solicitation materials.
- Manages solicitation efforts.
- Collaborates with and supports Logistics Chair as needed.
- Approves vendor list and fees.
- Approves vendor selection and contracts.
- Manages payment of vendors.
- Obtains event permit from City Planning Department.

#### 9. ARFOP Donor Engagement Manager

ARFOP Staff

- Manages the event marketing program as developed in collaboration with Event Steering Committee and Advisory Board Marketing Chair.
- Creates fundraising materials in collaboration with ARFOP Development Director and Donations Chair.
- Designs and schedules email marketing.
- Creates/updates event web pages.
- Solicits and manages media partnerships (bartered advertising).
- Manages paid advertising.
- Creates and disseminates marketing assets (ads, signage, etc.).
- Creates sponsorship solicitation materials.
- Creates, monitors, and tracks social media including partnering with influencers.
- Manages the ticketing platform/processes.
- Sends acknowledgments.

See SPECIAL EVENT MARKETING overview document for complete services provided.

#### 10. Venue Events Supervisor

City Staff

- Establishes and communicates event support parameters.
- Coordinates event needs with venue staff.
- Fulfills support commitments.
- Manages the event map (entrances, exits, feature placements, etc.) as designed in collaboration with the Steering Committee.
- Is responsible for security, safety, weather-cancellation process, crisis management, and city ordinance compliance.

See venue-specific overview document for complete service provided.

#### 11. Venue Volunteer Supervisor

City Staff

- Includes event volunteer needs in venue volunteer program.
- Manages volunteer sign-up.
- Coordinates with Event Volunteer Recruitment Chair.

#### Other Options:

- Events like the Arboretum Plant Sale require a variation in titles and responsibilities.
- Steering Committee members may assume multiple responsibilities.
- A Friends group with 4 or fewer special events could have 1 Special Events
   Committee which manages all events.