

Conversation with electrician Duane Puorro 8/31/07

I spoke with electrician Duane Puorro regarding any possible dangers to mounting temporary electrical on the Green for events. This is what he said (in his usual, overly-effusive way):

There is no way anyone is going to come into contact with electrical shock. He tries to look for every possible thing where people might get hurt and eliminate it. Everything is roped-off, closed and locked to the public. The panels make sure there is no way anyone is going to be exposed to electrical shock.

The only potential problems are:

- public tripping over mats that cover cables on the sidewalks (but that is because electrical is not set up to be buried)
- the way the artists hook up THEIR stuff to the panels (but that always passes town inspection, and if it was problematic, it wouldn't)

He says the easiest thing for the town to do to support events on the Green that require electricity is to "run a couple of PVC conduits from permanent panels under the sidewalks that would end with a plastic box flat to the ground." He has made this suggestion to the town many times, he says.

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