

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	4A
Meeting Date	January 27, 2016
Prepared By	Roz Grigsby, Community Development Manager
Approved By	Suzanne R. Ludlow City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Closing Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market
Background	<p>The Crossroads Community Food Network has operated the Crossroads Farmers Market for almost 10 years, the last two years on Anne Street. The Market has asked to continue in that location in order to ensure greater safety of the customers and visibility of the Market. This location requires regular Wednesday closures of one block of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from June to November. One-way traffic exiting the parking lot of 1021 University Boulevard is accommodated. The Anne Street closure does not present any significant problems and the neighbors are supportive of the Market at this location.</p> <p>The Crossroads Market has been very successful for the past two years on Anne Street, with more vendors and a growing customer base. The Crossroads Community Food Network has requested permanent approval for the Anne Street location. Long-term approval of the use of Anne Street will provide the Crossroads Community Food Network with the stability needed to continue to grow and develop, and it will provide the community with the confidence that the market will continue in that location.</p>
Policy	<p>“To ensure a Takoma Park that is fiscally, environmentally and economically sustainable.”</p> <p>“To create and maintain a livable community that is vibrant, healthy, and safe for all of its residents.”</p> <p><i>City of Takoma Park Strategic Plan (FY2010-FY2015)</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact is expected.
Attachments	Resolution Authorizing the Closure of Anne Street Between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from May to November for the Crossroads Farmers Market
Recommendation	Approve the accompanying Resolution authorizing the partial closure of Anne Street for the operation of the Crossroads Farmers Market.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2016-XX**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK FOR THE CLOSURE OF ANNE
STREET FOR THE CROSSROADS FARMERS MARKET**

WHEREAS, Crossroads Community Food Network's mission is to improve access to fresh, local, healthy food through innovative programs and models mutually supportive of those who grow our food and those who eat it; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Community Food Network operates the Crossroads Farmers Market, now entering its 10th season, located on Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard where it has operated for two years; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Anne Street must be closed on Wednesdays during the market season for the events to take place as planned; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Anne Street closure on traffic circulation and neighborhood parking is minimal and without incident; and

WHEREAS, location of the Crossroads Farmers Market on Anne Street is supported by affected property and business owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA
PARK, MARYLAND THAT:**

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Crossroads Community Food Network to close a portion of the 1100 block of Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market from May to November on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is further authorized to renew such agreement as appropriate.

Adopted this ___ day of January, 2016.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk