

Voting Session

Agenda Item #	6
Meeting Date	April 27, 2016
Prepared By	Rosalind Grigsby Community Development Manager
Approved By	Suzanne R. Ludlow City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Partial Closure of the Unit Block of Grant Avenue for the Grant Avenue Market
Background	<p>The Old Takoma Business Association has been organizing events in Takoma Junction to enliven the area and highlight local businesses. For the fourth year, OTBA is requesting the closure of a portion of Grant Avenue to hold the Grant Avenue Market. The Grant Avenue Market is a one-day vintage, antiques and funky finds market with booths, vendors, music, and activities for children. The Market is to be held on Sunday, May 8, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>The requested street closure hours would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The closure would encompass a one-block section of Grant Avenue from the Carroll Avenue intersection, proceeding northwest to the property of 12 Grant Avenue. Grant Avenue is limited to one-way traffic from Carroll Avenue to Hancock Avenue, so partial closure of the block would necessitate the temporary establishment of two-way traffic on the remaining stretch of that block to the intersection of Hancock Avenue. The occupants of the properties directly affected by the closure will be contacted by OTBA.</p> <p>Generally residential street closures for neighborhood block parties or similar neighborhood activities require a petition signed by 60 percent of the residents indicating support for the closure. That process is suspended for City events such as the Independence Day Parade and the Street and Jazz Festivals. Event organizers are required to notify all residents of the street closure in writing and arrange for signs or hoods on affected parking meters.</p>
Policy	<p>Council prioritized Advanced Economic Development Efforts, including attracting new businesses and preparing for economic development. One articulated strategy to achieving this goal is to work with established business associations.</p> <p><i>2016 Council Priorities</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	None.
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Partial Closure of the Unit Block of Grant Avenue for the Grant Avenue Market • Map of the street closure
Recommendation	Review and vote on Resolution
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

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

**AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE UNIT BLOCK OF
GRANT AVENUE FOR THE GRANT AVENUE MARKET**

WHEREAS, the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) has been organizing events in the Takoma Junction to enliven the area and highlight local businesses; and

WHEREAS, OTBA proposed to close a portion of the unit block of Grant Avenue on Sunday, May 8, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to hold the Grant Avenue Market; and

WHEREAS, the Market hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the unit block of Grant Avenue is one way with no entry permitted from Hancock Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the one-way traffic restriction must be lifted to allow access to properties on the block during the partial closure of Grant Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to close a portion of the unit block of Grant Avenue for the 2016 Grant Avenue Market on Sunday, May 8, 2016 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED during these days and times local traffic will be permitted to enter Grant Avenue from Hancock Avenue to allow access to properties on the block.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Old Takoma Business Association shall assume full responsibility for notifying residents of the unit block of Grant of the approved closures, arranging for the placement of “No Parking” signs and “Local Traffic Only” signs as necessary, restoring the area following the planned events, and ensuring that the roadway is re-opened for traffic at the designated time.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Grant Ave Market Street Closure

Hancock Ave

Lee Ave

Grant Ave

Carroll Ave

Manor Cir

Philadelphia Ave

Carroll Ave


Ethan Allen Ave

Columbia Ave

Sycamore Ave

0 50 100 200 Feet

Co-Ordinate: NAD_1983_StatePlane_Maryland_FIPS_1900_Feet
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Data Source: Montgomery County GIS Department, DC GIS & Census 2010



 Street Closure

