



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 26, 2017 Agenda Item 5

Voting Session

Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Partial Closure of the Unit Block of Grant Avenue for the Grant Avenue Market

Recommended Council Action

Approve Resolution

Context with Key Issues

The Old Takoma Business Association is requesting the closure of a portion of Grant Avenue to hold the Grant Avenue Market. The [Grant Avenue Market](#) is a one-day market featuring an eclectic assortment of vintage collectibles. Twenty-five vendors will be participating in the event.

The Market is to be held on Sunday, May 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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.

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.

Council Priority

Advance Economic Development Efforts: Work with established business associations to promote the City as an attractive place for economic development.

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

N/A

Racial Equity Impact of Action

We are uncertain of how this action will impact residents of various racial backgrounds.

Attachments and Links

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Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2017-**

**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 14, 2017 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 2017 Grant Avenue Market on Sunday, May 14, 2017 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED during the time of the closure, local traffic will be permitted to enter Grant Avenue from Hancock Avenue to allow access to properties on the block; and

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 event, and ensuring that the roadway is re-opened for traffic at the designated time.

Adopted this ____ day of April, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk