



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 24, 2017 Agenda Item 4

Work Session

Folk Festival Update

Recommended Council Action

Hear the update.

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma Park Folk Festival will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2017. The festival is a volunteer-run annual event held in September at Takoma Park Middle School. It includes multiple music stages, crafts for sale by selected vendors, food sales, and community tables.

In 2016, festival organizers cancelled the event due to lack of volunteers to serve in essential coordinating roles and an overall insufficient number of volunteers. Instead, a small festival was held in Old Town to help recruit volunteers.

An organizing committee has been planning for the 2017 Folk Festival. Robin Stearn and Sarah Lanning are serving as co-chairs. Ms. Stearn will attend the City Council meeting to provide the update.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Impact of Action

N/A

Fiscal Impact of Action

The 2018 budget includes \$20,000 to support the Folk Festival.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

We do not believe this Council action will adversely affect or disproportionately impact any particular group.

Attachments and Links

[Takoma Park Folk Festival website](#)