



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – March 14, 2018 Agenda Item 4

Voting Session

Resolution Authorizing the Closing of Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market

Recommended Council Action

Review and vote on Resolution

Context with Key Issues

The Crossroads Community Food Network, which has operated the Crossroads Farmers Market since 2007 in the Takoma-Langley Crossroads area, would like continue to hold the Market on Anne Street, as it has since 2014. The Crossroads Market operates on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from April to December. Street closure of a one-block section of Anne Street from the intersection of University Boulevard to Hammond Avenue is required from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for set up and clean-up.

Council has granted annual approval for the operation of the Market on Anne Street. This resolution authorizes an automatic renewal on substantially the same terms and conditions unless either party gives the other party written notice of intent not to renew. The automatic renewal gives the Market the assurance that their location is secure and they can pursue long-term planning and marketing. The Takoma Park Farmers Market, which operates on Sundays on Laurel Avenue, has a similar agreement with an automatic renewal.

Council Priority

Advance Economic Development Efforts

Environmental Impact of Action

The availability of locally-grown food reduces the carbon footprint of food production and transportation.

Fiscal Impact of Action

There is no fiscal impact for the City.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

The Crossroads Market estimates that of the total market visitors in 2017, 15% are Asian, 20% are Black, 44% are Hispanic or Latino, 15% are White, and 6% are other and/or two or more races.

Attachments and Links

- Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Crossroads Community Food Network for the Closure Of Anne Street for the Crossroads Farmers Market

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2018-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 located on Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard where it has operated since 2014; 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 indefinite agreement with the Crossroads Community Food Network to close a portion of the 1100 block of Anne Street for Crossroads Market from April to December on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the agreement automatically renews each ensuing year on substantially the same terms and conditions unless either party gives the other party written notice of intent not to renew this Agreement.

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

Adopted this ____ day of March, 2018.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk