



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 23, 2018 Agenda Item 3

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Partial Closure of the Unit Block of Grant Avenue for the Grant Avenue Market on June 17, 2018

### **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 on June 17, 2018. By Resolution 2018-23, the Council granted approval to close the street for the Market on May 13, 2018, but due to inclement weather the event was rescheduled.

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, June 17, 2018 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**

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

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION 2018-**

**AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE UNIT BLOCK OF  
GRANT AVENUE ON JUNE 17, 2018 FOR THE GRANT AVENUE MARKET**

**WHEREAS,** by Resolution 2018-23, the City Council authorized the May 13, 2018 closure of the unit block of Grant Avenue for the Grant Avenue Market; and

**WHEREAS,** the event was rescheduled due to inclement weather and has now been scheduled for June 17, 2018; and

**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 proposes to close a portion of the unit block of Grant Avenue on Sunday, June 17, 2018 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 2018 Grant Avenue Market on Sunday, June 17, 2018 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** during this time 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 events, and ensuring that the roadway is re-opened for traffic at the designated time.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2018.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk