



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 5, 2021 Agenda Item 2

Work Session

Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Anne Street for the Takoma/Langley CDA Summer Mercado on June 26, 2021

Recommended Council Action

Consider the request

Context with Key Issues

The Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority plans to hold a Summer Mercado (market) on Saturday, June 26, from 12 to 5:00 p.m. The Summer Mercado is an outdoor street festival that highlights the best of the Crossroads international community, including world cuisine, a variety of unique craft vendors, and local live music. The CDA is requesting closure of Anne Street (between University Boulevard and Hammond Avenue) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to allow for set up and clean up.

The CDA has applied for and received a letter of approval from the Montgomery County Department of Health for the event. The Department requires that the organizers abide by certain COVID-19 protocols, including use of a gating mechanism to ensure that the limits on outdoor gatherings (100 individuals) are enforced at all times.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All

Environmental Considerations

N/A

Fiscal Considerations

There is minimal fiscal impact for the City.

Racial Equity Considerations

The Summer Mercado is an opportunity for minority-owned businesses from the Takoma Langley Crossroads and the Crossroads Farmers Market to market and sell their goods.

Attachments and Links

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Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2021-**

**AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE 1100 BLOCK OF ANNE STREET
FOR THE TAKOMA/LANGLEY CROSSROADS SUMMER MERCADO**

WHEREAS, the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority (CDA) has been organizing events in the Takoma Crossroads to enliven the area and highlight local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has proposed to close a portion of the 1100 block of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard on Saturday, June 26, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Mercado; and

WHEREAS, the event hours will be from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Crossroads Farmers Market operates in this location on Wednesdays and the impact of the Anne Street closure on traffic circulation and neighborhood parking is minimal and without incident; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has received a letter of approval related to COVID-19 protocols from the Montgomery County Department of Health for the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to close the 1100 block of Anne Street on Saturday, June 26 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Mercado; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Development Authority shall assume full responsibility for notifying residents of the 1100 block of Anne Street of the approved closure, 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CDA shall follow the protocols and restrictions from the Montgomery County Department of Health related to COVID-19.

Adopted this ____ day of May, 2021.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk