



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 27, 2022 Agenda Item 7

Work Session

Temporary Street Closures Supporting Old Takoma Business Association Events

Recommended Council Action

Approve the request.

Context with Key Issues

The Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) has identified multiple events during the 2022 calendar year that require the temporary closure of City streets. These events are open to Takoma Park residents and showcase businesses within the Old Takoma Main Street area. In 2022, OTBA is requesting the following closures:

Event: Takoma Children's Business Fair

Date and Time: Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8:00am to 6:00pm

Requested Street Closure: 6900 block of Laurel Avenue

Event: The Big Flea

Date and Time: Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 8:00am to 5:00pm

Requested Street Closure: The unit block of Grant Avenue

Event: Foodpreneur Event (with the Takoma Park Silver Spring Community Kitchen)

Date and Time: Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Requested Street Closure: 6900 block of Laurel Avenue

Event: Takoma Pride Party

Date and Time: Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Requested Street Closure: 6900 block of Laurel Avenue

Event: Takoma Park Farmers Market Pie Contest

Date and Time: Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Requested Street Closure: 6900 block of Laurel Avenue

Event: 41st Annual Takoma Park Street Festival

Date and Time: Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 7:00am to 7:00pm

Requested Street Closure: 6900 block of Laurel Avenue

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All; Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

Events held on City streets will encourage increased foot traffic in the Old Takoma Main Street, likely decreasing reliance on automobiles and other less environmentally-friendly modes of transportation.

Fiscal Considerations

The street closures will result in minimal loss of parking meter revenue, since most events will be held on Sundays. The cost of any additional City services surrounding the events will be discussed with OTBA and the City will reserve the right to request reimbursement for any unexpected City expenses.

Racial Equity Considerations

The events offered by OTBA during the 2022 calendar year present opportunities for all residents of Takoma Park to share experiences across lines of difference.

Attachments and Links

Draft resolution.

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

**AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF CITY STREETS IN SUPPORT OF
THE 2022 OLD TAKOMA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION EVENT CALENDAR**

WHEREAS, the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) has been organizing events in the Takoma Main Street corridor to enliven the area and highlight local businesses; and

WHEREAS, OTBA has proposed the temporary closure of various City streets to allow these events to occur in 2022; and

WHEREAS, OTBA has received all additional State, County, and City permits and permissions to operate the events and notified all appropriate local agencies, including WMATA, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, and Ride On Service; and

WHEREAS, OTBA will properly notify all impacted residents and stakeholders of the street closures at least one (1) week in advance of the closures in writing, and

WHEREAS, OTBA will ensure that all events are concluded in time to reopen the roadways to pedestrians, traffic, and transportation at the designated times; and

WHEREAS, the list of proposed temporary closures follows:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to temporarily close the listed City streets as outlined by the Events in the Recitals above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Old Takoma Business Association shall assume full responsibility for notifying adjoining property owners of the approved closures, notifying City residents in writing of any changes to public transportation schedules and/or pickup and drop-off locations that may arise from such street closures at least one (1) week prior to date of the Events, 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 roadways are reopened to traffic at the designated times, and reimbursing the City for any additional City resources that are required above and beyond standard City operating procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager may, at his discretion, approve any date changes to the Events in the Recitals above provided that the City receives a date change request no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled date.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park this ____ day of May, 2022.