

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2006

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for the Temporary Closing of Weaver Street, from North Greensboro to West Main, on Sunday April 30th, 2006 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm to accommodate the *Earth Action Fest Parade* and “*Its Carrboro*” music video shoot.

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	PUBLIC HEARING: YES
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Street Closing Permit Applications C. Traffic control plan	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz, Dir. Of Public Works (918-7427)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to hold a public hearing for the temporary closing of Weaver Street (North Greensboro to West Main), from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday, April 30th, 2006 to accommodate the *Earth Action Fest Parade* and the “*Its Carrboro*” music video shoot.

INFORMATION

At the April 18th meeting of the BOA, the Board was approached by representatives of Earth Action Fest and the “It’s Carrboro” music video project about hosting events in April. Both parties requested the temporary closing of a section of Weaver Street. It was discussed that they should combine their requests into one closing, and ultimately it was agreed that Weaver Street, from North Greensboro to West Main would be closed on April 30th, 2006, from 1:30 pm till 4:30 pm to accommodate both events. The Board set a public hearing date of April 25, 2006 for this street closing request.

Event sponsors for Earth Action Fest and “It’s Carrboro” music video project submitted Street Closing Permit applications on April 19, 2006. Also on April 19, 2006, a notice of the public hearing was submitted for publication and representatives from “It’s Carrboro” music video project handed out information fliers about the public hearing to persons occupying property that abuts the street closing event. Town staff met with representatives of both organizations on April 20, 2006 to discuss the street closing request.

The planned events are scheduled as follows:

Street Closing approximately 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (see traffic control plan)
Earth Action Rally and March 2:00 – 3:00
Video production for *It’s Carrboro!* 3:00 – 4:00

Persons attending the Earth Action Fest Parade will congregate at Weaver Street Market, near the northeast corner of North Greensboro and Weaver Street. At approximately 2:00 pm the group will cross North Greensboro Street and move into the section of roadway that is closed. Police will assist with this crossing. The group will then proceed west on Weaver Street towards the Town Commons. Police will assist with helping the parade marchers cross West Main Street to the Town Commons. Video event organizers plan to begin utilizing the closed section of Weaver Street soon after the marchers pass.

Per Section 7-21 of the Town Code, the Board may require that the applicant obtain comprehensive general liability insurance or comparable special events liability insurance. Both applicants have asked that any insurance requirements be waived.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated costs for providing the necessary traffic control and protection are approximately:

Public Works - \$500 to \$600
Police – \$300 to \$450

Approximate cost for the events - \$800 to \$1,050

The event sponsors have agreed to provide at least 9 volunteers to assist with traffic control at adjoining driveways and side streets.

The traffic control and protection for these events are more complex than an earlier request to close the 100 block of Weaver Street. Subsequently, costs are greater for this proposed closing as compared to the earlier request.

Approximately six (6) staff hours will be needed by the Public Works Department on Friday to organize and load signs/barricading. This will save time on Sunday.

The event sponsors have agreed with each other (see attached agreement) to share in the costs of the street closing as follows: Costs are to be shared 50% each up to a total amount of \$800. If the total fee to the Town exceeds \$800, the parties to the agreement will share costs on a prorated basis depending on the amount of time each group occupied the closed street.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board issue the permit authorizing the event with the condition that the applicants provide liability insurance as noted in Section 7-21. If the Board of Aldermen chooses to move ahead with this request, it is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution approving the temporary street closing.