

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: February 26, 2008

TITLE: A Public Hearing for the Temporary Street Closing Permit Application for the Tar Heel 10 Miler

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	PUBLIC HEARING: No
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Permit Application C. Statement from the race organizers: Enabling the Attitude of Possibility Across our Collective Community. D. Map	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz 918-7427 David Poythress 918-7432

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to conduct a public hearing for a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by Endurance Magazine for the temporary closing and usage of streets from 7:30 am to 10:00 am on Saturday, April 26, 2008 to accommodate the Tar Heel 10 Miler (road race).

INFORMATION

This is a new running race event that spans portions of Carrboro and Chapel Hill. The Tar Heel 10 Miler will benefit the Chapel Hill/Carrboro YMCA Strong Kids Program. Race organizers anticipate about 300 runners.

The running race will begin near Kenan Stadium and proceed west and entering Carrboro from W. Rosemary St., through E. Main St. utilizing the westbound outside travel lane to E. Weaver to N. Greensboro St. where runners will enter the northbound Bike Lane to continue to Hillsborough Rd. to Old Fayetteville Rd. to McDougle school pedestrian trail and across the school property to Quail Roost Dr. The race continues along Lisa Dr. to Carol St. to James St. to Lorraine St. to Mary St. to Simpson St. to cross W. Main St.; W. Main St. east to cross Jones Ferry Rd. to access the PTA Bike Path to W. Carr; cross S. Greensboro St. then east to E. Carr to Maple Ave. to Roberson St. to Libba Cotten Bikeway to Merritt Mill/Cameron Ave. to finish line within Chapel Hill near Church St.

The race through Carrboro requires the temporary diversion of traffic along the outside westbound lanes of W. Rosemary, E. Main and westbound lane of E. Weaver Street. Westbound traffic will be maintained on W. Rosemary and E. Main along the inside lanes, and westbound Weaver Street traffic will be diverted along E. Main to N. Greensboro. The runners are expected to arrive in Carrboro at about 7:45 am and will pass thru this downtown section in about 30 minutes after which normal traffic flow will be restored. There will be some preparation and set-up time for traffic control. With the exception of the traffic diversion noted above the roads along the race course will remain open to traffic during the race, through traffic may be slowed or halted temporarily. Bike Lanes, bike paths, roadway shoulders and sidewalks are to be utilized to minimize vehicle travel delays. Endurance Magazine plans to provide 70 volunteers to assist Police and Public Works personnel with controlling traffic at driveways and un-signalized intersections. Endurance Magazine will be responsible for cutting off runners or directing runners to use sidewalks if they wish to continue or have not reached Carrboro city limits by 10 a.m.

In accordance with Section 7-19 of the Town Code, a Public Hearing must be held to receive public input prior to issuing a Street Closing Permit.

FISCAL IMPACT

The applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred for advertisement of the Public Hearing, as well as for Police and Public Works personnel and vehicles used to facilitate this event.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the temporary street closing permit of the Tar Heel 10 Miler running race on April 26, 2008.