

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. (2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: February 24, 2009

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing on the Street Closing Permit Application for the Tar Heel 10 Miler

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	PUBLIC HEARING: YES
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Permit Application C. Map	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: George Seiz 918-7427 Christopher Sherman 918-7426

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to receive public input on 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 25, 2009 to accommodate the Tar Heel 10 Miler.

INFORMATION

This is the second year of the event involving about 7 miles of streets within Carrboro's jurisdiction with the start and end for the event within Chapel Hill's jurisdiction. The route is the similar to last year's event. The Tar Heel 10 Miler will benefit the Chapel Hill/Carrboro YMCA Strong Kids Program.

The run 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 McDougal school pedestrian trail and across the school property to Quail Roost Dr. The race continues along Quail Roost Dr. to Deer St. to 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 at Church St.

The run race through Carrboro requires the closure of W. Rosemary, E. Main and E. Weaver St. outside westbound lanes to vehicle travel. In most cases, the roadways will only be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic while runners cross. Bike Lanes, bike paths and roadway shoulders and sidewalks are to be utilized to minimize vehicle travel delays. Endurance Magazine plans to provide 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.

With the exception of East Weaver St., all streets will remain open to traffic. Drivers may experience intermittent interruptions due to runners crossing streets and traffic control by police and race organizers. The westbound lane East Weaver Street will be closed from 7:45-8:00 AM during which runners are going through this section of the course.

The race is a *Race Without A Trace* event. Race organizers calculate the full carbon emissions for the event and provide a financial donation of this amount to an organization which funds greenhouse gas reduction projects. For this year's event, *Endurance Magazine* hopes to offset more than they omit. All event waste will be recycled or composted, all race equipment will be borrowed or rented, refreshments will be local/organic and minimally packaged, and all race-related marketing materials will be digital.

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

Applicant will be responsible for all costs incurred by Police and Public Works to facilitate this event. Applicant will be sent an itemized bill for the final costs incurred by Police and Public Works. The applicant has paid the application fee.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached resolution for the temporary closing and usage of the following streets in order to accommodate the *Tar Heel 10 Miler* under the following stipulations:

1. Applicant shall distribute flyers of notification, to persons occupying property abutting the streets where the event is to take place, of the contents of any resolution passed.
2. Applicant will be responsible for all costs incurred by Police and Public Works to facilitate this event. Applicant will be sent an itemized bill for the final costs incurred by Police and Public Works.