

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	4A
Meeting Date	January 27, 2014
Prepared By	Roz Grigsby, Community Development Coordinator
Approved By	Brian T. Kenner City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Authorizing the Closure of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. from May to November for the Crossroads Farmers Market
Background	<p>The Crossroads Community Food Network has asked to relocate the Crossroads Market to Anne Street in order to ensure greater safety of the customers and visibility of the Market. This relocation would require regular Wednesday closures of one block of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from May to November. One-way traffic exiting the parking lot of 1021 University Boulevard would be accommodated.</p> <p>The occupants of properties directly affected by the closure have been contacted and the majority expressed support for the Market relocation and Anne Street closure. The Police Department conducted a traffic survey of Anne Street during mid-day hours. The survey indicated that closing the intersection of Anne and University would not present problems for local traffic. The survey also identified available street parking in the area that could serve vendors and customers.</p> <p>Council discussed the relocation of the Market with the closure of Anne Street during a Work Session on January 13 and requested staff prepare a resolution authorizing the limited closure of Anne Street for the Crossroads Market.</p>
Policy	<p>“To ensure a Takoma Park that is fiscally, environmentally and economically sustainable.”</p> <p>“To create and maintain a livable community that is vibrant, healthy, and safe for all of its residents.”</p> <p><i>City of Takoma Park Strategic Plan (FY2010-FY2015)</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact is expected.
Attachments	Resolution Authorizing a Temporary Partial Closure of Anne Street for the weekly Crossroads Market
Recommendation	Approve the accompanying Resolution authorizing the partial closure of Anne Street to allow for the relocation of the Crossroads Farmers Market.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2014-**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF ANNE STREET BETWEEN
HAMMOND AVENUE AND UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD ON WEDNESDAYS FROM
9:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M. FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER FOR THE CROSSROADS
FARMERS MARKET**

WHEREAS, Crossroads Community Food Network’s mission is to improve access to fresh, local, healthy food through innovative programs and models mutually supportive of those who grow our food and those who eat it; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Community Food Network proposed to the City to relocate the Crossroads Farmers Market to a block of Anne Street between Hammond Avenue and University Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Anne Street must be closed on Wednesdays during the market season for the events to take place as planned; and

WHEREAS, the potential impact of the proposed Anne Street closure on traffic circulation and neighborhood parking has been evaluated by the Takoma Park Police Department and found to be minimal; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the Crossroads Farmers Market has been endorsed by affected property and business owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND authorizes the City Manager to close a portion of the 1100 block of Anne Street for the 2014 Crossroads Market from May 2014 to November 2014 on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED during these days and times local traffic will be permitted to exit the parking lot of 1021 University Boulevard southwest to ensure smooth commercial operations at that location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Crossroads Community Food Network shall assume full responsibility for notifying affected residents of Anne Street of the approved closures, arranging for the placement of “Street Closed” signs and “Detour” signs as necessary, restoration of the area following the planned events, and ensuring that roadway is re-opened for traffic at the designated time.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk