



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: September 25, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Business District Block Event Permit Application #L306-506-12**

Recommendation:

Approve block event closure of Cedar Avenue between South 3rd Street and South 6th Street from 6:00 p.m. on October 13, 2012, until 12:00 a.m. on October 14, 2012.

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Phil Schliesman, Licensing Department, Regulatory Services

Reviews: Not Applicable.

Financial Impact: No financial impact.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: West Bank Community Coalition and West Bank Business Association have been notified.

City Goals: Jobs and Economic Vitality: Strong commercial corridors, thriving business corners.

Background/Supporting Information

Zombie Productions, LLC is requesting to close Cedar Avenue between South 3rd Street and South 6th Street on Saturday, October 13, 2012 for a Zombie Pub Crawl event. Organizers originally planned for a 4:00pm-10:00pm street closure. After hearing concerns from Cedar Avenue businesses, the 2nd Ward Council Member requested that the beginning of the closure be delayed from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The event organizers asked for the end of the closure to be pushed back from 10:00pm to 12:00am..

The amended request to close Cedar Avenue from 6:00pm to 12:00am has the support of the 2nd Ward Council Member. However, these hours are outside of the scope of the Chapter 455 Ordinance requirement, and therefore, the Block Event/Special Event Committee cannot approve this application administratively, and must seek Council approval.

The police management and incident plan for this event has been approved by the Minneapolis Police Department. The event, split between Minneapolis and St. Paul, is scheduled to end at 2:00am and organizers expect it to attract approximately twenty-five thousand attendees across venues in each city. The event organizers assert that the number of attendees and end time provide a compelling public safety rationale for keeping Cedar Avenue closed until 12:00am.

Attachments: Business District Block Event Application #L306-506-12.

CC: Council Member Cam Gordon, Ward 2