



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

Date: September 23, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: Zombie Pub Crawl Block Event – October 11, 2014

Recommendation:

Approve large block event as required by City of Minneapolis Ordinance language, Title 17, Section 455.21d, and

Approve block event hours outside those hours permitted in Title 17, Section 455.35c1.

Previous Directives:

- March 10, 2006 -- Passage of Ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 455 of Code relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events, establishing a new "large block event" category, extending the hours allowed for block events, and clarifying amplified sound permit requirements for residential block events.

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>
Policy review Group (PRG)	Approval _____	Not applicable	<u> X </u>

Financial Impact
 No financial impact

Community Impact
 Neighborhood Notification: Applicant must adhere to all conditions of Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events
 City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Supporting Information

Zombie Productions, LLC has requested the closure of streets and sidewalks within an area of the Warehouse District bordered by 2nd Avenue North to Hennepin Avenue and 3rd Street North to 6th Street North. The streets that will be closed are:

- 1st Avenue North from 6th Street North to 3rd Street North,
- 1st Avenue North from 6th Street North to 7th Street North (vehicles only),
- 6th Street North from Hennepin Avenue to 2nd Avenue North (vehicles only),
- 5th Street North from Hennepin Avenue to 2nd Avenue North, and
- 4th Street North from Hennepin Avenue to 2nd Avenue North.

The attached map shows the event's location and street closures.

In addition, all sidewalks along these streets defined by the Event Area will be closed from building face to building face. Access to the closed off Event Area will be by entry fee only. Anyone living or who may work within the closure will be allowed access with proper identification. The Warehouse District Business Association, Minneapolis Police, Metro Transit Police and the Block Event Special Event (BESE) Committee have been involved in the pre-planning of the event and have approved the activities associated with the closures and the event.

The event closures in the Warehouse District bordered by 2nd Avenue North to Hennepin Avenue and 3rd Street North to 6th Street North will take place starting at 8am Saturday October 11, 2014 for the setup of the event and starting at 12am Sunday October 12, 2014 for the tear down and cleanup of the event. The gates will open at 4pm with the event start time of 5pm with ending time of the event at 12am Sunday, October 12, 2014.

The event will include various activities in the establishments inside the Event Area plus there will be two outdoor music stages. The main stage will be in the parking lot between Hennepin Avenue and 1st Avenue North, 6th Street North to 5th Street North. The secondary stage will be set up in the parking lot between 1st Avenue North and 2nd Avenue North, 4th Street North to 3rd Street North.

In accordance with the Large Block Event Ordinance Title 17, Chapter 455, this large block event needs approval. Also, the set-up and tear down times of the Zombie Pub Crawl Block Event are outside of the times allowed by ordinance and the above specified times need approval.

Public Works recommends this large block event allowing for the street closures and operating times subject to that all other ordinance requirements will be adhered to including but not limited to:

- o proper permits needed in order to hold the event.
- o proper signage for lane and sidewalk closures,
- o hiring the proper number of police officers for traffic control during the event, and
- o proper provisions for access and safety in and around the LRT tracks and station in coordination with Metro Transit

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