

Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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Subject:

Proposed Zombie Pub Crawl Saturday, October 17, 2015

Description:

Approving a large block event as required by City of Minneapolis Ordinance language, Title 17, Section 455.21d and approving the block event hours outside the hours permitted in Title 17, Section 455.35c1.

Previous Actions:

March 10, 2006—Passage of Ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 455 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.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Ward 3
Downtown West

Background/Analysis:

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. An event fee will be required to access the closed event area. Anyone living/working 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 reviewed the activities associated with the event.

The event closures in the Warehouse District will take place on Saturday, October 17 beginning with set up at 8:00AM, the gates will open at 4:00PM, the event will start at 5:00PM and clean-up after the event will begin at midnight. The event will be completed by 8:00AM Sunday, October 18.

The event will include various activities in the established event area including 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 (see attached).

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

Public Works recommends allowing this large block event, including the street closures and operating times listed above. This event is subject to all other ordinance requirements including but not limited to:

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

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

- Future budget impact anticipated.**
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**
- Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**

Attachments:

1. Event Location Map
2. Stage Location Map