



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

Date: May 3, 2011

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

Subject: Walker Art Center Rock the Garden Large Block Event – June 17 - June 18, 2011

Recommendation:

Approve large block event to operate outside the designed hours of City of Minneapolis Ordinance language, Title 17, Chapter 45

Previous Directives:

- 2006 to 2010 – Previous Large Block Event actions
- 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 (Check those that apply)
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
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Walker Art Center Rock the Garden Block Event has requested the closure of Vineland Avenue from Bryant Avenue South to Hennepin Avenue South.

The closure of Vineland Avenue would be a closure of eastbound Vineland Avenue at 12 p.m. on Friday June 17, 2011 and a total closure of Vineland Avenue at 6 p.m. on Friday June 17, 2011 until 8 a.m. on Sunday June 19, 2011. These set up and operation times for this event are outside the large block event ordinance and thus needs Council approval.

Public Works agrees with allowing the closure of Vineland Avenue during that time period as long as the applicant acquires the proper permits needed in order to hold the event. In addition, the applicant will be responsible for obtaining the proper signage needed for lane and sidewalk closures. The applicant is also responsible for hiring the proper amount of police officers for traffic control during the event.

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