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September 18, 2013

Mr. Mayor and City Council:

We understand that Council has requested the Community Improvement District Board address the issue of street closures within the CID boundaries.

Council should be aware that the CID Board has already brought together all interested parties to draft a set of recommendations regarding street closures and has already forwarded those recommendations to you.

In August of 2011, when Council was considering changes to the street closure ordinance, the CID Board asked for 60 days to review the proposal and offer comments. A CID committee was formed of both board members and interested parties (including both Julie Rader and Richard King). This committee met throughout September and October of 2011 and hosted a series of public meetings. The CID Board voted to approve a set of recommendations on January 10, 2012 and a letter was sent to Council with those recommendations on January 11, 2012.

Although the City's Special Events Committee has been working to incorporate these suggestions into a special event application, the Council has not yet taken action on our recommendations. I have enclosed our original letter for your review.

It is our belief that the simple tasks of formalizing the application process and requiring the applications be submitted earlier than 10 days out will address many of the current problems. That will give both the CID and the SEC time to work through the details of the event prior to the request going to Council.

Finally, it is important to point out that current city ordinance does not allow either the CID Board or the Special Events Committee to set aside applications because they are incomplete or because they violate internal policies. City ordinance reserves this right for Council. In fact, an applicant may bypass recommendations made by either group and appeal directly to Council. Thus, Council will always be in a position of sifting through individual street closure applications until it explicitly allows these two groups more responsibility when it comes to special events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (573) 442-6816. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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January 11, 2012

Mr. Mayor and City Council:

The Downtown Community Improvement District voted to submit the following recommendations regarding street closures to Council:

- Any street closure must receive at least 51% of signatures from abutting business owners.
- Application must be received by Council 45 days out from the event.
- Ordinance should apply to the CID boundaries.
- "Yes", "No" and "Comment" boxes should be added to the signature form.
- Instructions/web link explaining the process should be added to the signature form.
- Some kind of generic notification should be placed on street barricades by the city to let customers know they can access the businesses.
- Recommend considering an application fee structured the way Des Moines' is.
- Recommend adding an indemnification clause in the ordinance.

The vote was unanimous except for Tom Brinker, who abstained.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and thank for all your time on this.

Sincerely,

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