

Staff Report

R-19-16

Itinerant Merchants in Historic District 2016 – Supplement 1

The proposed resolution would authorize Council approval of the following vendor sales under the category, below:

- Vendor Sales in the Historic District [CHAPTER 7.40.090 § A]
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Inner West St. Business Association—Applicant

Event: Dinner under the Stars

Council Action: Vendor Sales in Historic District

Sales: vendor merchandise and food

Location: held in the same location weekly: on West Street between Church Circle and Calvert Street.

Dates: July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21

Event Time: 6pm to 10pm

Property Use Time: 5pm-11pm

Attendees: visitors to and residents of Annapolis

Admission fee: public, none

Street closures: West St. from Church Circle to Calvert St.

Exception band vehicle parking in front of 33 West Street.

Posted no parking: West St., 1st block

Amplified music: yes 6pm-10pm

Food: yes

APD Concerns:

“This year they want to close the first block of West Street from 5pm-11pm on every Wednesday from July 13 to September 21.

This closes the street in the middle of rush hour which will cause more traffic congestion to a already heavily congested area. During the summer months downtown traffic is always heavier than any other time of the year even during the middle of the week.”

DPW Concerns:

”1. The event occurs on a weeknight during evening rush hour. West Street is a major arterial in and out of the City with Average Daily Traffic = 15,380 vehicles/day on the inner West Street segment. This is A LOT of vehicles! (comparable to the traffic on Compromise Street and Main Street) By closing this

segment of road at rush hour, the traffic will be distributed to the remaining road network downtown which is already saturated and would likely cause total gridlock.

2. Based on our experience with night work, signage and detours which would be required for the street closure can be trickier - difficult to see and follow.

The drivers are less attentive, on their cell phone more and tend to follow direction poorly.

It is much more dangerous than day work and the potential for accident is much higher.

I will not design the traffic control for night street closure. That is a different set of rules and I am not sufficiently familiar with them to feel comfortable in designing something.”

City Services:

- 1) DNEP: Vendors permit to sell in the Historic District.
- 2) ADOT: Posting of no-parking signs and reimbursement of lost parking fees for each day, total eleven (11) days.

Police service provided within normal APD patrols; EMS service provided within.

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