

TOWN OF FAIRFAX STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor, Members of the Town Council DATE: June 6, 2012

FROM: Michael Rock, Town Manager 
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 12-38, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax approving the closure of Bolinas Road for a "Streets for People" event scheduled for Sunday, August 26, 2012

Recommendation

Approve the event and adopt the resolution as presented with the costs to be borne by the sponsors of the event, not the Town.

Discussion

As you know, we have never closed Bolinas Road for an event other than for the parade that kicks off the Fairfax Festival each year. The Festival pays for the extra cost of the police and public works staff for their work before, during and after the Festival.

The anticipated costs (estimates only):

\$100/hour for 8 hours x 2 officers =	\$1600
Dispatcher =	\$ 400
Public Works Staff =	\$ 320
Street Closure Permit =	\$ 75 (Town sponsored Event)

Total Cost \$2395

If alcohol is served, the number of officers needed would increase.

The Public Works crew would have to install "No Parking" signs on Pacheco, Napa, Dominga and Sherman 24 hours prior to the street closure, but could do this during their regular working hours. We might want to rent a light-up sign or use a very visible street sign to warn residents of the closure.

Fire Code requires that a 20-foot fire lane be maintained throughout the event. The fire lane width may be reduced on a case by case basis with approval of the Fire Marshal. The Fire Department is requesting that a map of the event be submitted to them for approval if there is going to be encroachment on the roadway with tables and other fixtures.

The Fire Chief and the Police Chief will be at the meeting to answer questions about the impact on emergency response during the event.

AGENDA ITEM # 22

To: The Town Council
From: John Reed, Vice Mayor
Date: June 6, 2012

Adoption of Resolution No. 12-38, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax approving the closure of Bolinas road for a "Streets for People" event scheduled for Sunday, August 26, 2012

On Sunday, August 26th, 2012 an ad hoc group consisting of the Chamber, various local businesses, local organizations, and individuals, would like to close the main downtown section of Bolinas Road between Broadway and Elsie for a local celebration of businesses, citizens, art, and non motorized transportation. This will be a family friendly event that includes a mandala street painting, parklet demo, bike demo, free haircuts for kids, and an opportunity for local businesses to show the local residents what they offer. It will be a great opportunity to promote local organizations and actions in our community in a safe and fun way. Closing this section of Bolinas has long been talked about and so this festival will also help determine what detrimental or positive impacts might be achieved by doing a project like this.

Attachment: Resolution No. 12-38 approving the road closure

RESOLUTION NO. 12-38

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX AUTHORIZING
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BOLINAS ROAD FROM BROADWAY TO ELSIE LANE
TO ALLOW A CELEBRATION OF DOWNTOWN EVENT, "STREETS FOR PEOPLE,"
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012**

WHEREAS, a new event is being planned to support the businesses in Downtown Fairfax, and to celebrate localism, art, and non-motorized transportation; and

WHEREAS, the event, a celebration of downtown Fairfax, currently termed "Streets for People", will be held on Bolinas Road, portions of Mono Avenue, and the Mono parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the Street Festival will be held on August 26, 2012, from Noon until 4:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, temporary closure of certain streets is necessary in order to safely facilitate the street festival, and for traffic control during the event, and for setting up and closing down the event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax to temporarily close the following streets or portions thereof from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Bolinas Road between Broadway and Elsie, a portion of Mono east of Bolinas Road, the Mono parking lot, and a portion of Mono Avenue West of Bolinas for bicycle parking.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6th day of June, 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

PAM HARTWELL-HERRERO, MAYOR

Attest:

Town Clerk

“ Streets for People ”

Streets for People is a half-day event which will close **Bolinas Road** to cars from Broadway to Elsie Lane and create a large temporary public space in which people may safely enjoy the downtown.

Studies around the world and in local California towns like Truckee, CA, with a population similar to Fairfax, and where traffic is a serious concern, have shown an increase in retail sales and a revived spirit of community during similar events.

Please join **Sustainable Fairfax, the Town of Fairfax, and the Chamber Of Commerce** for our first celebration of “Streets for People”.

****Sunday, August 26th 12:00- 4:00 p.m.**

****Free “back to school” haircuts**

****Street Mandala - see: cityrepair.org**

“Italian” street painting

****Free Mini-bicycle tune ups for back to school**

****Space for retailers to place tables in front of their stores to display their wares and guide people inside.**

****Cafe tables in the street**

****Acoustic local musicians**

****Creative RE-USE corner**

**** Parklett Demo**

This is not a festival with tents and vendors but a celebration of the unique qualities which make Fairfax the place where we all want to live!

****This is an open invitation to all Fairfax businesses and merchants. If your store is not on Bolinas Road, and you would like to take part, please contact the Chamber to help make a way for you to participate.**

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