



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	April 10, 2023
Department:	Planning and Economic Development
Agenda Section:	Regular
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Evan Punch, Planning Tech
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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Flush Fest community event and fundraiser for non-profit, After the Rain

Attachments:

1. Special event permit application and materials
2. Street closure request map

Summary:

The event organizer is requesting one block of Eno Street to be closed for food trucks and for people to congregate during the event. The town is being asked to assist with the road closure.

Financial impacts:

Low; however, sponsorship is being requested for town services, so department-level costs are associated with HPD and Public Works conducting the closure.

Staff recommendation and comments:

Planning: This community event has grown exponentially over the years. It is growing to the point where staff has concerns that it may have outgrown appropriateness for being held at a private residence. The event goes on all day and late into the night. Adding food trucks, which are sometimes generator powered, will add to the noise and neighborhood impacts. The event is much loved by the community and raises funds for a good cause, but the town board should consider the impacts of allowing it to grow into the right of way. Planning is recommending conditions if the closure/event is approved including requirement to provide at least one handwashing and hand sanitizer station(s) at the food trucks; requirement to provide at least one regular and one ADA porta potty on site.

Police: The closing of Eno Street would prohibit travel on Eno Street for emergency vehicles, residents, and visitors. The amount of time that the applicant requests is more than 12 hours, and this is a through road, not a cul-de-sac or small side street. A detour would have to be set up due to traffic in either direction on Eno Street not being able to pass through, causing delays to the motoring public and potentially emergency vehicles. This would require police and public works personnel due to equipment, the detour, and safety concerns of attendees being allowed to bring beer/wine for this event (potentially being on a closed town owned/maintained street). It is not recommended to allow this street closure for those reasons.

Public Works: There is a lot that must go into closing a road for an event (not just barricades; there have to be detour signs, road closed signs and 911 notification). That would also require staff to assemble and take down at the end of the event, which is at 11:00 PM. We do not recommend allowing the road to be closed

Action requested:

Approve, approve with conditions, or deny the permit and road closure.