

Agenda Abstract BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Nov. 24, 2025

Department: Planning and Economic Development

Agenda Section: Consent

Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Planning Technician Dakotah Kimbrough

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Special Event Permit Application – Carolina Godiva Track Club New Year's Day 8K Run

Attachments:

Special Event Permit Application

Summary:

The Carolina Godiva Track Club has applied to hold their annual New Year's Day Run on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026. It will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., with an expected 80 to 120 people to participate in the run.

The 8-kilometer route originates at River Park, with registration taking place at the Farmer's Market Pavilion. Participants will take the Riverwalk to the Occoneechee Speedway Trail, return on Riverwalk and continue to Gold Park, then loop back to conclude at the pavilion. Attendees are encouraged to utilize nearby public parking, and portable toilets will be supplied near the pavilion if necessary.

Organizers have obtained property use permission from the Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation for River Park and the pavilion, and will be able to obtain permission from the Eno River State Park for use of the Occoneechee Speedway once their certificate of insurance is finalized.

Organizers are not requesting any town-sponsored services, just that use of the Riverwalk be permitted. The certificate of insurance will be provided as the event nears.

Financial impacts:

Low; no town-sponsored services are requested.

Staff recommendation and comments:

Staff recommend approval and use of the Riverwalk for the event. Standard greenway use conditions will apply.

Action requested:

Approve, approve with conditions, or deny the special event permit.