

CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 13

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2009

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Closure of City Streets for the 4th Annual Great American Blues & BBQ Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 6:30am to 9:00pm.

SUBMITTED BY: /s/ NM

Nancy Mackle, Economic Development Director

APPROVED BY: /s/ KN

Ken Nordhoff, City Manager

DATE: May 14, 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Approve resolution authorizing closure of City streets for the 4th Annual Great American Blues & BBQ Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 6:30am to 9:00pm.

BACKGROUND: The City of San Rafael has had a variety of Blues and Barbeque events for several years. This revised and fourth rendition produced by Team Pro Event Inc. continues to grow on the success of the prior three years and has become an important annual event for the City. The focus of this event is a celebration of American roots music featuring Bay Area blues artists and American traditional BBQ'd food. In addition, this musical gala will promote the Downtown and the merchants. Guests at the festival will also enjoy tasting beers from unique local breweries. The feature of a professionally sanctioned BBQ competition is a delectable, unique treat during the festival. The BBQ competition, growing from its succession of success in 2006, 2007 and 2008 is a destination contest in 2009 for many professional BBQ-ists. There will also be a music market with a variety of alluring, unique and historical merchandise and information. The event benefits Prader-Willi Syndrome Research which now has created a full time local office due to the success of the prior Blues and BBQ Festivals.

Streets to be closed from 6:30am to 9:00pm:

1. Fourth Street from Cijos Street to A Street
2. Lootens Place from City parking structure entry to Fifth Avenue

The proposal has been coordinated with the Police, Fire, Downtown merchants and Public Works.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Police Department costs will be paid for by the event. Event staff will be posting the "No Parking" signs and putting out crowd control barricades. Cleanup is being handled by the event.

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