

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Community Festival

DATE: April 24, 2018

BACKGROUND

The City has hosted the Northstar Bike Grand Prix Race for over 10 years. The event has always been a standalone event. The Chamber of Commerce has been doing First Thursdays for several years, also as a stand free event. This year they are doing a combined event on June 14, 2018. This event is being planned for a route on the west side of the city because of anticipated street construction projects on the east side.

This year the bike race route is being designed to bring the race through town several times, by having a loop that is about 20 miles. This will bring the bike riders through every 20-30 minutes to allow both watching the race and enjoying the Fun Thursday offerings.

The last time the Northstar Bike Grand Prix was on the west side the route ran on Mill Street and split the businesses and activities into two separate sides, this plan did not have the desired results for the attendees or the businesses. This year I have worked with the Chamber and Northstar Bike Grand Prix with the goal of using the 400 block of Mill Street as the place to not only watch the bike race, but also to enjoy the activities offered by the Fun Fest. The plan for this year is not being split the block, but make the whole part the location for this event. The idea is to try and allow as great of participation by the local businesses as possible.

As we were planning the event a question was raised what if a person visits one of the licensed on-sale locations, makes a purchase but wants to go out to watch as the riders came by? Currently that would only be possible for our licensed premises which hold an outside dining license and has that area included in their license application. However there is one exception that we know would allow this to occur. We verified this with the Alcohol and Gambling Division of the State, that exception is if the event is declared a Community Festival primarily occurring on a City Street. This declaration would allow any on-sale licensee to allow their customers to be in that designated festival area without the requirements of additional permits. Together, the Bike Race and Fun Fest would qualify as a Community Festival and this option could be used for if the City Council so chooses.

Myself, the Chamber and the Northstar Bike Grand Prix feel that this designation would be good for the event, good for the local licensees and provide flexibility to those attending.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

It is requested that the City Council declare a Community Festival for the Northstar Bike Grand Prix and Fun Thursday event that will occur on June 14th, on the 400 block of Mill Street and connected areas between 2pm and 9pm and approve the attached resolution.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2347

RESOLUTION DECLARING A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Falls is located in Goodhue County; and

WHEREAS, Northstar Bike Grand Prix has held bike races previously in the City of Cannon Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Falls Chambers of Commerce has previously held First Thursday events; and

WHEREAS, the Northstar Bike Grand Prix and the Cannon Falls Chamber of Commerce made the decision that for 2018 they would have a joint event on June 14; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Falls City Council recognizes that this combined event provides the community with an opportunity to come out and participate in this joint event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cannon Falls City Council declares the Northstar Bike Grand Prix/Fun Fest event on June 14, 2018 to be a community festival.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 1st day of May, 2018

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

Lyman M. Robinson
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lanell Endres
Interim City Administrator