



ANN ARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Memorandum

TO: Community Services Office Manager Debra Williams

CC: Milton Dohoney, City Administrator

FROM: Interim Chief Aimee Metzger

DATE: February 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Monroe Street Fair Application, 2023 Event

Please let this memo serve as my request to deny the approval of the Monroe Street Fair application for Saturday, April 1, 2023. As of now, the Hash Bash and the U of M Spring game are already scheduled for this date. It is my understanding that the U of M Spring game is free to those who wish to attend meaning 10,000 people could come into the City for the game or upwards of 50,000 people could come into the City. With that unknown, it is extremely difficult for us to determine appropriate staffing levels as it is. Adding another event, as experienced last year, brings in total gridlock to our downtown area and further taxes our ability to ensure adequate staffing to the residents of the City of Ann Arbor. We are currently facing an even more significant staffing issue than we were at this time last year when these three events took place simultaneously. If the City approves this Fair it could become a public safety issue for the residents of the City as well as an officer safety issue if we do not have appropriate staffing.

In the event the Fair is approved, we would need to extend the hours of the officers who are assigned to the detail by at least one hour. Additionally, we would need to deploy more resources than we have in the past to ensure appropriate coverage of the downtown area as well as coverage to the rest of the City outside the downtown area.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Services Office Manager Debra Williams

FROM: Fire Chief Mike Kennedy

DATE: February 4, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 Monroe Street Fair Application

COPIED: City Administrator Milton Dohoney, Jr.
Deputy City Administrator John Fournier
Interim Police Chief Aimee Metzger
Community Services Service Area Administrator Derek Delacourt
Fire Marshal Michael Reddmann

I want to be on record as not supporting the approval of the Monroe Street Fair application for Saturday, April 1, 2023. Having the U-M spring football game, Hash Bash, and Monroe Street Fair all on Saturday, April 1, 2023 is incredibly challenging from a public safety perspective. Any one of these events stresses an already tight EMS system and brings >10,000 attendees to each.

In 2022, the culmination of these events placed the central downtown district into traffic gridlock for several hours. This caused extended response and return / in-service times to three medical incidents related to Hash Bash and Monroe Street. Hash Bash and Monroe Street Fair also have associated activities throughout the City that add to calls for service.

If this is approved, I am requesting the Monroe Street Fair be responsible for the following costs:

1. Contract with HVA for at least one (1) transport unit along with one (1) utility (Gator) transport.
2. Pay for the overtime staffing of one (1) fire department engine company. This is due to gridlock of traffic and difficulty of fire crews from substations to respond into the downtown for multiple calls for service.