



Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

STREET EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

Waitakere Ward

I hereby give notice pursuant to Clauses 22(1) and 22(3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 an Extraordinary Meeting of the Street Events Subcommittee - Waitakere Ward will be held on:-

DATE: Thursday, 19 October 2006 **TIME:** 5.00 pm

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the Vodafone Surf Sessions Public Closures matters within the scope and delegation of the Subcommittee and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Subcommittee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Subcommittee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



3 VODAFONE SURF SESSIONS 2006 PUBLIC ROAD CLOSURES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to outline to the Street Events Subcommittee - Waitakere Ward an application from New Zealand Sponsorship Agency acting on behalf of Surfing New Zealand for a road closure at Piha on Saturday, 21 October 2006 as part of the Vodafone Surf Sessions 2006 and seek the Waitakere Street Events Subcommittee's approval to close roads as detailed below.

BACKGROUND

Surfing New Zealand have run many surfing events around the country over many years. Their events are well organised and have been held in the past without problems. The Vodafone Surf Sessions 2006 event will start at 10.30 am and end at about 6.00 pm. Road closures will be required starting from 7.00 am and extending to 7.00 pm to ensure public safety.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Surfing events provide quality and friendly activities for the community to be part of. They support the development of community identity and create community spirit, giving a sense of belonging. As such they contribute to the Council strategic objectives in creating strong communities.

ISSUES

Event Description

The Vodafone Surf Sessions is an annual surfing event featuring top international surfers competing against some of New Zealand's best local talent. The event has been held at Piha during Labour Weekend since 2004.

This year the event is planned for Saturday, 21 October 2006. An alternative day due to poor weather or surf conditions is Sunday, 22 October 2006.

Stage Location - Marine Parade South Road Closure

A stage will be erected in the public car park in Marine Parade South Road outside the South Piha Surf Club. There will also be a portable judge's tower, public address system, retailers' facilities and other equipment necessary to run the event located in the car park. Public toilets will be provided nearby.

To facilitate the use of the car park for the event it is necessary to close part of Marine Parade South Road from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm on the day of the event. There are 12 residential properties accessed of the portion of Marine Parade South Road that will be closed. The occupants of these properties have been consulted by the event organisers and will be allowed access to their properties through the closure during the event.

Concerns Arising From Last Years Event

The Vodafone Surf Session 2005 was held in Piha on Saturday, 23 October 2005. The event was very popular with the public and an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 spectators attended.

There is a limited quantity of public parking at Piha. There are public parking areas in a number of locations along the beach front and some limited capacity for the public to park at the edge of the road in a number of streets around Piha, however most of the roads around Piha are narrow and lack kerb and channel or footpaths. At last year's event most public parking close to the beach was quickly filled and spectators were forced to park further back in streets that were not suitable for large number of parked vehicles.

A number of concerns were raised by residents and members of the public with the event organisers, their traffic management contractor and Council regarding parked vehicles blocking the carriageway and access to private properties. Parking in Garden Road and Rayner Road was of particular concern to residents as these roads are especially narrow and easily blocked.

At the 2005 event spectators began parking their vehicles on both sides of Seaview Road and Piha Road on the hill between the intersections with Glenesk Road and Te Ahuahu Road. The road here is narrow and in many cases there is no berm area where pedestrians can walk to keep clear of traffic. At one point large numbers of spectators who had parked their vehicles near the top of the hill started walking down the road along the centre of the carriageway. The traffic management contractor was forced to stop traffic at the top of the road to ensure that these spectators were not endangered.

It is likely that the 2006 event will draw at least as many spectators as the 2005 event and similar issues will reoccur unless action is taken to prevent this.

Traffic Management Plan

An updated traffic management plan for the 2006 event has been developed by the organiser and their traffic management contractor in consultation with Council officers. Key concerns when developing this plan were:

- Ensuring that emergency vehicle access was available at all times by ensuring that parked vehicles did not block the carriageway;
- Ensuring that residents access to their properties was preserved during the event and that parked vehicles did not stop over vehicle crossings;
- Providing for public safety, particularly the expected large number of pedestrians;
- Maximising the amount of public parking in suitable locations to allow as many people as possible to enjoy the event and provide alternatives to other, less suitable, parking locations.

The following is proposed in the traffic management plan as the method for preventing a reoccurrence of issues that occurred at the 2005 event:

1. The traffic management contractor will have staff assigned to directing motorists arriving at Piha find the nearest free public parking and to assist motorists in finding places to park which will not block the carriageway or access to properties.
2. Once all suitable parking in a side road is full the contractor will close the road to the public. The closure will be staffed and residents and emergency vehicles will be permitted access.
3. Should all suitable parking at Piha become full then the contractor will use variable message system electronic sign boards to notify motorists heading to Piha that all parking is full and discourage more motorists requiring parking from travelling to the event. Should all parking in Piha be filled then Piha Road will be closed near the intersection with Te Ahuahu Road to prevent vehicles parking on the hill. Residents, emergency vehicles and event vehicles will be allowed through the closure.

The following roads may be closed on the day of the event:

- Sylvan Glade;
- Beach Valley Road;
- Marine Parade South;
- Glenesk Road;
- Garden Road;
- Marine Parade North;
- North Piha Road;
- Seaview Road;
- Log Race Road;
- Te Ahuahu Road;
- Pendrell Road;
- Piha Road (between the intersection with Te Ahuahu Road and Seaview Road).

Sylvan Glade, Garden Road, Rayner Road and Log Race road have been identified as being too narrow to accommodate significant numbers of vehicles parked on or next to the carriageway. Other roads listed above are wider and are suitable for parking on one or both sides in some sections. No parking will be permitted on the hill in Piha Road and Seaview Road between the intersections with Te Ahuahu Road and Glenesk Road.

Consultation

The organisers have met the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association to discuss this event. They will also notify the residents of Piha by means of letter drop and will have staff available to help resolve resident's issues at the event. Special event signs have been erected at Piha warning residents of the event.

A public notice regarding the proposed closures was placed in the Western Leader and New Zealand Herald. Any responses from members of the public (including Piha Residents) to these notices will be reported to the subcommittee at the meeting when his report is considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Vodafone Surf Sessions 2006 Public Road Closures report be received.
2. That approval be granted to temporarily close and prohibit traffic on:

Sylvan Glade, Beach Valley Road, Marine Parade South, Glenesk Road, Garden Road, Marine Parade North, North Piha Road, Seaview Road, Log Race Road, Te Ahuahu Road, Pendrell Road and Piha Road (between the intersection with Te Ahuahu Road and Seaview Road) from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm on Saturday, 21 October 2006 and on Sunday, 22 October 2006 (if necessary) subject to:

- a) The closures being carried out in accordance with the Traffic Management Plan.
- b) The applicant accepting full responsibility for marshalling, control of spectators, public and participant safety requirements and compliance with any Police and Council officers directions.
- c) The applicant appointing a qualified Site Traffic Management Supervisor to manage traffic and a safety co-ordinator. Both are to liaise with Council Transport Assets Engineers and New Zealand Police, and to ensure that the applicant's responsibilities are met.
- d) St John Ambulance or other qualified personnel being in attendance at all times.
- e) The Site Traffic Management Supervisor shall obtain, place and remove any road cones, detour signs and any other barriers required by the Traffic Management Plan and as directed by New Zealand Police and/or Council officers. The applicant shall meet all associated costs.
- f) The applicant advising all emergency services and bus operators of the road closure details.
- g) The applicant being notified that Council accepts no responsibility for incidents, injuries or damage caused by the event. The applicant is required to take public liability insurance cover.
- h) The applicant shall accept responsibility for the cost of repairs to any private or Council property damaged during the event.
- i) The applicant meeting any costs arising from Public Notices arranged by Council.

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