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Subject: RE: Soap Box Derby Race - June 2013

From: Weston, Karen
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:13 PM
To: Behan, Stephanie; Spuler, Edward; ,
Cc: Carrier, Robert; Speidel, Marn
Subject: RE: Soap Box Derby Race - June 2013

Marn,

I would like to address the below issue at our TAC meeting on Monday night.
I do not remember why the Derby's race location was changed and was hoping that you do.
I am also requesting that we send out a revised agenda that includes this issue and would also like to have the Rogers St and Portland Ave crosswalk placed on our agenda.

Thank you,

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From: Behan, Stephanie [Stephanie.Behan@usnh.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 8:13 AM
To: Spuler, Edward
Cc: Carrier, Robert; Weston, Karen
Subject: FW: Soap Box Derby Race - June 2013

Edward,

Good day. I had forwarded the email below to you last week with hopes that you would be able to provide some guidance. I received no response, so I'm hoping that you did receive it, but have decided to forward to you again and also include Bob and Karen with the hopes that one of the 3 of you will be able to guide us on how to move this forward. Or, in the case that there is no help available, that you can let us know. Either way we can begin the process of making decisions about the upcoming June race.

Thousands of young people have raced in NH. Children between the ages of 8 and 16 are eligible to construct a car, meeting the rules set by the All American Soap Box Derby. The program promotes family values, teaches sportsmanship, fosters team spirit and healthy competition amongst the competitors, their families, and spectators. The winners in the 3 divisions are eligible to travel to Akron Ohio to compete in the International races.

We would really like to move the race back to Central Avenue in order to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Soap Box racing in NH, with most of those years being in Dover on Central Avenue.

Again, thanks for any assistance you can provide. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like additional information. I'm looking forward to speaking with you.

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From: Behan, Stephanie
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2013 1:55 PM
To: 'e.spuler@dover.nh.gov'
Subject: Soap Box Derby Race - June 2013

Hello,

I am member of the NH Soap Box Derby Committee. We are pulling together our plans to hold our 70th anniversary Soap Box Race this coming June. We have raced for many years in Dover and up until last year the race was always on Central Avenue; starting at the top of the hill just north of Rite Aid and continuing to the Federal Savings Bank.

Last year, June 2012, we were having financial issues and could not afford the \$2500 that Dover Police estimated their fee would be for the required police coverage needed to have Central Avenue closed for the day of the race. Our lack of finances forced us to find another location in Dover. Instead of racing on Central Avenue, we raced in the industrial park off of Littleworth Road. While the race was successful and all who participated had a wonderful day, it was not the same as racing on the avenue. The event didn't have the same level of spectator interest we experience when on the avenue. The Littleworth hill is not as steep as Central Avenue, thus not "fast" for the racers which didn't provide the same type of experience. All in all, Littleworth Road provided a race, but not an event.

For our 70th anniversary we would like to return to Central Avenue. Can you advise us if there is an interest in the City supporting us to return to Central Avenue for the June 2013 race? We realize that the economy is still suffering, but wonder if there any type of fund available to help us to afford the Police Department charges for police services necessary on Central Avenue? We operate on a bare-bones budget. We are conducting fund-raisers to cover our operating costs, but don't anticipate that we'll be able to afford the police fee of \$2500+ in addition to the All American Soap Box Derby franchise, the required insurance, trophies and T-shirts for the contestants, etc.

I'm happy to discuss this with you and we're open to any advice you can offer or suggestions for next steps..

Thanks for your assistance.

Steph

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