



City of High Point

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Meeting Agenda - Final

Prosperity and Livability Committee

Wesley Hudson, Mayor Pro Tem - Chair
Michael Holmes
Cyril Jefferson
Monica Peters
Jay Wagner, Mayor (Alternate)

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Wesley Hudson, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

[2023-071](#)

City Sponsored Special Events Updated List

City Council is requested to approve the City Sponsored Special Events List.

Attachments: [Special Events](#)

[2023-070](#)

Update Regarding the Street Closure Policy

Staff will be providing an update regarding permanent and temporary street closures.

Attachments: [Memo - Street Closure](#)

[Presentation - Street Closure](#)

[2023-119](#)

Update-Blair-Coltrane House Project

Staff will be providing an update/presentation regarding the Blair-Coltrane Project.

Attachments: [Update-Blair-Coltrane House Project](#)

[Presentation - Coltrane Programming](#)

[2023-120](#)

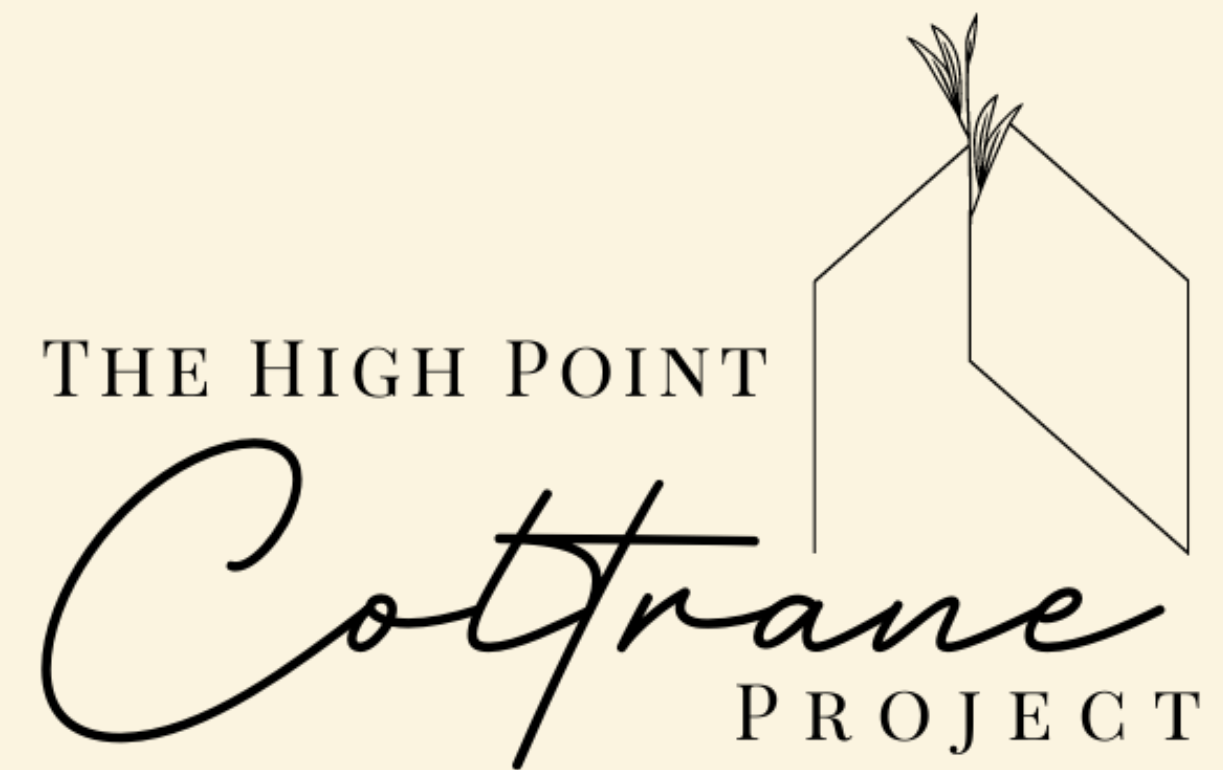
Proposed Human Relations Commission's January 2023 Six-Month Work Plan

Council is requested to approve the Proposed Human Relations Commission's January 2023 Six-Month Work Plan for the following two initiatives:

1. Study where the Human Relations Commission fits within High Point and can be most effective among the City's other Boards and Commissions and among other Human Relations Commissions in North Carolina.
2. Study or identify mental health resources and gaps in High Point for greater sharing with the community or for possible further action.

Attachments: [Human Relations Commission's WorkPlan January 2023](#)

ADJOURNMENT



PROGRAMING PROPOSAL

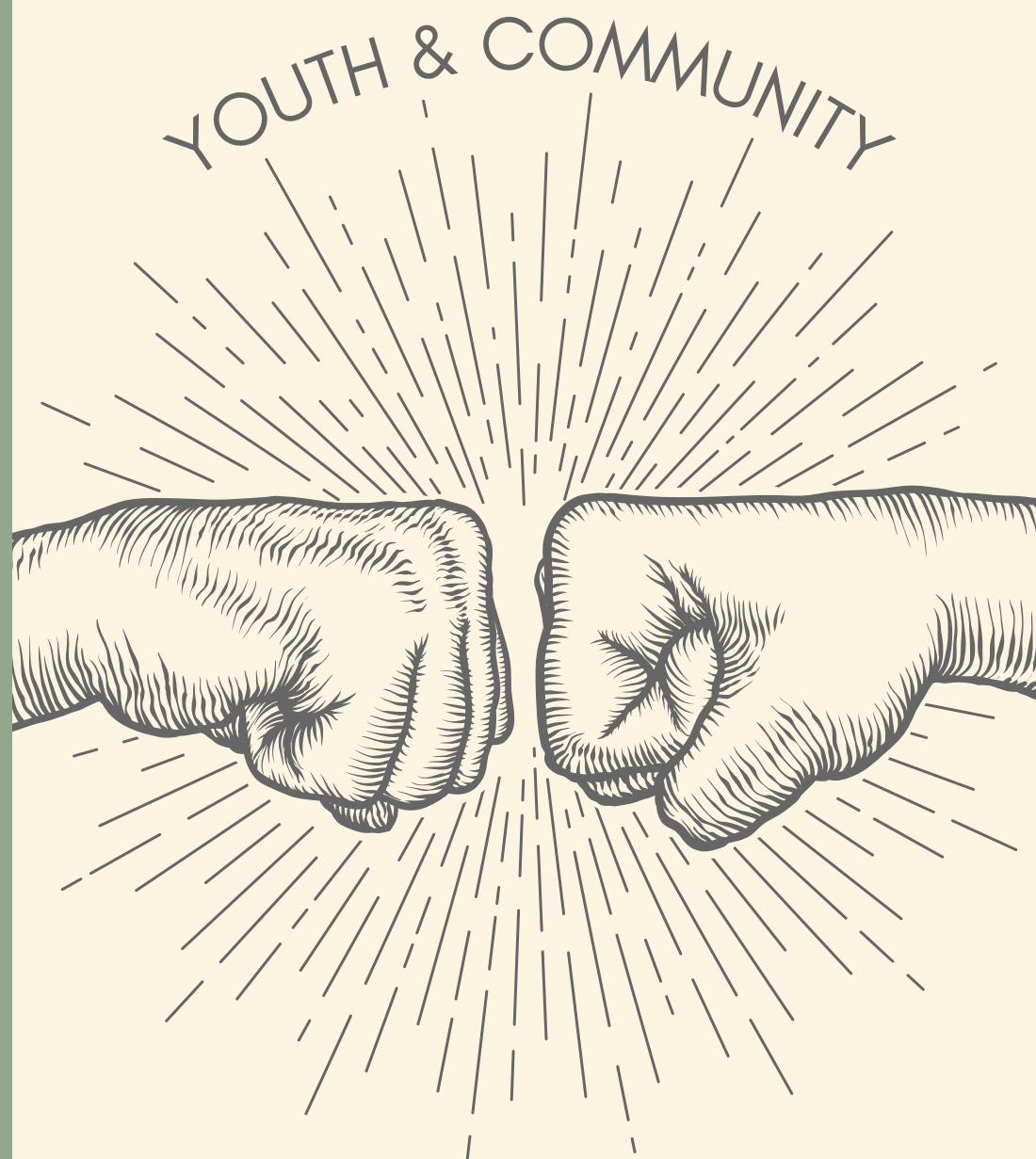
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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



- Marketing arm
- Reach potential donors
- Leverage festival event

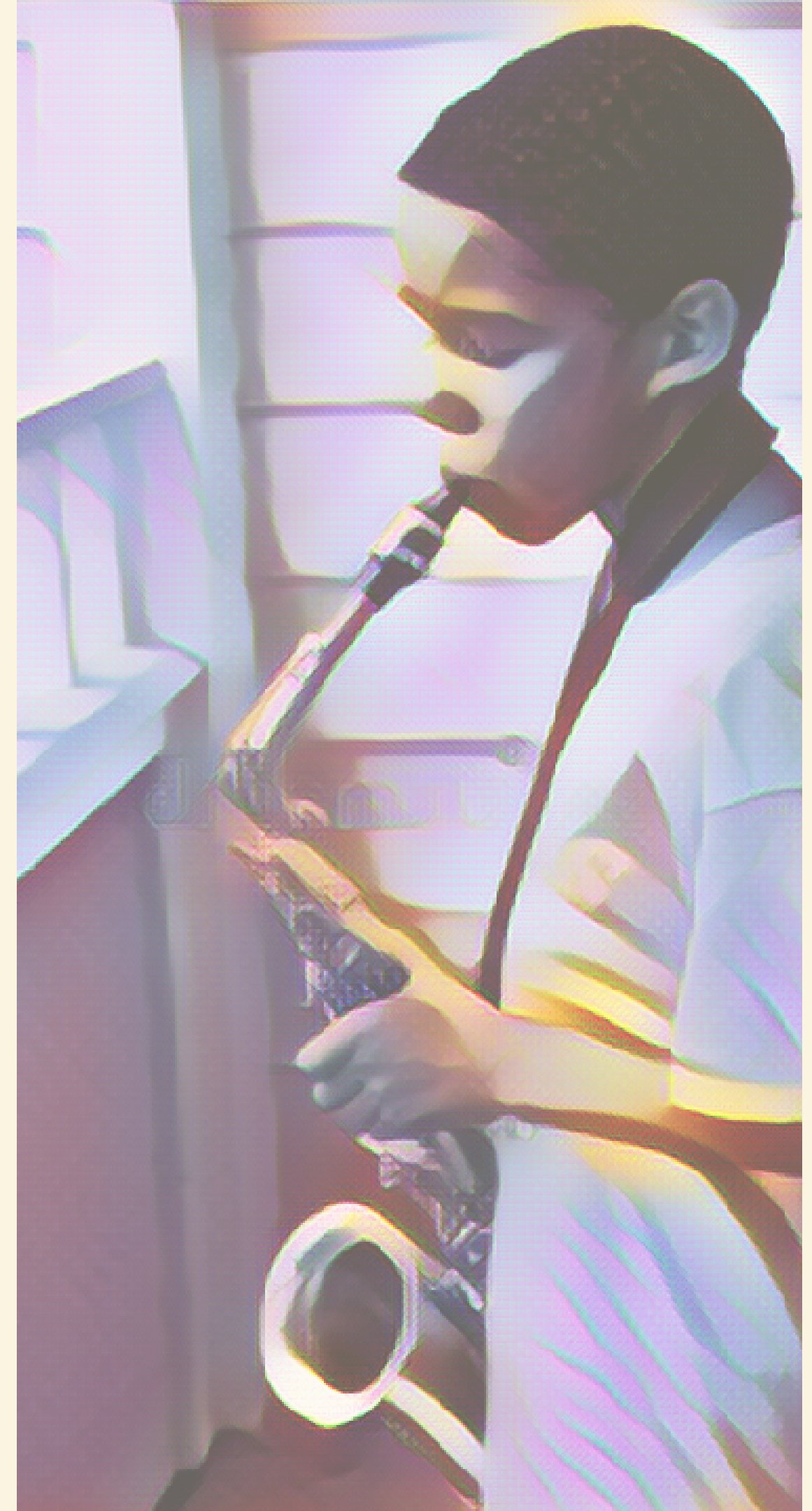


- Identify and apply for grants
- Develop programming
- Administration

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

As an ode to Mr. Coltrane's early years in High Point, programming that centers the development of young artists and activists is what is explored in this proposal. The implementation is proposed to roll out in 4 phases extending into Fall 2024.

- 1 Phase I -Youth Music instruction 12- week cohort powered by The Gant School of Music & Jazz. Saturday morning experiential programming for young children 8 and under developed by HPAC.
- 2 Continuing private music education based on the success of The Gant School cohort. Open for community event use.
- 3 Summer programming/camp youth ages 4-18. Community partnerships. Location for a field trip.
- 4 Afterschool programming. Use of visitor's center. Community programming etc



PHASE I

July 2023 - September 2023

Description: Youth Music instruction 12- week cohort powered by The Gant School of Music. Saturday morning experiential programming for young children 8 and under developed by HPAC



Who is The Gant School of Music & Jazz?

The Gant School of Music and Jazz, is a 501c3 organization created to help underserved students gain access to the world of music and musicianship.

Their current programming includes:

- Community Partnership
- Private Lessons
- Scholarships
- Youth Jazz Ensemble



12-week Coltrane Cohort

The Coltrane Youth Cohort powered by The Gant School of Music would consist of 12 weeks of 1:1 instruction of accepted music students in middle and high school with particular focus on students in High Point.. The event would culminate with a performance/meet & greet at a FOJC VIP event in September 2023.

High Point Arts Council will work with GSMJ to apply for and secure grant funding for the program as well as assist in an administrative capacity with registration, communication etc.



Titus Gant - Executive Director

PHASE I

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Considerations:

- Insurance
- Liability Waivers
- Restroom facilities
- General Facilities Management (keyholders)
- Internet

PHASE II

September 2023 - May 2024

Description: Continuing private music education based on the success of The Gant School cohort. Open for community event use. During this timeframe a programming plan can be developed for implementing summer camp.

Community Programing:

- Community organization meetings
- Utilize the back yard for artists and small events/receptions
- Coltrane experience tour
- Artist salons/collaborations



Considerations:

- Insurance
- Liability Waivers
- Restroom facilities
- General Facilities Management (keyholders)
- Internet

PHASE III

May 2024 - August 2024

High Point Arts Council:

- Identify and apply for grants
- Develop programming
- Administration
- Identify and engage community orgs as partners

Description: Summer programming/camp. Community partnerships. Location for a field trips.



PHASE IV

August 2024 -

Description: Afterschool programming. Use of visitor's center. Community programming etc.

High Point Arts Council:

- Identify and apply for grants
- Develop programming
- Administration
- Identify and engage community orgs as partners

Friends of John Coltrane:

- Marketing arm
- Reach potential donors
- Leverage festival event



NEXT STEPS

Description: Items of consideration as we move forward towards opening doors for programming.

- Organizing Community Talks events within the next 1-2 months.
- What entity will own the continued development and operations arm of programming?
- Agreements/Contracts between FOJC & HPAC clarity of roles
- Additional partners locally, nationally and globally and how to engage them
- Who fundraises for what? Clear agreements of how funding for programming is held and distributed.



CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Update Regarding Permanent and Temporary Street Closures

From: Greg Venable, Transportation Director

Meeting Date: March 8, 2023

Public Hearing: None

Advertising Date / N/A

Advertised By:

Attachments: Presentation Regarding Permanent and Temporary Street Closures

PURPOSE:

Update Prosperity and Livability Committee on permanent and temporary street closures.

BACKGROUND:

The City of High Point Prosperity and Livability Committee requested information regarding permanent and temporary street closures.

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED:

Information only.

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Blair – Coltrane House update

From: Greg Ferguson, Deputy City Manager

Meeting Date: March 8, 2023

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date:
Advertised By:

Attachments: Presentation

PURPOSE: To hear an update regarding the Blair-Coltrane House project.

BACKGROUND: The Blair-Coltrane House is being renovated for use as a museum and meeting space. A status update on the project will be presented to the Prosperity and Livability Committee.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED: Information only.

Permanent and Temporary Street Closures



Permanent Street Closures

- Controlled by NCGS §160A-299
- Council adopts a resolution declaring intent to close a street or ally and calling a public hearing
- Resolution shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks
- A copy shall be sent to adjacent/adjoining property owners and notice posted in at least two locations along the street
- At the hearing, any person may speak on whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest
- All right, title, and interest of the right-of-way shall be vested in the owners of the adjacent/adjoining lots or parcels. (ownership extends to the centerline)
- The city may retain utility easements, both public and private after a public hearing

STREET ABANDONMENT

The street abandonment process enables an applicant to request the City Council to relinquish the public's interest in a platted or dedicated street or alley right-of-way. Following approval, the area of the abandoned right-of-way is returned to abutting property owners as real property.

Prerequisites

- A [Pre-Application Conference](#) is required within 3 months prior to submitting an application for a street abandonment.

Approvals or Permits Issued

- Approval of a street abandonment is by resolution adopted by the [City Council](#)

Process

1. The applicant submits an application, supplemental documents and fee.
2. Applications are assigned a Case Manager to act as the point of contact and assist with managing it through the process.
3. Staff reviews the application and notifies the applicant of any deficiencies. Once deemed complete, a street abandonment application is placed in review.
4. The application is forwarded to the City's Technical Review Committee to review the public interest in the street right-of-way and to identify any conflicts with existing City utilities, including the need to retain easements for existing utilities.
5. Also, the application is forwarded to other utility providers serving the High Point area (e.g. North State Communications, Piedmont Natural Gas, Duke Energy and Spectrum) to identify any conflicts with existing utilities and the need to retain easements for existing utilities.
6. When the Technical Review Committee and the other utility providers complete their reviews, then the application is scheduled for the next available regular meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission. To reduce the review time, the applicant may obtain a written response on the application from each of the other utility providers prior to submitting the application.
7. City Council adopts a Resolution of Intent to consider the street abandonment request.
8. Public notice of the application is provided by certified mailed notice, published notice and posted signs prior to the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing and the City Council public hearing.
9. A staff report is prepared and provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
10. At the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing, the Commission will hear from staff, the applicant and other members of the public who wish to speak on the matter.
11. After the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council to approve all or a portion of the requested abandonment, or deny the application.
12. Following the City Council public hearing, the Council will approve all or a portion of the requested abandonment, or deny the street abandonment. An approval may not be conditioned; however, City Council may retain utility or other easements.

Submittal Requirements

STREET ABANDONMENT



High Point Process

Permanent Street Closures

Issues to address before closure is approved

- How to treat existing signalized intersections
- Private Property Access
- Pedestrian Safety
- Increased Traffic on Adjacent Streets
- Connectivity
- Emergency Services
- Utilities
- **Detailed Traffic Study**

Permanent Street Closures

Pros

- Pedestrian safety
- New public space(if the City owns both sides of the street)
- Freeing up real estate – more usable land
- Improved quality of life and increased pedestrian mobility
 - more walkable

Cons

- Unintentional harm to businesses
- Impact to adjacent roads
- Reduced on-street parking
- Emergency access
- Increased speed on adjacent roads
- Reduced connectivity



Temporary Street Closure - Process

- Council Request
- HPDOT assessment – determine traffic impacts to surrounding road network
- Other city departments/emergency management approval
- Adjacent/adjoining property owner agreement of closure
- Public notification of street closure – start/end dates and duration
- HPDOT place road closure signage and barricades/cone off turn lanes

Temporary Street Closures

City Initiated

- Council requested (parades/events)
- City Department requested (construction/maintenance projects, Furniture Market)
- All applicable city departments notified and reviewed
- Can be longer if property owners agree

Public Initiated

- Special Event Permit
- Request 90 days prior to event
- Can include street closure
- All applicable city departments must approve permit
- Application submitted through Accela Citizen Access

SPECIAL EVENT

A Special Event Permit is required for bicycle races, block parties, festivals, footraces, parades and picketing to ensure the safety of all participants and that all rules, regulations, and ordinances are followed. A complete application must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the event, unless otherwise noted.

A special event permit is required for the following types of events:

Bicycle Race A group of three (3) or more bicyclists competing against each other or a time limit over a fixed course; all or a part of which involves the use of city street right-of-way, city sidewalks, and/or greenways. This term shall include untimed non-competitive bicycle events such as memorial rides, etc.

Block Party A planned gathering of persons in which a public street will be closed that is sponsored by a business, place of worship, non-profit organization or community interest group.

Festival An outdoor concert, fair, community event, or similar event that is primarily commercial and/or recreational in nature.

Footrace A group of three (3) or more runners or walkers competing against either each other or a time limit over a fixed course; all or a part of which involves the use of city street right-of-way, city sidewalks, and/or greenways. This term shall include events connected to a footrace, such as untimed non-competitive "fun runs".

Parade Any march, demonstration, gathering, public assembly, procession or motorcade consisting of persons, animals, or vehicles or a combination thereof that has the potential to disrupt the normal flow of traffic upon any public street, provided, the term shall not include: a. Funeral Processions, b. Pickets as defined in subsection (5) below and Section 10-1-283 of this Article, c. Footraces and Bicycle Races as defined in Section 10-1-286 of this Article, d. Block Parties as defined in Section 10-1-287 of this Article, e. Festivals as defined in Section 10-1-288 of this Article.

Picketing A group of 15 persons or more who make a public display or demonstration of sentiment for or against a person or cause, including those demonstrations which may include the distribution of leaflets or handbills, the display of signs and any oral communication or speech, which may involve an effort to persuade or influence, including all expressive and symbolic conduct, whether active or passive, upon those portions of the public street and sidewalks not used primarily for vehicular parking and moving traffic and not constituting a parade.

If you have any questions about special event permitting, contact:

Perry Hall
Emergency Manager
High Point Fire Department
(336) 883-3364
special.permits@highpointnc.gov

Prerequisites

- A location for the event that is within the [City](#). The event may be held on public property, including but not limited to parks, streets, and/or sidewalks.

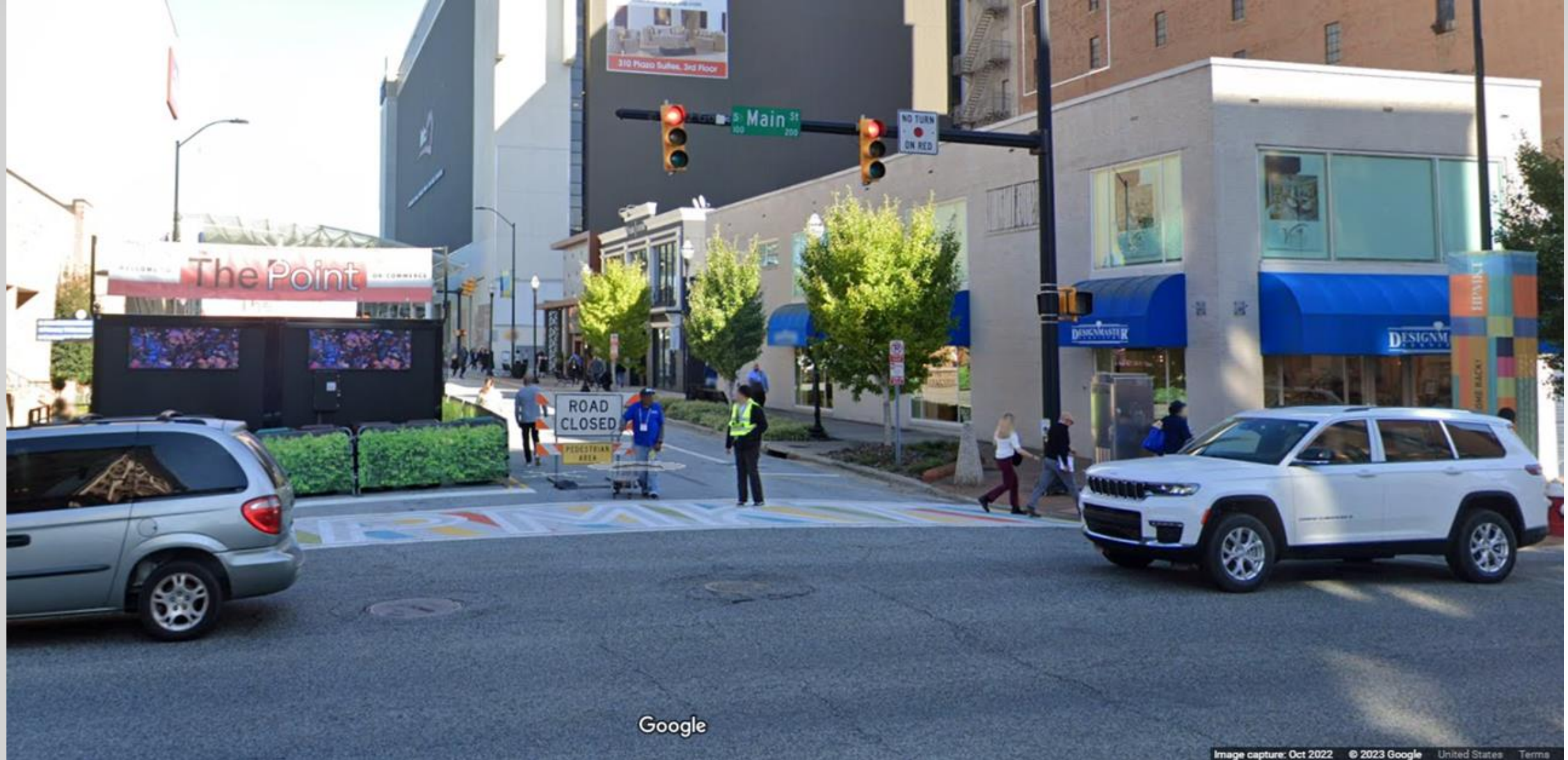
High Point Special Event Permit



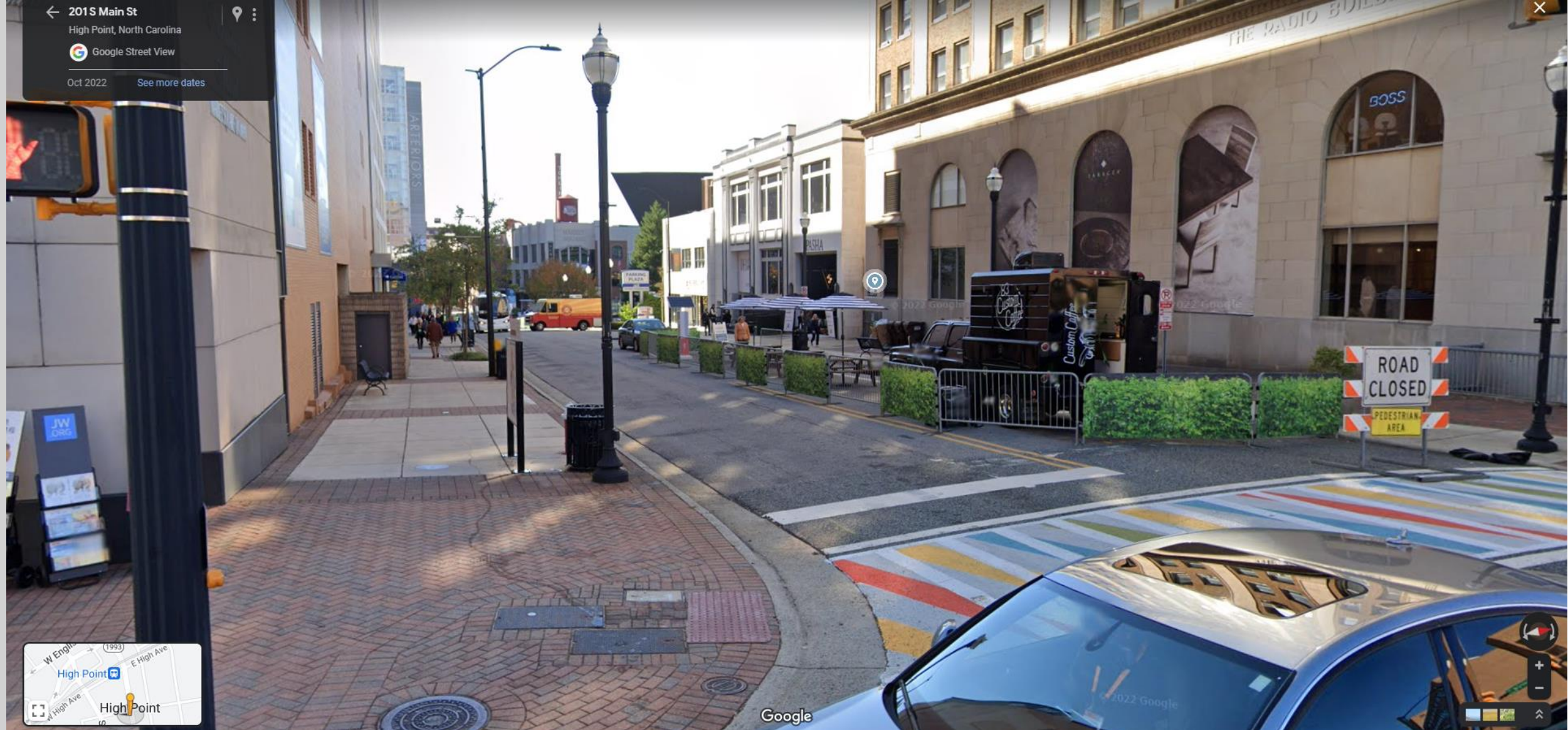


Temporary Street Closure Examples





Temporary Street Closure – High Point Market – E. Commerce Closure



Temporary Street Closure – High Point Market – W. Commerce Closure

Questions?

Greg Venable
Transportation Director