

February 23, 2011

Lemoore City Council
c/o Jeff Brilltz, City Manager
City of Lemoore
119 Fox Street
Lemoore, CA 93245

Re: Request for "E" Street closure from Follett to Heinlen Streets March 19, 2011 &
Potential parking options at Cinnamon Municipal Complex as a potential rain option

To Mr. Brilltz and City Council Members,

As you may already be aware, the Lemoore Rotary club is holding a new fundraising event this year called the Creole Zydeco Blues Festival at Depot Arbor on Saturday March 19th from 5:00 to 10:30 pm. Pre-purchased event tickets include an authentic Creole meal, 1 New Orleans style Hurricane drink or 2 beers, 2 sets of beads, and dancing to two live bands for \$25 each or \$30 if purchased at the event. Proceeds for the event will be going towards a water project in Ecuador, improvements to Rotary skatepark, improvements to Depot Arbor Complex (which will be brought to you separately), and if all goes well another \$500 youth scholarship.

In order to better accommodate the event, **Lemoore Rotary is asking for a street closure of "E" Street from Follett Street to Heinlen Street from 3pm – 11pm on Saturday March 19th, 2011.** We would propose using about a dozen City barricades be used on the two ends of E Street and the three drive approaches around the site and we would provide colored tape to create a boundary around the rest of the site (similar to that used at Brewfest) for the event as generally shown on the attached plan so that security can ensure that only wrist banded persons (who have been verified to be 21 years and older) are in the event area.

We have already talked to the adjacent Teri's Restaurant and Trinity-Justo Filipino Bakery & Deli about the potential street closure (as they are the two businesses that open during the entire event that would be directly affected) and they stated they would be ok with the closure from 5pm on (just to send them reminders the day before). It is anticipated that we may only tape off the northerly half of the street, and only close the entire street width if needed for additional tables and chairs should we sell more than 500 tickets by March 17. Should the closure be granted we would propose to submit an addendum to our ABC permit to see if they would extend alcohol into the taped off area. In talking to KART/ Orange Belt/ and Amtrak they have agreed to put signage up at the bus stop on "E" Street directing riders to the bench on Follett Street and will notify their drivers to pickup at that location instead on the day of the event. We would not propose that cars that happen to be parked on the street be towed.

On a separate note, in case of rain threat 48 hours in advance of the event, we have been working with City staff to utilize the westerly half of the Cinnamon Municipal Facility (CMC) for an alternative event location if need be. We would provide traffic guidance from Depot Arbor to CMC. We have talked with Leah Forte of the Lemoore Sports Foundation, and they agreed to let Rotary utilize their parking lot for event participants who will then be shuttled to the CMC complex due to limited public parking available at the event. **However, it would be extremely helpful, if our venue had to change to this stand-by facility, if additional parking areas could be made available by the City on-site behind the code-padded section of the facility and we could provide an additional security guard to keep people where they need to be.** Anything that can be provided on-site at CMC for additional parking space would be extremely helpful to reduce event costs and thereby put more money into the above community projects.

Thank you for your consideration,


Holly Smyth, President Elect of Lemoore Rotary &
Zydeco Committee Chairperson