



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

To: Mayor Graham and City Council
Thru: Ted Shekell, Planning Director
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: June 28, 2006
Subject: **MOTION** out of Community Development Committee to approve a special event permit Faith United Baptist Church at 112 West Washington for July 14, 2006

List of Committees that have reviewed: The Community Development Committee reviewed the proposed event and as originally proposed, recommended against the street closures being requested. Staff subsequently approached the church which modified their request. This modified request is described below.

Background: Faith United Baptist Church located at 112 West Washington in O'Fallon initially requested a Special Event Permit approval by the City Council for a parade and event on Friday July 14, 2006. They had requested portions of Hwy 50, State Street, and Lincoln, be closed at 5pm on Friday July 14, for their parade to run from their church to the community park. After reviewing the issue, Chief Betten recommended that the street closures not be approved given the negative impact closing these key arteries through town would have on a Friday afternoon at 5pm.

The church subsequently reconsidered their request and now would like to simply have their event at their church building and parking lot at 112 West Washington. While initially wanting the City to close the portion of Cherry St between W. Washington north to the alley (between their church building and parking lot) during their event, this was recommended against because this route forms the primary detour around the Lincoln Avenue street closure. Instead, the reconsidered this request and is now simply requesting City police assistance in escorting pedestrians across W. Washington between their parking lot and the church building between 5 – 8 pm on July 14. The church estimates there will be between 300 and 400 youth at the rally. They will gather on the parking lot for singing, food, games and activities for the youth, and a PA system will be playing music. The outdoor event will end at 8, with the attendees reconvening inside the church building from 8 – 10 pm. Chief Betten stated they will have a presence at the event, as requested, to help ensure pedestrian safety for the attendees and to help minimize conflicts with the detour traffic.

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact: There will be some cost to the City for the police protection, amount undetermined at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the request as modified above.