

RESOLUTION NO.: 2002-067

Authorizing annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista

WHEREAS, the Congaree Vista Guild is sponsoring its annual Vista Lights celebration in the Congaree Vista on Thursday, November 21, 2002, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested permission for Vista area merchants to operate sales booths as part of the celebration; and,

WHEREAS, the Guild has requested that Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street be closed to automotive traffic; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such an event would be in the public interest; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 6th day of November, 2002, that between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2002, merchants are authorized to operate sale booths for items normally sold in their course of business, except alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, within the area of Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that street sales of arts and crafts items (to be defined as items which are in whole or in part handmade and not items purchased for resale) and food and beverage items and game booths be permitted and that the Guild be authorized to determine and allocate available space to vendors and to charge reasonable fees to recover its costs in promoting and operating the festival. The Guild may limit the number of vendors based on space available. The Guild shall prescribe the required application form and appropriate deadline for receiving applications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all vendors be restricted to stationary location and the Guild shall approve or disapprove all amplified entertainment activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only pedestrian traffic will be allowed within the area. All other traffic, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skate boards, and horses, except police horses, is prohibited. All pets shall be prohibited. Coolers, glass bottles, breakable glasses and/or cups, large bags and backpacks shall be prohibited; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the designated time the area of Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street, with the exception of the parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, shall be declared to be a Public Park and the provisions of Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Sec. 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina are in effect. Pursuant to Chapter 14, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Order, Sec. 14-99, 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, the area of Gervais Street between Gadsden Street and Assembly Street, with the exception of the parking areas and any other areas posted as to not allow alcoholic beverages, is deemed to be the site of a public festival at which alcoholic beverages may be consumed and the prohibition against possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages set forth in Sec. 14-99 shall not apply. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in containers provided by vendors within the area designated.

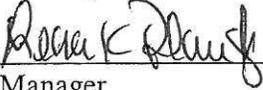
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no solicitation or transactions be made in violation of Sec. 14-32, et. seq., 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Requested by:



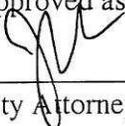
Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 11/6/2002
Final Reading: 11/6/2002

October 17, 2002

To: Shari Ardis

From: Bob Medlock

Re: Resolution for Vista Lights

I have tacit approval from all the necessary folks at the City to proceed with the resolution regarding alcohol and street closing for Vista Lights. The resolution will remain exactly as the one last year changing only the date to Thursday, November 21, 2002.

I am faxing this today and will also mail a signed copy of this request. Thanks for your help.

Bob Medlock
Executive Director
Congaree Vista Guild