

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager *2/3/18*

FROM: Len Bramble, P.E., Assistant City Manager *[Signature]*

DATE: March 7, 2018

SUBJECT: New Special Event Request – Southern Tandem Bicycle Rally
Event Dates: October 12-14, 2018

Background

This is an annual tandem bicycle event held in the fall in the southeastern United States. The last three events were held in and around Salisbury, North Carolina, Cookeville, Tennessee, and Richmond, Virginia. For more information the group maintains a web page (www.southerntandemrally.com) and FaceBook page. This year local residents Debi and Steve Katzman are hosting the 2018 rally in and around Venice from Friday, October 12th through Sunday, October 14th. Their rides will be in the mornings, with the Friday and Sunday rides starting from the host hotel, the Venezia Hotel, with the Saturday ride starting from Sharkys. The group plans for a Friday evening gathering and a Saturday evening banquet likely at the hotel. The group expects to have approximately 100 couples participating in this year's events. Maps of the event day's event ride routes are attached.

The event will not require appreciable City resources or assets. It is possible that a minimal Police presence at the start of each day's ride may be all that is required of the City. The event will be required to provide the usual liability insurance certification. The event will likely require permitting by Sarasota County.

Requested Action

Staff respectfully requests City Council approval of this new one-time special event.