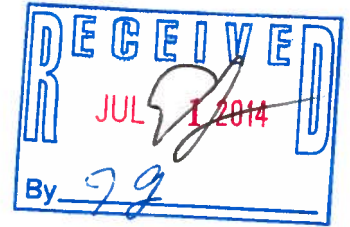


**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**



TO: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

FROM: Scott Pickett, Senior Planner

DATE: June 30, 2014

SUBJECT: Special Event Modification Request

1. Kids REV (Saturday, November 8, 2014; 7:00 am to 9:30 am)
2. Minor changes to the HalfRev bike course

Overview of Requested Special Event Modifications

This is the third consecutive year the REV3 has been held in the City of Venice. The REV3 Local Coordinator requests City Council approval of two changes from last year's event described below.

1. Addition of a Kids REV Triathlon on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 7:00 am to 9:30 am. Two groups of youth will participate. The start time for the 7 to 10 years age group will be at 7:00 am and will include a 75 yard swim, a two-mile bike and a .75 mile run. The start time for the 11 to 14 age group will be at 7:20 am and will include a 150 yard swim, a four-mile bike and a 1.5 mile run. REV3 volunteers and Venice police officers will be present during the event to ensure the safety of the Kids REV athletes

Both swim events will occur in shallow water of the Gulf of Mexico just off the beach in front of Sharky's. REV3 staff, lifeguards and volunteers will be in the water and on shore to ensure safety and monitor the athletes. The run portion of the event will involve one or two laps in Maxine Barritt Park, with volunteers present to ensure the safety of the athletes. The bike course for ages 7-10 will be one, two-mile loop, and the bike course for ages 11-14 will be two, two-mile loops. Four Venice police officers and eight REV3 volunteers will provide management and safety of the bike course. Bike lanes on Harbor Drive and Airport Avenue will be used avoiding the need for any road closures. The specific bike route is as follows (see page 2 of the attached REV3 report on the proposed Kids REV):

- a. Begin at Sharky's north parking lot.
- b. Turn left/north on Harbor Drive (VPD will control traffic).
- c. Turn right/east on Airport Avenue (VPD will control traffic).
- d. Follow Airport Avenue using the eastbound bike lanes to turn-around just before Cooper Road (VPD will control traffic). Athletes will begin using bike lane on the westbound lane of Airport Avenue.
- e. Turn left on Harbor Drive and continue to Sharky's parking lot entrance.
- f. Ages 7-10 turn right into Sharky's parking lot returning to the Transition area for the finish.
- g. Ages 11-14 proceed to turnaround in Sharky's parking lot and repeat steps a through f.

2. Changes to HalfRev Bike Course. During last year's REV3, the OlympicRev and HalfRev bike courses coincided at the intersection of Pinebrook Road and Edmonson Road, resulting in traffic management difficulties for Venice police officers. In coordination with the Venice Police Department, the REV3 organizers have made minor revisions to the HalfRev bike course to eliminate the traffic control difficulties at the intersection that arose last year. Revisions to the portion of the bike course in unincorporated Sarasota County has limited the HalfRev bike course to only one right-turn passage through the Pinebrook Road and Edmonson Road intersection. The event coordinator will be able to elaborate in more detail on the modification to the HalfRev bike course.

Next Steps in Special Event Permitting Process

Following City Council action on this request to modify the REV3 event, staff will proceed to work with the event organizers to:

- 1) Finalize cost estimates for the provision of City services.
- 2) Obtain the event coordinator's signature on the Special Event Agreement.
- 3) Obtain the City Manager's approval of the special event permit.