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MEMORANDUM NO. 01-544

DATE: April 25, 2001

TO: Mayor Jim Naugle
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Commissioner Tim Smith
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FROM: F. T. Johnson, City Manager

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BY: Stephen C. Person, Recreation Superintendent

SUBJECT: May 1, 2001 Agenda – Las Olas Event Road Closings

At the request of Commissioner Smith, we are providing the following information regarding event road closings on East Las Olas Boulevard. The City is following a procedure that was established in 1992 to monitor the road closings of Las Olas Boulevard for special events.

The Las Olas Association is limited to six events per year. This number was agreed upon by a committee formed in 1992 to look at events and their impact on the neighborhoods surrounding East Las Olas Boulevard. The committee was made up of representatives from the neighborhoods, from the Las Olas Association, city staff, and community leaders with an interest and/or involvement in the area. The committee examined all the issues, including the fact that some events take place over two days.

The Las Olas Association has always been cooperative with the City in honoring this agreement. Last year the Association sponsored six events that required road closing:

Christmas on Las Olas	Tues, Nov 28	5-10PM	11 hours road closing
Boulevard of Wheels	Sun, Nov 5	10AM-5PM	12 hours road closing
Las Olas Art Fair	Sat-Sun, Sept 2-3	10AM-5PM	2 day road closing
An Evening Stroll	Thur, Aug 17	7-11PM	12 hours road closing
Las Olas Art Fair	Sat-Sun, Feb 5-6	10AM-5PM	2 day road closing
Las Olas Art Fair	Sat-Sun, Jan 8-9	10AM-5PM	2 day road closing

This year, the Association has hosted the Las Olas Art Fair on January 6-7, and February 3-4. We anticipate that they will have a schedule similar to previous years.