

Email Correspondence:

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Just wanted to catch all of you at once and discuss the upcoming discussion on trail fees and event changes. It appears that this all started with an overabundance of outside agencies from outside McKinney, using our trails to have races and make profits. Your proposal to charge large fees for the usage is an over the top proposal to control it. It would be simpler to just require a permit for all races. Non profits pay less and profit groups pay more. The permit process would allow you to control the number of events that use the trails. If someone is found to be without a permit they could be fined \$500. This would control all usage. If the school complains about the use of the parking lots then the schools should monitor the usage, not the city. It appears that this all has been included in the proposal I have seen and the original issue has been lost.

You should consider grandfathering the Believe Run. As far as I know there have been few complaints about the race. It is a McKinney event. The fees for usage you are proposing would hurt the event and having to change the race course is not necessary. There have been few complaints. Grandfathering the event would also do well as great PR for the council. This also goes for the Crepe Myrtle Trails run.

Don't forget what was the purpose for the changes and don't create a problem where there is none.

Thanks.

Dennis and Sandra Williams

Email Correspondence:

Thu 11/8/2018 11:15 AM

I suggest that the city council consider the following for the athletic events, such as our Triathlon, in McKinney.

We established our course to avoid residential concerns and we scheduled it on Sunday mornings to avoid traffic issues. To date we have had very little complaints about either issue. If you are basing the need to restrict Airport blvd and 546 and industrial I would hope that you looked at traffic data at the time we run our race and not overall data from total daily use. Your data should be looked at the time frame of 7A.M. until 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

If the decision is made to restrict the roads I listed then I would like you to know that we are considering moving our race to Stonebridge Beach club. The only problem is that the HOA has to approve it each year. There may be some time in the future when they don't allow any road closures.

Having said that I would like the city council to consider grandfathering our race as it is run today, and I will pursue moving it. This will give us a fall back if the Stonebridge option goes away.

Additionally I would like the city council to look at the use of the trails and the fees. If they require all races to submit for a permit, then they can control the amount of usage. Local entities, such as the Crepe Myrtle Trails run, should be charged less than the outside the city vendors. Non profits from our city should definitely be charged less so they can make the money needed to continue their charitable activities.

Thanks.

Dennis and Sandra Williams

Email Correspondence - Friday, November 2, 2018 1:02 PM

Subject: Proposed fees for 5K, 10K

Dear McKinney City Council,

Last fall, Bodies Race began using McKinney Texas as one of the locations for runs. We put on a series of holiday based 5K, 10K and 1 Mile run walks that are focused on Family, Fitness and Fun (our motto). It is our intention to have 3-4 of these events in the McKinney area per year.

Our races are relatively small, we started out with about 70 runners and have grown to a high of 369 this last month, The Spooky Sprint. Each race we choose a local charity to partner with and we ask our runners for in kind donations as well as monetary funds to help. Our causes in the McKinney area have been the Red Door Pantry and the Hope Clinic.

We have worked with the Parks and Rec folks, the police and the school facilities people. We pay the special events and facility use fees in order to offer our runners a safe, well organized good experience. We do not charge our vendors to set up booths, rather we ask that they provide the runners with swag, healthy snack options (no fresh food cooking or selling) or to pay for "scholarship" runners. We want to encourage the kids to get into a healthy fun outdoor activity.

I understand you are considering charging a fee for using the trails in McKinney for runs such as ours. The proposed fee is \$500 for a 5K and \$1000 for a 10K. This represents a steep increase in my costs, almost \$10 per runner.

A few questions please. What comes with the \$500 fee? Does it include the \$50 special event fee? Does it include the police costs we need to pay for the event? Are you charging that much for a half marathon?

When we use a McKinney trail, we pride ourselves in setting up and tearing down everything ourselves and leaving the trail, parking lot and grounds as clean if not cleaner than when we started. The runners have a good time and get to experience the beauty and nature of the City of McKinney doing a healthy outdoor activity.

I'm not exactly sure what the motive is of the City Council in this proposal to increase fees. This steep increase will force me to look at alternative, less expensive municipalities to host my runs.

Would you consider a lesser charge of say a \$100 base fee and a \$1 per registered runner? Something that doesn't punish the smaller races?

Bodies Race North Dallas loves McKinney and wants to continue to enhance the experiences of its residents as well as attract people living in other cities, demonstrating how wonderful the parks system and facilities are. I thank you for allowing us to use your trails in the past and hope that we can continue to do so in the future.

Can we discuss the fee increase and hopefully find an alternative that allows us to stay in McKinney?

Sincerely,

Georgia Rei | Race Director

Bodies Race Company - North Dallas