

December 7, 2007

Dear Mayor Gary Becker and Common Council,

Greetings from Downtown Racine.

I am writing as chairman of the committee of "Downtown Racine Carves its Niche", an ice carving sidewalk fest. Several merchants and the DRC are "chipping in", (no pun intended) to sponsor blocks of ice and their carvers. The event will be Saturday, January 12, 2008, beginning at 10am. The ice blocks will be delivered early that morning and placed in front of the stores that sponsored them. There are 12 store front locations on both the east and west sides of Main Street from 6th Street to State Street. Each location will have a block of ice, each 300 lbs, 40" x 20" x 10". The ice block will be placed on a short, platform, 12" high. The sculptors will be using only hand tools and should complete their masterpiece from 10am – 3pm. The ice carvings will stay in place until Mother Nature melts them away.

We understand the ice sculpture must maintain a clear aisle along the building line of a minimum of 5 feet. This will allow a walking area which meets ADA requirements and that will not be impacted by the melting and refreezing of ice on the sidewalk. In addition the ice sculpture must be set back from the curb by at least 2 feet to meet Wis. DOT requirements and to provide a space for plowed snow.

The DRC has is allowing this event to be covered under their liability insurance for the city to be held harmless in the event of an accident. I understand that Devin Sutherland has already spoken to Rick Jones regarding this issue.

Please accept this as our request for approval to use the sidewalks to stage this event.

Kind Regards,

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