

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
DECEMBER 3, 2013
5:32 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the work session of the Edina City Council to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Answering roll call were: Members Brindle, Sprague and Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Bennett arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Edina City Staff attending the meeting: Annie Coyle, City Manager Intern; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Bill Neuendorf, Economic Development Director; Joyce Repya, Associate Planner; and Cary Teague, Community Development Director.

Edina Housing Foundation members attending included: Jeff Huggett, Doug Mayo, Mary Kay McNee, Jim Nelson and Jack Rice.

Mayor Hovland welcomed members of the Edina Housing Foundation and stated the Council looked forward to an interesting presentation on housing issues and strategies.

SOUTHWEST LRT CORRIDOR – WIDE HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE

Associate Planner Repya introduced Cathy Bennett of the Urban Land Institute. Ms. Bennett stated Kerri Pearce Ruch of Hennepin County would also join in the presentation on the Southwest LRT Corridor wide housing strategy. Topics included in the corridor-wide housing strategy included: Southwest LRT Community Works, why housing strategy is important, key points-completed housing inventory and next steps. Ms. Bennett and Ms. Ruch reviewed the key topic going over the housing inventory in greater detail and outlined the next steps that they hoped could be accomplished. The Council discussed the presentation with Ms. Bennett and Ms. Ruch noting the impact the changing demographics might have on housing, and reviewing aspects of the report on the area within .5 miles of a station. It was noted that Edina would most likely need to connect with transit stations via buses. Staff will continue to keep the council informed of development within the area.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING POSSIBILITIES – STRATEGY FOR SUPPORT OF A FULL RANGE OF HOUSING CHOICES – EDINA HOUSING FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Members of the Edina Housing Foundation presented what affordable housing looks like in Edina currently and then presented some affordable projects from neighboring communities. The Foundation and Council discussed the role of city council in the development of affordable housing, minimum thresholds necessary to qualify for federal financing, important components of affordable rental housing, possible steps Edina could utilize to encourage affordable housing, the potential development of an affordable housing policy for the Council to adopt and whether or not tax increment financing could be used to incentivize inclusion of affordable housing in Edina developments.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, December 17, 2013.

James B. Hovland, Mayor