

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Mayor and Council Members

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Action
Discussion
Information

Date: December 4, 2012

Subject: CORRESPONDENCE

Action Requested:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council Meeting.

No action is requested.

From the occupants of
7501 West Shore Dr
Fri 9-27-12

Dear Marty
we are truly touched by your kindness. We
realized that behind doing your job as a job,
there is strong motivation and morals to help people
you don't even know. Thank you —

more than words can say!

for your kindness, patience & generosity.
Hamed & Huoda
Rauof & Rozan
Mustafa & Massa

Nov. 21. 2012

Happy Thanksgiving

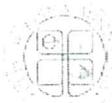
Susan Howl

From: Brian Olson
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 11:47 AM
To: 'kathy.r.frey@gmail.com'
Cc: Susan Howl; Jeff Long; James Hovland
Subject: RE: Contact Us form submission

Dear Ms. Frey,

First of all, let me start by saying that I apologize for the interaction that you had with the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department takes pride in the service level that it provides to the residents of this community. You were the first person that made Public Works aware of this accident and concern about debris in the street. I have informed my Street Supervisor to get the intersection swept and notify and the County about the road signs that were hit. Thank you for providing the information. The intersection will be swept before noon.

Sincerely,
Brian



Brian Olson, Public Works Director

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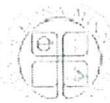
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From: Lynette Biunno **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 9:55 AM
To: Brian Olson
Cc: Susan Howl; Jeff Long
Subject: FW: Contact Us form submission

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Jeff Long and Brian Olson.



Lynette Biunno, Receptionist

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From: mail@EdinaMN.gov [<mailto:mail@EdinaMN.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 9:47 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: Kathy Frey

Organization:

Website:

Address_1:

Address_2: 6021 Killarney Lane

City: Edina

State: MN

Zip_Code: 55436

Email: kathy.r.frey@gmail.com

Phone: 952-412-3515

Referrer: google

Message: Dear City of Edina, This morning, 11/27/12, on my way to work there was a most unfortunate situation that occurred near the intersection of Vernon and Interlachen. Obviously there had just been a major accident because all of the signs in the island on Vernon were flattened. I didn't realize it until it was too late, but as I was taking a left onto Interlachen from Vernon, I (and hundreds of other people in other cars) drove over piles of large shards of glass, broken plastic and sharp pieces of metal. No cop car, no lights, no public works, no one was there helping and directing vehicles around this mess. So I called the non-emergent police number and reported the problem. The dispatcher on duty replied by saying, "Oh, that is not our job. That would be public works." So I asked her why they hadn't been notified, thought it odd that a commuter should have to do this, but asked to be connected to public works. Public works answered and replied, "Oh, it is near the intersection of Vernon and Interlachen? That is not our job. That is the county's job". At this point, I am now at work. There is a strong possibility that I will have flat tires as will hundreds of other cars and trucks who were at that intersection this morning. This is unacceptable. I have left a message with the chief of police, (he is out of town but hopefully I will hear from his deputy) and the mayor. What are our tax dollars for if not this?

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Hein de Hoog
7215 Gloucester Dr
Edina, MN. 55435

November 28, 2012

Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Good Morning Mr. Hovland,

Enclosed please find my payment in the amount \$7,086.57 for the recent street "repair" done on Gloucester Drive, where I own a duplex.

Please be advised that not only am I not happy with the cost of the repair, I am even less happy with the process that resulted in the decision to make the repair and how this was presented to the community.

The below list of issues I have are off of memory and the amounts and course of events won't be correct, but not too far off to alter the truth of what actually occurred.

The initial letter sent to the community was a generic letter indicating that the cost per household would be approximately \$12,000. This letter was chock full of information that was not correct or relevant to our street. When this amount was later revised to items relevant for our street it was reduced to approximately \$5,000 per household. I believe the city used a scare tactic. Hit the owner with an over the top large amount and then when the amount is scaled back to a not as large amount, there will be less resistance. So my point is that the manner and accuracy in which this was done was very poor.

Even the write up on the work that needed to be done on our street had many material errors and included things not relevant to our street. When I talked to city personnel in private and pointed this out, I was told that I was correct about the inaccuracies yet at the council meeting when I brought this up and you questioned the same city personnel, it was brushed over saying a random item may be slightly over stated but nothing was materially incorrect. This second response at the meeting couldn't be further from the truth. So my point is how could the answer be different in private than in public and how much duress are city employees under to tell it the way the council wants to hear it?

Of the "real" work that needed to be done, much of this could be accomplished without tearing up the street. The only remaining substantial concerns was a water main on one of the cul-de-saks that was not large enough. There were no registered complaints from the residence on this street indicating a lack of water pressure or requesting this to be upgraded. Additionally there was a patch of about twenty feet by twenty feet where the top layer of asphalt was letting go. This was also in one of the cul-de-saks. Yes, a bit unsightly, but again, no registered complaints. So my point is that even though there

was "real" work that needed to be done, it was in a cul-de-sac and only affected the residents there, here, not any other residents or the city at large.

Many of the residents indicated that the condition of the street was actually very good. Granted this is an opinion but nonetheless, that is how they felt about their own street. The city hired a company to make a professional assessment of the streets condition and the approximate score out of 100 points was 36. This left little room for negotiation because it was "professionals" versus opinion. Well not exactly. Again, in speaking with your city employee prior to the council meeting I asked about alternative maintenance and we discussed a gravel spray that could be put down at a cost to the city of approximately \$50,000. At the city council meeting a man who worked for the city of Minneapolis in street repair gave all sorts of data and information about testing he had done to soil in his neighborhood some thirty years ago prior to buying and building. As I recall, he said that we would be hard pressed to build a more solid road bed for asphalt than what was already there and that there was no reason to tear anything up from a wear stand point, it actually couldn't be built any better. So my point here is that even "professionals" have different "opinions" based on knowledge they have and that residents uneducated in the field of street repair may still have a valid point when they say our streets are fine. Furthermore, who has who in their back pocket and why would a professional assessment company rate a streets condition so much worse than what a common sense opinion would offer. Is there a pay off for them???

A petition had been presented to the city where nearly eighty percent of the residents affected by the "repair" indicated they were not in favor of the project. The motion was moved by Josh Sprague under the pretense that the "council was responsible for the infrastructure of the city". I say pretense because the infrastructure in question was a horse shoe and two cul-de-sacs. These streets are not used by the city at large, only the residents that were questioning the need for the "repair". The streets are in no way a thorough fares or thru streets. If my memory serves me correctly, then the mission of the council is to represent the residents. So my point here is that I believe the very residents that the council was supposed to be representing, they didn't.

Mr. Hovland, I know I have left out much detail. Furthermore, I can go in with many more examples, but clearly this letter is long enough already. I have several points I still wish to make, and I will be direct. I attempted to make my points at the council meeting but the three minutes allowed are hardly adequate. Between myself and the others that spoke that night I believe 5 of the 6 requested this project be table offering an opportunity for further conversation and study. A gentleman there that night even spoke saying he wasn't involved in a street repair issue but that tabling it was a great idea. The council wouldn't have it. What a shame and what was the council scared of? Why couldn't it be discussed further? If we as residents are responsible for "repair", then so be it, we should pay for the repair. But if the city is responsible for upkeep and upkeep is still a possibility, then they should pay for it. The problem with the way it is set up now is that the same people responsible for the upkeep (city) have the authority to shrug their duty and pass it off to someone else (residents).

Clearly the council decided that no matter what, this project was going to pass and that no residents objections or request for further conversation would influence the decision. Shame on the council for not listening to the people that elected them and shame on you for not offering better leadership to the council. If I lead my business' in this way I wouldn't have employees worth having and if I spent unnecessary money like this in my business, I wouldn't make it in business. This project was a terrible waste of natural resources and money!

How unfortunate that you had no "real" opposition for the mayors seat in the last election. In my humble opinion your opponent didn't merit nearly the number of votes she received and that they were cast not in favor of her, but in opposition to you. And my vote would be one of them. Don't be so heavy handed and listen to your constituents.

A very disgruntled Edina resident,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Bennett'.

Cc; Joni Bennett, Mary Brindle, Josh Sprague, Ann Swenson

Susan Howl

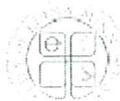
From: Wayne Houle
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 2:48 PM
To: 'bethkkehoe@gmail.com'
Cc: Susan Howl; Lynette Biunno; Bob Wilson
Subject: RE: Attn City Council and Engineering

Ms. Kehoe:

After reading your email I wanted to be sure that you knew that you do have choices for payment of the special assessment. I have copied and pasted below from the special assessment policy the different choices for repayment. They essentially are:

1. Pay the entire balance, which I believe you are doing.
2. Don't pay or partially pay the special assessment and let the remaining balance be spread out over 15 years.
3. Defer payment through the Senior Deferral Program – contact the Assessing Department at 952-826-0365 to see if you are eligible for this program.

I do realize that you were not asking how to repay the assessment, but rather stating that this is a burden on residents. I have not seen any proposals that would change this policy for future projects. Please contact me if you any questions regarding the special assessments.



Wayne Houle, Director of Engineering

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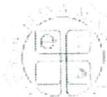
6. *Repayment Periods: Repayment period for special assessments levied by the City of Edina vary depending on the purpose for which the assessment was levied: Repayment periods and terms are as follows:*
 - a. *Maximum Repayment Periods:*
 - i. *Local roadway reconstruction - 15 years.*
 - ii. *Sound walls – 15 years.*
 - iii. *Garbage and debris removal, aquatic weeds, weed mowing, and maintenance districts – 1 year.*
 - iv. *Tree removals - 1 year if under \$500, 2 years if \$500 to \$1000, and 3 years if over \$1000.*
 - v. *Underground utility line replacements – 15 years.*
 - vi. *Sump pump removal or redirection – 5 years*
 - b. *Assessment Interest Rate – The interest rate for a special assessment shall be 1% higher than the estimated “net interest” rate of the bonds to be issued for the project. If a bond is not issued for a project then the interest rate shall be 1% higher than the net interest rate of the most recent bonds sold by the City prior to ordering the public improvement. The interest rates for 6.a.iii., 6.a.iv., 6.a.v., and 6.a.vi. shall be 6.5%*
 - c. *The City will accept both partial pre-payments and full pre-payments on assessments before certifying the assessment to the County. For ease of administration, a minimum of 25% of the assessable cost must be applied for a partial payment.*
 - d. *The City shall inform all property owners received a special assessment of the City's Senior Deferral Program.*
 - e. *Payments shall be amortized using a level annual payment schedule.*

From: Lynette Biunno **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 1:32 PM

To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Attn City Council and Engineering

Good afternoon,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members and Wayne Houle.



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From: Beth Kehoe [<mailto:bethhkehoe@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 24, 2012 10:55 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Beth Kehoe
Subject: Attn City Council and Engineering

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with a sad heart and sick stomach that I sit here writing my check for my street assessment. It is neither something I requested, nor something I feel was necessary at this time. With the economy as it is, the time for this surprise work couldn't be worse. Yes, maybe my neighbors needed help with the drainage on the pond near me. Yes, maybe we had a few potholes on our street. Yes, a coating of asphalt may have been important. And yes, maybe that could have all been done at a time when families are getting raises at work that help them keep up with the raises in taxes and inflation. Now is not that time. It is simply sickening that we are being charged \$12,379.41 right now. It is an enormous amount at any time for a middle class family. It is an ever bigger amount at this time in history. It is simply a disgrace that this type of bill would just show up in the mail one day. This day of payment has been making me and my husband sick for the last year and now the time has come to pay for it. What is even worse, is that there is now a discussion going on that maybe these surprise letters to families that they owe astronomical bills will cease to happen. That is great to hear. However, why must we bear this entire burden now? If it isn't right for future families, why is right for us, right now? The answer is, it simply isn't. We moved to Edina for a number of reasons. We pay our mortgage on time. We pay our taxes. We celebrate the city. But this type of assessment is more than a black spot on Edina's reputation. It is unthinkable. If, in the future, the city chooses to eliminate this type of assessment, it would be nice if families who have had to bear this burden at this time of economic hardship, would receive a refund of some or all back. Now, with a heavy heart and empty bank account, I submit my payment.

Beth Kehoe
5613 Sherwood Ave
Edina, MN 55424

November 24, 2012
4606 Drexel Avenue
Edina Mn 55424

Jim Harland, Mayor
City of Edina
Re: Wooddale bicycle lanes

I wanted you to be aware of my perspective on the above. I provide the enclosures to that end. They include my letters to Scott Neal of (11/3) and (11/23), and his thoughtful response (11/7) to the first. I initially wrote to the City Manager, instead of the Mayor and Council, because the election was imminent.

I was pleased that you were returned to office.
Congratulations.

Ronald P. Deesman

November 3, 2012

4606 Drexel Ave
Edina 55424

Scott Neal, City Manager
City of Edina

We have lived on Drexel since 1978,
and I am writing with that historical
perspective.

My wife and I drove from the old
Country Club neighborhood to and from
Galleria on a recent week day
afternoon. Our route was along Wooddale
and Valley View. In the stretch of road
where the new lane markings were
present, we saw a total of 4 bike riders.
The two adults were riding on the sidewalk.
The two teenagers were riding in the
car lane. The only use of the 2 bike
lanes was a person being pushed in a
wheel chair.

Am I missing something here? This
lane arrangement looks like some
bygone experiment devised by psychologists
to confuse rats. Wayne Noble, who
I on most occasions advise, advises
that the public needs more education
in the plan. Educating the public in
this case appears to be an euphemism

for forcing the public to accept the lane arrangements, however nonsensical.

The issue itself is not a grand one, nor is it likely to have much impact on my life. My objection is one of principle. The action gives the impression of an ill conceived gimmick. As such it is an embarrassment to the City of Edina, and an unfortunate example of the City's governance.

Normally I would have addressed this to the Mayor and Council members. Because the election is so imminent I addressed it to you. Ask that you distribute copies to the Mayor and Council members.

Ronald J. Seesman
Professor Emeritus

The phrase gratuitous innovation masquerading as enlightened administration comes to mind.



November 7, 2012

Dr. Donald Geesaman
4606 Drexel Avenue
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Professor Geesaman:

I am in receipt of your November 3rd letter. It was civil and well written. I hope you judge my response to be the same.

As you might guess, the City has received a great deal of feedback on the Wooddale Avenue bike lanes, most of it negative. We have received many comments, like yours, that are not only critical of the bike lane design, but also skeptical about its need. Regarding the design of the street markings, the City consulted with transportation engineering authorities to produce a bike lane plan that meets state and federal design requirements. The bike lane design is new to Edina, and to Minnesota, so it is true that most drivers are not familiar with the new street markings right now. However, the bike lane markings you see on Wooddale Avenue will become more common in the future. I have personally observed a sea change in the manner in which drivers have learned how to navigate roundabouts in Minnesota. I believe that drivers will also learn, in time, to successfully and routinely navigate bike lanes as well.

Judging the need for the bike lanes is another question entirely. I happen to be composing this letter to you on Election Day. This day is significant to me because it is a stark reminder for me of my place in the leadership hierarchy of city government. As the City Manager for the City of Edina, I work for the elected officials that are selected by the citizens of Edina. They do not work for me, and that's as it should be. I accept their judgment about what are and are not important issues in Edina because they are the legitimately elected leaders of the community. I advise them on issues, and I have a large degree of control over how issues are addressed, but they largely determine what important issues are addressed by city government.

The inclination of our City Council here in Edina – which is much the same as City Councils anywhere in America - is to be responsive to citizens who express needs and ask for help. Council Members have many constituents who tell them that bike lanes and sidewalks are important. The Council believes that Edina's future will be better if we improve the pedestrian and biking infrastructure today. I am sure you must understand that for Council Members to be responsive to their constituents who are demanding more and better biking facilities in Edina, they must, by definition be less responsive to constituents who believe that bike lane spending is unnecessary. This is the central conundrum of elected officials at all levels of government. I do not have a solution for it, just enough firsthand experience with it to assure you that it is as frustrating for the governing as it is the governed.

Sincerely,


Scott H. Neal
City Manager

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November 23, 2012

4606 Droyel Ave

Edina 55424

Scott Neal, City Manager

City of Edina

Re: Wooddale Bike Lanes

Thank you for your prompt and thoughtful response of 11/7/12.

1) As an outsider, I can flesh out your careful rendering of city governance with a greater sense of human-faalty.

2) Roundabouts are not analagous to the case at hand. They were and are a provenly effective way of handling the intersection of 2 or more busy streets or highways.

3) My comments are specific to the Wooddale - Valley View bike lanes, which I locate in the same category of contrived fantasy as the old joke about the U.K. planning to change from left side to right side driving, and testing the idea by having only the trucks make the change initially.

4) My criticisms are patently sensible, and in no way reactionary. Like my Gillette razor, bicycles have been a valued but minor part of life, but no moral imperative.

adhere to either, that would rationalize
the absurd.

5) Again we drove home from Galleria on
Wood Dale. This time we saw 4 bicycle
riders. All were on the sidewalk. They
were teen agers. The fact is the Wooddale
marking are a loony idea, but an
interesting study of human nature
when confronted by confusing order. Will
cyclists be afraid of bike lanes? Or will
they consider them only an option? Or will
some cyclists feel empowered by a
capricious action in their behalf? We
can, however be relatively certain of
one thing. Wooddale = Valley View is
a significant arterial from East Edina
and 50th Street to Southdale, Galleria
and the 65th Street Medical complex, and
few cyclists on Wooddale are likely to
be going to or coming from any of
the latter.

6) In recent years I have held the governance
of Edina in high regard, and please
appreciate that in that spirit that
my letters were conceived.

Ronald Desman



November 26, 2012

Mr. John Keprios
Edina Parks & Recreation Director
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Re: Edina Aquatic Center Lease Renewal Request

Dear John:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Aquajet Swim Team to respectfully request the opportunity to renew our lease of the Edina Aquatic Center. As you know, we have been an appreciative lessee of the Edina Aquatic Center for the past 8 years. Over this time period, we have gained the favor of the Aquatic Center staff by treating the facility as if it were our own. Bill Moir, the Edina Aquatic Center Facility Manager, has often expressed his appreciation for the way the Aquajets have maintained the facility - stating "the Aquajets always leave the pool in better condition than when we arrived."

The Aquajets have approximately 350 swimmers on our team with a large portion of those swimmers living in the southwest metro area. Of the 350 swimmers, over 81 swimmers or approximately 22.4% of our team reside or go to school in Edina, just below the number of swimmers from Eden Prairie at 90 or 24.9%. Our team has experienced unprecedented success over the last three or four years. In the past year, we are proud to have had two swimmers compete in the 2012 London Olympics - Rachel Bootsma, who earned a gold medal for the USA Olympic Team and Heather Arseth on the Mauritius Olympic Team. In addition, the Aquajets have set multiple national records and continue to be a "Gold Medal" designated team through USA Swimming. The "Gold Medal" designation recognizes the Aquajets for our success in promoting the development of a strong, well-rounded swim program that produces elite 18 & under athletes. A big part of our team's success is a result of being able to swim in facilities like the Edina Aquatic Center.

Over the next 30 days, we would like to renew our permit for leasing the Edina Aquatic Center with similar terms as last year. We look forward to our discussions. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call Joel Anderson at 952-406-2744 or me at 612-360-7454.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Foster", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steven Foster
Aquajets President

cc: Mr. Richard Hovland – Edina Mayor
Mr. Scott Neal – Edina City Manager
Mr. Joel Anderson – Aquajets Board Member

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 9:29 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Wild and Wooly SLP



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From: Erik Hinkie [<mailto:ehinkie@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 9:25 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Wild and Wooly SLP

Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council,

Today I am embarrassed to live in Edina. The comments made by you, your staff, and the Edina City council regarding SLP's "bar town" and the "wild and wooly" West End are way off base and do nothing but feed into negative stereotypes about Edina.

It is astonishing that in 2012 Edina is still concerned about the percentage of liquor served in restaurants. Moving to a 50-50 ratio isn't going to turn 50th and France into a seedy, tenuous environment for families. What it will do is support an expanding base of high quality establishments that are trying to compete for business from families like mine that have plenty of options in close proximity outside of Edina.

What did you hope to accomplish by insulting the mayor of SLP and it's residents? I'm already hearing from friends in SLP that are angered by your comments. They take great pride in their city, as they should.

We need to create a business friendly environment that will bring new restaurants in to Edina- not encourage them to set up shop in SLP because of a puritanical, mis-informed, and unfriendly approach to managing alcohol.

Erik Hinkie

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
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To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
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From: Rick Hammond [<mailto:hammond@mac.com>]
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2012 2:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Attn: City Council and Engineering

I am writing about the roadway improvements for Lake Edina Neighborhood that seems like a breach of fiduciary trust. My concern is the initial estimates were half of the new \$12,500 assessment estimates, which does little for my trust in the City of Edina. The new dollar amount is truly unacceptable.

Like many families over the past few years we have had both job and financial struggles, but we kept our family together and have been able to keep our home. You are assigning us a huge financial obligation for new curbs and asphalt on our street, which seems incredibly bloated. What else must my family give up?

Please reconsider your choices. We are prepared to tighten our belts for the \$6,000+ our friends in other parts of Edina paid to have their streets re-done. Otherwise honestly let the road continue to deteriorate, because a roof over our head is where I would rather put our money.

Sincerely,

Rick

Rick L. Hammond

Mobile: 612-804-5931
Email: hammond@mac.com

Subject: RE: Proposed Changes at MSP (MAC/FAA)

Mike and Sandi,

Thank you for taking time to share your concerns regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's proposed changes in flight paths around Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in order to implement performance-based navigation here.

As you know, the FAA in September asked the Metropolitan Airports Commission board to endorse the plan this month. Based on extensive input from community leaders and airport neighbors like you, the MAC board on Nov. 19 voted to approve the FAA's plan except for departures on runways 30L and 30R.

If the FAA moves forward with partial implementation of performance-based navigation as recommended by the MAC, that will mean that communities to the south and east will realize the benefits of performance-based navigation – enhanced safety, fewer aircraft emissions and less noise over many populated areas – while those to the north and west of the airport will not experience the changes in departure flight paths that would have resulted from the FAA's proposal.

It remains unclear at this time whether or when the FAA will move forward with the partial implementation supported by the MAC board. Decisions regarding where and how aircraft can fly are determined solely by the FAA, not by the Metropolitan Airports Commission or other airport authorities. Regardless, we are confident the FAA will not implement performance-based navigation for departures off of runways 30L and 30R – toward Richfield Minneapolis and Edina -- at this time.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with the Metropolitan Airports Commission. MAC board members fully considered input from community leaders and citizens, and the action the board took on Nov. 19 reflects that input.

Patrick

From: Genau, Mike [<mailto:mike.genau@medtronic.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 17, 2012 5:16 PM
To: Hogan, Patrick
Cc: mail@EdinaMN.gov
Subject: Proposed Changes at MSP (MAC/FAA)

Mr. Hogan,

We recently read the information on the proposed changes in air traffic for flights landing and departing from Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport and we have to say that the process the Commission and FAA is using does not appear to be fair or fully vetted. We are new to the area and are in the process of buying a home in Edina. With this news, we will likely walk away from our contract, thus losing our significant earnest money, as we feel we have no choice. The risk of property devaluation is too great. We like the area and felt it would be a good investment, and that the quality of life would be very good, as well. But, the proposed changes in flight patterns will have a SIGNIFICANT, negative impact on

any real-estate investment in Edina and the quality of life will suffer. Surely you are hearing from many people who are upset with the way this has been handled. The apparent lack of concern for the people of Edina is alarming.

At this time, we are not in favor of the proposed changes to the MSP flights and request that the vote scheduled for Monday be postponed and that the changes not be recommended to the FAA. Perhaps, after a more thorough evaluation of the ramifications of the changes, our opinion will change. We expect the same courtesy, consideration and involvement as all the other communities who are affected and do not appreciate the seemingly non-transparent way this has been handled.

Respectfully,

Mike & Sandi Genau

Cc: Mayor James Hovland

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl; Chad Millner
Subject: FW: Attn City Council and Engineering - Road improvement NO BA-392

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Wayne Houle and Chad Millner.



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From: rickwindham@q.com [<mailto:rickwindham@q.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 11:09 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Attn City Council and Engineering - Road improvement NO BA-392

I was just reviewing the improvement proposed for my neighborhood and see that the part of Mendelsson east of Blake road is not included. Since all roads between Blake and Interlachen CC, except Mendelsson, are included why would the one street be left out? It would seem to have that improvement done as a small project would be very expensive and if the planned project had more houses included the cost of our project might be less per household.

Can you please share the rational for this design.

Rick Windham
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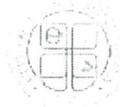
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Message: We would like to thank Jim Hovland and Scott Neal for jumping into the MACV's takeoff/landing routes proposal, that would have been so harmful to Edina residents. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We appreciate your energy and your effectiveness. Thank you also for staying on top of this issue. Best regards, Steve and Cathy Carlson

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 8:38 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: 50th and France parking



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From: Christine Braun [<mailto:stork.mn@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 9:18 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 50th and France parking

Dear Mr. Hovland,

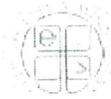
I am writing to convey my extreme displeasure with the parking situation at 50th and France. You have developed this area to draw consumers to your city and now you are driving us away with the parking situation. I have been a frequent shopper in your city. Last week I received a \$42 parking citation for parking more than two hours in the ramp while shopping more than two hours and spending hundreds of dollars in this neighborhood. I will not be returning to shop in your city again until you fix the parking situation. Consumers should be rewarded and not penalized for staying longer and shopping more. Currently this is not an option in your city.

Sincerely,

Christine Braun

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 8:40 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: meeting with the mayors at Edina Morningside Community Church



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From: David Frenkel [<mailto:frenkel@att.net>]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 9:57 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Steve Kirchman; feglaw@gmail.com; Edina Mail
Subject: meeting with the mayors at Edina Morningside Community Church

Dear Mayor Hovland,
I had to leave the meeting early tonight at Edina Morningside Community Church before residential redevelopment issues may have been discussed.

There are certainly issues around appropriate residential development in Edina but my biggest concern is the lack of oversight both by the city and the developer at a property being developed next to my house. I have been in constant contact with city agencies and police over the past few months over a variety of road related violations including dumping of construction materials on the street, illegal parking, blocking my driveway and blocking streets.

I have young children and their safety is my primary responsibility and the primary concern of the developer is to maximize their profits and these 2 goals are clashing at the development at 4511 Golf Terrace.

The city of Edina needs to better regulate, monitor and fine developers for violating city and federal safety codes. Having lived in other comparably sized suburbs in Seattle and Washington, DC I have plenty of suggestions on how to rein in developers who do not play by the rules and do not put safety first.

Thank you.

Regards,

David Frenkel
4510 Lakeview Drive
612-237-1966

Hello

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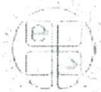
--- On Sat, 11/24/12, paul bearmon <mikburger22@yahoo.com> wrote:

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 1:32 PM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Attn City Council and Engineering

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From: Beth Kehoe [<mailto:bethhkehoe@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, November 24, 2012 10:55 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Beth Kehoe
Subject: Attn City Council and Engineering

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with a sad heart and sick stomach that I sit here writing my check for my street assessment. It is neither something I requested, nor something I feel was necessary at this time. With the economy as it is, the time for this surprise work couldn't be worse. Yes, maybe my neighbors needed help with the drainage on the pond near me. Yes, maybe we had a few potholes on our street. Yes, a coating of asphalt may have been important. And yes, maybe that could have all been done at a time when families are getting raises at work that help them keep up with the raises in taxes and inflation. Now is not that time. It is simply sickening that we are being charged \$12,379.41 right now. It is an enormous amount at any time for a middle class family. It is an ever bigger amount at this time in history. It is simply a disgrace that this type of bill would just show up in the mail one day. This day of payment has been making me and my husband sick for the last year and now the time has come to pay for it. What is even worse, is that there is now a discussion going on that maybe these surprise letters to families that they owe astronomical bills will cease to happen. That is great to hear. However, why must we bear this entire burden now? If it isn't right for future families, why is right for us, right now? The answer is, it simply isn't. We moved to Edina for a number of reasons. We pay our mortgage on time. We pay our taxes. We celebrate the city. But this type of assessment is more than a black spot on Edina's reputation. It is unthinkable. If, in the future, the city chooses to eliminate this type of assessment, it would be nice if families who have had to bear this burden at this time of economic hardship, would receive a refund of some or all back. Now, with a heavy heart and empty bank account, I submit my payment.

Beth Kehoe
5613 Sherwood Ave
Edina, MN 55424

Subject: RE: Council Meeting Comments

One additional fact check item for the council to be made aware of. The lot that was mentioned by a council member during Tuesdays hearing that was recently developed, that you identified as being at Wooddale and West 70th is actually at the corner of West Shore Drive and 70th.

The honorable Mayor inferred that the development of that vacant lot was probably in part credited to the recent street renovations on 70th. The fact is prior to May 2012 that lot was never developed. It was previously owned for decades by the past owner of the lot behind it at 6912 Creston Road. Until May it was one of the handful of undeveloped residential lots left in the city of Edina. The previous home owner on Creston sold both lots back in November 2009 and the new owner never intended to hold on to the lot to the West on West Shore Drive and eventually sold the lot in May of this year. Unless the most recent owner on Creston Road was clairvoyant and hence knew back in 2009 what was going to be done to 70th Street the credit you gave for the lot being developed was wrong. Just another example of the council attempting to take credit when credit is not due while all the time avoiding responsibility for bad judgments. I'm all for the council being commended for their accomplishments but when you repeatedly try to put lipstick on a pig failing to appreciate you represent a community of farmers so to speak it's insulting to hear time and time again and should be embarrassing to you as a body.

I have had four separate snow removal companies come to my residence at 4705 West 70th street to bid plowing my drive. I have had bidders decline in the past to do my drive due to the traffic on the street but all five who have come out this season told me they would not be interested in bidding it out due to the traffic and the stacking in front of my residence. This was a consequence I did not foresee earlier that I want to credit you for. Would the city have any interest in assuming this responsibility?

I'm done for now and my satisfaction doesn't come from anticipating any of you to respond, in fact you have shown from past experience that's not in your nature when the communication doesn't involve accolades. My satisfaction, and I was left to believe Chief Long's is similar, is simply knowing you have been informed.

Have you all reached that invisible line marking your level of accomplishment in your chosen careers that you have forgotten how karma works? I hope one day the council will put as much energy into abiding by a mission statement and code of ethics as it does a comprehensive plan.

Yours Truly,

Hank Babb

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From: Hank Babb
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 10:07 AM
To: 'Jlong@EdinaMN.gov'
Cc: 'edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us'
Subject: Council Meeting Comments

Chief Long,

Simply Unbelievable...

Maybe it was your uniform that intimidated them or maybe certain council members are simply tired of hearing the truth but whatever it was you sure struck a nerve during the last council meeting when you addressed your departments concerns regarding the reduction of speed limits on Tracy and West 70th. They showed their true colors during the meeting in which you spoke. I applaud you for attempting to openly communicating in a transparent fashion the unintended consequences these changes have made to the neighborhoods and your clearly stated intention in doing so which was to warn the council of potential safety risks on the adjacent streets. Any reasonable person that actually listened to what you said couldn't have missed that as being your focal point. Obviously the egos that exist on the opposite side of the podium are not only unable but also unwilling to consider any opinion that differs from theirs which in and of itself displays significant risk to the residents of Edina. If and when J. Sprague becomes mayor, which has been his obvious ambition since joining the community, he will be left with the task of eventually recognizing the "Period of adjustment" he so often refers to doesn't in fact represent eventual acceptance or compliance but rather concerned residents simply giving up the fight from exhaustion. The Mayor fully appreciates and practices this philosophical approach on most issues that garner pushback from residents and it's proven to be an effective strategy so I don't expect it will change. For him to recommend you use your resources to set up what in essence would be speed traps on adjacent streets to those whose speed limits have been reduced indicates his complete inability or unwillingness to consider the concerns you raised. You indicated drivers are veering off 70th and Tracy to connect to side streets that have speed limits of 30 mph to avoid the congestion that has been created on the main arteries. You didn't mention that your patrol officers observed reckless speeding on those side streets, just increased volumes. The Mayor then took your comment

and spun it into cars going 40-45 mph on side streets posted at 30. No one on the council attempted to correct him which again spoke volumes to me. Mr. Sprague addressed the fact the volumes on 70th Street have resumed post construction levels and contributes that to "Period of adjustment". The Southdale Mall is essentially barren due to reconstruction so if volumes are now back to "Normal", I would argue the increase isn't based on adjustments but rezoning and development in the area they are responsible for. Wait until Southdale resumes normal operations and see what the traffic volumes rise to on that street. Traffic stacks up from Hwy 100 to West Shore Drive now and the light queues by speeds but if the average speed is in fact 32mph wouldn't that tell a reasonable person the street isn't currently functioning by its intended design. To hear Sprague testify the reconstruction on 70th has calmed traffic and made it more enjoyable to live on confirms he will say whatever he deems necessary to sway public opinion from reality. You live close to West 70th Street and see firsthand the impact the signal, roundabout and reduced speed limits have had so who does he think he's fooling.

To have multiple members including the Mayor continue to reference members of the community who applaud the 70th Street redevelopment project simply represents their defensive posture regarding the majority of comments they have received that voice concern and frustration which they rarely if ever acknowledge in an open forum. I had a council member graciously accept my invitation to stand in my front yard and observe traffic behaviors at W 70th and W. Shore Drive just before the elections. The veteran council member was seasoned enough not to openly share her opinions from her observations that day with me but I assumed she had the moxie to counter argue some of the continual public comments, made by other members of the council, slapping themselves on the back for achieving their goals and meeting the neighborhoods concerns with regards to 70th Street. (I was wrong)

The council mistakenly made it apparent they don't value you or your patrol officers opinions and not only that, they don't want to hear them unless it's behind closed doors. This political body represents the decay of our government in my opinion. Maybe you should get your hands on a crash dummy or two and hold a training exercise at the intersection of West Shore and 70th that would help educate the seemingly clueless citizens the increased bodily harm caused to a pedestrian who's hit by a vehicle traveling 35 mph verse 25. It appears, if the council has their way, your job description and that of your officers will be revised in the very near future unless they find a way to shut down your blog.

I commend you again for stepping forward and also realize, for you to have achieved the position you have, you too have mastered posturing and power chess. If you ever get tired to the point of giving up or giving in to the machine that obviously exists in our local government I hope you will consider running for the council yourself. Hopefully if that day ever comes you will not become just another cog in the wheel of the bureaucratic system we're currently managed under. I hope I'm not the only resident that communicates their support for your decision to address your opinions and concerns directly with the body responsible for digesting and reacting accordingly to your professional expertise. It's not like you were discussing ground water issues...

If they get what they're after the pay will certainly be better for a council member in a few years time.

Don't forget the citizens of Edina respect the job you do and value your opinion and we encourage you not to bow down to the dysfunction of those on the council and the body as a whole.

Respectfully,

Hank Babb

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From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
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To: Scott Neal; Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: for Mayor Hovland

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From: Rick Naymark [<mailto:ricknaymark@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2012 10:15 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: for Mayor Hovland

Dear Mayor,

I live just off of Wooddale on Tower Street. I drive Wooddale often and also bike it. I have concerns about the recent bike/park lane markings. I know you have heard an earful (and then some) about this issue, so I am sorry to add to the fray. But I think the situation is dangerous and still needs to be fixed. The yellow markers that were placed on the street helped a little, but they seem to be unsticking and disappearing.

I have seen cars swerve all over, not knowing where to be, and I fear for a collision and injury. As a biker, I would have no problem just biking in the parking lane when heading north. I can bike around any parked cars and be on the lookout for traffic. I know some on the city council want to encourage bikeways, which I support, but Wooddale is not the place to take that stand.

I'd like to see a double yellow line painted on Wooddale and the north bike lane removed, for the safety of all. I think you have been on the side of the double yellow line solution, and I support you.

Rick Naymark

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 3:07 PM
To: Scott Neal
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Subject: FW: 11/19/12 MAC Meeting



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From: Bob Kane [<mailto:bkane@sssalesinc.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal
Subject: 11/19/12 MAC Meeting

Mayor, City Council & City Manager,

Thank you for your efforts yesterday at the MAC meeting, and the days leading up to the meeting. You should be applauded for making connections with our State leaders, the MAC Commission, the FAA, and the Edina community in a very tight timeline. I sat among several Edina and Minneapolis residents at the meeting yesterday, who were equally impressed with the eloquent, yet firm, arguments presented by the Mayor and City Manager.

Of course, the work is only starting. This is not an Edina or Minneapolis problem, this is a Minnesota problem. Much like we don't want to pollute our lakes, streams and land, we should be equally careful with our airspace. Noise pollution is a real problem. It is only magnified when we talk about air traffic. It's sobering to think the MAC wants to increase airport capacity by 35% in the near future. Expansion of the airport means more noise pollution. The MAC, like any other corporation left uncontrolled, will do as it pleases. The RNAV situation is a signal for the public to get more involved in what the MAC is planning, so we can avoid getting caught off guard again.

Again, thank you for your leadership.

Bob

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Subject: Airplane Noise and the Minnesota High Speed Passenger Rail Network

Dear Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members:

Given the now high profile issue of airplane noise in the community, can I now suggest that we as a group now support the Minnesota High Speed Passenger Rail Initiative.

This would give us a safer transportation system and in theory reduce flights and noise out of MSP.

And for those that live next to the rail network, there is a new product from Dow that radically reduces the rail noise signature of the rail network.

Attached below is the outfit at the state that is working on this and the Youtube video from Dow on their new product.

Thanks again

Andy Brown

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