

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Transportation Commission, 6 p.m. July 21
- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. July 26
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. July 27
- Art Center Board, 4 p.m. July 28
- Night to Unite, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 2

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A summary of the July 19 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council hears proposal for 'sportsdome'

The Council showed interest in the development of an indoor turf/field recreation facility.

At a work session prior to the Council's regular meeting, a group of project proponents led by residents Shannon Rusk and Paige Rickert presented their ideas for development of a seasonal "sportsdome." They envision a facility that could accommodate youth athletic associations, walkers, youth recreation programs, adult sports leagues, Edina Public Schools events such as graduation and pep fests, fundraisers and corporate events. The facility would measure approximately 108,000 square feet and would be operational 26 weeks of the year.

The Council directed the Park Board to complete a facilities inventory to determine what is needed. If a sportsdome is determined to be necessary, the Park Board will determine the best location and whether it should be operated by the City, a private organization or through a public-private partnership.

Decision Resources presents survey results

Local polling firm Decision Resources presenting Edina's outstanding quality of life survey results.

In the survey conducted this spring by Decision Resources, 98 percent of respondents rated the quality of life in Edina as "excellent" or "good." Other highlights include:

- Ninety-two percent of residents polled believe things in Edina are "generally headed in the right track."
- Ninety-two percent of residents polled rated the ease of getting from place to place in Edina as "excellent" or "good."
- The job of City staff was rated "excellent" or "good" by 91 percent of respondents.
- With the second-highest rating in the metropolitan area, 79 percent of residents polled believe that if they wanted to, they could have a say about the way things are run in the community.
- More than 30 percent couldn't identify a serious issue facing Edina today. Other issues identified by about 1 in 10 people were taxes and lack of redevelopment.

The random survey of about 400 Edina residents from around the community was completed in April and May. The results are accurate to +/- 5 percent and will aid the Council and other City

decision makers going forward.

Council approves cooling tower relocation

The Council approved a site plan amendment to allow for the relocation of air conditioning equipment at York Gardens, 3451 Parklawn Ave.

The cooling tower was not shown on the site plan for the new assisted living facility that was reviewed by the Planning Commission or City Council and was not shown on the building permit plans that were reviewed by staff at the time the building permit for the project was issued. The unit was recently constructed. Shortly after, staff began to receive complaints about the view of the cooling tower and noise generated by the unit.

The Council approved the site plan amendment with conditions, including a requirement to install a noise abatement device on the unit. The owner must plant Arborvitae to screen the unit once it is relocated and must excavate and landscape the area where the cooling tower sits today.

It is expected that the unit will be relocated in early September.