

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: October 21, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

*You are cordially invited to a
Celebration of*

*Edina Public Schools
Confucius Classroom*

Friday, October 31, 2014

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Edina High School

6454 Valley View Rd, Edina, MN 55439

(Please enter through Door #7)

Reception following program

RVSP to Cindy Heim

952-848-3803 or cynthia.heim@edinaschools.org

David Bly
State Representative

District 20B
Le Sueur and Rice Counties



Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Minnesota Regional Leader:

I am writing to invite you to a meeting of elected and appointed officials on **Thursday, October 16 in Northfield** to discuss the possibility of restoring **inter-city passenger rail service** in our region, and how we might work together to pursue this service. Following several meetings of regional leaders on this topic back in 2010, this meeting will provide an update on the State Rail Transportation Plan which is currently under revision, consider the map of regional passenger rail projects that are now being pursued across the state, and look also at options for connecting our region with the potential passenger rail network as well as with the light rail projects that are already underway in the metro area. We will also consider the organizing strategies of three other regional passenger rail initiatives that are now underway in the state.

When talking to my constituents, I find growing interest in alternative transportation systems due to concerns with factors such as the environment, increasing issues related to population growth, and dependence on fossil fuels. Increased roadway wear and tear as well as congestion have also become cause for concern.

In 2001, a study was done to investigate the possibility of *commuter* rail on the Dan Patch corridor. This plan was met with strong opposition, which resulted in shutting down any statewide conversation about passenger rail in this corridor. The purpose of this meeting is to try to pull together an advocacy group to represent the interest in organizing to pursue regional *inter-city passenger* rail as a way to meet the identified needs of businesses and workers within our communities. Please join us to hear these reports and to share your ideas for how we might work together to advocate for needed policy changes and investment in our region.

2014 Regional Leaders Meeting for the Northfield Corridor Regional Passenger Rail Project

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Great Hall, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota (Enter campus at College and 1st Streets; the Great Hall is accessible through the Sayles Hill Campus Center which will be on your left at the end of the cul-du-sac. On-Street parking is available on College and First Streets, immediately adjacent to campus.)

Please RSVP to Rep.David.Bly@house.mn and feel free to share this letter with those in your office who you feel may find the meeting of interest.

We thank Carleton College for hosting this meeting, which is being organized by a working group of the Northfield Grass Roots Transit Initiative. For more information on this project, feel free to contact me at Rep.David.Bly@house.mn or Suzie Nakasian in Northfield at SuzieNakasian@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Bly".

David Bly
State Representative

211 N. Lincoln St., Northfield, Minnesota 55057
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Heather Branigin

From: Hall, Gen E. <ghall@larkinhoffman.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 11:03 AM
To: Edina Mail; 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; Mary Brindle; 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Cary Teague; Scott H. Neal; 'rknutson@ck-law.com'
Subject: FW: LT TO CITY OF EDINA
Attachments: Document.pdf

On behalf of Bob Long, please forward this letter to the Planning Commission members. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hall, Gen E.
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 10:53 AM
To: Hall, Gen E.
Subject: LT TO CITY OF EDINA

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October 8, 2014

Chair Staunton and Planning Commission
Members
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St
Edina MN, 55424

Re: Citizens to Preserve the Edina Regional Medical District
Beacon Interfaith Supportive Housing Project, 3330 West 66th Street, Edina, MN

Dear Chair Staunton and Planning Commission Members:

We represent the Citizens to Preserve the Edina Regional Medical District (“CPERMD”) with regard to opposition to the City’s Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezoning actions on behalf of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative (“Beacon”) supportive housing project located at 3330 West 66th Street (the “Project”), located in the City of Edina (the “City”). CPERMD is comprised of property owners, business owners, and tenants of the Edina Regional Medical District (the “District”) and was formed to advocate for the ongoing integrity of the District as one of the state’s premier medical districts. This letter is intended to provide the City with notice of substantial concerns regarding the City’s handling of the Project and the Project approvals.

Forthcoming Legal Challenge

Please be aware that CPERMD will be filing a complaint requesting judicial review of the City’s Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezoning decision in Hennepin County District Court.

Final Rezoning is in Violation of State Law Due to Conflict with the Comprehensive Plan

As of today, the City’s Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow the Project to proceed has not yet been approved by the Metropolitan Council (the “Met Council”) and the City’s consideration of the final rezoning and final development plan is not authorized under Minnesota law. Under Minnesota Statute, the City cannot implement any measures that would allow development or rezoning in a manner which conflicts with the City’s Comprehensive Plan. *Minn. Stat. § 473.865*. Any changes to the Comprehensive Plan must be reviewed by the Met Council before the proposed amendment can go into effect and before any rezoning can be permitted under Minnesota law. *Minn. Stat. §§ 462.355, 473.864(2)*. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan must first be properly amended, then, and only then, can the City consider rezoning. *Minn. Stat. § 473.175, subd. 2*.

The proposed final rezoning for the Project is an official control in direct contradiction to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and cannot be considered until the City follows the state-mandated procedures

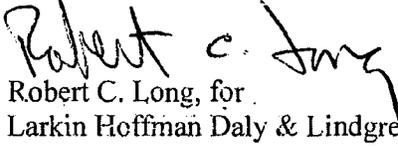
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to amend the Comprehensive Plan as described above. An approval to rezone for the Project in conflict with the City's current Comprehensive Plan and prior to the proper approval of the proposed amendment violates Minnesota law. The Comprehensive Plan amendment must be completed and take effect prior to the consideration of a rezoning proposal.

The Planning Commission should not recommend approval of the final rezoning required for the Project as the final rezoning proposal is in conflict with the City's current Comprehensive Plan and would be in violation of Minnesota law.

If you have any questions about this letter or the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Long, for
Larkin Hoffman Daly & Lindgren Ltd.

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Email: rlong@larkinhoffman.com

cc: Mayor Hovland and Council Members
Scott Neal, City Manager
Roger Knutson, City Attorney
Cary Teague, Community Development Director

Heather Branigin

From: Eric Ice <Eric.Ice@genmills.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 8:44 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fred Richards Development - Platform Tennis Court

Please pass the following onto City Council and the Park Board:

I would like to encourage the board to consider installing a public platform tennis court as part of the redevelopment plan. Minnesota only has two public platform courts available right now, both located in Deephaven. Currently, the only other options for platform tennis enthusiasts are local country clubs. The repurposing of the Fred Richards course presents an great opportunity to change that.

- Why platform? Look at the city of Hinsdale, Illinois as a perfect model. The city has similar demographics to Edina and despite only having 18,000 people, they now have over 250 participating in leagues and 1,000 regular players participating since installing five platform courts. Edina is saturated with hockey rinks but there is an untapped market for public platform courts and this city has the means and public interest in the sport to capitalize on it. I regularly play on the weekend in Deephaven and often have to wait to get a court. Let's create more availability in Minnesota!

http://www.platformtennis.org/news/GrowingTheSport/Growing_the_Sport_in_Hinsdale_Illinois.htm

- There are grants available for public courts. The City of Deephaven received funding as did the following cities:

Congratulations to the following six grantees (and their proposers):

Charleston, South Carolina (Jerry Albrikes)
Kansas City, Kansas (Chace Brundige)
Northbrook, Illinois (Dan Niswonger)
Pine Manor, Massachusetts (Jeff Ward)
Scituate, Massachusetts (Bill Horne)
Stonington, Connecticut (Russ Burgess)

If you are a local organizer or player with a project in mind, please contact the [Growth Committee](#).

- This is sport for all ages and abilities. Couples love playing together and I often see families enjoying the sport out in Deephaven. What a great way to spend a weekend winter day in Minnesota. Please consider looking into this opportunity as you consider options that will increase public interest in the parks and differentiate Edina moving forward.

...and finally, for those not familiar with the sport – here's an example point from some high level players in the Chicago area. There is absolutely no reason we cannot have these weekend mixer events to bring the community together at a PUBLIC park like here in Chicago's North Suburbs and not a local country club.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt-1F8SKVfQ>

Regards,

Eric Ice

Heather Branigin

From: rebali123@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 11:43 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: Jeanne

Organization:

Website:

Address_1:

Address_2:

City: Edina

State: MN

Zip_Code:

Email: rebali123@aol.com

Phone: 952-201-3555

Referrer: google

Message: Shame on you for approving the bldg in front of the Yorktown apartments. Now they are cutting down beautiful full grown trees. It is not progress, but is just destruction.

Heather Branigin

From: Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul) <katie.knutson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Meeting Materials from the
Attachments: 2014 Cost participation and Maintenance summary Draft 9-30-14.pdf; MNDOT_84percent_Presentation.pdf; 84Coalition.pdf; Transportation Presentation to Governors.pdf; 84% Coalition_final_10-1-14.pdf; Funding Options For Cities.docx

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Also attached you will find the "menu" of options to address city street needs. This list compiles all the ideas we've heard in our conversations over the last few months. Please review the list and come prepared to the final meeting, on November 7th, to discuss these options. If there is a solution or idea not included in this list that you would like considered please reach out to me.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to reach out to the co-chairs Mayor Coleman and Mayor Froehlich or myself at any time.

Best,

Katie



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**Lake Harriet Area Regional Sewer Rehabilitation Project –
Construction Update October 10, 2014**
(all dates are approximate and depend on weather and construction conditions)

Upcoming Work in the 50th Street and France Avenue Area

- Starting Monday night, October 13, the existing sewer pipes will be cleaned and lined. This work will occur between 8:00 p.m. and 5 a.m., Sunday nights (except October 12) through Friday mornings. Work will begin at 49th St. and France Ave. and will proceed south on France Ave. to 50th St., east on 50th St. to Drew Ave., north on Drew Ave. to 49th St., and east on 49th St. Noise from the nighttime work will be primarily from trucks and generators.
- "Lay flat hose" will be used for temporary wastewater conveyance between the sewer access shaft at Halifax Ave. and Drew Ave. along 50th St. while the cleaning and lining work is being done each night. This hose will be rolled up each morning so that traffic is not affected during the day.
- Parking will be restricted on both sides of France Avenue and 50th Street at night while sewer pipes are cleaned and lined.
- There will be one night where affected properties in the block where work is occurring will be asked to refrain from discharging water into the sewer system (flushing toilets and draining water) during the nighttime work hours while the sewer system is disrupted. Regular water usage and drainage may resume after 5 a.m. Affected properties will be notified 48 hours in advance by project personnel with a door hanger of sewer service disruption.
- There may be a resin smell from curing of the new sewer liner and/or a sewer odor while this work is done although every effort is made to minimize these odors. We encourage property owners to make sure there is water in all of the drain traps in their property, as this helps contain odors in the underground pipes.
- During this repair work, the temporary pumps and temporary pipes will convey wastewater past the repair area and back into the existing sewer system. The temporary wastewater conveyance pipes are active pressurized sewers. If you notice any vandalism to these pipes or other construction equipment, please report it to the police.

Who Should You Contact?

For questions or concerns about this work, contact MCES staff:

- **Tim O'Donnell**, Project Citizens Liaison, 651-602-1269, tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us
- **Sarah Hachey**, Assistant Contract Administrator, 651-325-6219, sarah.hachey@metc.state.mn.us
- **Dave Elzinga**, Construction Contract Administrator, 651-602-8924, david.elzinga@metc.state.mn.us

For complaints regarding after-hours construction activity, contact Minneapolis Information and Services by dialing 3-1-1 in Minneapolis or 612-673-3000 from cell phones and phones outside of Minneapolis.



To sign up for project e-mail updates, send an e-mail to: MCESLakeHarriet@zanassoc.com stating that you would like to receive Lake Harriet Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project e-mail updates. Additional information about the Lake Harriet Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project will be posted and updated periodically on the Metropolitan Council's website: www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstructionupdates

NINA S. FLANDERS
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952-830-1289
Email: nsflanders29@gmail.com

October 13, 2014

Mr. Dexter I. Sidney, Director
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Minneapolis Field Office
910 - 2nd Avenue So.
Suite 1310
Minneapolis, MN 55402-4012

RE: Yorktown Continental Apartments
Disrespect and Disregard for Residents Rights

Dear Sir:

As every aging tree was felled and every lilac bush on the property was destroyed, it isn't just the residence of Yorktown Continental who felt the loss; others in the area expressed their disbelief and dismay at what was happening as they too spoke with anger by the devastation.

Ten years ago when I moved here, I was given a HUD booklet on Residents Rights and Responsibilities. Are these still valid or do we no longer have any rights, any voice in what is happening to our homes? From the Edina City Council to the Minnesota Housing Authority and even HUD it appears the words in the booklet are meaningless. A few of us spoke for many at the Edina City Council; they generously gave each speaker three minutes of their time and once we spoke, we were silenced with the threat of forceful ejection if we said anything more. The developer had all the time he wanted to convince the Council to approve this project with all the variances to accommodate a building too large for the berm where it will be erected. Some of our residents have lived in this building for over 30 years; they truly call it home. But this project gives them no voice in any planning. We are forced to the back of the building as the new building takes precedence in everything. Those who have lived here for 30 years saw the small saplings grow into stately trees that protected us from the pollution spewing from trucks, cars and motorcycles that are ever present on York Avenue. People with lung disease will soon feel the loss in the breathe (oxygen) produced by the trees as the protective berm is wiped out. The new building's residence get preference with an underground parking garage and the space along the north side of Yorktown Continental is for their caretakers autos and on the south side,

a few spaces for their guests.

There is a lot of anger in grief and many of us mourn what was lost as trees, lilac bushes, gardens – our environment – was destroyed. On Thursday, the 7th, I was selling raffle tickets for the Residents Association annual fund drive and spoke then of having a funeral for the trees. Flowers can be replaced quite easily but not these aging trees. After I was finished, I went upstairs and made a sign so others would know of the planned service. At 6:00 AM on the 10th, I went downstairs and posted 6 of them in the common areas. This is exactly how the sign read:

*FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH –
11AM DINING ROOM*

A FUNERAL – A TIME TO GRIEVE WHAT WE HAVE LOST IN THIS TAKE-OVER BY PREMIER MANAGEMENT. THERE IS A LOT OF ANGER WHEN WE LOSE SOMETHING OF GREAT VALUE – IN THIS INSTANCE OUR TREES, FLOWERS AND THE LANDSCAPE AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT'S CHOICE TO SHOW NO REGARD AND DISRESPECT THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED.

When I went downstairs that morning, I discovered all the signs had been removed, Even at that we had ten residents attending that memorial service. A prayer was said, Kipling's poem Trees was read and people were allowed to express their emotions in a caring environment.

After the service was over, I went to the managers office with a copy of Residents Rights and Responsibilities in hand and asked the Manager which one of them had taken down my signs as I read from HUDS pamphlet about my “*right to post materials in common areas informing other residence of their rights and opportunities to involve themselves in their project.*” Further, “*The right to organize as residents without obstruction, harassment or retaliation from property owners or management.*” The office manager had nothing to say but the bookkeeper came from her office, handing me one of my signs, said she had taken them down stating I couldn't demean management in any posted material. There is absolutely nothing demeaning in what I wrote; it simply states the loss we feel in what is happening; we have been disregarded and disrespected by this management company.

Originally, we were told they would keep us posted on when work started; however most of us were startled out of our sleep when about 6:00 AM on the 9th, we heard the big equipment moving a shed and digging up an old tank as they also started felling the trees on the berm; by 10:00 AM most of them were gone even as we'd been told that project probably wouldn't start until spring.

I believe it was the same day or possibly on Tuesday, October 10th, once the office closed one of the maintenance men posted a sign in each elevator regarding parking in the back with five handicapped spaces. Now if they respected the residents here, those handicapped signs would have been removed right then and moved to the front of the building. Instead they were being bulldozed by the contractor. Residents were ordered to park in the very back of the lot in the adjacent office building. For many of the elderly who still drive, that's quite a long

walk for those recovering from knee or hip surgery, arthritis and other physical ailments. Is that disregarding Residents needs? Did they respect the handicapped who couldn't find parking in front of the building.

We have had to be recertified at least three if not four times this year and each time we had to call the Social Security office with a specific date in mind. Management had no problem putting a message on or under our doors for these specific things – but when it came to the parking, Premier didn't find it necessary to inform residence far enough in advance to make arrangements for moving a car. A sign in each elevator was the extent of their contact as again on Friday, October 11th about 4:30 when the office closed for the day, another sign went up – one in each of the two elevators demanding people on the south side move their cars by 7:00 AM Saturday the 12th with a warning they would be towed if they didn't comply with the order. People often leave town and leave their cars in the lot while they are gone; others may be hospitalized and there are those who come downstairs once a day for mail; then return to their apartments until the next day's mail. Four cars were towed to the impound lot and with the office closed, those residents were asking other residents “*What impound lot has my car?*” Can you imagine the frustration and the time lost trying to find your car? Would you call this respectful of the residents? Today I learned that since Thursday, there are no lights in what is left of our parking. That's a disaster just waiting to happen!

Even as most residents have Social Security, perhaps a small pension, all have worked and played by the rules (you know the Gospel of the American Dream) today we are treated as second class citizens – no right to speak up about the place we call home. But I do have the courage to address a problem and speak for those who feel powerless – who have no voice.

An advocate for the Yorktown Continental Residents,



Nina S. Flanders

CC: Joseph Holmbeg and Andrea De Bleeckere, Premier Management
✓ City of Edina Mayor James Hoveland
Rose Turovsky, Management Officer Minneapolis Housing Authority
Archie Givens, Legacy Management

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From: John Demello <alexjohndemello@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2014 1:19 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: VV Road proposed improvement no. BA-377

Dear City Council and Engineering,

We would like to reiterate how happy we are that this long overdue project is finally becoming a reality.

The proposed plan seems to meet most everyone's needs. However, we see many people run/bike around the nature preserve located on the east side of VV Rd, North of Breamar Blvd., West of Gleason Rd. and South of Mark Terrace. Therefore we would like to suggest a walking/bike trail around the preserve similar to Bredesen Park, connected to the bike trails and sidewalks proposed in your plan. We realize that this would add to the cost and assessments per property, but would be well worth the investment for the neighborhood while taking advantage of the equipment already in place for this project.

Our property 7108 ValleyView Rd has a very steep driveway, with it's steepest incline off the road. You have included a picture of a neighbors steep driveway in your engineering plan, but ours is much steeper. Our concern is that the additional road width will create such a steep grade which will make our driveway impossible to climb with a car, especially in the winter, since it is already at that limit now. In addition you may want to consider our hard surface run off with regard to water within your tiling plan.

Could you please comment on how the reconstruction will impact the grading of our driveway and tiling upon completion and also the access to our home during construction.

Best regards,

John and Alexandra Demello
7108 Valley View Rd
Edina, MN 55439
c) 651-249-4924

Heather Branigin

From: nsourova@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2014 12:12 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Opinion on Columbus Day Change

Dear City Council:

It came to my attention that you are planning to vote for resolution to change the meaningful Columbus Day on Edina calendar to vague Indigenous People's Day.

I strongly object to this change.

1. Objection to rewriting History

October 11 was the day Columbus' first ship reached the continent. Replacing the name of this event means to show no respect to those brave and adventurous Europeans who discovered the New World and thank to whom we have been enjoying our life here. United States has a very short history - successful experiment of 200+ years. Columbus Day is one of very important milestones.

Do not try to change the historical past of our country via dumping the names of historical figures. If there is a need to attract public attention to a broader picture of this major historical event you should have instead set a separate day for that and not make it antagonistic.

2. Transparency and Publicity

Majority of Edina residents are not aware of your plans to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. The decision of this magnitude should be properly published – with flyers delivered to our doorsteps, like it is done when you consider construction plans that may affect existing neighborhoods.

I have a number of friends from Edina with a wide spectrum of views, values, political and ideological preferences. None of them heard anything about Columbus Day change plans by Edina. When they found out the reaction was the same – surprise first; then disbelief. 100% were negative about Columbus Day resolution for which you are about to vote.

After brief research I now understand that attack on Columbus Day is a part of ideological movement. I believe that Edina City Council - which is elected by residents to keep the city which we love safe, clean, and beautiful, etc. - should not make decisions that change social landscape without approval by majority of Edina residents. At this time you don't have such approval.

Sincerely,

Natasha Sourova
Edina Resident
Tel: 612-280-2973

Heather Branigin

From: Dennis Wegner <jdten20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 12:00 AM
To: James Hovland; Scott H. Neal
Subject: Olinger Road

Gentlemen,

I have lived at 5705 Olinger Road for just shy of 46 years. You most likely do not know who I am because I am not in the habit of complaining or making demands. However, the time has come for a complaint.

No one who travels Olinger Road will dispute the fact that the surface of Olinger Road is in VERY sad shape. A month or so ago engineering told me that the surface was scheduled to be milled and a new surface applied. This past week the milling took place. Unfortunately, the milling only took place on a portion of the west side of the street. None of the east side of the street was milled. This is not because the east side is in any better condition than the west side was. No, both sides are/were in equally poor condition. I am told there is not funding nor time to do the entire street. I find this explanation unacceptable. Olinger Road is the route that City trucks use to haul tons and tons of snow every winter to snow "storage" at Bredesen. This is a lot of extra "City business" traffic on Olinger and a huge reason for the street's sorry state.

I am hopeful that, upon further consideration, the funds and time can be found to mill and resurface ALL of Olinger Road.

Best regards,
Dennis Wegner
612-834-4245

Heather Branigin

From: Patricia E. Harris <Arts@bloomberg.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 5:09 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge

Dear Mayor Hovland:

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge.

The Public Art Challenge is a new program to support temporary public art projects that can transform civic spaces and drive economic development. We are inviting mayors of cities with 30,000 residents or more to submit proposals for innovative temporary public art projects that demonstrate close collaboration between artists, arts organizations and city government. At least three cities will be selected to receive up to \$1 million each over two years. Our hope is that these projects will engage communities, enhance creativity, and enrich the vibrancy of cities.

For more information on how to apply, visit publicartchallenge.bloomberg.org. Please note each application requires a partnership between an artist or arts organization and the host city's mayor. The deadline for submission is Monday, December 15, 2014.

I hope you will be part of this exciting new initiative. If you have additional questions, contact Anita Contini at (212) 205-0222 or arts@bloomberg.org.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Harris
Chief Executive Officer
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Heather Branigin

From: David Bly <Rep.David.Bly@house.mn>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 9:38 AM
Subject: RE: October 16, Dan Patch Regional Passenger Rail Advocacy Meeting

This is just a friendly reminder about the regional leaders meeting tomorrow afternoon in Northfield to discuss inter-city passenger rail service. Please note that following this meeting, the MnDOT Office of Passenger Rail and Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations will host a public outreach meeting to gather input regarding revisions to the state rail plan. Please make an effort to attend one or both, and if you're unable to make it, feel free to send someone in your office who may be interested in this topic.

Please let me know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

>>> David Bly 10/10/2014 9:08 AM >>>
October 16, Dan Patch Regional Passenger Rail Advocacy Meeting

I am writing to invite you to a meeting of elected and appointed officials on **Thursday, October 16 in Northfield** to discuss the possibility of restoring **inter-city passenger rail service** in our region, and how we might work together to pursue this service. Following several meetings of regional leaders on this topic back in 2010, this meeting will provide an update on the State Rail Transportation Plan which is currently under revision, consider the map of regional passenger rail projects that are now being pursued across the state, and look also at options for connecting our region with the potential passenger rail network as well as with the light rail projects that are already underway in the metro area. We will also consider the organizing strategies of three other regional passenger rail initiatives that are now underway in the state.

Please join us to hear these reports and to share your ideas for how we might work together to advocate for needed policy changes and investment in our region.

2014 Regional Leaders Meeting for the Northfield Corridor Regional Passenger Rail Project

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Great Hall, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota (Enter campus at College and 1st Streets; the Great Hall is accessible through the Sayles Hill Campus Center which will be on your left at the end of the cul-du sac. On-Street parking is available on College and First Streets, immediately adjacent to campus.)

Please RSVP to rep.david.bly@house.mn.

We thank Carleton College for hosting this meeting, which is being organized by a working group of the Northfield Grass Roots Transit Initiative. For more information on this project, feel free to contact me at Rep.David.Bly@house.mn or Suzie Nakasian in Northfield at SuzieNakasian@gmail.com.

Immediately following this Regional Leaders Meeting, the Minnesota Department of Transportation - Office of Passenger Rail and Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations, will host a public outreach meeting from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., also in the Great Hall at Carleton College. The purpose of this event is to gather public input and suggestions to inform the revision of the Minnesota State Rail Plan relating to freight and passenger rail planning in the state and region. Information on the Minnesota Rail Plan is available at www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/railplan for additional information on this meeting contact dave.christianson@state.mn.us.

Heather Branigin

From: David Hanten <david.hanten@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:22 AM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Edina Mail
Subject: Cub Scouts - voting lesson

Hello Sir / Ma'am –

My name is Dave Hanten, and I am an adult leader for Cub Scout Pack 48 at Creek Valley Elementary here in Edina. We are having our biennial mock election on October 23, and I have been trying to track down a local elected official to spend 10-15 minutes talking to our scouts and scout parents about the importance of voting.

One major element of Scouting is citizenship. With this in mind, every two years (in conjunction with the congressional and presidential elections) we hold a mock vote. Although the scouts vote on silly topics like the choice of meals for the annual Blue and Gold banquet, we use the opportunity to pass along information on the rights and responsibilities of citizens to vote. In the past, we have tried to have an elected official attend the meeting and provide their thoughts on why voting is such a special right.

Would any of you be free around 715pm on the evening of Thursday, October 23? The meeting will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church on Antrim Road, near Valley View Middle School. We would just need about 15 minutes of your time to talk to our scouts and parents (roughly 40 scouts and a similar number of parents), and perhaps answer a handful of questions.

Please let me know at your convenience, and thank you very much for your consideration!

Regards,

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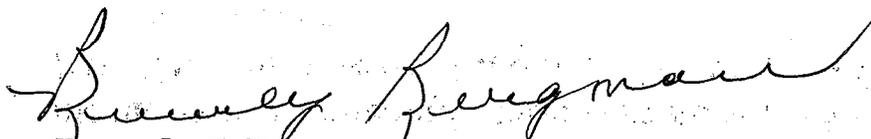
**Edina Fire & Rescue Squad
Edina Fire Department
Station #1
6250 Tracy Avenue
Edina, MN 55436**

Early yesterday morning, I needed to call 911. Two young men arrived at the house in about 5-8 minutes. They attended to Duane and made sure he was okay before they left. They also assured me that they were available in case we needed them again.

I wish to thank these two young men but in my concern for Duane, I forgot to get their names and/or badge numbers.

Will you be so kind as to pass this note on to them and thank them for me (us). Actually, thank you to all who work at the Edina Fire and Rescue Squad.

Sincerely yours,



**Beverly J. Bergman
Home: 952-920-6537**

Heather Branigin

From: Dianne Latham <Dianne@LathamPark.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:44 PM
To: Ann Swenson; James B. Hovland; Joni Bennett; Josh Sprague; Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Cc: Edina Mail
Subject: Please Support a Valley View Sidewalk Along the North Side of Valley View

10-16-14

Honorable Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members,

I was happy to learn of the proposed Valley View sidewalk as well as the bicycle lanes proposed for both sides of Valley View from McCauley to Braemar Blvd. My main concern is that the proposed sidewalk is planned for the south side of Valley View, instead of the north side. I understand that a sidewalk on the south side of the street is less expensive because the south side is flat and would not require a retaining wall as would a sidewalk on the north side of Valley View. The sidewalk should, however, be on the north side because the vast majority of residents and potential sidewalk users live on the north side of the street, because it is the safest route to school, and because the north side is otherwise impassible due to steep terrain, poison ivy and buckthorn brush.

Majority of Residents Live on North Side - The majority of the residents of the 195 household Indian Trails neighborhood live on the north side of the Valley View. Only 12 of these households (6%) are on the south side of Valley View. This means that the vast majority of sidewalk users must cross busy Valley View in order to access a south side sidewalk.

North Side is Safest Route for Youth Walking to School - The Valley View sidewalk will ultimately extend to the school complex in a subsequent phase of the Valley View street reconstruction plan per the city sidewalk plan found in the city's comprehensive plan. A south side sidewalk is especially dangerous for children seeking to walk to school. School children, as well as 94% of the Indian Trails neighborhoods' residents going north must cross busy Valley View to reach a south side sidewalk, and then cross again through the roundabout to reach the school or other northern destination. Many drivers find roundabouts confusing, let alone school children. If the sidewalk were on the north side of the street, north bound school children would not need to cross busy Valley View until they reached the school and then the school children can cross busy Valley View at an intersection where there is a school crossing guard. A sidewalk on the north side of the street enhances the Safe Routes to School program.

North Side is Presently Impassible - Residents are unable to walk along the north side of the street because of the slope of the hill from 7033 Valley View to Braemar Blvd. See photo below. Poison ivy at 7135, 7133 and 7116 Valley View also make the north side impassible. The Minn. Noxious Weed law (MN Stat 18.75 to 18.88 requires control of Poison Ivy M.S. 18.171, Subd. 5, or (ii)). In addition to the steep slope and poison ivy, thick buckthorn brush also results in residents having to walk in the street along the north side. The south side is completely flat and mowed, making it passable for anyone wanting to walk along the south side of Valley View absent a sidewalk.

Our neighborhood has been waiting patiently for a sidewalk since petitioning for one in 2004. Placing it on the north side will:

1. Make it accessible to 94% of the Indian Trails neighborhood households without having to cross busy Valley View.
2. Will result in a safer route to school because youth will not have to cross busy Valley View, and then cross through a roundabout, which many find confusing, even in a car.
3. Will effectively allow residents to use both sides of Valley View – the flat, mowed south side as well as a sidewalk on the north side, which is otherwise impassible due to the steep slope, poison ivy and buckthorn brush.

Please prioritize the accessibility of the majority of residents and a safe route to school above the cost of an additional retaining wall, and support a Valley View sidewalk on the north side of Valley View. I have one additional request - please try to save the Oak tree which is presently located where the roundabout is proposed. It would be wonderful if the oak tree could form the center of the roundabout. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



Residents must walk in street along the north side of Valley View.

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