

Excerpts from Approved Minutes
Edina City Council
September 3, 2013

VII.D. PROCESS FOR COMMUNITY SPACE PROGRAMMING RELATED TO REDEVELOPMENT OF 5146 EDEN AVENUE – DIRECTION GIVEN

Mr. Neal stated there was discussion at the last Council meeting about the need to collect information and make a decision on the use of the community space in the Grandview Redevelopment prior to the Request for Information (RFI) process. He said there was interest from some members of the Grandview Citizen Advisory Team (CAT) to receive further direction from the Council. Mr. Neal reviewed the following Grandview CAT process options: 1) Creating a redevelopment catalyst for the Grandview Area; 2) Inventorying and Identifying community recreation needs through Needs Assessment Task Force (additional eight to twelve months); and, 3) Inventorying and identifying community recreation needs through hired consultant (additional three to four months). Mr. Neal suggested a fourth option to proceed with the redevelopment process using community space as green space until a compelling community need surfaced and more defined financial resources were available.

The Council discussion included: the guiding principles of the Grandview Redevelopment Framework, the possibility of a community needs assessment including a community survey to be conducted by Decision Resources and a current infrastructure analysis, potential timelines each aspect's impact while keeping the process moving forward.

Council consensus was to authorize staff to proceed with a community survey tightly focused on possible site uses, with the resultant information conveyed to the CAT to be used in the RFI process. The CAT was asked to review and comment on the survey results and to also review the RFIs, with a recommendation forwarded to the Council. The RFI presentation would include a public notification process, with a deadline of January 1, 2014, for RFI submittals. The Council asked to be notified should an adjustment be needed to the timeline.