

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Public Works Site Small Area Guide Process**  
**Open House**  
**Monday, April 26, 2010, 7:00 9:00 pm**  
**Edina City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**

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**City Staff Present:**

Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager  
Cary Teague, City Planner

**Design Team Present:**

Mike Fischer, Chair  
Michael Schroeder  
Mia Blanchett  
Meriwether Felt  
Peter Sussman

**CAT Members Present/Business Property Owners Present/Residents and**

**Others Present:**

Kevin Staunton, Chair  
Brian Hedberg  
Josh Sprague  
Andy Brown  
Gene Persha  
Greg Domke  
Katie Mintz  
Mike Platterer  
Sue Davison  
Bob Shadduck  
Jim Miller  
Laura Nisi  
Linda Odell  
Kim Montgomery  
Nancy Grazzini-Olson  
B. Dornblaser  
Robb Grumman  
Ellen Jones  
Lisa Diehl  
Steve Buss  
JoAnn Olsen

**Council Members Present:**

**Mayor Hovland**

**Joni Bennett**

**Mary Brindle**

**Introduction**

Before the open house portion of the meeting, Commissioner Staunton welcomed everyone and reported it has been 18 days since the initial kick-off meeting, adding that tomorrow the 27<sup>th</sup> a refinement meeting is scheduled at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Staunton recapped the entire process ending with the Design Charrette on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Expanding on the Design Charrette, Commissioner Schroeder explained the “design team” used seven guiding principles. Schroeder reported that on Friday the team separated into small groups and for one hour did a series of drawings, adding they were amazed to find commonalities in the designs. Continuing, Schroeder said the design team focused on the areas of agreement that would allow the team to move forward, acknowledging there will be disagreements on uses and how to achieve the end result.

On Saturday Commissioner Schroeder reported the entire team worked as a group to visualize the principles. Schroeder said on Saturday several members of CAT stopped by and the design team checked in with them to make sure they were on the right track. Schroeder said they wanted to layer ideas that would reflect the guidelines.

Schroeder explained what went into the thinking of the Design Team:

- Transportation – will require revisions to intersections to better balance traffic. Take out loops & on/off ramps.
- Reviewed land dedicated to transportation – leverage public land to do something different.
- Readjust traffic on Vernon with a stop sign
- Move pedestrians – do better at accommodating pedestrians on Eden and Vernon Avenues
- Create a larger “public space” adjacent (or near) to the City Hall complex. Potential uses for this “public space” could be; transit improvement/hub and other parking amenities. A transit hub could be created with a public use (community center) above it.
- Focus on express bus use on Highway 100.
- Expand a stretch of green to connect City Hall with the Grandview area.
- Civic green area at the rear of the public works site, add another parking deck with the possibility of a green roof above.
- Relocate the bus garage. Jerry’s could expand into that area.

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- Consider relocating the bus garage into the present public works site; have Jerry's expand into that area and add either housing or office above Jerry's.
- Dannen building remains – may expand.
- Expansion of internal network to better handle traffic.

The graphic represents one of many possible concepts.

Concluding the brief input session, Staunton said the goal is to inform; not to “make” change. The next meeting would be on Tuesday April 27, 2010. This meeting will be to further refine the principals and the plan

Open House adjourned at 8:55.