

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Debra A. Mangen
City Clerk

Date: January 7, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

None.

Information / Background:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council Meeting.



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December 16, 2013

Joni Bennett

c/o Edina City Council
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424

Marci Matson

c/o Edina Historical Society
4711 W. 70th Street
Edina, MN 55435

RE: Great Celebration!

Dear Joni and Marci:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on a job very well done in connection with the Edina's Founders Day Celebration. Events like this do not happen without a lot of hard work, dedication, passion and creativity. You are to be commended for your wonderful work in pulling together, organizing, and celebrating 125 years of our community's people and history.

Again, congratulations, and best wishes for the upcoming holidays and the new year. We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic team players in our community!

Best regards,



Ric Dressen
Superintendent

*Your talents are
AMAZING!*

Deb Mangen

From: Halpern-Finnerty <finnpern@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2013 7:59 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Joni Bennett; Sandy MacPherson
Subject: Crocker Ave Sidewalk request

PLEASE Distribute this request to the Edina City Council, the City Manager, the Acting City Engineer, the City Engineering staff, Transportation Planning staff, and the Edina Transportation Commission.

We are Edina homeowners on Crocker Avenue in the Morningside neighborhood. It has been brought to our attention by City Council member Joni Bennet that the December 10th Council meeting included a recommendation that could result in sidewalk construction on our side of Crocker Avenue as part of the 2014 street improvement plan.

I am writing to request that we be provided with an opportunity to discuss and provide input into any final sidewalk design and construction plans that pertain to our property at 4209 Crocker Avenue as we were previously led to believe that Crocker Avenue sidewalk construction was not contemplated as part of any near-term improvement plan. Because of this, we did not discuss any of this with City Engineers or Transportation Planners as the street and sidewalk improvement plans were being reviewed.

In the last five years, we have been attempting to re-forest our side of Crocker Avenue due to the loss of a large maple tree and cherry tree in our yard several years ago. While we understand the desire to complete sidewalks on our block all the way to 42nd street, the design and placement of new sidewalks may have negative consequences for the new trees in our yard and we wish to have an opportunity to explore any options for the preservation of these trees along side of any new sidewalk construction. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this with City engineers before any sidewalk plans are finalized.

Please let us know if the Crocker Ave sidewalk plan is selected for implementation in 2014, and if so, how would it be best for us to provide input into the sidewalk plans for our street.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jamie Halpern
Kelly Finnerty
4209 Crocker Ave
Edina, MN 55416

952-926-3376

Deb Mangen

From: davereimer <dreimer@urbanassoc.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 26, 2013 3:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: Lumber business in a residential neighborhood - 4801 Upper Terrace

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Begin forwarded message:

From: davereimer <dreimer@urbanassoc.net>
Date: December 26, 2013, 3:34:26 PM CST
To: "mail@edinaminnesota.gov" <mail@edinaminnesota.gov>
Subject: Lumber business in a residential neighborhood - 4801 Upper Terrace

Mayor and City Council,

There has been a lumber yard company transacting business and processing products in our residential neighborhood for over a half year, 4801 Upper Terrace. I brought this matter to the attention of a Planning Dept. representative twice during the fall of this year. During the first call I was told that such a use would be in violation of the residential zoning for this property and that the city would look into the matter. The use persisted and so I called back a month or so later. The city official (I think the same lady I had talked to earlier) was very curt to the point of being rude. She told me that the city was working with the resident, the city had things under control and that this incompatible use would end soon.

Here we are months later and the use seems to be ramping up rather than winding down. They had so much lumber a few days ago they were storing it in a trailer on the street. I believe the police warned them that parking on the street is not allowed during the winter.

When could we expect the city to act on this obnoxious zoning violation? Isn't six or more months derelict in what we should expect for a well run municipality?

Please let us know.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Edina Resident

Sent from my iPad

Deb Mangen

From: Hennepin County <hennepin@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 10:17 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Citizen advisory board openings - application deadline is Dec. 31

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Hennepin County

Hennepin County is looking for qualified applicants for our citizen advisory boards. If you're interested [apply now](#), or go to our [website](#) for more details.

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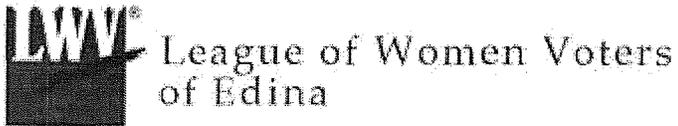
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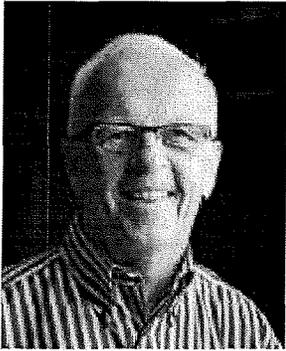
Deb Mangen

From: Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2013 8:26 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: LWV Edina January Meeting
Attachments: 2014 January Meeting Flier.docx

Please forward to the Mayor, Council and all members of the City Boards and Commissions.
Thank you,
Suzanne Kerwin
LWV Edina Board Member



“Minnesota’s Miracle”



Speaker: Tom Berg

Thursday, January 9
9:45 - 11:30 am
Edina Senior Center

Saturday, January 11
9:45 – 11:30am
Edina City Hall

**Minneapolis attorney and former state legislator
Tom Berg will speak about his new book,
Minnesota’s Miracle: Learning from the Government That Worked.**

Minneapolis attorney and former state legislator Tom Berg will speak at the January unit meetings about his new book, *Minnesota’s Miracle: Learning from the Government That Worked*. Tom was a state legislator from 1971-78, a time of partisanship and gridlock as today. “But it was also a time when government functioned well, in what *Time Magazine* called “A State That Worked”. Berg’s behind-the-scenes view of the “Minnesota Miracle” is an account of living history that offers suggestions and hope as well

as hard truths and cold facts”. Quoted from U of M
press at [http://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division
/books/minnesotaas-miracle](http://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/minnesotaas-miracle)

The League of Women Voters Edina is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information, visit LWV Edina on facebook or www.lwvedina.org.

Deb Mangen

From: David Hlavac <davidhlavac@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 6:41 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: E-cigarette amendment

Edina City Council Members,

As your constituent, I urge you to take public comment on the proposed amendment being discussed tonight re: electronic cigarettes. I am an e-cigarette user and an Edina resident - I would appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the discussion.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Hlavac
4305 Dunberry Lane, Edina

From: Natalie Marchant <nataliemarchant83@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 5:04 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Electronic Cigarettes in Edina

City Council Members,

My name is Natalie Marchant and here is my testimonial about how electronic cigarettes worked for me to get off traditional cigarettes. I graduated in 2002 from Edina High School. I was a leader in the Edina Marching Band, All-conference Golfer and got decent grades. I started smoking cigarettes when I was 16. My idols were The Beatles, Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix, just to name a few. I was a budding guitar player, which probably kept me out of trouble as I would spend hours playing guitar. All of my idols smoked cigarettes and so did I.

Fast forward 13 years, I'm still playing guitar and still smoking cigarettes. Even after many attempts to quit cold turkey, trying the gum (gross) and then finally trying a co-workers electronic cigarette. It tasted good and curbed my need for a regular cigarette. On December 10th, 2013, I celebrated 1 year since I had my last regular cigarette.

Now, I am a fan of rules. It makes it easy to assess someone doing the right thing or needs improvement. However, I don't think everything needs a rule, boundary or restriction. I want to encourage you all to look at the research on the effects of the user and others around people who vape. It is clear that regular cigarettes are not only harmful, but deadly. I think it's really too bad that electronic cigarettes are lumped in with regular cigarettes. Now, I understand the stigma of someone exhaling a cloud of vapor, but I think it's negligible. I think there are bigger fish to fry.

Thank you,
Natalie Marchant

Deb Mangen

From: Kevin H <metalsman2727@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 4:06 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Tonight's City Council Meeting

Edina City Council Members,

As a constituent of your city, I urge you to take public comment on proposed amendment 2013-13 at the City Council meeting tonight 12/17/2013 at it's second reading.

Thank you for your time,

Kevin Hanson
4520 Garrison Lane
Edina, MN 55424

Deb Mangen

From: rachel bolin <rachelebolin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 3:53 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Amendment 2013-13 for 12/17/13

Edina City Council Members,
As a constituent of your city, I urge you to take public comment on proposed amendment 2013-13 at the City Council meeting tonight 12/17/2013 and/or Minnesota at it's second reading.
Thank you for your time,

Rachel Bolin
6200 Parnell Ave
Edina, MN 55424