

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: January 20, 2015

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

KOPP
INVESTMENT ADVISORS

January 6, 2015

James Hovland
Mayor
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Jim:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter recently sent to Brian Olson regarding a broken fence off Gleason Road. The fence is still there and still broken and it irritates the heck out of me.

Hope your New Year is going great!

Sincerely,



Lee Kopp

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Phone 952-841-0400 * Fax 952-841-0411 * 1-800-333-9128*

December 17, 2014

Brian Olson
City of Edina Public Works
7450 Metro Blvd.
Edina, MN 55439

To Whom It May Concern:

Three years later the fence off Gleason Lake Road, just down from the hockey rink or Creek Valley remains a cancer in our community! If you would be so kind to address this issue I would really appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Lee Kopp
6504 Indian Hills Road
Edina, MN 55439
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(952) 841-0400 – work

Heather Branigin

From: *CI-StPaul_Mayor <Mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:10 PM
Subject: Please join us for Mayor Chris Coleman's 2015 Minnesota Mayor's Reception at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival

Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman
Invites you to join him for the
2015 Minnesota Mayor's Reception at the Saint Paul Winter Carnival

Saturday, January 31, 2015
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Downtown Saint Paul
James J. Hill Center
On beautiful Rice Park
80 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

The Mayors of Minnesota will gather once again in Saint Paul to celebrate winter in our capitol city. We will start this year by marching in the Winter Carnival Vulcan Victory Parade and then warm up at one of Saint Paul's most beautiful historic buildings.

Schedule:

4:45 p.m. - Meet at the new Bedlam Theater in Lowertown, 213 East 4th Street (across 4th Street from the Union Depot), for Parade Line-up.

5:30 p.m. - March to Rice Park in the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Torchlight Parade.

6:15 p.m. – Party, hosted by Mayor Coleman, with the Minnesota Mayors at the James J. Hill Center.

Please RSVP to Chai Lee by **Tuesday, January 28, 2015** and let us know how many will be attending.

651-266-8510

Or via email

mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Watch your email for an update as we get closer to the Reception!

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Heather Branigin

From: Mike Slaughter <Mike.Slaughter@wikoff.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Creek Valley Road Extension

Mayor Hovland,

Last night Edina Public Schools presented Valley Estates with the possibility of the extension of Creek Valley Road. Valley Estates has recently been through the road reconstruction process. The High School did not pay into this road improvement because there usage was deemed "minimal". With the high schools proposed usage, a significant changing would occur and the High School could be the majority "trip" generator.

How would Valley Estates approx. \$650,000 and Edina's approx. \$1,350,000 investment be protected from the High School's over usage and under assessment?

I would like to get the school district some information on the possible cost for this access. My perception is that they believe it will be at no cost, which is skewing some of the decision process.

Thank you,

Mike Slaughter
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District Manager
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Heather Branigin

From: Stevens, Elizabeth G <elizabeth.stevens@uhg.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 8:22 PM
To: Michael Frey; James Hovland; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Barbara.lavaleur@gmail.com; Michael Frey
Subject: The Best of Edina

There are *many* things I appreciate about Edina. I can drive and park without reservation after it snows because our public works crews keep our streets beautifully cleared, full width. Great schools. Free outdoor concerts. A place to walk my dog and enjoy fantastic sculpture - at the same time! A fully-funded approach to public safety wherein dispatch, police and fire work together to get help to any doorstep in under 5 minutes. We even have happy hour.

Yesterday's Edina Patch announced [City of Edina Loses Retired K-9](#). "Gee, I though Kodiak died a while back" was my first thought, as I questioned my memory. Then I had a horrifying realization: Diesel.

Diesel sniffed my feet during the 2008 Edina PD Citizens Academy. Officer Mike Seeger showed off his better-looking partner, and described the training requirements while he let us examine Diesel's various protective equipment. After the narcotics demonstration, and right before the Q&A period, Mike paused and smiled (I think it was the first smile we'd seen from any of our fine officers) and said of Diesel "Yeah. Basically, he's nuts." He went on to explain the 'high-drive' qualities and characteristics that separate the puppies born for law enforcement from the pets. Diesel redefined 'drive'. He probably would have *hated* retirement, if you think about it.

I was already planning to stop at City Hall yesterday to renew my dog's license and get a new off-leash park collar, so I thought about delivering flowers to the Police Department. Seemed kind of morbid though, so I changed the plan to make a donation in Diesel's name to the Crime Prevention Fund. Then, as I drove up to City Hall to renew my dog's license and get a new dog park collar, it hit me as I entered the parking lot: we need a life-sized sculpture of Diesel at the top of the steps, at the entrance to our City Hall and Police Department.

There's plenty of room! And kids love dogs – real, or stuffed and fluffy, or sculpted. It would make for great selfies. Seattle's Pike Place market has a big pig: our pig could be a dog*. There are surely talented local sculptors who need to eat. Diesel was black as night, so – unlike his calmer predecessor Kodiak - getting the colors right would be a cinch! It could double as a not-so-covert ad for the Crime Prevention Fund.

And Diesel can, in a sense, stay on the job, alert and guarding the home base of those who continue to protect all of us who live and work and play here, 24/7/365.

So I told Lynette about my idea as I got my business done, and she liked it. I asked who I'd be able to talk to at the Edina Art Center, figuring I should at least get a rough estimate for such a sculpture before sending an email to Scott Neal. And then, after calling Michael Frey today to get that estimate, I was advised that my idea isn't even really *my* idea! Apparently there's already been discussion about a K-9 sculpture in that same spot. And there's a project leader to coordinate the donations (that's awesome, as I'm lousy at that kind of thing myself). Wow.

If there was ever an intangible sign of support for a project, this must be it. Please get that sculpture approved and in place yet this year, and please let it be a perfect likeness in honor of the crazy K-9, Diesel.

Thank you all for the work you do, too.

-Elizabeth Stevens

* Pun may or may not be with intent

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Heather Branigin

From: Dick Young <dickyoung1@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Edina Mail; Ann Kattreh; Matt Egan
Subject: Sherwood Park at 3241 Eden Cir.

Dear James, and Ann and Matt,

I live at 5275 Grandview Square, apartment 3210, 55436 and we overlook Sherwood Park. This was pretty much a forgotten park until the condos were built a number of years ago and then well and the pumping system were improved about 2 years ago. It appears that the well is a major deal because almost every day somebody from the water department drives in to work on the equipment or check it. Also a lot of large cylinders and equipment are delivered to the well house and taken from it almost weekly. During the winter you plow the driveway along the north side of the park and then turn and create 3 different parking areas alongside and behind the well house. During the wet portion of the spring and fall the park gets pretty muddy and your employees have to drag these tanks and repair parts through the mud and puddles to the pump house.

Since this well has become a serious investment and involvement why don't you build a gravel road along the south side of the park and save tearing up the park with your trucks?

A lot of real estate taxes now go to the city from Grandview Square and it feels like it's time to consider a little more the people who live at Grandview square a little more.

Thanks a lot for your consideration. Sincerely, Dick Young

Heather Branigin

From: David Goergen
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 2:53 PM
To: 'dickyoung1@comcast.net'
Cc: Brian Olson; Ann Kattreh; James Hovland
Subject: Well 7/Sherwood Park, 5225 Sherwood Rd
Attachments: Sherwood Park Geo Grid.pdf; Grandview Square III MOU.pdf

Hi Dick,

Thank you for the email detailing your concerns at Sherwood Park. You are correct, Well 7 was rehabbed and put back in to year round production in 2012, hence the regular visits from our operators. To your comment on vehicle access, there is a buried plastic "Geo Grid" green drive/park way leading to the well house/shelter (see attached). The Geo Grid was installed per Grandview Square III's request ~2005 to remove the (then) existing asphalt drive and replace w/ a less visually obtrusive option.

We understand Spring/Fall can leave areas a bit torn up and budget for annual grading/landscaping maintenance as needed to provide as much green space as possible at the park.

A traditional drive on the south side has been considered but dismissed due to a number of reasons (proximity/depth of buried utilities and cost to relocate, safety concern of hard surface adjacent to baseball field, mature tree removals and proximity to single family homes.

The City has also worked w/ GVS III to partner in the expansion of irrigated areas in the park for the betterment of both parties (see attached MOU).

I hope this answers your questions; please feel free to contact me w/ any further questions or concerns.

Regards,
Dave



Dave Goergen, Public Works Coordinator

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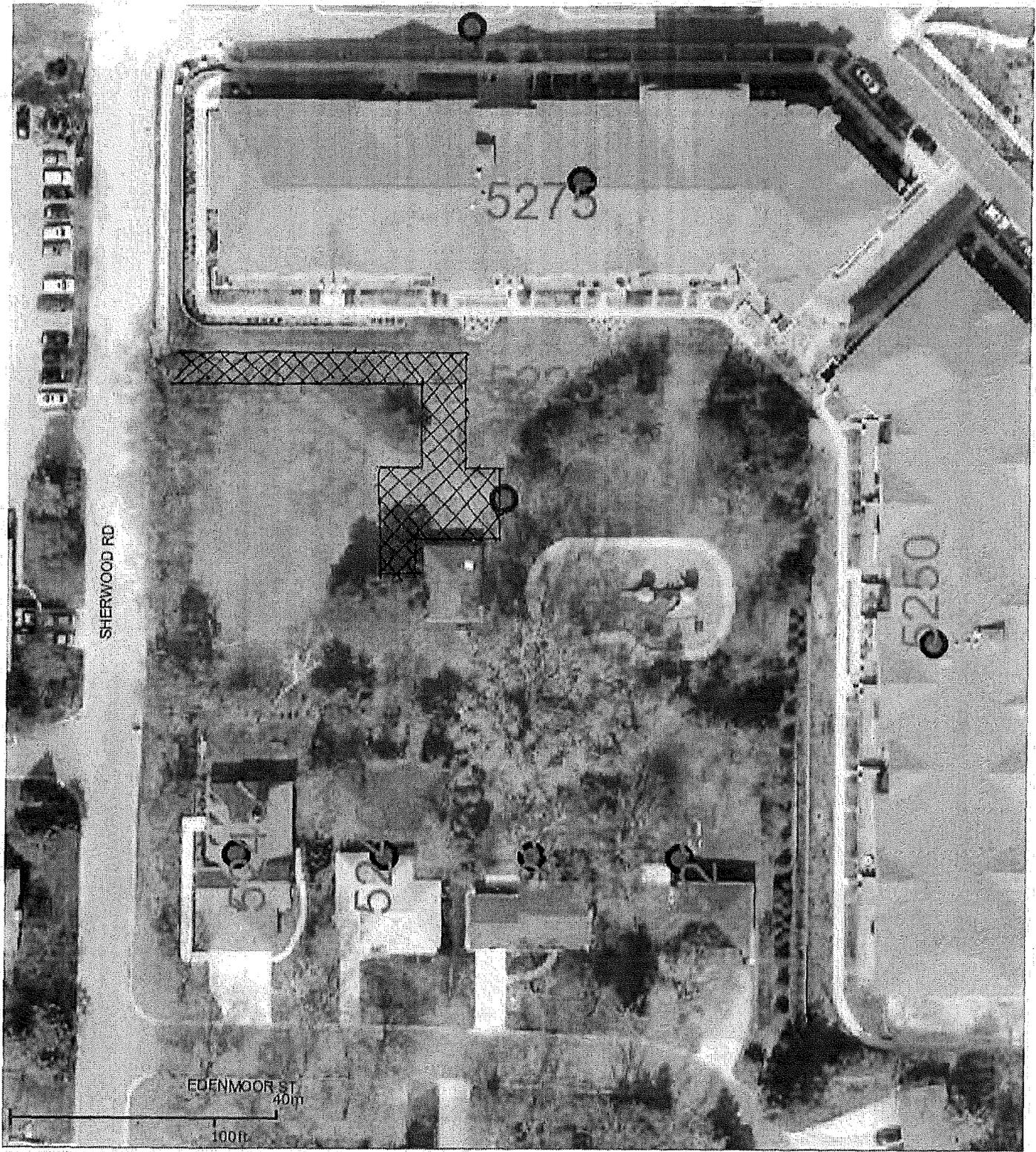
MEMORANDUM

The City of Edina acknowledges Grandview Square III private irrigation system will have 360' heads installed on border areas and the extension of said system onto City land to allow portions of City owned park to receive water from Grandview Square III. This was requested by Grandview Square III, the City assumes no maintenance nor will it accept any type of invoicing from Grandview III for the water used or system maintenance.

Dave Goergen Public
Works Coordinator

7/11/14
DM Goergen

Randy Halvorson
Grandview Square III



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= GEO GRID

"GREEN" DRIVEWAY/PARKING SPOTS

Heather Branigin

From: Nelson, Karen <Karen.Nelson@edinaschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; swensonann1@gmail.com; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Subject: Edina Education Fund Show & Tell Lunch - 2/2/15 11:30 - 1:00

Edina Mayor and City Council Members

I would like to invite you to attend the Edina Education Fund's Show and Tell Luncheon on Monday, February 2, 11:30 – 1:00 at St Pat's Church. Most of you know about this annual event and may have already received an invitation. A complimentary lunch will be served, demos & presentations by past grant recipients and the kickoff of a new project in the district. I hope you can attend to learn more about the Edina Education Fund's impact.

Please use the following link to get more details and RSVP. (Select Edina Education Fund as your table captain from the drop box.) <http://www.edinaedfund.com/index.php/events/show-tell-luncheon-and-program/rsvp-show-tell>

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 27. <http://www.edinaedfund.com/index.php/donate/donate-online1>

If you're interested in learning more, here is a link to the latest *Report to the Community* that we recently mailed out to all of our donors. The report recaps all of the initiatives the Ed Fund has supported for the 2013/2014 school year,
<http://www.edinaedfund.com/files/2714/1771/7036/2014-Report-to-Community.pdf>

Thanks
Karen

Karen Nelson

Executive Director
Edina Education Fund
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Karen.Nelson@edina.schools.org

Heather Branigin

From: Angela Johnson <Angela.Johnson@tigeroak.com>
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 8:37 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Mayor Hovland is invited to Edina Magazine's Best of Edina Special Event

Mayor Hovland~

First, let me thank you for introducing me to Elvy Bankey. She is a most delightful woman and our story in Edina Magazine about her antique holiday ornaments was a special and heartfelt segment of our December issue.

I have now been at the helm of Edina Magazine as editor for a full year and it is with great joy that I and the entire staff at Edina Magazine begin preparations for our upcoming Best of Edina event. Our special 2015 Best Of issue will reveal all of our readers' choice award winners in 50+ categories. My mission as editor of Edina Magazine is to celebrate the people and businesses that make this community so special. I truly hope you will join us to celebrate all of our Edina finalists and winners at Pinstripes on Wednesday, February 4 from 5:30 p.m-7:30 p.m.

Edina Magazine would like to offer you two free admission tickets to this event. Please follow the following instructions to register for the Best of Edina event at no charge:

Please complete your registration on or before January 27, 2015.

I am truly grateful for your support of Edina Magazine and look forward to seeing you at our Best of Edina event in February.

Best,

Angela Johnson

editor, *Edina Magazine*

Tiger Oak Publications

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Heather Branigin

From: q <dhein0219@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 9:01 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: regional council of mayors

Dear IMayor Hovland.

This is in reference to my phone call this morning.

I am a member of the ECM Publishers Editorial Board that meets monthly, focusing on our editorial positions as a company. The board is comprised of editors as well as our President Marge Winkelman and Publisher Julian Andersen, son of the late Elmer L. Andersen, who founded our company.

We publish the Sun Newspapers, having acquired them three years ago.

I see a trend that interests me and one I intend to bring before our board when it meets next on Friday.

The trend I see is decision making in our region has moved more on to a metropolitan stage that includes mayors and council members from our communities. This trend is evidenced by the Metropolitan Council, the Itasca Project, the Citizens League, the Minn. Chamber and one other headed by Charlie Weaver. Each no doubt has elected members from the suburbs.

The focus seems to be developing the region to attract more interest and business to compete nationally and internationally. This obviously is a good mission.

Since these groups include officials elected locally, our readers are entitled to know what decisions they are involved in that could affect them personally.

I am not suggesting that regional decision making is a negative, but I am suggesting that these regional groups, and I'd include the Metro Airports Commission, are flying under the radar of public opinion.

Our board is interested in hearing from you or your director at one of our meetings. We usually meet the second Friday of the month.

I am writing to you as I see you hear the co-chair of this regional council of mayors.

How can you help me?

I also write columns that are published in the company's newspapers./

Sincerely,

Don Heinzman
612-986-4732

Heather Branigin

From: Ruth Hamilton <rhamilton007@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 3:18 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Does the city council oversee the plans of the school district in any way?

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I think the city has put an enormous amount of effort and money into developing athletic facilities for our youth and community. I heard about a proposal from the school district for their May referendum to build a \$25 million activity center which will house, among other things, a fitness center that the community can buy memberships for. I do not want our school district to get into the business of running a community fitness center! There are a plethora of fitness centers and programs already in existence in Edina! I do not want to increase my property taxes to pay for the building and yearly operating expenses of a school run community fitness center. How would the privately run fitness centers feel about the school district building this facility with referendum money and paying for its operating expenses through our property taxes. I do not think that this would be fair to these businesses. I think this activity center should be for school use only. Does the city council have any oversight on this matter? Am I totally misguided in my viewpoint? I would appreciate your opinion on this subject.

Thank you,
Ruth Hamilton

Michael Beck
4841 Westbrook Lane
Edina, Minnesota 55436
(612) 306 2704

January 12, 2015

Mayor James Hovland
Edina City Hall

Dear Mayor Hovland:

I have been an Edina resident for over 25 years living in the cul-de-sac immediately west of Highway 100. Ten years ago, I was among the majority of residents that supported the construction of a wall separating Highway 100 from our neighborhood (from the current wall north of Minnehaha Creek to 50th Street). Although the majority of residents supported the wall's construction, the minority opposed to its construction prevailed because of misinformation and mistrust. Unfortunately, our neighborhood has lost the financial advantages the wall would have brought to our community; including the aesthetic and safety improvements brought by the wall--nothing but a chain link fence separates our backyards from highway's 100 traffic.

Representative Melissa Franzen appears to understand my frustration in the mishandling of this project 10 years ago and the lost opportunities the wall would have brought to many Edina residents with increased property values, aesthetic improvements and safety enhancements to our community.

It is my understanding, the state would share a sizable amount of the costs involved in the wall's construction. I fully support taking advantage of this opportunity to improve the safety, aesthetic and financial aspects of my residence.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have questions or comments.



Michael Beck

Heather Branigin

From: John Sieve <jsieve@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 11, 2015 9:03 PM
To: Tom Shirley
Cc: Ann Kattreh; crofidal@comcast.net; Edina Mail; jhovland@hovlandrasmus.com
Subject: RE: Quinn's Cup

Tom,

I cannot begin to thank you for working your butt off to get the South Rink at Centennial Lakes in shape for the 2nd annual Quinn's Cup. You and your team were absolutely awesome. I should have taken a picture of you in your golf cart spraying water down into the cracks on the ice just to smooth it out - And the weather was Below Zero!!! You and your team went way over and above the call to make it the best event possible and thank you does not even begin to say how grateful we all were for your efforts! I know it came down to the 11th hour (due strictly to Mother Nature) but you guys pulled it off and we had a great day. I just wanted to see Kyle and Kelly smile again and that they did! -For the entire day!!! It was a great day to remember Quinn! Thank you from the bottom of my heart and please thank your staff again. Have a successful 2015 and I'll look forward to seeing you soon. Again, my sincere thank you.

Regards,

John Sieve

(612) 867-7903

From: Tom Shirley [<mailto:TShirley@EdinaMN.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 5:04 PM
To: 'John Sieve'
Subject: RE: Quinn's Cup

Hey John,

Just got back from the south end. The snow is sticking to the ice pretty well in the spectator area; much less slippery. Inside the tent is even pretty good. We'll take a look at it again in the morning and can put a few mats down if needed but I think we will be good.

We moved lots of snow from the skating area down there and will finish it off in the morning. Should be ready for the boards at noon. Have a great night!



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From: John Sieve [<mailto:jsieve@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 5:00 PM
To: Tom Shirley
Cc: 'Kirsch, Kyle'; crofidal@comcast.net
Subject: RE: Quinn's Cup

Tom,

After thinking about it more, the sand is a bad idea... Let's just stick with doing the best we can around that area like we talked about today. Thanks again!

Regards,

John Sieve

(612) 867-7903

From: John Sieve [<mailto:jsieve@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 2:58 PM
To: 'tshirley@edinamn.gov'
Cc: 'Kirsch, Kyle' (kylek@canopyfg.com); crofidal@comcast.net
Subject: Quinn's Cup

Tom,

Thank you again for all your patience in helping us make Quinn's Cup a successful event! Your staff has gone way out of the way to help get the ice in great shape and we are all very appreciative! Per our discussion earlier today, let me know what you decide on the sand... I promise we will not use a ton, just enough to help with the slippery ice under and around the tent. Or, if you have an alternative solution, let us know. I meant to ask if you have any additional mats laying around that we could use??? Look forward to speaking with you tomorrow. Have a great night!

Regards,

John Sieve

(612) 867-7903

Heather Branigin

From: Michael Beck <mgb4841@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 12:23 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Wall west of 100 from creek--50th

I have been an Edina resident for over 25 years living in the cul-de-sac immediately west of Highway 100. Ten years ago, I was among the majority of residents that supported the construction of a wall separating Highway 100 from our neighborhood (from the current wall north of Minnehaha Creek to 50th Street). Although the majority of residents supported the wall's construction, the minority opposed to its construction prevailed because of misinformation and mistrust. Unfortunately, our neighborhood has lost the financial advantages the wall would have brought to our community; including the aesthetic and safety improvements brought by the wall--nothing but a chain link fence separates our backyards from highway's 100 traffic.

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Michael Beck

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Heather Branigin

From: Jay Carroll <jc331@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:08 AM
To: jc331@aol.com; Scott H. Neal; Steve Grausam; James Hovland; Greg Keehr; dbrowning@startribune.com; rknutson@ck-law.com; Jennifer Bennerotte; bcavangh@gunflintcapital.com; Kevin Staunton; mbrindle@comcat.net; swensonann!@gmail.com; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Subject: Re: looking back, sniff test

Good morning,

Two of my email addresses were wrong and they kicked back to me, so I am re-sending.

I'm sure Manager Neal will be reminding me that I have no "hard evidence" of some of the items I'm claiming, which is absolutely true.

These are my personal opinions of the state of affairs at the Edina Municipal Liquor Stores. I just wish there was more transparency in Edina's largest business enterprise.

Jay Carroll

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

From: Jay Carroll <jc331@aol.com>
To: sneal <sneal@ci.edina.mn.us>; sgrausam <sgrausam@ci.edina.mn.us>; jhovland <jhovland@ci.edina.mn.us>; gkeehr <gkeehr@ci.edina.mn.us>; dbrowning <dbrowning@startribune.com>; rknutson <rknutson@ck-law.com>; jbennerotte <jbennerotte@ci.edina.mn.us>; bcavangh <bcavangh@gunflintcapital.com>; kstaunton <kstaunton@edinamn.gov>; mbrindle <mbrindle@comcat.net>; swensonann! <swensonann!@gmail.com>; rstewart <rstewart@edinamn.gov>
Sent: Mon, Jan 12, 2015 4:10 pm
Subject: looking back, sniff test

Hello Manager Neal, Mayor Hovland and congratulations to the newly elected City Council members, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Staunton,

I've been re-examining some the of the e-mail discourse I had a few years back regarding the Edina Municipal Liquor Stores. In the light of the ongoing gross mismanagement of the Edina Liquors Stores and their abject failure to recognize and prepare for the Total Wine invasion, I want to fully re-engage the matter.

Full disclosure, a reminder that I was "let go" by my brother's wine distributorship over four years ago because Mr. Grausem had several contacts with my brother saying that I was telling people that Edina was "dirty" for taking free goods, incentives, gift cards, free tickets to expensive concerts, signed sporting good items, trips to California, etc. This still is the "liquor business" and if you are privately owned you can do whatever you want with these offers, not municipals. As a resident of Edina, I felt it was my obligation to tell the truth. If I wasn't taken off the Edina acct., Edina liquor stores would stop doing business with Grape Beginnings. Asst. Director of Liquor Stores Keehr assisted Mr. Grausem in this pressure. Mr Grausem never asked or received any incentives from me. On the otherhand for example, Mr Keehr both received free goods and I personally delivered to his residence an expensive Weber Gas Grill and many cases of wine. When Manager Neal looked into that particular event, the outcome was that Mr. Keehr said he doesn't know why a grill was delivered to his house and he brought it into one of the stores. Funny how under pressure of being found out, he brought the grill into the store after two years of "home grilling"! In my opinion, Mr Grausem and Mr. Keehr "have something" on each other, hence they got rid of me, Mike Wold, John Nevin, both managers at Edina and Grausem/Keehr want to keep the status quo running the Edina Stores. If you polled all of the wine, booze and beer reps that sell/sold to Edina, Mike Wold and John Nevin were the most honest of all of them!

First of all, I would to ask why that with over a year of preparation that our stores did nothing other than spend hundreds of thousands of dollars remodeling? The MLBA with the backing of the MMBA, only put off the opening of Total Wine in Bloomington and knew of the impending price war. The average gross margin of Edina's pricing is almost 25% over Total Wine. When ultimately, Edina has to come close to Total Wine's margin numbers, Edina will look like fools. When Edina has to reduce their margins and with the recent report that the Star Tribune showing Edina's margin of 10.2 percent, Edina Liquor stores will be shown to be ridiculously overpriced. If Edina Liquor stores had to pay real estate costs that other companies have to do, they would be insolvent.

What happened at Braemar golf course should happen at the Edina liquor stores. Hire consultants, fire senior management and sub-contract out the operations. Or, sell the three real estate locations for many millions of dollars, get rid of all labor and other related labor legacy costs, eliminate liability concerns and insurance premiums of selling liquor, sell four licenses (add fourth store at 70th and Cahill) for millions, add recurring yearly license fees, gain millions of dollars of taxable real estate base revenue, add a small local Edina sales tax on liquor and get out of the business of municipal liquor stores. It is going that way and with the "Sunday selling" coming, it is going to happen. We will get better stores, better selection, better prices, enthusiastic sales people and replace the so-called "pouring back into the community" revenue immediately if not a cash bonanza!

Lastly Manager Neal, in an email dated 5/10/2011, you stated that you investigated the matter of Mr. Grausem's children receiving a college scholarship from the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association. You stated that because Mr. Grausem was not part of the decision making process, that it was okay for

them to receive the money. Can you please elaborate on your investigative process? Can you please forward to me the legal judgement that gave you that opinion. Was Mr. Roger Knutson, the city attorney at the time, consulted on the matter? If so, please forward me that email. Are you and the City Council fully aware that the members of the MMBA are made up of Minnesota's large booze, wine and beer distributors, national wineries and breweries, suppliers and insurance brokers? All these groups pay thousands a year in dues to have special access and influence on their primary buyers/targets, the big municipal liquor stores. The only valid scholarship recipients are municipal employee's family members, whose dues to the MMBA are paid by their respective cities. I have visited many municipal liquor stores and the so-called posted applications for this generous scholarship, I have never once seen one posted! This does not pass my sniff test.

I guess the Minnesota Municipal Liquor business is one big close-knit happy family of municipal liquor store senior managers. With that said, I personally visited and realized that both you, Manager Neal and Mr Grausem have children working with other nearby suburban municipal liquor stores. Dictionary.com states that meaning of "nepotism" is "patronage or favoritism shown on the basis of family relationship as in business or politics". This also does not pass my sniff test. I'm not even going to go into discussing the annual MMBA meeting in Alexandria every year and "who gets what" in door prizes, etc. I do know that the major distributors and producers need semi-trucks to bring in their booty and they come home empty.

I am so glad that Mr. Stewart and Mr. Staunton are attorneys. Why does Edina Liquor stores show ads on their in-store TV monitors for "for profit" businesses that include bars and restaurants? Is their any liability endorsing these establishments? Ask Mr. Grausem, he struck the deal with his friend who was/is the "media" guy. I heard that Edina supposedly

was remunerated for every screen placed and also does not collect any revenue from the advertisers. I would like to see the invoices or payments to the Edina treasury from the paid advertisers. This also does not pass my sniff test.

Regards, Jay Carroll

Heather Branigin

From: Pinger <pinger@visi.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart
Cc: cmillner@Edina.MN.gov
Subject: Cornelia Drive Sidewalk

Hello City of Edina Council Members,

My wife and I live on Cornelia Drive. We attended an informal meeting on December 15 at the Public Works Building where Chad Millner presented information. We also watched the video recording of last weeks' City Council Meeting and we have some comments we'd like to share. Our comments center on the basic principle that this project is titled "Safe Routes to School".

- School children are currently **safely escorted** across 70th Street on the West side of Cornelia Drive.
- Cornelia Elementary School is on the West side of Cornelia Drive.
- There is an existing sidewalk partially completed on the West side of Cornelia Drive between 70th Street and Dunberry Lane. It would be cost effective and consistent with school safety to complete that sidewalk to Dunberry Lane.
- We believe building a sidewalk on the East side of Cornelia Drive from Dunberry to 70th Street would encourage some school children to consider crossing over 70th Street on the East side instead of the West side. That would require additional school crossing guards, potentially causing traffic confusion at this very busy intersection, and also potentially compromising children's safety. The current crosswalk system (and how it is monitored) works safely and effectively.
- Using similar logic, it seems natural to build the sidewalk along the West side of Cornelia Drive up to 68th Street.
- As Chad Millner's Engineering Study documented, there are more "impacts" on the East side of Cornelia Drive from Dunberry Lane to 68th Street. For example, there are five (5) fire hydrants along the East side of Cornelia Drive from Dunberry Lane to 68th Street.
- The suggestion to cross Cornelia Drive from the West side to the East side at 68th Street and build the remaining sidewalk on the East side up to 66th Street is consistent with "safety" for residents because that 3-way stop sign intersection is not nearly as busy as the 4-way stop at Dunberry and Cornelia.
- Finally, it would cost more to build the sidewalk on the East side of Cornelia Drive from Dunberry Lane to 68th Street based on the larger number of "impacts".

The Engineering Department has provided tangible and specific study information to support the sidewalk construction on the West side of Cornelia Drive from Dunberry Lane to 68th Street and then crossing over to the East side to finish the sidewalk from 68th Street to 66th Street. This appears to be the optimal way to ensure safety for the school children for this "Safe Routes to School" project and the most economical option too.

Thank you for reviewing our comments.

Respectfully,

Tom & Kathy Pinger

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please contact Stefanie Roumeliotes at (415)402-0303
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A Special Thanks to Constance Milstein

Heather Branigin

From: Tim McNeil <tmcneil@cityofdaytonmn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:04 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Rileyharrison@Gmail.com
Subject: Makers movement

Mayor Hovland, it was great seeing you again yesterday. I mentioned to you that there is an active makers organization in Mpls. The key contact is is Riley Harrison. His contact info is Rileyharrison@Gmail.com. Phone is 612-382-1650. Email is preferable to phone.

I hope you two can do great things!

Tim McNeil

Mayor of Dayton, MN

612 751 8707

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- Ryan Quinn
- Shaun White

Jan. 7, 2015

This is to thank the two men from Station No. 1 who helped me get from one floor of our house to another on Saturday, Jan. 3. That night I was unable to reach the banisters I usually use to pull myself up.

Their help is very much appreciated.

Marian

Marian Reid

5100 Skyline Drive

Heather Branigin

From: Garrison McMurtrey <gmcmurtrey@aaaminneapolis.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 3:00 PM
Subject: You're Invited!- AAA Minneapolis Community Forum
Attachments: community forum Invitation.pdf

Hello,

I'm Garrison McMurtrey, the Community Outreach Manager with AAA Minneapolis, and I wanted to send a reminder about an opportunity to attend our first, in a series, of Community Forums at our St. Louis Park Headquarters. This first forum will take place on **Wednesday, February 4th at 6pm** and will feature a presentation by MnDOT representatives about the purpose and scope of the Highway 100 construction project.

March and April will mark the peak of heavy construction, therefore AAA Minneapolis will be hosting this forum in order to educate the public on how their daily commutes will be impacted, gain awareness of alternate routes, and utilize safety tips when traveling in the midst of construction.

Throughout this project, AAA Minneapolis will remain a key resource for the communities surrounding the Highway 100 corridor to ensure that everyone is up to date on the latest developments. Parallel to the forum, AAA Minneapolis has also created a special section on our website devoted to the Highway 100 Construction project. Whether you are trying to shop at a local business or dropping your kids off at school, AAA Minneapolis wants all community members informed of the construction progress. Please visit www.minneapolis.aaa.com/hwy100 for more details.

As an influential community leader, we encourage you to not only attend, but also encourage others to join this discussion and raise any questions they might have. I have attached an official invitation flyer for you to pass on to your contacts and we look forward to having you attend this event.

Please RSVP to foundation@aaaminneapolis.com by January 28th and feel free to email me at gmcmurtrey@aaaminneapolis.com for any questions you may have.

Garrison McMurtrey
Community Outreach Coordinator

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Join us as MnDOT representatives educate attendees on the purpose and scope behind the Highway 100 construction project, raise awareness of key closure dates and targeted areas, and help attendees determine how this project will affect:

- Daily Commutes
- Routine Transportation Needs
- Businesses
- Other Aspects of this Major North-South Causeway

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

6:00 PM Doors Open

6:30-7:00 PM Presentation

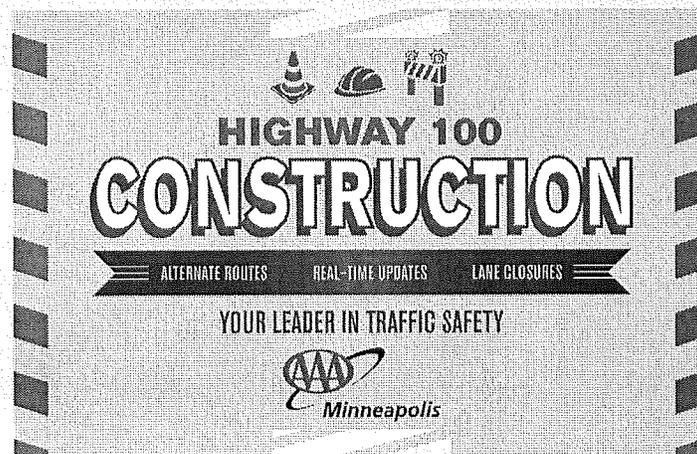
7:00-7:30 PM Q&A

AAA Minneapolis Headquarters
5400 Auto Club Way, St. Louis Park, MN 55416



RSVP by 1/28/15 in order to attend:
foundation@aaaminneapolis.com

For continuous Highway 100 updates and related information visit:
www.minneapolis.aaa.com/hwy100



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Dear Mike ^{Gorshe} & John ^{Brooks},

Thank you so much for your help last week. I was the person having anaphylactic shock last tuesday. It was my first experience receiving medical care from paramedics and you both were very kind, calm and comforting. It

was very scary for me and I felt safe in your care.

Please know I appreciated it very much and if I ever need a lift to the hospital again I hope its in your ambulance.

Best wishes for a great 2015. Thanks again.
Megan Brick

Heather Branigin

From: Thomas Malaskee <tj.malaskee@mnhs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:16 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 2nd Annual Community Honors Night
Attachments: CommunityHonors.jpg; CommunityHonors.pdf

Dear City of Edina City Council and Mayor Hovland,

The Oliver Hudson Kelley Grange would again like to invite you to our second annual Community Honors Night. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your community with the Grange and experience a Grange meeting similar to the meetings held by Minnehaha Grange, No. 398 during the early and mid history of Edina.

The Oliver Hudson Kelley Grange is extremely proud of our partnership with the Edina Historical Society. There will be a social hour with refreshments at 6:00 pm with the award ceremony beginning at 7:00 pm. We have an exciting night planned filled with awards, tradition, pageantry and the celebration of agriculture and history.

We look forward to seeing you at the Historic 1879 Minnehaha Grange Hall!

I've attached both a pdf and a jpg of the flyer and invitation for this event. Please use them as you see fit!

Best,

T.J Malaskee,
Oliver Hudson Kelley Grange, No. 834 President
State Grange of Minnesota Vice President

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T.J. Malaskee

Cultural Historian, Minnesota Historical Society

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Patron of the Community Award

Also honoring:
David Berg
Neill Elementary
Edina Historical Society
Grange Honors

Maplewood Area Historical Society
Friend of the Farmer, Friend of the Grange Award

Monday, February 2, 2015

Minnehaha Grange Hall
4918 Eden Ave, Edina

Open House and Refreshments 6:00 pm
Award Ceremony 7:00pm

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