

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: January 21, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Deb Mangen

From: Jack Rice <ricecompany@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 3:59 PM
To: James Hovland; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Nelson Jim
Subject: Some thoughts re Grandview

Some reflections re Grandview.

As I understand it the Council may set a time certain to receive the report and/or recommendation of the committee working on the future of the former public works property and it's relationship with the broader Grandview neighborhood.

The committee may or may not reach a consensus position. If there is not consensus nothing precludes a majority report and a minority report or other minority reports being received by the Council for consideration. They all could and probably would have valid points. But, It will eventually be up to the Council alone to decide the land use direction.

In this particular case the City is in a very strong position because it OWNS THE LAND. Nothing can be done without City approval. No developer can come in and say they have acquired the land and because it's guide planned or zoned for this use or that use the City must approve the proposal. This property will be redeveloped upon a plan and timetable of the City's choosing.

Regarding the loss of public land, remember that when the City acquired the Con Agra site it GAINED 8 acres. As I understand it the former public works site is 4 acres. If in the redevelopment process an entity wants to acquire the land in accordance with a combination of uses that the Council approves, there's no reason the City couldn't sell the land. Proceeds could be used for whatever, but maybe applied to reduce the bonding of the new public works building. There would still be a net gain of 4 acres of public land.

Just some thoughts,
Thank you,
Jack

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Deb Mangen

From: US Holocaust Memorial Museum <information@ushmm.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 6:02 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Lead Your Community in Remembering the Holocaust

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2014 DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
MUSEUM

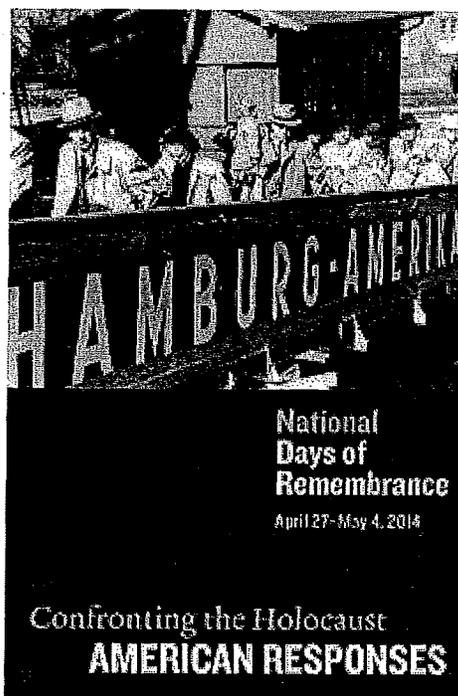
Dear Mayor:

The US Congress established the Days of Remembrance as America's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a permanent living memorial to the victims. In 2014, the Days of Remembrance will take place April 27–May 4. In accordance with its Congressional mandate, the Museum is responsible for leading the nation in this annual observance and encouraging institutions across the country to hold remembrance events.

Your personal leadership is critical to our national commitment to remember the Holocaust and educate our citizens about the consequences of unchecked hatred. In addition to observing the Days of Remembrance with special programs, we hope you will issue a Days of Remembrance proclamation for distribution in your city. A sample proclamation is available [here](#). Please send your proclamation to proclamations@ushmm.org.

The theme for the 2014 observance is *Confronting the Holocaust: American Responses*. This year, we commemorate the anniversaries of two seminal events in Holocaust history: the refugee crisis in the spring of 1939 and the deportation of Hungarian Jews five years later. American responses to the persecution and murder of European Jews invite reflection on the role of individuals, organizations, and governments in confronting hatred and mass atrocities.

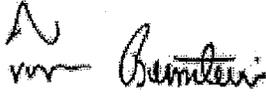
Please visit the Museum's [website](#) for further information and resources, including an opportunity for your community to share information about your remembrance event and learn about other observances nationwide. In addition, the Museum has created a CD/DVD with suggestions and ready-to-use materials for organizing civic, military, and interfaith programs.



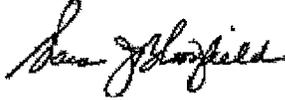
Jewish refugees board the MS *St. Louis* in Hamburg, Germany, in May 1939, bound for safe haven in Cuba. Collection of Walter Karliner, Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, New York City

We will mail you the *Planning Guide and Resources for Annual Holocaust Commemorations* in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your partnership with us in this important mission.



Tom A. Bernstein
Chairman



Sara J. Bloomfield
Director

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UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126
202.488.0400

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Deb Mangen

From: Chris Karlik <Chris.Karlik@mapeterson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:11 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Cost saving for Edina Building Department

Dear Council Members,

In order to receive the report summarizing building permits in Edina (known as the Keystone Report) the Edina Building Department requires that they print the report. The fee for this is 25 cents per page and the individual requesting it is required to come in and pick it up. The 2013 Keystone Report for Edina in our offices was printed by the Edina Building Department. The report is approximately 342 pages which translates to a fee of approximately \$85.50. The vast majority of the pages are not needed but there was no way to request specific information be separated out.

The Edina Building Department staff has always been courteous and helpful in meeting requests for the reports. However requesting this report from the City of Minnetonka and other cities is much easier. Their staff offers to email the report at no charge. There is no waste of resources such as paper, toner, travel time and fuel to retrieve the report. By receiving the report as an email it is possible that it can be read with no pages printed at all. Would the City of Edina consider joining these other cities in this conservation measure?

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Deb Mangen

From: Melanie A. Stratmoen <Melanie.Stratmoen@hennepin.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 12:44 PM
To: Kevin D Dockry
Subject: 2014 Coordinated Request for Proposals - Informational Session - January 22, 2014

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Hennepin County is soliciting proposals for the following programs:

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program
- Affordable Housing Incentive Fund (AHIF)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Application deadline: Thursday, February 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Eligible Applicants: Applicant eligibility depends on program. Public agencies, nonprofits, for-profits qualify for at least one program.

Applications are available at www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/rfp or by contacting the program contact.

PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Program

Contact: Thatcher Imboden, 612-348-4191, thatcher.imboden@hennepin.us

\$2.2 million available in grants and loans to support public and private projects that support the creation of walkable communities that have a mix of uses and densities that support transit use. Additional information:

www.hennepin.us/tod

Affordable Housing Incentive Fund (AHIF)

Contact: Carol Stinar, 612-348-2670, carol.stinar@hennepin.us

\$2.7 million available in loans for capital financing to create or preserve long-term affordable housing units throughout Hennepin County. Additional information: www.hennepin.us/ahif

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Contact: Tonja West-Hafner, 612-348-2599, tonja.west-hafner@hennepin.us

Approximately \$1.5 million available in regulated grants and loans to create or preserve long-term affordable housing units for very low and low-income families and individuals, homeless individuals and persons with special needs in suburban Hennepin County. HOME is a U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program administered by Hennepin County on behalf of the Hennepin Housing Consortium. Additional information:

www.hennepin.us/homeprogram

PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS

Informational Session

Representatives of Hennepin County will provide an overview of the RFP, the programs, and other possible County resources** available for affordable housing and transit oriented development. Approximately one hour of presentations will be made beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by an "open house" time to talk to the program contacts.

Wednesday, January 22nd

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ridgedale Library - RHR Conference Room – 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Technical Assistance Sessions

Program representatives are available for one-on-one meetings to provide technical assistance on the RFP. For questions, please contact the program contacts. Please contact Melanie Stratmoen at 612-348-2216 or Melanie.stratmoen@hennepin.us to schedule a technical assistance session.

Friday, January 24th

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

701 Building - Suite 400, 701 Fourth Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Tuesday, January 28th

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Thursday, January 30th

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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****Environmental Response Fund (ERF), Environmental Services Recycling Program, Continuum of Care (COC), Supportive Housing Incentive Fund (SHIF) and Group Residential Housing (GRH).**

While not part of the CRFP, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are allocated by the suburban cities during this time frame. For more information on the availability of CDBG funds, contact the city in which your project is located.

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Dear Mr. Todd,

I am writing today with a deep sense of gratitude to you and your wonderful emergency medical people for the way they came to my assistance.

I was having a delicious Shanks giving dinner at the Interlachen Country Club, and was taken with a fainting spell within minutes my daughter and the club manager had called your ambulance, and they were there to whisk me away to Fairview Hospital. I was there - hospitalized - until the following evening having taken a battery of tests. Meeting your team and the ride to the ER was clearly the most rewarding part of my

experience. My husband was a physician and I certainly recognize true professionalism when I see it.

Please accept this small token of my gratitude and perhaps you can use it for a well deserved holiday gathering for your very able team.

My thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely
Mrs. Lenora Elson

#134271

11-28-13

\$25-

- Brooks, Dr.
- Winkel, Driver
- Steve A.

"Our health always seems much more valuable after we lose it."

THANK YOU

- Hughes, Dr.
- Winkel, Driver

Edina FIRE/RESCUE

A sincere thank you to the EMS crew who responded so quickly to our 911 call early Sunday morning, January 5. We deeply appreciated the rapid response and professionalism demonstrated during our emergency event. Edina residents can be proud we have such dedicated responders.

Be SAFE

Clifford Wexler
4405 W 44th St
Minneapolis, MN 55424

Cliff & Gloria Wexler

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Thursday, January 23, 2014
4 pm to 7 pm

Please join us as we celebrate the Grand Opening
of our premier senior living community.
Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, champagne
and a martini from our Martini Luge.

RSVP kindly appreciated but not necessary
DSexton@TheWatersSeniorLiving.com | (952) 322-7500

The Waters of Edina | 6300 Colonial Way | Edina, MN 55436

Received
1/8/2014 dm

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To: James Hovland, Mayor
Joni Bennett, City Council Member
Mary Brindle, City Council Member
Josh Sprague, City Council Member
Ann Swenson, City Council Member

Re: A Strategy For Fred Richards Golf Course

Honorable Mayor Hovland and Members of the City Council:

Encouraged by the Council's desire to have an informed, broad-based deliberative discussion, the following thoughts for the future use of Fred Richards Golf Course are presented in the belief that it likely offers another opportunity to further enhance the community. Given the fact that economics is a primary factor in determining the quality of life in a city, I realize that a sound business and marketing plan is essential to achieve a valued community goal.

I suggest that it would be in the City's best interest to transform Fred Richards into a national model Junior/Senior Golf Instruction and League Academy. Such a plan would coincide with and support existing City aspirations about the quality of our educational system, preservation and enhancement of our housing stock, and the retention and attraction of superior retail facilities. A national model golf academy would broaden and enhance recreational opportunity -- thus further strengthening both the social fabric and the reputation of the city.

The plan would be to provide a structured learning environment for both 8 thru 10 year-old junior golfers (some might be summer campers) and 55+ year-olds/retirees; while also promoting team-oriented league play for all age groups throughout the season. The teaching program for juniors would allow instructors to take their students from a learning station directly to the course; and, by the time they are eleven years old, have them wanting and prepared to be etiquette informed, and responsible junior fee patrons at Braemar.

As suggested recently on the Golf Channel's Morning Drive program, "putting tee shirts on youngsters and affording them the opportunity of play as a member of a team (8, 9, and 10 year olds) affords kids (and their parents) who may be interested in golf an experience offered in other sports," i.e. the hockey, soccer, basketball, and baseball programs in our community. The commentators also stated that "it may be the best way to ensure we are doing all we can to stem the drop in rounds played at existing courses."

The senior instructional and team play program could be offered during the half-day opposite the juniors. While the instruction portion of the program may be separate for men and women, the more "social" team play aspect could be conducted as either single gender or mixed team or both. Filling Fred Richards in the morning and the afternoon would still allow "industrial league" play to continue at the course in the evenings - thus producing a full fee paying day. Weekends would be totally open play.

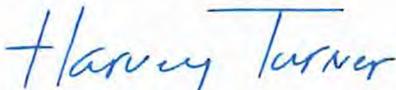
With the clubhouse facility and the course already in existence, it appears that a only a relatively small investment would be required to achieve a meaningful transformation at Fred Richards. I believe that as many as four netted "teaching stations" could be placed along the route between the clubhouse and the existing first tee. There is ample space for a second "chipping and bunker play green" that should be developed to compliment the existing "putting clock."

Creating an informal classroom environment in a portion of the clubhouse would support lecture and video instruction. Improving the snack bar (Braemar ice arena model) could significantly enhance demand. Nothing would need to be done to the course; and observation leads me to believe that existing maintenance (equipment and personnel) is sufficient to handle the proposed enhancements.

I believe that with the right business operation and marketing plan, the City can attract both national and local money to help support such an endeavor. As a first of its kind facility (that could also be open to residents of Eden Prairie, Bloomington, Richfield, and South Minneapolis), I am confident that it would be easy to promote - including showcasing the initiative through both local and national media.

Realizing that any plan must be financially responsible (largely self sustaining), I would still be hesitant to dispose of a valued existing asset that potentially can be made into something special. Once lost, some facilities can regrettably be very difficult to replace.

Respectfully yours,



Harvey L. Turner
Direct of Planning
University of Minnesota (retired)

Shaun W. - Dr.
Dave E. - Driver
Steve C. - Intern

1/7/14

Dear Edina EMT,

I want to sincerely thank
you for your caring, competent,
and professional help at our
home on 1/1/13. Having never
called 911 before, it was a scary
and humbling experience for me.
I truly appreciate you!

Sorry, I didn't get your names
in the heat of the moment - ??
Sean White and Steve

Again many thanks,
Paul B. Johnson

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Paul B. Johnson, MD

4617 Cascade home

Edina



Please Join Us I-494 Corridor Commission Meeting

Discussion and Feedback

The I-494 Corridor Commission cordially invites our legislative delegation and committee leaders to our January 24th meeting. Commissioner Zelle will make the case for why an investment in transportation is necessary and time sensitive. Will Schroeer from the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce will speak to the return on investment that follows investments in our transit system.

Join us to strategize how to move forward for progress in the 2014 session and to discuss transportation priorities including:

- Reconstruction of the 494/35W Interchange
- Southwest Corridor LRT
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Transportation Economic Development Projects



Date and Time:

Friday, January 24th, 2014
Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Meeting: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Location:

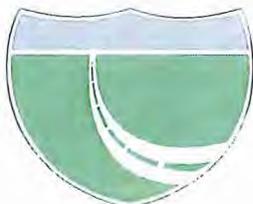
Minnetonka Community Center
(second floor council chambers)
14600 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Directions:

Minnetonka Community Center is located just west of I-494 at Minnetonka Blvd and Williston Road.

Enjoy coffee, fruit and bagels before the meeting

**Please RSVP to Melissa Madison by Wednesday,
January 22nd at melissa@494corridor.org or
612-749-4494.**



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