



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: March 17, 2015

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Heather Branigin

From: tmterwilliger <tmterwilliger@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 4:13 PM
To: James Hovland; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Scott H. Neal; Ann Kattreh; Cary Teague
Subject: Fred Richards

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

At tonight's City Council meeting I had hoped to be able to speak during the "Concerns of Residents" period but I have my daughter's hockey banquet of which I am one of the coaches. Therefore I am writing this email to express my concerns about the Fred Richards property and the City's current plan to essentially let it sit vacant for 2015.

I am fully aware that City Council voted a year ago to close the golf course after the 2014 season. However, it does not make sense to me why the City would choose to close the course during the 2015 season when Braemar Executive will be closed from the approximate dates of July 1, 2015 - June 2016. I know that the City intends to adapt the Clunie course into a par 3 course but I don't believe the results of this will be successful. Regarding the Three Rivers Trail that may or may not be constructed this summer my understanding is that it can run along the south end of the property and does not need to run through the middle of Fred Richards.

I respectfully ask that the City Council reconsider two things. First is to keep Fred Richards open until the new Par 3 at Braemar is open or at a minimum through the 2015 season. The second request is that City Council reconsider the permanent closing of Fred Richards until at least the Master Park Plan is completed later this year and a more definitive idea is known for the Fred Richards property and the costs for that plan. Myself and many other residents (and non-residents) are still dismayed by how City Staff could recommend closing Fred Richards, and certain Council members could agree, without having any solid idea on what the park would be repurposed as or more importantly what the costs to repurpose would be and what the annual maintenance costs would be. You have heard this many times but I will say it again, the process was flawed and was essentially performed backwards.

Along with my request above to reconsider the closing of Fred Richards I would ask that certain members of Staff and Council reexamine this issue with a clear and objective mind. I know that money has been spent and would be lost if the decision to close Fred Richards was reversed. However the cost would be far less than what the costs will be to close and repurpose the land. Simply stated it is never to late to make the right decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Respectfully,

Tom Terwilliger
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Heather Branigin

From: pelle137@umn.edu
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: SRTS Survey Reminder

Dear Jim Hovland:

Recently, you received an email with an invitation to respond to a survey on Safe Routes to School as a representative of Edina City Council. It appears that you have not yet completed the survey, or have completed only part of the survey. This email is a reminder to complete the survey at your earliest convenience, and no later than March 20, 2015, to help evaluate the role of collaboration in Minnesota's SRTS work. Without your response, important information will be missing.

To complete the survey, please go to [REDACTED]. Log in with your username: [REDACTED]. Use the password provided in the original email invitation you received earlier. If you need to reset your password, you can do so at [REDACTED].

Heather Branigin

From: Grant Tully <grantt20242@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 12:00 PM
To: Edina Mail; Jennifer Buckley; Elijah Mickelson
Subject: Drivers are uneducated on bike lanes presentation

Dear members of the city government,

We have been studying the idea of apathy in our 7th grade Language Arts class. Our teacher asked us to identify a problem in our community, gather evidence, and create a campaign to educate people. The problem we chose was drivers being uneducated about bike lanes.

After looking at many graphs, data tables, and even taking our own survey we concluded that drivers need to be educated about bike lanes. We believe that there is a simple solution and we would like to share it with you. Please join us for our presentation in the Dragseth Theater at South View Middle School in Edina on March 13th at 10:45 am. If you are unable to make it and would like to see our presentation we would gladly send you our finished link to the presentation.

Thanks for your help. Hope to see you on Friday!

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Grant T, Mason F, and Jayson O.
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Edina, MN 55424

Heather Branigin

From: lori@mnfalundafa.org
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 6:53 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Re: Request for Proclamation for the World Falun Dafa Day on May 13

Dear Honorable Mayor,

I hope you get a chance to review my email last Wednesday about requesting for proclamation for the World Falun Dafa Day on May 13. Do you have any questions? If you have any questions, please let me know. I would be happy to answer them or meet with you and give you an introduction about Falun Dafa.

Sincerely yours,

Lori Gao

Minnesota Falun Dafa Association
lori@mnfalundafa.org

Quoting lori@mnfalundafa.org:

> Dear Honorable Mayor,
>
> This coming May 13, thousands of people across the country will
> celebrate World Falun Dafa Day, marking the 23rd anniversary of the
> introduction of one of the world's most popular meditation and
> cultivation practices.
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> We are looking forward to receiving your proclamation for this year.
> We'd be very delighted and honored if you would like to make this May
> the Falun Dafa Month; or a week this May the Falun Dafa Week; or May
> 13 the Falun Dafa Day in the City of Edina.
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> Since 1992, over one hundred million people worldwide have become
> healthier, happier, and more altruistic through their practice of
> Falun Dafa. And on World Falun Dafa Day, we hope that you will join in
> recognizing the benefits that this great practice has brought to our
> society.
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> Falun Gong, also called Falun Dafa, is a peaceful spiritual practice
> rooted in traditional Chinese culture. It consists of meditation, five
> gentle sets of exercises, and a moral philosophy centered on the
> values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, which practitioners
> take as a guide to their daily lives.
>
> Although rooted in ancient Chinese spiritual tradition, Falun Gong was
> first taught publicly in China in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi, the founder

> of the practice. It spread quickly through word-of-mouth as tens of
> millions of Chinese citizens found greater health and spiritual
> well-being through the practice. Today, Falun Gong is practiced in
> over 80 countries worldwide by people of all ages and backgrounds. It
> is always taught free of charge by volunteers, and can be practiced
> individually or in groups.

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> Falun Dafa practitioners across the United States dedicate countless
> hours to our communities in organizing free meditation classes,
> Chinese cultural productions of music and dance, and participating in
> local events. We are also actively working to bring about a peaceful
> resolution to the persecution of Falun Gong in China, and improve the
> future of the world's most populous country.

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> It would mean a great deal to Falun Dafa practitioners and supporters
> across the nation as well as in the City of Edina to hear a message of
> support from you on this important occasion.

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> Attached are the two proclamations we received from Mayor of
> Minneapolis and Mayor of St Paul last year.

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> For more information, please visit www.faluninfo.net, or contact me
> directly.

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> Sincerely yours,

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> Lori Gao

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> Minnesota Falun Dafa Association

> lori@mnfalundafa.org

Heather Branigin

From: Alison Andrews, Euille for Mayor <bounce@bounce.myngp.com> on behalf of Alison Andrews, Euille for Mayor <info@billeuille.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 05, 2015 11:26 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Campaign Kickoff



Friend –

Please join Mayor Bill Euille and fellow supporters for a campaign kickoff event on March 14th at Theismann's Restaurant & Bar in Alexandria. This event is the official kickoff of the Mayor's re-election campaign and we hope you will be able to join us.

Mayor Bill Euille's Campaign Kickoff Event

WHEN: Saturday, March 14th, 2014 @ 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

WHERE: Theismann's Restaurant & Bar

1800 Diagonal Rd

Alexandria, VA 22314

RSVP: <http://BillEuille.com/CampaignKickoff>

Take a moment to forward this invite to any of your family and friends that might be interested.

Whether you are able to make it or not, we hope you'll take a minute to consider [donating to the campaign](#) or joining the campaign by [liking the Mayor's Facebook page](#).

Thank you for your support,

Alison Andrews
Campaign Manager
Euille for Mayor

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Heather Branigin

From: Kollodge, Bonnie <bonnie.kollodge@metc.state.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 3:08 PM
To: 'jhovland@krausehovland.com'; James Hovland
Subject: Appointments to Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

NEWS



Edina Mayor Tapped to Chair Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Four other TAB appointments recommended from geographic districts

Saint Paul—March 6, 2015—Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duinick has recommended Edina Mayor Jim Hovland to serve as Chair of the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). Hovland is one of 17 elected officials on the 33-member board, which helps shape transportation plans and reviews and selects local transportation projects for federal funding.

"I have the utmost respect for and confidence in Mayor Hovland," said Duinick. "He is an elected official who brings local government experience, while at the same time has the ability to look at issues through a regional lens. Jim is thoughtful and reasoned. He is knowledgeable about transportation issues. He has a leadership style that brings people together to work toward consensus and I know he will do a great job."

Hovland has served as Edina's mayor since 2005, and was first elected to the Edina City Council in 1997. He has served on the TAB for a decade and is one of 10 city officials appointed to the board by Metro Cities, an association of metropolitan municipalities.

"I am honored to be considered for this appointment by the Council," said Hovland. "Transportation infrastructure in the state and region is aging and existing funding resources, by necessity, are increasingly being dedicated to system preservation, with little funding thereafter available for necessary system expansion in the metro."

"Working with my very capable colleagues at the TAB, I welcome the opportunity to apply my local and regional experience to the challenge of ensuring transportation funding resources are allocated and directed in a manner that is balanced and best meets the overall needs of the region," said Hovland.

The TAB chair is chosen from among the board's membership, which is spelled out in [state statute](#). TAB bylaws state the board chair "shall be recognized as a leader in the community and shall have demonstrated a sensitive insight and an aggressive concern toward the larger issues in the metropolitan area."

Four citizen members to be appointed:

The Council, at its March 11 meeting, is also expected to approve four other appointments to the TAB from Districts E, F, G, and H in which there was a vacancy or the term has expired. The four districts serve primarily the north, east, and southeast metro.

- Anani d'Almeida, Coon Rapids, a reappointment to District E, which includes most of Anoka County and part of Ramsey County.
- Patricia Schweitz, White Bear Lake, to District F, which includes parts of Anoka and Ramsey counties, and most of Washington County.
- Suyapa Miranda, Saint Paul, to District G, which includes parts of Dakota and Washington counties and most of Ramsey County.

- Peter Dugan, Eagan, to District H, which includes most of Dakota County and part of Scott County.

Local elected officials, citizens, serve together on TAB

TAB is composed of elected officials, representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, citizen members, and members who represent transportation modes, such as transit, freight, and non-motorized modes. The board, established in legislation, qualifies the metro area to receive federal funding.

The Metropolitan Council appoints the eight citizen members to the TAB, the two transit representatives, and the representative for non-motorized transportation. The Council also appoints one of its own 16 members to TAB and names the Chair.

Visit the Council's website for more on [TAB](#). TAB districts are composed of two [Metropolitan Council districts](#).

The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning organization for the seven-county metro area. It runs the regional bus and light-rail system, collects and treats wastewater and coordinates water resources preservation, plans regional parks, and administers funds that provide housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. The 17-member Metropolitan Council is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor.

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Transportation Advisory Board FAQ (January 15, 2015)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)?

The TAB is a 33-member body, composed of 17 elected city and county officials, 4 representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, including the Council, 8 citizen members, and 4 members who represent transportation modes, such as transit, freight and non-motorized modes.

The TAB helps shape regional and state transportation plans. The board also solicits, reviews, and selects local transportation projects for federal funding.

The state legislature created TAB to ensure compliance with federal rules and regulations on urban transportation planning and programming.

2. Why was the TAB established?

In 1974, federal law changed to require that governing bodies of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) include local elected officials in the transportation decision-making process. Since the Council, as the regional transportation planning agency, was and is composed of members appointed by the Governor, TAB was created to comply with federal law. The Council, in conjunction with TAB, serves as the designated MPO and receives federal transportation funds.

3. Who serves on the TAB?

TAB's membership is spelled out in state law.

Minnesota Statute 473.146 Subd. 4 establishes the composition of the TAB. The TAB is intended to elicit public participation and designed to be broad in its participation and perspective.
<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=473.146>

The statute states that: The Council shall establish an advisory body consisting of citizens and representatives of municipalities, counties, and state agencies in fulfillment of the planning responsibilities of the Council. The membership...must consist of:

- (1) the commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) one member of the Metropolitan Airports Commission appointed by the commission;
- (4) one person appointed by the council to represent nonmotorized transportation;
- (5) one person appointed by the commissioner of transportation to represent the freight transportation industry;
- (6) two persons appointed by the council to represent public transit;
- (7) ten elected officials of cities within the metropolitan area, including one representative from each first-class city, appointed by the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities;
- (8) one member of the county board of each county in the seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the respective county boards;
- (9) eight citizens appointed by the council, one from each council precinct; and
- (10) one member of the council, appointed by the council.

The council shall appoint a chair from among the members of the advisory body.



4. Can the TAB influence the decision about who serves as TAB chair?

Yes. TAB can nominate at least one member of the board to serve as chair and forward the nomination to the Council as an advisory comment. The TAB bylaws state the board chair "shall be recognized as a leader in the community and shall have demonstrated a sensitive insight and an aggressive concern toward the larger issues in the metropolitan area." The bylaws require the Board Chair to act as a liaison between the Board and Council and convey to the Council the collective views of the Board unless qualifying the remarks as his or her own.

5. What is TAB's role?

TAB advises the Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation on transportation issues involving the regional highway, public transit and airport systems, as well as bike and pedestrian facilities.

A key responsibility of the Council's TAB is to solicit, review, and evaluate local project applications for federal funding. The TAB selects projects for funding and the Council must concur with the project selections to include them in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a federally required short-range investment plan for the region. The Council cannot pick and choose among TAB's selected projects, but must concur with, or reject the entire TAB selection.

The TAB also reviews and comments on the Transportation Policy Plan (TPP). The TPP is the region's long-range transportation investment plan. The plan is federally required and must be updated every four years. The TPP can be amended as needed and must be "fiscally constrained," which means it must be based on available funding.

6. What is the Regional Solicitation?

In the Regional Solicitation process, eligible applicants are urged to apply for federal transportation funds. Eligible applicants are metro area cities, counties, and townships, state agencies, colleges and universities, school districts, American Indian tribal governments, transit providers, private nonprofit organizations, and park districts.

About \$150 million is available in the current solicitation for 2018-19. The solicitation typically occurs every two years. In this case, however, the solicitation was delayed while the Council, TAB, and other transportation officials and stakeholders conducted a comprehensive review of the solicitation process and the criteria by which the TAB evaluates applications for funding.

Applicants apply for local roadway, transit, and bike and pedestrian projects. This year's process builds in increased flexibility so the TAB can award:

- 48%-68% of the available funds to road projects.
- 22%-33% to transit projects.
- 10%-20% to bike and pedestrian projects.

Greater flexibility gives TAB the ability to award funds to the strongest, most viable projects that offer the most benefit to the region.

7. What is TAB's structure?

The TAB has a standing Executive Committee, which primarily sets the agenda for upcoming meetings. The TAB receives technical input and expertise from its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). TAC is composed of 29 professional staff from city and county governments and the agencies involved in transportation in the seven-county region. The TAC has two standing committees, the Funding and Programming Committee and the Planning Committee, as well as ad hoc multi-modal task forces.

8. Is county representation on the TAB in proportion to the region's population?

No. The makeup of the TAB is described in statute and reflects a wide range of participation and perspectives. Each county has one representative on the board. TAB also includes 10 elected city officials, so the majority of TAB members are elected officials.

9. What portion of the region's transportation budget does the TAB allocate through the Regional Solicitation?

\$150 million in the current solicitation is a lot of money. But to lend greater context, federal dollars that TAB will allocate to 2040 accounts for about 3 percent of all the transportation funding that will be available to the region.

Due to constitutional dedications and specific federal and state allocation formulas, the vast majority of the revenues expected to be available to the region are dedicated funds that cannot be moved from one spending category to another. State highway revenues cannot be spent on transit, and transit revenues are not available to the state highway system. The one source of "flexible" funding available to the region is through the allocation of federal funds by TAB through the Regional Solicitation process.

In this competitive process, TAB allocates funds to local and state roadways, transit and bicycle and pedestrian projects. Over the time period of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan, approximately \$2.2 billion of "flexible" federal funding is expected to be available through the Regional Solicitation.

10. Does the TAB have staff?

There is a TAB Coordinator. Because TAB is an advisory body rather than an agency with employees, the TAB coordinator is a Council employee. However, the TAB Chair hires the coordinator, with the Board's approval. The coordinator serves at the pleasure of the board.

11. Is it possible to change the composition of TAB?

Yes. However, a change in TAB would constitute a redesignation of the MPO by the Federal Highway Administration. Federal law requires that the Governor and cities that make up 75% of the metro area population, including Minneapolis, would need to approve of any change, along with the Minnesota legislature.

*** More detailed information about transportation planning is included in the Transportation Planning and Programming Guide for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, November 2013

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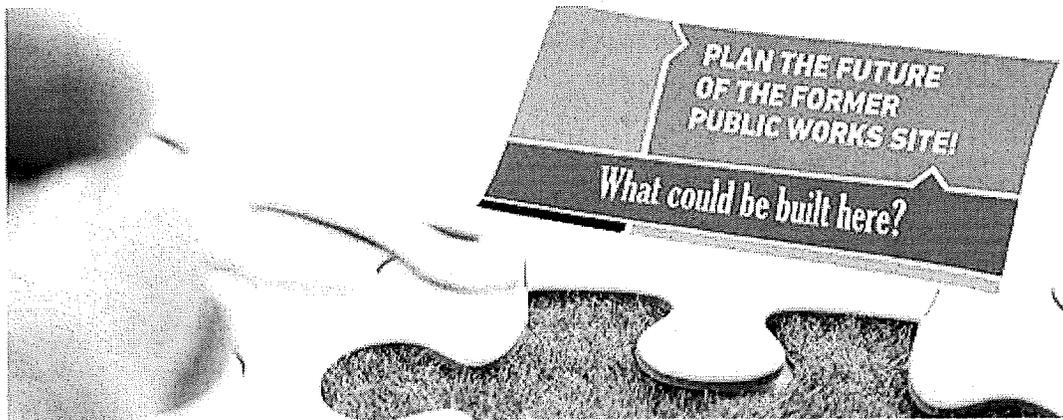
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Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 6:54 PM
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Subject: Update on Grandview Redevelopment

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MARCH 11 MEETING

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DISCOVERY SESSION

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March 11, 2015

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility

7450 Metro Blvd.

[Map](#)

 FOLLOW on FACEBOOK

Please Attend the Meeting on 3-11

Please plan on attending the next public meeting about Grandview is next Wednesday, March 11. See above for details.

We have been told there will be no 100% public development scenario at that meeting, in spite of public input from the first Exploration Session held in December. The majority of attendees expressed interest in using the public land at 5146 Eden Avenue to build a public community/civic center.

Here's what you can do:

- Attend the March 11 meeting and provide feedback regarding the private/public scenarios they present
- If you haven't already, please [endorse Public Grandview's effort >](#)
- Write the city council members at mail@Edina.mn.us

There is a [new page on Public Grandview website](#) with two new documents:

- public input that the city has received through meetings, surveys, emails to the council and other mediums
- shortfalls of the Grandview redevelopment process and how the

Grandview Development Framework has not and is not being
executed

Questions? Want to volunteer? Let us
know: contact@publicgrandview.com

I hope you will take the time to let City officials know how disappointed
we are in this process.

Thank you.

Stephanie Mullaney, Chair

Public Grandview

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You are on this list because you expressed interest in the Grandview redevelopment process

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Heather Branigin

From: dack <dack@dack.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2015 12:20 AM
To: James Hovland
Cc: Scott H. Neal
Subject: scott neal

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Why does Scott Neal get to go on TPT's Almanac program as a member of "S.M.A.R.T.," when he is the City Manager? As a city employee he should be neutral on the issue of liquor sales on Sunday. He can be a lobbyist for S.M.A.R.T. or any other group when he's a private citizen.

Dack Ragus
Edina

Heather Branigin

From: Mark Reiner <mbreiner@umn.edu>
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2015 4:51 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: follow up from Mayor's Roundtable
Attachments: SE_Statement of Qualifications_2012.pdf

Hello Mayor Hovland. I'm following up with some more information of what we created to track and monitor city-wide energy use as well as program tracking for actual energy and water reductions. I started Symbiotic Engineering while seeing the difficulties that the City and County of Denver were having establishing a robust method for acquiring actionable information. Although I sold Symbiotic Engineering to ICF International in Sept. 2012, the tool is still thriving and plenty of lessons learned. For just a quick perusal, see images beginning page 18/27. Feel free to ask any questions. Cheers. Mark

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Symbiotic Engineering, LLC

Statement of Qualifications

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Who is Symbiotic?

Symbiotic Engineering, LLC

Year Established: 2006

Address: 4845 Pearl East Circle, Suite 101, Boulder, Colorado 80301

SE's Chief Officers (Principals):

- Mark Reiner, CEO
- Michael Whitaker, COO
- James Taylor, CTO

Symbiotic refers to a mutually beneficial relationship. This is what our Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS) provides, a platform for robustly analyzing resource consumption data to provide benefits to multiple end users, or departments, within our client's organization. We also bring sustainability to our work place as Symbiotic Engineering was a founding reporter in the Climate Registry and is an Organizational Stakeholder for the Global Reporting Initiative.

Symbiotic uses an **Engage, Expand, and Extend** approach to our client services. We seek any opportunity large or small to **engage** new clients and partners and to understand their needs. Once clients are empowered with our advanced data analyses platform they quickly self-identify opportunities to **expand** the engagement. Finally, we **extend** engagements to ensure that we develop long term, sustainable relationships with our clients.

Comprehensive List of Services Provided: We provide our cutting edge web-enabled software platform and engineering consulting services to both private companies and public agencies throughout the U.S. and internationally including the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Colorado Governor's Energy Office, the City of Anaheim, CA, the City of Irvine, CA, the City of Longmont, CO, the City of Fort Collins, the City and County of Boulder, Holy Cross Energy. We also partner with E Source to provide these products and services to some of the largest utilities across the country.

Our specific products and services include:

- Utility data warehousing for providing flexible and consistent support for a wide variety of client needs spanning multiple organizations within a client

- Complex quantitative analyses in support of targeting and segmentation efforts for reporting, marketing, and programs across residential and commercial sectors with resource consumption profiles, demographic, firmographic, property, and other data sources
- Custom GIS spatial analysis and web-enabled mapping interface
- Reporting and delivery of customized resource consumption reports for targeting marketing and engagement efforts
- Program effectiveness reports to identify key performance indicators driving energy and water savings and marketing campaign success
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories and life cycle assessment
- Master planning support for sustainability and resource consumption initiatives

Through consistent innovation, Symbiotic's mission is to drive the utility industry forward by providing unparalleled insight through the development of leading-edge analytical and segmentation techniques for energy and water resource consumption planning and management in support of our clients' outreach, efficiency, and sustainability goals.

To support this mission, Symbiotic has developed its proprietary Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS), an enterprise software product to provide a baseline data source and quantitative analytical engine for assisting communities and utilities in evaluating a wide range of metrics with a focus on sustainability, GHG emissions, marketing effectiveness, and reducing life cycle resource consumption.

Management Team

CEO – Mark Reiner, PhD, PE



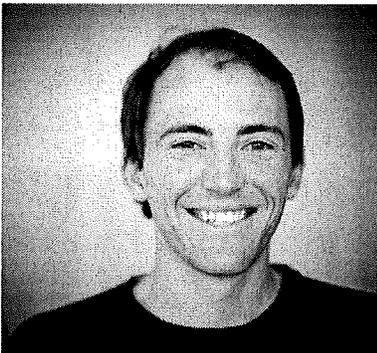
Education:

Ph.D., Civil Engineering - University of Colorado Denver;
M.S., Civil Engineering - University of Colorado Denver;
B.S. Geological Engineering, Colorado School of Mines;
B.A. History/Education, Valparaiso University

Mark is CEO and co-founder with Michael Whitaker of Symbiotic Engineering. Mark provides business development for Symbiotic and its flagship enterprise software, Sustainability Information Management

System (SIMS) with focus on Southern California and Colorado. The focus of the SIMS is to provide utilities, DSM managers, and City Sustainability Coordinators a means to benchmark and characterize resource consumption (water, electricity, and gas) to develop and deploy more effective efficiency programs. Before starting Symbiotic Engineering, Mark served as the Projects Director for Engineers Without Borders – USA, served as adjunct faculty at the University of Colorado at Denver where he taught "Urbanization of Developing Nations", and is on the board of iCATIS, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit that helps to develop economically sustainable enterprises for communities in need.

COO – Michael Whitaker, PhD

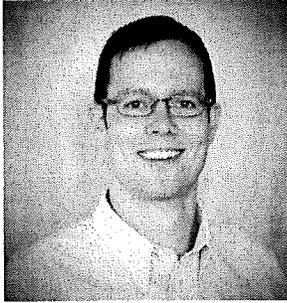


Education:

Ph.D., Civil Engineering - University of Colorado Denver;
M.S., Environmental Engineering and Science - Stanford University;
B.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering - Stanford University;

Michael is COO and co-founder of Symbiotic Engineering who focuses on developing and deploying Symbiotic's Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS) to assist municipal and utility clients with cost-effectively reducing resource consumption in their service territories. Using

SIMS, Michael develops custom analyses that use utility, demographic, firmographic, land use, and build environment data to provide insights to clients regarding resource consumption patterns, the effectiveness of current sustainability programs, and opportunities for deploying programs that better target reductions of energy and water consumption to the benefit of residents and businesses. He is also an expert in life cycle assessment (LCA) who has worked with private companies and national laboratories to conduct LCAs of biofuels, bio-products, mass transit systems, and electricity generation both domestically and internationally to quantify life cycle greenhouse gas emission impacts of alternative scenarios. Michael has served as the project director for the transition of Recharge Colorado from being a government program to an independent, economically self-sustaining nonprofit designed to advance the resource efficiency marketplace throughout the Rocky Mountain region. He has led the development of the Recharge Colorado market inefficiencies and opportunities strategy, has engaged with dozens of stakeholders to develop a coalition of support, has recruited a highly qualified advisory committee and interim board to guide the transition, and is responsible for the execution of proof-of-value pilot projects to establish Recharge Colorado's value proposition.



CTO – James Taylor

Education

Executive Certificate, Strategy and Innovation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

B.A. cum laude, Environmental, Population, and Organismic Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder

Numerous various other courses in engineering, management, project management, team building, and delivery excellence.

James has responsibility for product design, delivery, and production operations for the organization. He brings 13 years of engineering experience in leading the design, implementation, and ongoing management of multiple complex distributed technical products in an environment of fast-paced change. His experience spans several industries including Energy, Financial, Health Care, Government and Research. Prior to joining Symbiotic Engineering, James provided strategic product development, software product design, technology architecture, and engineering management across several global multi-site business units for a major provider of distributed financial software products serving over half of the top 20 global banks and thousands of corporations worldwide. James is also an expert in information security and compliance in a secure 24/7 operational environment and responsible for delivery and operational process design and management.



Director of Energy Services – Tim Hillman, PhD

Education

Ph.D., Civil Engineering - University of Colorado Denver;

M.S., Civil Engineering - University of Colorado at Boulder;

B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Oregon State University

Tim is the Director of Energy Services at Symbiotic Engineering. With a building systems science and community greenhouse gas (GHG) tracking background, Tim oversees the use of Symbiotic's Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS) to provide utilities and local governments with a comprehensive program targeting and tracking tool to dramatically increase the effectiveness of their energy efficiency, water conservation and GHG emissions reduction efforts. Tim previously worked at two of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) national laboratories where his work focused on small-scale renewable energy development and enhancing the effectiveness of nationally managed energy efficiency programs, and he still frequently presents on the latest advances in using utility bill analytics to drive program targeting efforts at DOE national meetings. Tim's background includes a great deal of work on the characterization and mitigation of GHG emissions at the city-scale involving the evaluation of new methodologies for accounting for the GHG impacts of energy and material consumption, advising the development of local GHG inventories and climate action plans, and serving on a technical advisory committee for the development of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability's Local Government Greenhouse Gas Emissions Analysis Protocol.



Director of Water Services – Mark Pitterle, PhD

Education:

Ph.D., Civil Engineering - University of Colorado Denver;
M.S., Environmental Engineering - Virginia Tech;
B.S. Earth Science, Pennsylvania State University

Mark is the Director of Water Services at Symbiotic Engineering, focusing on life waste-to-energy opportunities. Mark currently leads water, wastewater, and solid waste consulting services at Symbiotic Engineering, while also advising on the development of Symbiotic Engineering's Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS) software - used to assist utilities, cities, and businesses in tracking resource consumption, quantifying efficiency program effectiveness, and driving cost-effective improvements. Mark has over 10 years of hands-on field and consulting experience in design, construction, and installation of sustainable energy and water treatment systems. Prior to joining Symbiotic Engineering, Mark focused on LCA and GHG quantification for water and wastewater treatment plants, where he identified key cost-effective energy and GHG reduction strategies.



Director of Spatial Analysis Services – Nick Nimmer

Education

B.S., Engineering Management - Michigan Technological University;
B.S., Geological Engineering - Michigan Technological University

Nick Nimmer is Director of Spatial Analysis Services at Symbiotic Engineering. He has over 14 years of experience building and managing databases supporting scientific and engineering analyses, using GIS to support such studies through spatial analysis, modeling, cartography, and custom software solutions. Nick led the initial iterations of SIMS development, taking it from concept through working prototype to pilot project, and then recruited key hires, building a skilled development team with the necessary experience and vision to produce industry-leading software. He leads the development of SIMS spatial reporting and analysis capabilities and oversees the acquisition and processing of spatial data required for SIMS deployments. Prior to joining Symbiotic Engineering, Nick worked for a leading environmental consulting firm where he performed air dispersion modeling and groundwater flow modeling, developed a GIS interface for a proprietary ecological model, and managed project databases for Natural Resource Damage Assessments and numerous Superfund sites. He has also worked as part of the GIS team for a large telecommunications company, performing address geocoding quality assurance for 911 emergency services dispatch and routing.

Senior Staff



Client Services Manager – Caitlin Rood

Education

M.S., Environmental Engineering - University of Wyoming; and
B.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Marquette University

Caitlin Rood has more than 15 years of experience as a sustainability engineer. She has provided sustainability consulting in numerous industries including; automotive repair and fleet maintenance, ski areas, golf courses, commute trip reduction, metal finishing, surface coating, dental mercury, crematoria, hospitals, hospitality, hotels, and uranium mining. She has produced sustainability related deliverables for her clients in the form of fact sheets, videos, training, opportunity assessments, checklists, and industry sector notebooks. Her clients have ranged from private industry to local and federal government. In September of 2010, Caitlin began her employment with Symbiotic Engineering. Since December of 2010, Caitlin has focused most of her efforts on a project to re-launched Recharge Colorado outside of the Colorado Governor's Energy Office as an independent, nonprofit organization to serve as a perpetual, self-sustaining resource efficiency asset for regional and national stakeholders to leverage in advancing the resource efficiency marketplace (energy and water). Caitlin's responsibilities on the project include extensive stakeholder outreach and documentation, establishing Recharge Colorado as a tax exempt, nonprofit organization, assisting in conducting the proof of value pilot projects, communication and organization with the Recharge Colorado advisory committee, interim board of directors, and GEO senior leadership, and administrative project management. Caitlin is also responsible for helping to develop, implement, and oversee the quality assurance program for Symbiotic Engineering.



Senior Software Architect – Yoshi Carroll

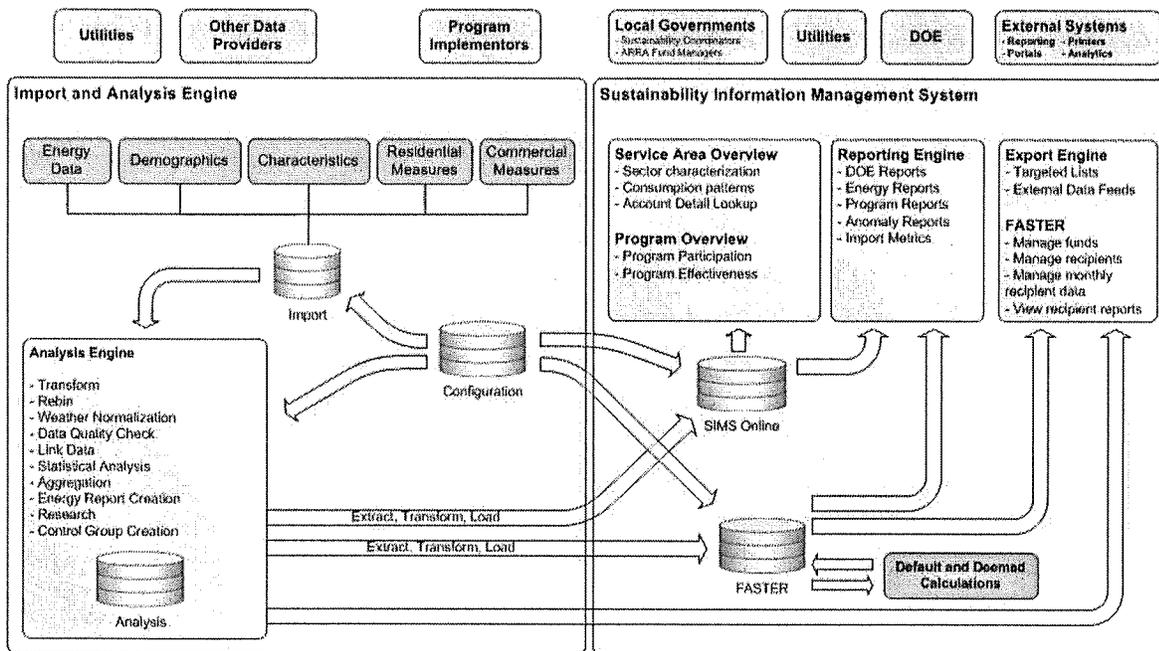
Education

Art Center College of Design

Yoshi Carroll is a Senior Software Engineer at Symbiotic Engineering responsible for the design and implementation of Symbiotic's Sustainability Information and Management System. Reporting directly to the CTO, Yoshi is also responsible for maintaining the SIMS's production systems along with Symbiotic's core technological infrastructure. Yoshi has eight years of Software Engineering experience and brings a cross-disciplinary approach to integrating the Symbiotic team's rich Civil Engineering and Product Development skills and knowledge.

SIMS

Symbiotic Engineering developed its **Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS)** as a web-enabled data processing and reporting product based on advanced analytics to integrate utility consumption data (at any interval) with other public or private sources of data, such as city parcel and permit data, demographic and firmographic information, attributes of structures (e.g. footprint, date of construction, value) and property type categories (commercial, residential, etc.) and even subcategories (NAICS, duplex, schools) to generate actionable reports and maps (*See examples in Appendix*) displaying utility usage and energy intensity patterns of individual properties and neighborhoods. These data together allow for complete analyses of energy trends across a service area by physical attributes of structures as well as by sectors in aggregate (e.g. residential or commercial) and sub-sector (e.g. restaurant or medical office). In addition, the product is designed to integrate program participants, measure types and installation dates, and weather data to assist in the evaluation of weather normalized program effectiveness. The flow and aggregation of data are best represented by the schematic below.



The SIMS provides for the ongoing analysis of consumption trends for any service type and for the evaluation of program effectiveness across a utility's service area or community of interest. The unique value of the SIMS is described in greater detail next.

SIMS Value Add

In short, what do the robust analyses, the powerhouse of the SIMS database, and the depth of Symbiotic's personnel provide a client?

- The ability to dive deep into the data to provide industry specific quantitative expertise,
- The SIMS provides a comprehensive data engine that typically can supplant other products and costs by making them irrelevant,
- Reports that are automatically generated will greatly reduce staff time to reproduce similar reports,
- Provides cross department data center for reporting, analysis, targeting, and marketing,
- Common data warehouse can be leveraged across service types, end use product sectors (electricity, gas, water, other),
- Utility bill data management and quality assurance,
- Symbiotic Engineering has extensive experience handling, cleaning, and providing quality assurance of utility data coming in multiple formats to ensure that robust analyses can be completed,
- Utility bill analysis and building energy characterizations,
- The SIMS provides *actual* utility bill impacts of installed measures.

Additional Services

Symbiotic Engineering provides a depth of additional consulting services that include:

- **GHG Inventories** that adhere to the latest standards and protocols for
 - Corporations
 - Local Government
- **Process-based Life Cycle Analysis** that utilizes the most current Life Cycle Inventories and methodologies for a true evaluation of a product or process.
- **Sustainability Reporting** for corporations or local government to identify materiality of issues over short, medium and long term goals and provide the basis for benchmarking and tracking of Key Performance Indicators.

SIMS Clients

We are currently providing the SIMS to the following clients:

- **City of Anaheim, California**
Description: The full SIMS has been loaded for Anaheim, including all historic electric and water data from 2005 to present, and is updated quarterly. Program effectiveness reports for twelve Anaheim electric and water conservation programs, including four water programs, are readily available in the existing Anaheim SIMS web-based software tool. Detailed rankings by measure type and cost-benefit savings have also been performed.
- **Ft. Collins City/Utilities, Colorado**
Description: Electricity and water data from Ft Collins Utilities has been loaded into the SIMS for the period January 2005 to November 2011 with quarterly updates moving forward. Under contract to perform city-wide turf type analysis and outdoor weather normalization on a per parcel basis, as well as ranking program measures based on costs and city-wide savings potential. Resource Utilization Reports sent to Ft Collins Climate Wise sustainable business program key partners that opted in.
- **City of Irvine, California**
Description: The full SIMS has been loaded for Irvine's municipal structures, including all historic electric and water data from 2005 to present, and is updated quarterly. Program effectiveness for EECBG funds are tracking the water, natural gas and electricity of installed measures.
- **City of Longmont, Colorado**
Description: Electricity and water data from Longmont Power and Communications has been loaded into the tool for the period January 2005 to November 2011 with quarterly updates moving forward. Under contract to perform city-wide turf type analysis and outdoor weather normalization on a per parcel basis, as well as ranking program measures based on costs and city-wide savings potential.
- **City of Loveland, Colorado**
Description: As part of our statewide Recharge Colorado stewardship contract, Symbiotic has loaded historic water consumption data into the SIMS from 2005 to present. The existing contract is mid-way through completion of a Water Conservation Study that will be used to maximize future utility revenue while still achieving required water conservation reductions.
- **Holy Cross Energy (Vail to Aspen, Colorado)**
Description/Value: Similar in scope to Longmont, but for electricity only. The Holy Cross Energy project was initiated in mid-April 2009 and incorporates GIS data from 5 counties, and programmatic evaluations.
- **Additional Clients Include:**
 - E Source deployments of the SIMS through a separately branded name
 - NREL : LCA of biofuels for India Oil Company
 - ProLogis: LCA of embodied energy and carbon of large construction projects

Testimonials

"Anaheim Public Utilities couldn't be more satisfied with our selection of Symbiotic Engineering as a partner to implement our Sustainability Information Management System (SIMS). Each of Symbiotic's staff are brilliant, hard-working, friendly, and most importantly, passionate about the work they do. Other vendors were well-qualified to deliver highly functional software which met our specifications, however, Symbiotic Engineering is deeply motivated to see that the technology they provide doesn't just perform as advertised but that it truly makes a positive difference in the lives of people in our community now and several generations into the future."

Reid Watkins

GIS Supervisor/Assistant Business

"Symbiotic Engineering, and in particular Dr. Michael Whitaker, have been and will continue to be important partners in sustainability research for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Working with Symbiotic Engineering is a collaboration in the truest sense. Ideas easily flow between us and are well implemented by the Symbiotic Engineering staff. The research is executed to high quality standards, is delivered on-time and within budget. The written embodiment of our research is clear, accurate and as concise or detailed as required. They are pleasant and efficient to work with, will go the extra mile and are flexible to adjusting course where the situation demands it. When working with Symbiotic Engineering, you also know that you are supporting a small, but growing, business that is a leader in the sustainability field both by their work output and by example in how they manage their business."

Garvin Heath, PhD

Senior Environmental Scientist and Engineer
National Renewable Energy Laboratory

"Symbiotic Engineering is an exceptional company. They have gone above and beyond all expectations in helping Boulder County achieve our database management and energy reduction goals...Symbiotic's technical expertise, enthusiastic work ethic, and "can do" attitude are outstanding and Boulder County highly recommends them to any government agency needing data analysis, reporting capabilities or sustainability benchmarking, tracking, goal setting and monitoring."

Susie Strife

Boulder County Sustainability Coordinator

As the former project manager for the Governor's Energy Office Recharge Colorado transition effort, I can attest to Symbiotic Engineering's outstanding, and unique, capabilities. The project was a one-of-a-kind opportunity; Symbiotic took ownership of the stimulus funded Recharge Colorado program and transitioned it into an economically self- sustainable organization independently run outside of state government. Symbiotic's team, led by Mike Whitaker and Caitlin Rood, approached the project with vision, passion, creativity, and exceptional project management skills. Because of Symbiotic Engineering, Recharge Colorado has launched as an independent, 501c3 nonprofit organization and is serving as an unprecedented asset leveraged by utilities, government entities, businesses, nonprofits, and consumers to advance the resource efficiency marketplace nationwide.

Jenny Hampton

Former Recharge Colorado program director for the Colorado Governor's Energy Office
Recharge Colorado Board of Directors

"Symbiotic Engineering has opened up educational opportunities to Valparaiso University as well as within the greater Chicagoland area in a manner which has transformed how we prepare our business students to truly be leaders in the global marketplace. As the last century's "business as usual" has proven to be disastrous in so many ways, SE's tutelage and invitation to participate in the "triple line" analysis of a company's operations has demonstrated, first-hand, that we must concentrate not just on shareholder interests, but on the needs of all stakeholders; move from the "bottom line" guiding principle to the "triple bottom line" emphasis where social responsibility and environmental stewardship are key metrics in measuring a business's success; and incorporate activities which take the student outside the classroom."

Dr. Elizabeth Gingerich

Associate Professor of Business Law
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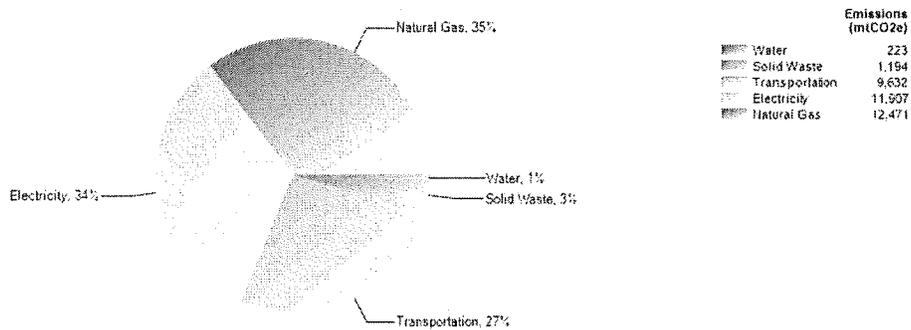
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Appendix: SIMS Reports

SIMS Reports

The SIMS can track emissions from the consumption of electricity, natural gas, and water consumption data. In addition, the SIMS has the capability of tracking aggregate transportation and solid waste data. Emissions are summarized in this report in carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) for all service types provided by the client. The charts depict the CO₂e for each service type during the user-selected time period (the percent of the emissions associated with each service type) as well as the absolute emissions in metric tonnes (mt) for each service type.

Relative CO₂e by Service Type



Relative CO₂e by Service Type

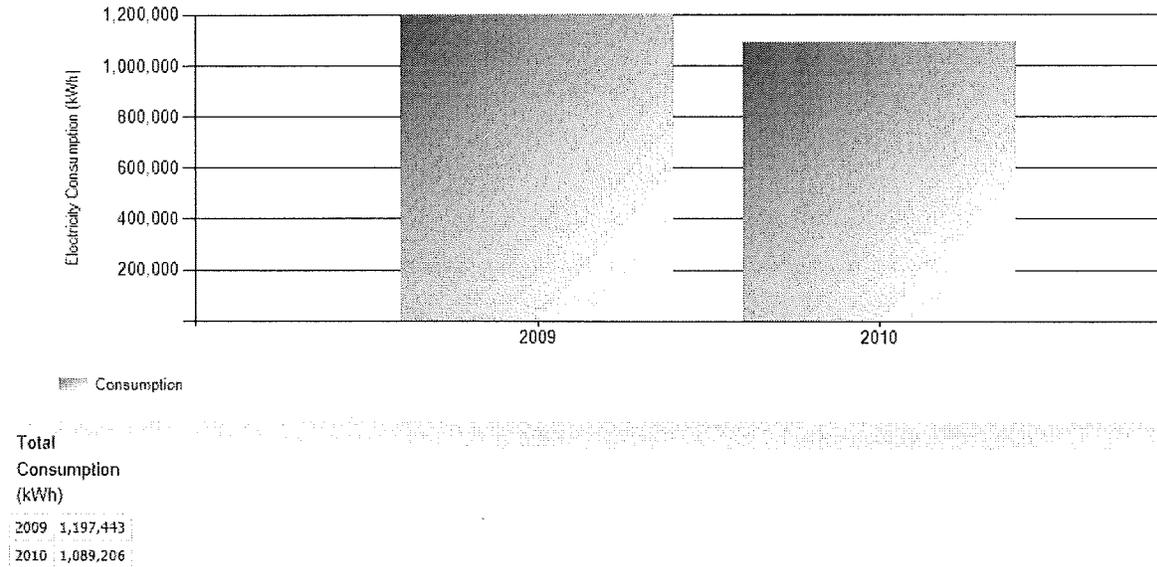
Service Type	Sum (mtCO ₂ e)	Percentage of total	Number of Meters	Number of Accounts
Water	223	1%	190	190
Solid Waste	1,194	3%	1	1
Transportation	9,632	27%	1	1
Electricity	11,907	34%	231	231
Natural Gas	12,471	35%	256	254

The report concludes with a bar chart comparing the number of meters and accounts for each service type that include data in this report. Any meter with data during the user-entered span of time is included in the calculations for overall contributions to emissions in these charts. The "service area" is limited by the amount of data provided by the client.

Period Comparison Reports:

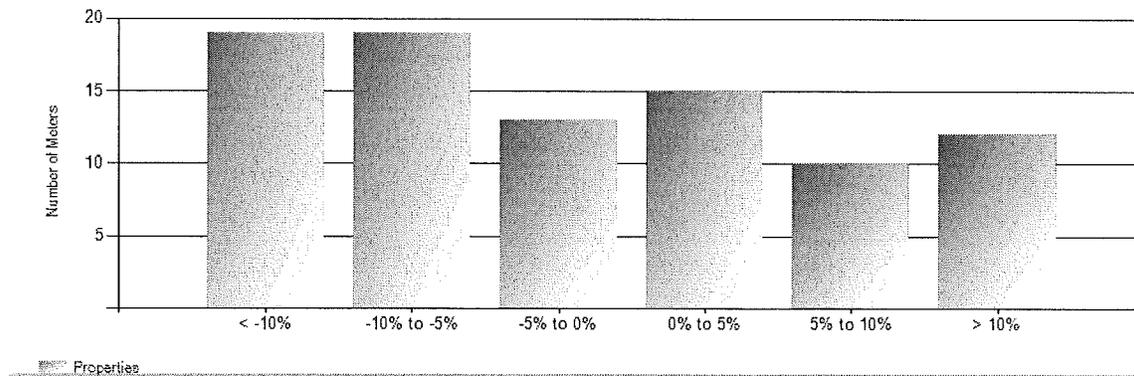
This report compares the selected service type consumption for two user-selected periods for either raw consumption or raw and weather normalized consumption.

Total Electricity Consumption (kWh) for Selected Sectors



This first chart “bins” meters based on the change in consumption from the first to the second user-selected period. For example, if the user selected years 2009 and 2010 and a meter showed 7 percent more consumption in 2010 than 2009, it would be counted in the 5% to 10% bin. Only meters that have a data for the full span of time are included in the calculations for overall contributions to emissions in this graph.

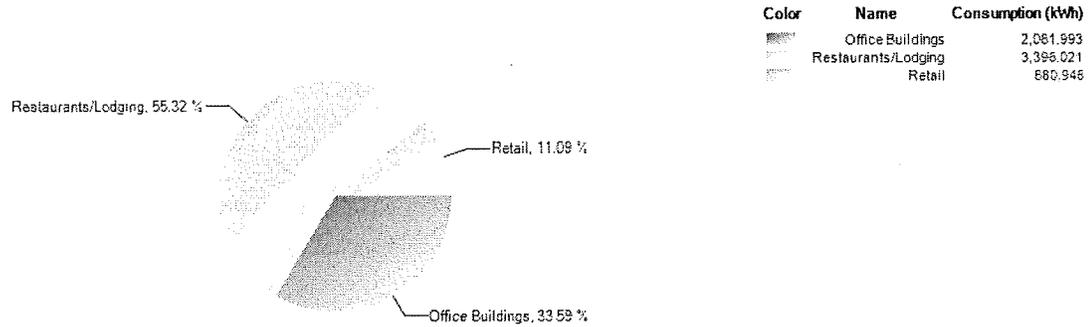
Number of Meters by Consumption Change for Selected Sectors



Comparison Reports:

The Comparison report compares the selected service type consumption for two to seven user-selected sectors (e.g. residential and commercial) or sub-sectors (e.g. single family).

Total Electricity Consumption by Sectors

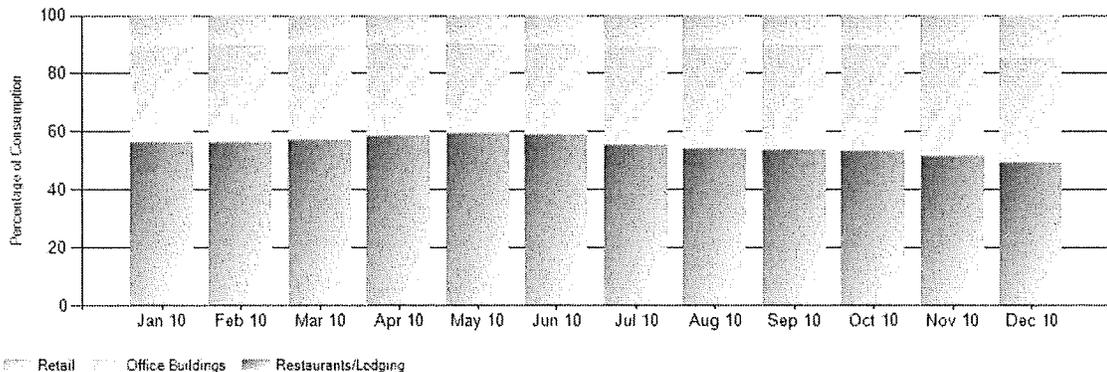


Total Electricity Consumption by Sectors

	Consumption (kWh)	Emissions (mtCO2e)	Meters Count	Accounts Count
Restaurants/Lodging	3,396,021	2,717	25	25
Office Buildings	2,061,993	1,649	58	58
Retail	680,946	545	25	25

The bars represent the total monthly non-normalized consumption of the resource in each user-selected year. If the user selected weather normalized data, the dotted lines represent the monthly weather normalized data. Units are presented on the y-axis as well as the small table below. Any meter with data during the user-entered span of time is included in the calculations for overall contributions to consumption in this chart.

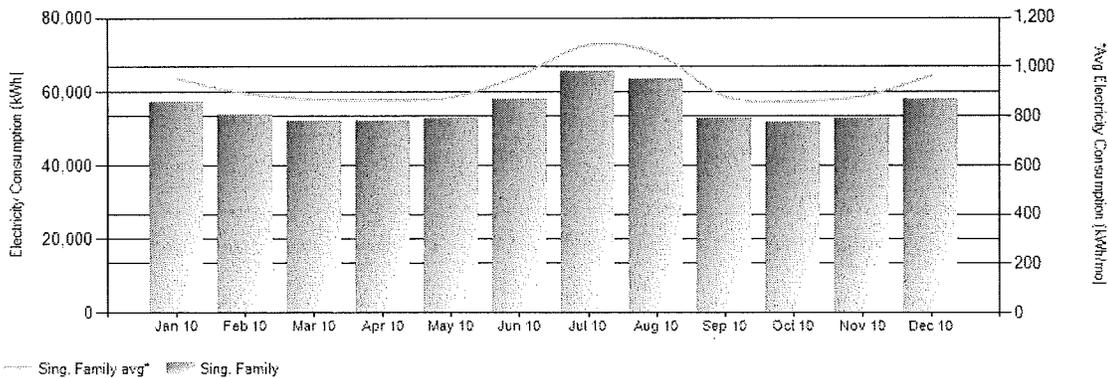
Monthly Electricity Percentage by Sectors



Consumption Detail Reports:

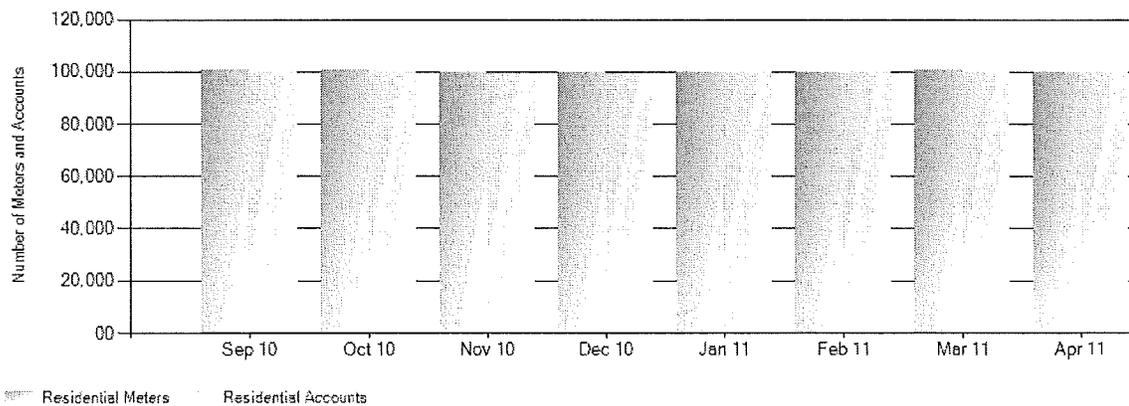
This report provides a deeper analysis of a particular user-selected hierarchy type and associated element (sectors or subsectors, rate codes, or custom hierarchy). Any meter with data during the user-entered span of time is included in the calculations presented in these charts. The blue bars represent the total resource consumption for the month (in this case, kWh of electricity) and reads from the Y-1 axis. The yellow line provides average monthly consumption of the resource and reads from the Y-2 axis.

Total Electricity Consumption by Sectors



For the Sample Size by Date chart, each account has at least one meter. However, an account can have multiple meters. The number of meters and accounts that had data for the user-selected time period selected are displayed by month.

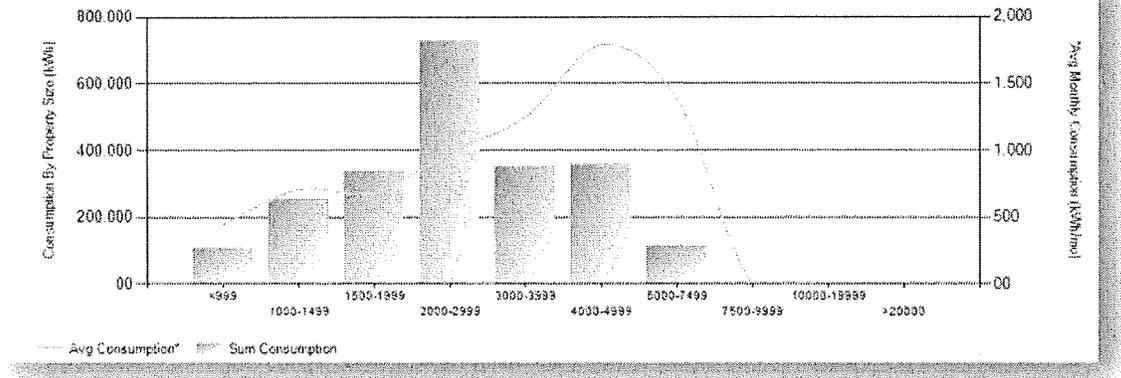
Sample Size by Date



Consumption Characterization Report:

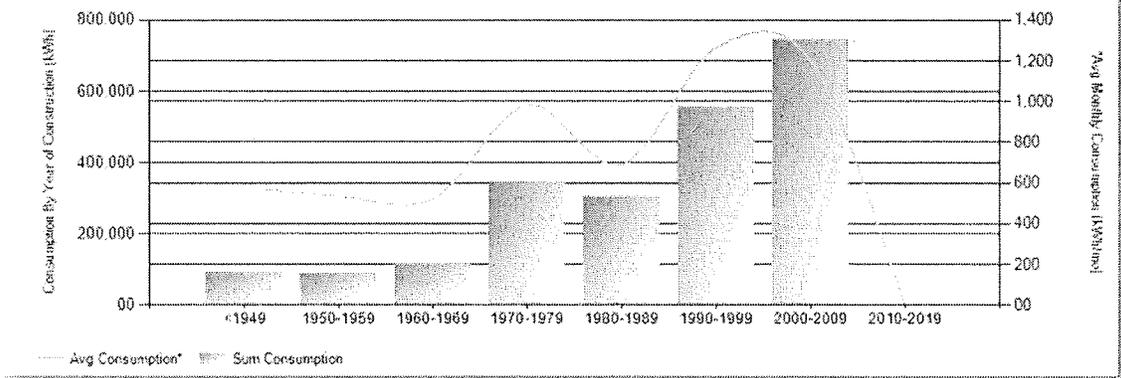
This report presents absolute and average consumption for user-selected hierarchy type and associated element (sectors or subsectors, rate codes, or custom hierarchy) within bins of property size, decade of construction, and property value. For the Consumption by Property Size by Sector chart, each blue bar contains information from meters that are associated with buildings within a certain square foot range, e.g. houses that are less than 1,000 square feet in size would be a meter in the "<999" bin. The yellow line displays the average monthly consumption of the meters included in the selected group (shown on the y2-axis).

Consumption by Property Size by Sectors



For the Consumption by Year of Construction by Sector chart, the blue bars and yellow line are similar to above, but contain information from meters that are associated with buildings constructed within a particular decade, for example, houses that are built in the 1950's.

Consumption by Year of Construction by Sectors

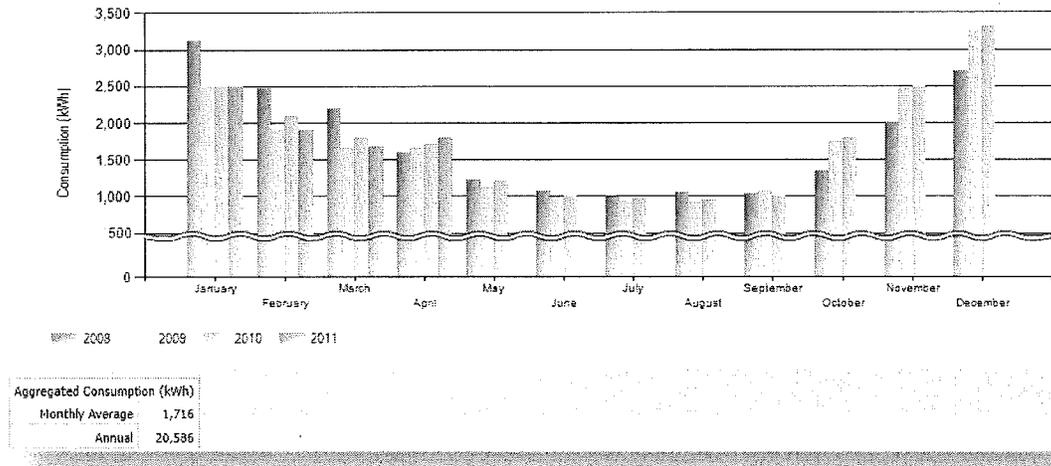


In addition, the Consumption by Property Values by Sectors chart provides similar information for houses binned by value, e.g. houses that are listed in value of \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Account Details Report:

By entering in an account number or name through the Account Search function, and the dates of interest, an Account Details Report can be generated by service type (electricity, water, and natural gas). This report also provides the ability to select the radial buttons for "Raw" and "Weather Normalized" consumption data. The weather normalized report will show both, raw and weather normalized resource consumption.

Account Resource Use Summary

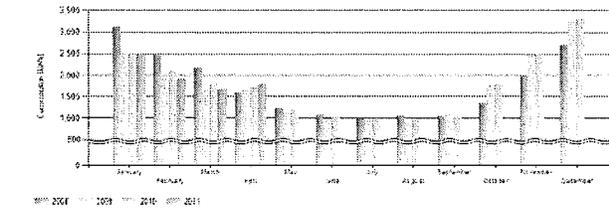


If the customer has more than one meter associated with the account, all meters and consumption information will also be shown on this report. In addition, if the customer has participated in any utility programs, the dates of enrollment and measure installation type and date will be indicated under "Program Involvement".

Meters

Meter Number 556688
 Sector Single Family
 Custom Hierarchy El Provenir
 Rate Codes 146
 Premise Number 59000
 Premise Address 123 Main Street .
 Anytown Anywhere
 Property Size 2,977 SqFt
 Property Value \$385,000.00
 Year Built 1992
 Min Activity Start Date 1/1/2008
 Max Activity Start Date 4/1/2011

Monthly Consumption for Meter 556688



Year	Average Monthly Use (kWh/mo)	Yearly Use (kWh)
2008	1,733	20,796
2009	1,681	20,166
2010	1,734	20,808

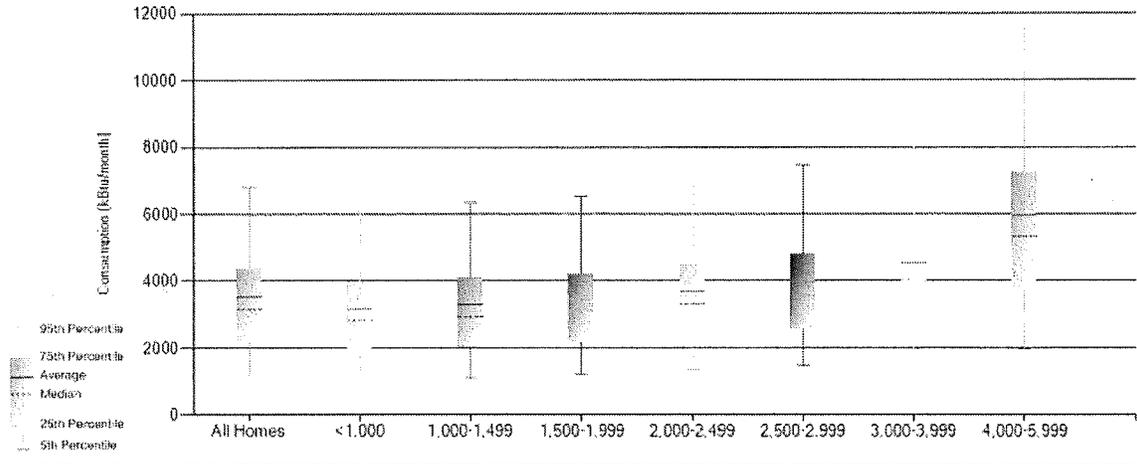
Program Involvement

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Targeting Reports:

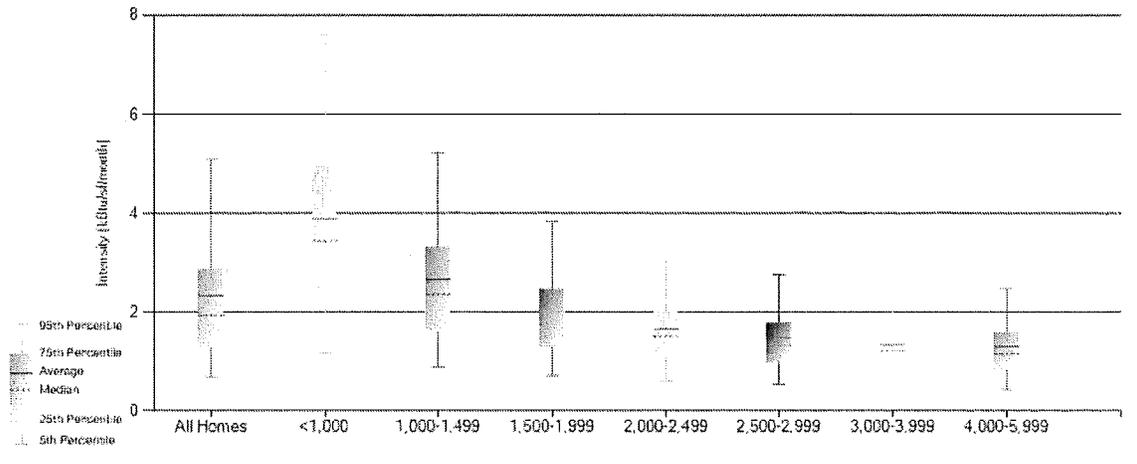
Single family homes can also be statistically analyzed for consumption patterns by size, age, and value (as discussed in the Consumption Characterization Reports) and geospatially across zip codes, neighborhoods, or predefined energy challenge competition areas.

Single Family Consumption for the 12 Months (04/2010 - 03/2011)



The charts provide a unique comparison of resource usage by raw consumption (above) and by intensity (e.g. kWh/sf/month as shown below). The insight from these reports helps to identify service area wide trends of house types that may be characterized as plug load compared to weather load.

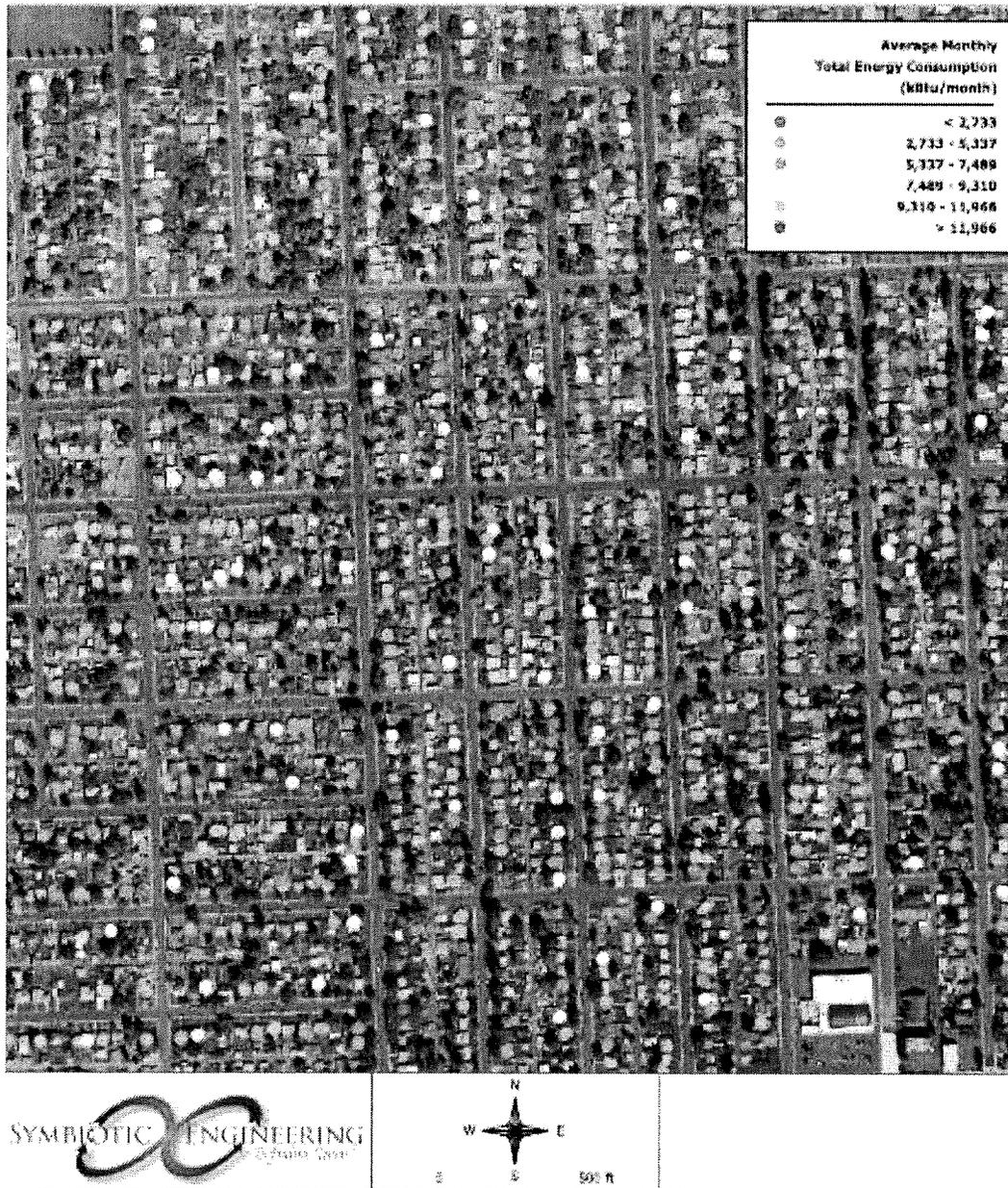
Single Family Intensity for the 12 Months (04/2010 - 03/2011)



GIS Visualization and Maps:

The SIMS provides the ability to view spatial queries and layers (e.g. infrastructure elements, water pressure zones, demographic zones... etc.) in an interactive Advanced Data Visualization module. Specialized maps can then be produced to visualize analysis results for clients.

**2010 Total Energy Consumption
for Single Family Homes
(1,000-2,500 sf; Year Built < 2000)**



Optional Service – The Resource Utilization Reports:

Symbiotic Engineering also provides a client the opportunity to send consumption messaging to individuals or groups. Messages can target cooling season electric load, outdoor water irrigation, heating season natural gas consumption, or even relative usage between neighborhoods to facilitate energy or water competitions. Normative messaging can provide a self-compare (an individual's consumption over the last year compared to the year prior) or in relation to 'neighbors' (houses of similar proximity and age), as shown below.



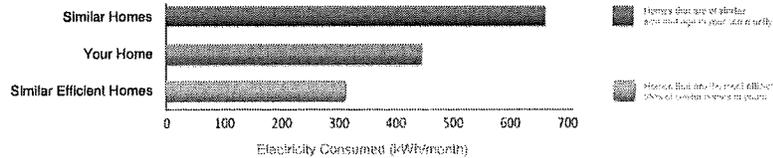
Data Report Period
May - June
 2009 - 2011

Eric Braden
 2320 20th Street
 Boulder, CO 80304

Energy Smart Colorado has created this report so you can see how your energy use compares to your neighbors and to help you learn how you can save money on your electricity bill.

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Monthly Electricity Comparison (kWh)



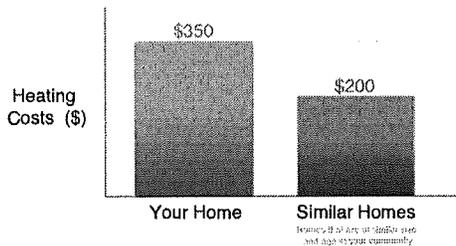
At this rate, over the next 3 years you would spend:

\$720 less
 than similar home owners



\$325 more
 than similar efficient home owners

Opportunity Area: Heating



Focus: Heating Season

You spent \$150 more on heating this last heating season than other homes like yours.



Heating Tip:

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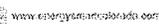
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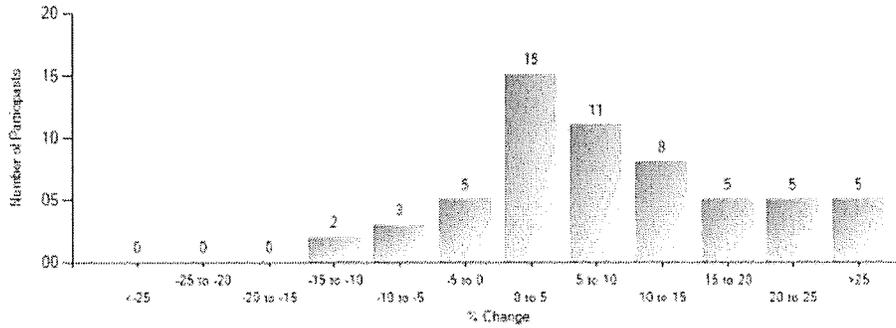


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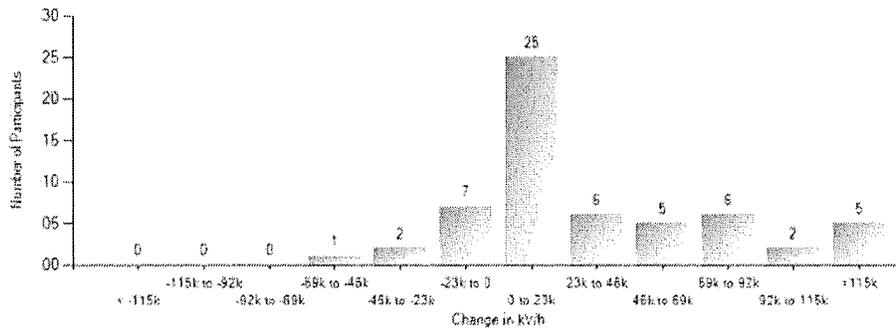
Optional Service – Program Effectiveness Reports:

As all consumption data is already processed for the client’s service area, an additional service is to track specific DSM or sustainability programs and to monitor the overall effectiveness of the program, participants, and measure types installed.

Distribution of Savings by Participant

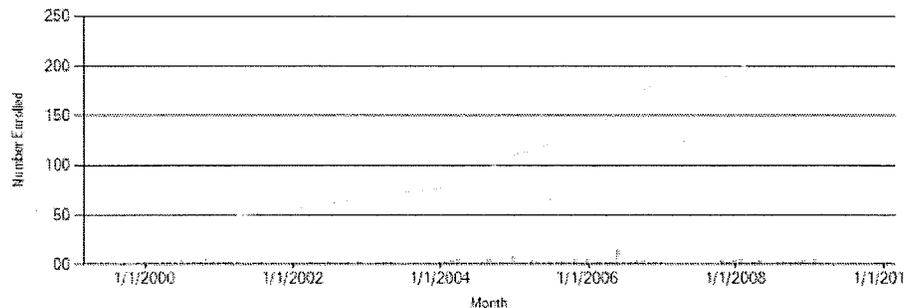


Distribution of Absolute Savings by Participant



In addition to a robust statistical package that provides relative and absolute savings to a 95% confidence level, the report also keeps track of monthly and cumulative program enrollment.

Program Enrollment



Heather Branigin

From: Kara Flaherty <karaf20733@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 1:18 PM
To: James Hovland
Cc: Jennifer Buckley
Subject: Invitation to Apathy Presentation by South View Middle School Students

Dear Mr. Hovland,

Hello, we are 3 seventh grade students at South View. We have been studying the unit of apathy recently. Our teacher asked us to identify a problem in our community, and create a campaign. Our group researched the problem of our Edina reputation. We found many people refer to Edina as "rich, snobby, brats."

We would like to share our presentation with you. We are wondering if you would be willing to attend your apathy project, it is on Wednesday March 11th. We will be presenting between 11:10-11:35. If you are unable to make it to our presentation, we would be happy to send you the link to our presentation. Thank you for your time!

Lindsay N, Kara F, Lucy B

Heather Branigin

From: dd01@annben.us
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:02 AM
To: James Hovland; Edina Mail
Cc: Bill Neuendorf; Suzanne Davison
Subject: Light Rail in Edina

Mayor Hovland,

Congratulations on your appointment as head of the Met Council's Transportation Advisory Board.

I would like to meet with you to discuss light rail transit on the MN&S tracks through Edina, preferably prior to the Wednesday Grandview meeting.

We are close to 70th & Cahill and plan to come forward, if given the opportunity, when the small area plan for the site gets under way. Both Grandview and 70th & Cahill are good locations for light rail stations.

One opportunity could be for a breakfast meeting at Margo's, where I plan to be tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8:00 AM.

Best regards,

--

David Davison
612-310-3539 (C)
952-944-7549 (H)

Heather Branigin

From: Kaitlin Kraft <kaitlink20892@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 11:05 AM
To: Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Invitation to Fred Richards Golf Course Presentation by South View Middle School Students

Dear City Council,

We are two seventh grade girls from South View Middle School and were wondering if you would like to come to our presentation Wednesday, March 11 from 11:35- 12:00. We have researched things on Fred Richards Golf Course by surveying and interviewing people in our community.

We hope you can come to our presentation on Wednesday! Sorry for such a short notice! Thanks.

Sincerely,

Amy T. and Kaitlin K
4725 South View Ln.
Edina, MN 55424

Thanks!

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Kaitlin Kraft

7th Grade
7 Wonders
South View Middle School
Edina Public Schools

Heather Branigin

From: Cali Owings <Cali.Owings@finance-commerce.com>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 11:31 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Interview request: TAB chairmanship

Good morning Mayor Hovland,

Congratulations on your recommendation as TAB chair. I cover transit and transportation issues for Finance & Commerce and I was wondering if you would be available for an interview pending your approval by the Met Council later this week. I would just want to hear a bit about your background and vision for the region and talk about upcoming TAB initiatives.

Would you be interested? We could set up a time to talk over the phone or meet in person.

Thank you,

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Heather Branigin

From: Rodriguez, Katie <Katie.Rodriguez@metc.state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:24 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Congratulations and thank you

Mayor Hovland,

So pleased you have agreed to Chair TAB. I believe you are a perfect pick for the position; summed up best by the TAB bylaws description on the board chair "shall be recognized as a leader in the community and shall have demonstrated a sensitive insight and an aggressive concern toward the larger issues in the metropolitan area."

Congratulations again. I look forward to working with you in your new role.

Katie Rodriguez
Metropolitan Council District 1
612-616-3051

Heather Branigin

From: Johnna Hobbs <johnna.hobbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 11:26 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: South View Robotics Team fundraiser

Mayor Hovland,

The Edina South View Robotics Team and the South View Environmental Group would be honored if you would attend our event on March 21st at 12pm. Please view the link below to learn more about the movie we will be showing. We will have robot demonstrations and information regarding the environmental group.

[Tugg - South View Slingshot Screening in Edina, MN on Saturday, March 21, 12:00PM](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions about our event. We hope to see you there!

Johnna Hobbs
SVMS Robotics Mentor

Heather Branigin

From: Angad Jaspal <angadjaspal@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:56 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Hollywood Meets Bollywood

Hello,

My name is Angad Jaspal. I, along with a company called Simon Says Give, are throwing a fairly large event to raise money for education in India. Given India's rigid social class system, it is very hard for impoverished individuals to rise above their financial position. As a group, we are trying to fight this burden they have been pinned with. The event is on June 13th of this year. It is taking place at East Ridge High School and all proceeds will go to improve education standards for India and Minnesota. The actual event will be a large dance festival with a couple of dancing and singing performances. The event ticket will also include food. This is what we have posted on our Facebook page, "Join the youth group Educate for Life from the YMCA and Woodbury Community as they partner with Simon Says Give for a dance fundraiser to support kids going back to school in MN and in India!! 50% of the proceeds will stay in MN and 50% will go to India! Our first Global Initiative!" Our main goal right now is getting as many people to come as possible and spread the word. Any way in which you could help us do that would be great. Thanks!

Heather Branigin

From: Jamie Reesby <jreesb@email.poweronlineproducts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:58 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Your complimentary pass is ready



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From: Doug Linder <douglinder@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 7:48 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for the school district to be redefined

Please support this measure
D. Linder Scriver Road Edina
Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: New Horizon Academy Edina <32@nhacademy.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:46 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: re: New Horizon Academy

Good Morning James,

My name is Danielle Richards and I am the director at the New Horizon Academy located on Valley View Rd. in Edina. We serve children ages 6 weeks old up until they go to Kindergarten. We serve the community of Edina and surrounding areas, providing high quality care and preparing children for Kindergarten. We are accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This is not an easy achievement but one that our company take seriously in order to provide the highest quality care to parents and their children. Each year, we celebrate, along with the NAEYC organization the Week of the Young Child. This week draws attention and focus to the importance of early education for children. This year it is April 13-17th. I would love to partner with you and the city in providing a unique partnership one day that week. I am wondering if you would be available to come in and read to our preschool aged children and talk about your role in the community. Please let me know if you are available sometime that week to do that. Thank you!

Danielle Richards

Danielle Richards
Center Director

Stacy Pantéa
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5:00 – 5:45 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

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Guest Speaker

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Heather Branigin

From: Day Without Violence <contact@daywithoutviolence.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 10:33 AM
To: James Hovland; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Edina Day Without Violence - September 29
Attachments: City Proclamation - Edina.pdf; Moorhead - Dilworth - Fargo - West Fargo Day Without Violence Proclamation.pdf

Mayor Hovland and Councilmembers,

Good morning. Have you had a chance yet to review the proclamation request I e-mailed on February 18?

For your convenience, I have attached a sample proclamation to this e-mail, along with a joint proclamation recently made by the cities of Moorhead and Dilworth, MN and Fargo and West Fargo, ND.

We are happy with the response we've received from mayors throughout Minnesota, but would love to have Edina onboard as well. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make this decision easier for you.

Best,

Mikel J. McLaughlin
Founding Member

Day Without Violence

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PURPOSE:

Our organization, Day Without Violence, seeks to establish September 29, 2015 (if not every year thereafter) as the Edina Day Without Violence.

Establishing the Edina Day Without Violence is part of a coordinated effort to have each city within Minnesota establish a citywide day without violence on September 29, followed by a statewide day without violence on September 30, and the National Day Without Violence on October 1. On October 2, the United States, along with the other countries of the world, will celebrate the U.N. International Day of Non-Violence, already established on October 2.

PROCLAMATION:

Whereas: Edina does not have a day to commemorate and encourage non-violence; and

Whereas: Other cities have established days/weeks to celebrate non-violence; and

Whereas: Edina values and strives for neighborhoods free from the harmful effects of violence; and

Whereas: Edina prides itself on being a leader and example to other communities; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having each city within Minnesota proclaim a citywide day without violence on September 29; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having each state proclaim a statewide day without violence on or about September 30; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having the United States proclaim a nationwide day without violence on October 1, to be known as the National Day Without Violence; and

Whereas: Minnesota, along with the rest of these United States, can join with other nations to celebrate, on October 2, the United Nations International Day of Non-Violence.

Now, Therefore, I, James Hovland, Mayor of Edina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 29, 2015, as the:

Edina Day Without Violence

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION
CITIES OF MOORHEAD, DILWORTH, FARGO, AND WEST FARGO

WHEREAS, *all citizens have a right to live in their homes and community free from violence and fear of violence; and*

WHEREAS, *the problem of violence requires a collective community response to ensure safety for victims, accountability for perpetrators, and safe futures for all people; and*

WHEREAS, *the reduction of violence improves the quality of life for all families and individuals; and*

WHEREAS, *Day Without Violence is committed to having each city within Minnesota proclaim a citywide day without violence on September 29; each state proclaim a day without violence on September 30; and the United States of America proclaim National Day Without Violence on October 1; and*

WHEREAS, *the United States of America, can join other nations to celebrate on October 2 the United Nations International Day of Non-Violence; and*

WHEREAS, *the Cities of Moorhead, Dilworth, Fargo, and West Fargo join those fighting for this cause to promote greater awareness.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *We, Del Rae Williams, Mayor of the City of Moorhead; Chad Olson, Mayor of the City of Dilworth; Tim Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo; and Richard Mattern, Mayor of the City of West Fargo, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2015:*

DAY WITHOUT VIOLENCE

in the Cities of Moorhead and Dilworth, Minnesota, and Fargo and West Fargo, North Dakota and call upon the citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have set our hands and caused the Official Seals the Cities of Moorhead and Dilworth, State of Minnesota, and Fargo and West Fargo, State of North Dakota, to be affixed this 15th day of March, 2015.*

*Del Rae Williams, Mayor
City of Moorhead*

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 11:17 AM
To: Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; ann swenson
Cc: Edina Mail
Subject: Vision Edina: Focus on Supporting Education for the Entire Edina Community
Attachments: City_Council_Letter_031215.pdf

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Yes, it is true that 73% of the households within the City of Edina included within the boundaries of Edina Public Schools may well benefit from a “common” approach. However, it is also true that the 27% of Edina households not included in the common boundaries – a significant number – cannot be accurately described as “nearly the same group.”

As the City has moved forward on a multitude of initiatives guided by Vision 20/20, it has become abundantly clear that the desires of City leaders and staff to define the “Edina Brand” by focusing exclusively on Edina Public Schools have been dismissive of the educational needs of the 27% of Edina households who live outside the borders of Edina Public Schools.

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To: 'Edina 273'; Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; 'ann swenson'
Cc: Edina Mail
Subject: RE: Vision Edina: Focus on Supporting Education for the Entire Edina Community

Our household agrees with all the statements below and we would love to see the city council, the mayor, as well as the Edina Public School leaders, take the words to heart and put a plan together to truly include the 27% of households (ours included) to be fully embraced by Edina education.

Thank you,

Jasmine & Tom Hoedeman
5017 Kelsey Terrace

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Cc: Edina Minnesota
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Attachments: City_Council_Letter_031215.pdf

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Kirsten & Brent Frederick
5108 Blake Road

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Thank you,

Carolynn and Paul Wiggin



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March 9, 2015

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City of Edina
4801 W 50th St
Edina, MN 55424-1330

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Please call me at (310) 575-9447 or email me at jeff@tamkin.com to set up a time to speak.

With kindest regards,

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From: MICHELE VANDERSALL <vmtv@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 9:27 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Edina City Council

Please take action on the school district boundaries. It's absurd that any resident of Edina should have to enroll their kids in any other district!

Michele Tafoya Vandersall
Do good.
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lori Dolan <dolanla@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Bisected school district areas

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How do we get this done in our area?

Thank you for you assistance in this matter.

Lori Dolan
5309 Highwood Drive West

Sent from my iPad

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Wishing I felt like a full citizen,

Paul James

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From: Masuda, Mark <MMasuda@americinn.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 12:29 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: School District Boarder Issues

As a resident of the Parkwood Knolls neighborhood whose home resides in the Hopkins School District I am surprised and disappointed at our current city leadership after reading the article in the Sun Current regarding efforts to work with Richfield on school boundaries. Our section of Edina (which still votes for city offices in Edina) have been given excuses by our Mayor, City Council and School board members as to why we cannot reach an amicable agreement with the Hopkins school district for residents of our part of the city, including "this would be precedent setting". I believe that the precedent has already been set and the expectation for our neighborhood is that we should be treated in the same way as the 71 France future citizens of our city. You cannot be selective in which constituents and which neighboring cities/school districts Edina would like to work with.

Best Regards,

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Heather Branigin

From: Amy M. <amyminge71@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:47 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Support in question

Hi Jim,

My husband and I have spoken with you a couple times since we moved to Edina six years ago. I think that you had asked my husband if he was related to David Minge, and then my husband and you had talked a little about politics.

Overall I've been an enthusiastic supporter of you since we moved to Edina. In 2012, I encouraged many of my friends and neighbors in Parkwood Knolls to vote for you. I know that several people who were undecided ended up voting for you, based at least partly on conversations I had with them.

More recently, I've been hoping you might organize a meeting with Superintendent Dressen, Dr. Schultz and Mr. Maxwell regarding the Hopkins/Edina school district line issue. I'd been a little disappointed that it hadn't happened thus far, but my understanding was that you didn't feel it was in your jurisdiction to organize this type of meeting. With that in mind, you can imagine that it was rather strange to learn that a meeting just took place between city and school district leaders of Edina with their Richfield counterparts regarding the Richfield/Edina school district line.

I spoke with a friend this morning about the seeming disconnect between the two situations. Her opinion was that, when large commercial development interests are at stake, you're willing to get involved. However, when common residents ask for your help, you are less concerned. She pointed out that the same sort of commercial/developer bias is apparent in how the city council has seemed to favor commercial interests over public sentiment with respect to the Grandview development. Again, the commercial developers seem to hold sway. She mentioned still more examples, and frankly, I didn't know what to say.

I sympathize with the pressure that you are probably feeling between different groups of people. It seems that no position can make everyone happy. I recall that, back when my father-in-law was in Congress, he felt this same sort of pressure. Before taking a vote that he knew would disappoint certain individuals--such as relatives, close friends and major supporters--he would often call those individuals. Then he'd tell them how he was going to vote, and explain that he knew they would be disappointed, so he wanted to be the one to let them know. I imagine that some people argued with him, but I think that most people appreciated, and were maybe a little surprised, that he'd been so forthright. The only reason I bring this up is because it showed me how excruciating these votes must have been for him. It was almost as if he was calling people to tell them that a family member was very ill.

In any case, the reason I've written to you now is to pass along my hope that, in spite of whatever pressures and potentially awkward situations may exist, you will try to keep in mind the sentiments of your constituents on the school district boundary line issue, the Grandview development, and all the other challenging issues that almost constantly arise.

I hope you enjoy this glorious day!

Thank you,

Amy Minge
(5225 Evanswood Ln.)

March 13, 2015

Ms. Deb Mangen
Edina City Clerk
Edina, MN

Dear Deb:

On March 11, 2015, the City of Edina and Frauenshuh Corporation held a GrandView Discovery Session at the Edina Public Works, 7450 Metro Boulevard Edina. At that session, Frauenshuh presented 3 development scenarios to the attendees. Meeting attendees were handed 3 dots to vote for their choices.

Voting for none of the above was not presented as an option. Citizens for a Better GrandView and Public GrandView volunteers, believing that everyone should have a choice in this process, collected the dots of those who wished to express their choice for "none of the 3 scenarios". Volunteers only accepted dots (votes) from people in the room. We did not take any other dots.

Our group collected 130 dots for "none of the above (scenarios)". We also photographed all of the consultant's boards at the end of the evening. According to our photographs, the counts were as follows:

Central Civic Cascade: 13
South Civic Center: 14
North Tower: 26
Arts and Culture: 4
Multigenerational Community Center 3
Fitness/Wellness 6

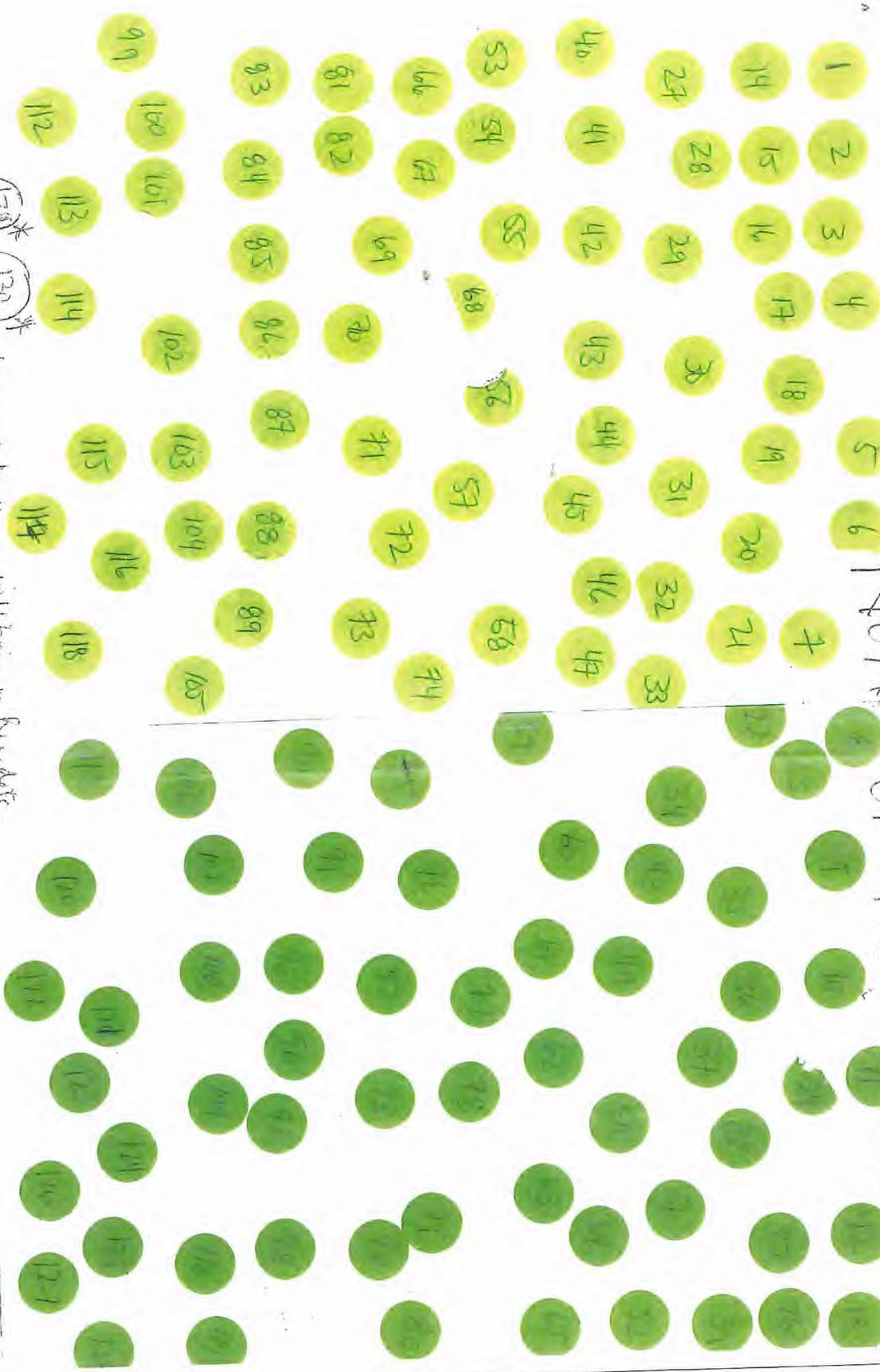
We would like to have the copy of our "dot board" included as part of the public record for the March 11, 2015 GrandView Discovery Session to fully reflect the views of the people assembled in the room. We also request that you include this letter with the City Council's packet for March 17, 2015. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Montgomery
Chair
Citizens for a Better GrandView

Stephanie Mullaney
Chair
Public GrandView

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Deb Mangen

From: Jennifer Janovy <jjanovy@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Deb Mangen
Cc: James Hovland; Mary Brindle; ann swenson swenson; Robert Stewart; Kevin Staunton; Bill Neuendorf; Scott H. Neal
Subject: Grandview Discovery Session March 11

Please include this email in the City Council correspondence packet. Thank you.

Dear City Council:

Attendees at the March 11 Grandview "Discovery Session" were shown three possible redevelopment scenarios for the former public works site. Boards showing each scenario were set up around the room and attendees were given three dots to use to vote for the scenario(s) they liked best.

Someone asked what they should do with the dots if they didn't like any of the scenarios. The consultant said, "If you don't like any of them, you can put your dots in your pockets and walk home."

What good is public engagement when the process is set up to register only support and not also dissent? That's how dictators run elections.

At some point, you'll probably receive a report on this meeting. The report will tell you that all of the scenarios were supported, but people liked the "North Tower" scenario the most. It would be true, but it's also misleading.

Rather than see meeting attendees walk out the door with their votes in their pockets, a few residents collected dots from those who wanted to vote for "None of the above." At the end of the evening, there were 53 votes for all three scenarios combined and 130 votes for "None."

The report should say that the majority of people at the meeting disliked all three scenarios. That would not only be true, but also honest.

Let's have an honest public engagement process. Let's fairly represent people's points of view. Let's allow all opinions to be heard.

Let's look not only for the information that confirms our conclusions, but also the information that challenges them.

In short, if at the end of this trip you arrive at the destination you intended, then you didn't lead. You just went ahead.

If you want redevelopment at Grandview to incite economic activity in the area, we can show you how a major new public realm amenity such as a community center can do that.

If you want the public amenity to be self-sustaining, we can show you how program elements can be selected to ensure profitability.

If you want restaurants, retail and a park-and-ride, we can show you how these can be compatible with a community center.

If you want private money to offset public costs, we can talk about a capital campaign. Edina is a generous community.

But you have to be willing to have this conversation and explore these ideas in good faith.

My recommendation is to suspend the development partner process now, before more work is done to refine the scenario (not plural, because all scenarios were a version of the same thing). Spend six months authentically exploring the idea of a community center.

Two years from now, when you drive by the former public works site, what do you want to see? Uninspiring infill development that you could find in any city, or a large sign with a schematic for a vibrant new community center and a fundraising thermometer showing how much private money has been raised?

A comprehensive community center will add to our community for years to come. Shouldn't that be your legacy?

Sincerely,

Jennifer Janovy

Heather Branigin

From: David Arbit <davida@mplsrealtor.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 5:43 PM
To: James Hovland; Scott H. Neal; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Edina Mail
Subject: Local Market Update from MAAR
Attachments: Edina.pdf

Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of the Council:

After a slower-than-expected 2014, home buyers and sellers are already taking 2015 by storm. New listing and pending sale activity both reached multi-year highs in February. Metro-wide, February pending sales were the highest they've been since 2005. Despite rising prices throughout most of the metro, the affordability environment actually increased from last year, thanks to lower interest rates.

Residential real estate performance has always been closely linked to the broader economy and job growth. Annualized GDP growth was 2.2 percent in Q4-2014 but was an even stronger 5.0 percent in Q3-2014. Private job growth has accelerated to roughly 300,000 jobs per month nationally. At 3.3 percent as of the latest data, the Twin Cities 13-County MSA boasts the lowest unemployment rate of any major metro area in the U.S. Our strong and diverse economy continues to outperform the nation, which should give housing a boost in 2015.

Attached you will find our Local Market Update for Edina. It highlights buyer and seller activity as well as other housing indicators such as home prices, days on market and absorption rates in Edina. If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Also, be sure to check out all of the market reports on our website - <http://www.mplsrealtor.com>. Thank you!

Regards,

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Local Market Update – February 2015

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Edina

+ 58.1%

+ 27.0%

- 6.1%

Change in
New Listings

Change in
Closed Sales

Change in
Median Sales Price

February

Year to Date

	2014	2015	+ / -	2014	2015	+ / -
New Listings	93	147	+ 58.1%	183	251	+ 37.2%
Closed Sales	37	47	+ 27.0%	90	93	+ 3.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$378,000	\$355,000	-6.1%	\$370,000	\$356,000	-3.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$534,086	\$477,468	-10.6%	\$491,714	\$468,895	-4.6%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$198	\$184	-7.0%	\$181	\$180	-0.7%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	92.5%	94.6%	+ 2.3%	93.5%	93.8%	+ 0.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	81	136	+ 67.9%	98	114	+ 16.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	254	321	+ 26.4%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	3.1	4.1	+ 32.3%	--	--	--

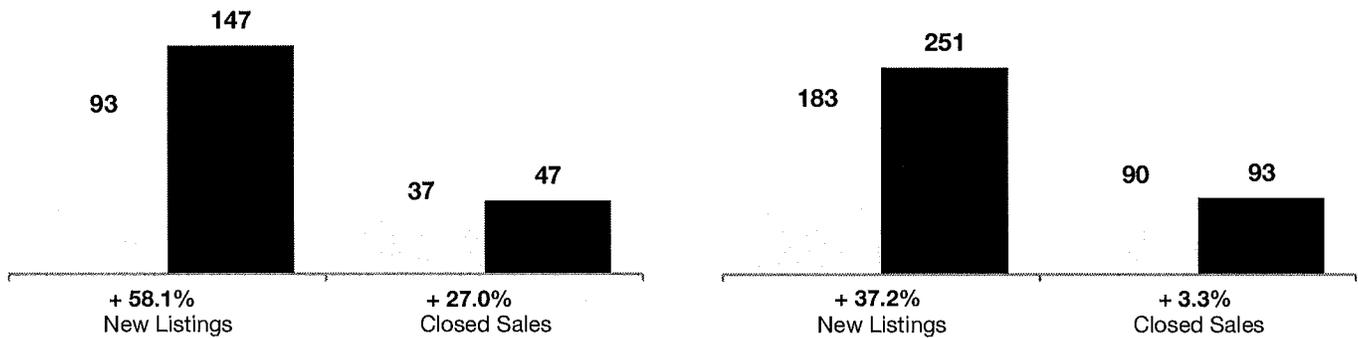
* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size

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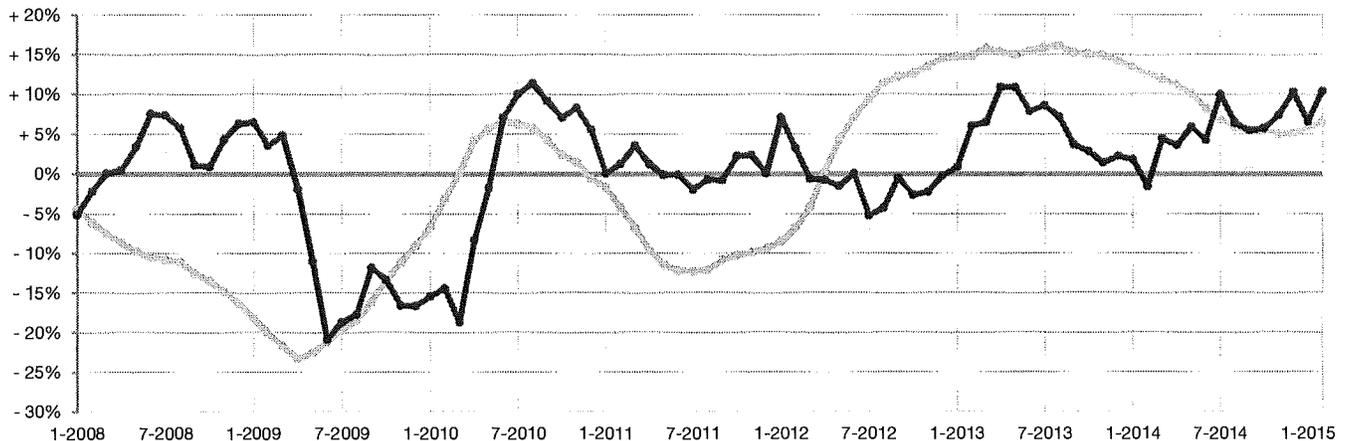
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Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)**

Twin Cities Region
Edina



** Each dot represents the change in median sales price from the prior year using a 6-month weighted average. This means that each of the 6 months used in a dot are proportioned according to their share of sales during that period. | Current as of March 2, 2015. All data from NorthstarMLS. | Powered by 10K Research and Marketing.

Heather Branigin

From: marianne Rother <marother@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 1:42 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: kim montgomery
Subject: Grandview meeting

To the Edina City Council,

I was unable to attend the March 11th meeting but I want to voice my support of having the Grandview site be a public land and not privately developed.

As a Cornelia school area resident, I see first hand that there needs to be an area where people can gather and come together as a community. Not everyone in this community can afford to pay fees to participate in activities. If this community which has professed that it is interested in affordable housing, as evidenced by conversations at council meetings, then there also needs to be a more affordable place for people to gather. The council I believe, should show leadership and ask their citizens to pay for it through their taxes as surrounding communities have done.

I find it appalling that you will upgrade the Braemar Hockey Arena area and raise our taxes but not ask us if we want to pay for it, but not pay for a community center that all can enjoy. I know community centers don't win Hockey championships and raise the profile of the city. However, please remember the citizens of this community who do not have the financial means. A community center is a welcoming symbol and doesn't Edina want to be known as welcoming too?

Sincerely,

Marianne Rother

Heather Branigin

From: Jan Dell <jjdell@wylandfoundation.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:32 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Save water, win a Prius! Easy Community Engagement Program for Earth Month (April 2015)
Attachments: TTC-Dallas-Corpus-Christi-Article-Feb-2015.pdf
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged



Hello!

I'd like to share this program for promoting water conservation during Earth Month. The US National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is a turnkey, effortless way for cities and utilities to generate enthusiasm for saving water and energy, and reducing waste and pollution. Now in its fourth year, the Mayor's Challenge is a non-profit national community service program promoting conservation awareness and actions in local communities. The USEPA is a partner and Gina McCarthy will be at our official launch event in Dallas on April 9. Attached is an article about how cities in Texas are challenging each other.

Learn more and sign your city up here: <http://www.wylandfoundation.org/p/mayors>

If you are interested in promoting this goodwill effort in your city, we'd be happy to send a Tool Kit with links to free artwork for use in newsletters and websites. We just ask that you link to mywaterpledge.com to promote pledges!

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to collaborate on a program in your city. We'd love to have participation of your city!

Best regards,

Jan Dell
Chief Engineer, Board of Directors
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Mobile: (949) 397-0074



DALLAS AND CORPUS CHRISTI

CHALLENGE OTHER TEXAS CITIES



By Gustavo Gonzalez

Assistant City Manager, City of Corpus Christi

Carole Davis

Division Manager, City of Dallas Water Utilities

As Texans, we all know how important it is to conserve water. We see and feel the effects of the ongoing drought in our cities, towns, and rural areas in startling ways. In light of this reality, we are proud to report that the cities of Dallas and Corpus Christi were both awarded prizes in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, sponsored by the Wyland Foundation.

To participate in National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, mayors of American cities must encourage their residents to take a series of informative, easy-to-use

online pledges about conserving water, energy, and other natural resources. Winning cities are those with the highest percentage of residents who take the pledge.

When the results were tallied, the City of Dallas took top honors over other cities with a population exceeding 600,000, and Corpus Christi beat out the competition in the 300,000 – 599,999 population category.

"The City of Dallas has a proud history of water conservation efforts, so it was a no-brainer to participate in the 2014 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation," said Mike Rawlings, Mayor of Dallas.

The challenge had direct participation from more than 100 U.S. mayors, from San Diego to Miami, who encouraged

their residents to participate. More than 23,000 people across the nation pledged to take 277,742 specific actions over the next year to change the way they use water in their home, yard, and community.

By sticking to their commitments, the collective efforts of all the residents across the country who participated will reduce national water waste by 1.4 billion gallons, reduce waste sent to landfills by 36 million pounds, eliminate more than 179 thousand pounds of hazardous waste from entering our watersheds and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 5.3 billion pounds.

"Corpus Christi is one of the top water planners in the state, however given our growing economy and the unpredictability of Mother Nature, conservation should be 365 days out of the year," said Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez. "I congratulate our citizens for making their water pledge, resulting in Corpus Christi winning the national competition for our region. Winning this competition raises the awareness of every citizen doing their part to conserve our precious water resources."

The other top winning cities included: Huntington Beach, California; Bremerton, Washington; and Crete, Nebraska. Residents from the five winning cities that took part in the online competition were placed in a drawing for a brand new Toyota Prius Plug-In. By coincidence, a Corpus Christi resident actually won the car!

"Conservation is our cheapest source of water supply and is an important part of our long-term strategy as we look to provide for our future generations. Winning the challenge demonstrates that Dallas residents are actively engaged in saving water and recognize that adequate water supplies and environmental sustainability are key factors to maintaining Dallas' world-class status," continued Mayor Rawlings.

For winning the Mayor's Challenge, each city was awarded a six-month contract with WaterSmart Software, a leading behavioral water efficiency platform. WaterSmart's products help water utilities engage customers, increase water-use efficiency, and reduce operational and capital expenses.

The National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, now in its fourth year, is held every April. It has become widely recognized as one of the most engaging outreach tools designed for cities and water utilities to encourage water conservation. Last year, 3,600 cities from across the United States participated.

The Mayor's Challenge is designed to save costs for consumers, save infrastructure and operating costs for cities, promote drought resiliency, and protect watersheds and ecosystems. Additionally, residents also learn about resources in their area to take their commitment to conservation even further, from regional water and energy resource issues, to cost-saving tips at home.

All across the country, saving water has become one of the most talked about issues of our day. The Cities of Dallas and Corpus Christi hereby issue a friendly challenge to every other interested city and town in Texas to compete with us in the next National Mayors' Challenge this April to help us make water conservation a top of mind issue for all our residents. Texas leads the nation in so much already – together, let's lead in water conservation too!

To enroll your municipality in the National Mayors' Water Conservation Challenge, please go to <http://www.wylandfoundation.org/p/mayors>. ★



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THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Honoring Outstanding Community Service by Young Americans

March 4, 2015

The Honorable James Hovland
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland:

We thought you'd like to know that Kelly Reger of Edina was recently named one of the top youth volunteers in Minnesota for 2015, in the 20th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. This is an extraordinary honor; more than 30,000 young people across the country participated in this year's program.

As a Distinguished Finalist in this year's program, Kelly will receive an engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony. A copy of the news release announcing this prestigious award is enclosed.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), are designed to emphasize the importance our nation places on service to others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities.

Students like Kelly represent the best of America's youth, and are role models to their peers and their communities. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to extend your congratulations and encouragement. You can contact Kelly at 5708 Dewey Hill Road, Edina, MN, 55439, (952) 201-8828.

You also may want to consider inviting your honoree to talk about volunteering and the importance of community service at an upcoming town council meeting, proclaiming a special day of recognition, or issuing an official statement of commendation (suggested language is included).

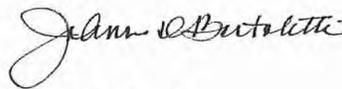
If you would like additional information, please call (973) 802-4568, write to us at spirit@prudential.com, or visit spirit.prudential.com.

Congratulations for having such an outstanding young person in your community.

Sincerely,



John Strangfeld
Chairman and CEO
Prudential Financial



JoAnn Bartoletti
Executive Director
NASSP



THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Honoring Outstanding Community Service by Young Americans

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 10, 2015

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MINNESOTA'S TOP TWO YOUTH VOLUNTEERS SELECTED IN 20th ANNUAL NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

**Golden Valley and Brooklyn Park students earn \$1,000 awards,
engraved medallions and trip to nation's capital**

**Honors also bestowed on youth volunteers in
Maple Grove, Carlton, Woodbury, Savage, Excelsior and Edina**

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Shivani Nookala, 17, of Golden Valley and Alanna Worrall, 12, of Brooklyn Park today were named Minnesota's top two youth volunteers of 2015 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Shivani was nominated by Breck School in Golden Valley, and Alanna was nominated by Anoka Middle School in Anoka. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, now in its 20th year, is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Shivani, a junior at Breck School, started an indoor, vertical community garden at her school and leads a group of 10 students who work on the garden every day to provide fresh produce for a local food shelf. While Shivani's homeroom class was volunteering at the FOCUS Minnesota food shelf, her teacher led discussions about hunger and mentioned that community gardening can play an important role in fighting hunger. "This moment sparked a call to action within myself," said Shivani. "I thought our school could play a major part in donating not just food, but fresh produce, to those in need."

Shivani embarked on a year-long independent study of community gardening, conducting research, networking with individuals and organizations across the country, and hosting a cross-community learning event. Then she persuaded her school to let her install an indoor garden with support and advice from a teacher, a gardening specialist and a couple of nonprofit organizations. Shivani recruited 10 fellow students to help her maintain the garden and donate its produce to feed the hungry. They are now assisting community gardens in

MINNESOTA'S TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEERS SELECTED/Page Two

other locations, and helping the city of Golden Valley start one. "Community gardening involves people directly making a change, and having the ability to do so regardless of their abilities and background," said Shivani.

Alanna, a sixth-grader at Anoka Middle School for the Arts: Washington Campus, assembles "Feel Better" baskets and provides other items to help distract sick children from the fear they often experience in the hospital. When Alanna had outpatient surgery at Gillette Children's Hospital in 2009, "I was really scared," she said, but hospital staff members made her smile and laugh by giving her stickers, a blanket and a stuffed animal. Alanna wanted to do the same for other kids in the hospital, so several months later, she emptied her piggy bank to make four Easter baskets for young patients at Gillette.

The next year, she asked family members and friends to help her make more Easter baskets, and then summer baskets as well. Eventually, Alanna also solicited donations through collection boxes, letters to local businesses, a partnership with a local nonprofit group and a "hat day" at her school. So far, she has distributed more than 300 "Feel Better" baskets, each containing a bubble-blowing kit, a toy or activity, candy and a stuffed animal. In addition, Alanna has used some of her \$2,000 in monetary donations to buy DVDs, video and board games, and craft supplies for hospitalized children. "Kids should have time to be kids even when they're in the hospital," said Alanna. "I don't want them to be scared."

As State Honorees, Shivani and Alanna each will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where they will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2015.

Distinguished Finalists

The program judges also recognized six other Minnesota students as Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion.

These are Minnesota's Distinguished Finalists for 2015:

Claire Baker, 18, of Maple Grove, Minn., a senior at Totino-Grace High School, began collecting shoes in 2010 for children without the basic necessities in Haiti, and has since collected and distributed 90,000 pairs of shoes and taken three trips to Haiti to personally distribute them. Claire, motivated to help by the devastation of the Haitian earthquake, partnered with the international organization Soles4Souls, which awarded her its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Emily Matlack, 18, of Carlton, Minn., a senior at Carlton High School, created "DRV TXT FREE" in 2013, an educational campaign for which she received a \$1,000 grant to host a driving course at her school

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where teen drivers learned the dangers of driving while texting. In 2014, Emily used the skills she developed during her driving campaign to assist a friend with a bullying prevention program that taught seventh- and ninth-graders how to make positive decisions.

Manashree Padiyath, 13, of Woodbury, Minn., a seventh-grader at Math and Science Academy, raised \$10,000 to support the building of an inclusive playground in her town sponsored by the Madison Claire Foundation, to help those in wheelchairs like her friend, Sydney, enjoy playing alongside other children. Manashree created a campaign through a crowdfunding site, made and distributed brochures, spoke with local businesses, and went door-to-door to collect the funds.

Shrey Pothini, 11, of Savage, Minn., a fifth-grader at Harriet Bishop Elementary, founded a community service club at his school when he was 9 years old that has grown into a club with more than 60 student participants who have volunteered more than 3,000 hours. Shrey, who teaches the students about a different nonprofit at each meeting and then initiates a service project to benefit each organization, is planning to work with students at all 10 elementary schools in the district to launch similar clubs.

Rachael Price, 17, of Excelsior, Minn., a senior at Minnetonka High School, received a \$500 grant to build and maintain a charity garden run by the young members of her school's Teens Taking Action Club, for which she is president and co-founder. Rachael, who donated the produce to the ICA Food Shelf, also secured donations of seeds and starter plants from local businesses and a plot for the garden from the city.

Kelly Reger, 18, of Edina, Minn., a senior at Edina High School, has raised \$2,000 by partnering with Cub Food Stores and local youth groups to bag groceries to benefit cancer research at the University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center, where she has served 250 hours as a research intern in hopes of helping to find a cure for colon cancer, a disease that she and her family are genetically predisposed to. In addition, Kelly is the tournament director for "Slam Cancer!" a celebrity tennis tournament that she hopes will raise \$100,000 in 2015.

"Prudential is honored to celebrate the contributions of these remarkable young volunteers," said Prudential Chairman and CEO John Strangfeld. "By shining a spotlight on the difference they've made in their communities, we hope others are inspired to volunteer, too."

"These students have not only improved their communities through their exemplary volunteer service, but also set a fine example for their peers," said JoAnn Bartoletti, executive director of NASSP. "Each of their stories is proof of the impact one young person can have when they decide to make a difference."

About The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria including personal initiative, effort, impact and personal growth.

While in Washington, D.C., the 102 State Honorees – one middle level and one high school student from each state and the District of Columbia – will tour the capital's landmarks, meet top youth volunteers from other parts of the world, attend a gala awards ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, and visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. On May 4, 10 of the State Honorees – five middle level and five high school students – will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2015. These National Honorees will receive additional \$5,000 awards, gold medallions, crystal trophies and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Since the program began in 1995, more than 100,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state and national level. The program also is conducted by Prudential subsidiaries in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, India and China. In addition to granting its own awards, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program also distributes President's Volunteer Service Awards to qualifying Local Honorees on behalf of President Barack Obama.

For information on all of this year's Prudential Spirit of Community State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit.

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Sample Statement of Commendation To Recognize Honoree In The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

However effective government may be in serving the needs of its citizens, the soul of our city and its vitality as a place to live and work depend on the relationship of families, friends and neighbors.

Strengthening those bonds is not as much in the hands of institutions or governments as it is in the hearts of the people – individuals who volunteer to help people of all ages, races and religions cope with illnesses, overcome hardships and barriers, adjust to social changes, and fulfill their potential. These volunteers are the unrecognized, unsung heroes of our society.

(Name of honoree), recently named as one of our state's top honorees in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, exemplifies the value of volunteer community service, and is a role model to other youth as well as adults in our community.

A surprising number of volunteers in communities across the nation are like (student's first name), a student contributing time without expectation of reward, other than the gratification that comes from helping others. Some of these young people work in established groups; others seek new and unique ways to help others on their own.

Recognizing these young volunteers and encouraging others to follow their example is the aim of this nationwide program conducted by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Its aim is to reach into every community, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, to identify and honor these unsung heroes locally, state-by-state, and then nationally, in the hopes that their recognition will serve to stimulate others to volunteer service.

As mayor of (city), and on behalf of our city, I commend (student), our Prudential Spirit of Community Award honoree, for (his/her) outstanding volunteer contribution to others and our community.

And, therefore, in honor of this achievement, I am proclaiming (day/date) as the (student)/Prudential Spirit of Community Recognition Day in (city).

Heather Branigin

From: Amy M. <amyminge71@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Grandview

To Mayor Hovland and City Council members:

I attended the meeting at which the three Grandview plans were presented. Although I'm not opposed to compromise or public-private partnership (like the one between Braemar and Tin Fish), the plans seemed grossly dominated toward private development. If a person removes the proposed plazas (outside the apartment tower) from the "public use" category, I'm sure the numbers (in terms of area devoted to public vs private uses) would look even worse.

It would be nice if one or two of you showed up to these meetings in order to gauge public sentiment, but from my perspective, the public's response was not positive. Many people recalled that several of you once said something to the effect of, "Why not hire a private firm? If the public doesn't like the firm's suggestions, we don't have to use them." The public clearly did not like the firm's suggestions, so I'm assuming you'll stand by your word and not mandate the use of any of the three plans.

Sincerely,
Amy Minge
(Edina resident)
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612-220-2140

Heather Branigin

From: Mike Egelston <MEgelston@cityofnorthoaks.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 1:28 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Housing Revitalization Efforts

Hello James,

This is Mike Egelston, the Mayor of North Oaks, MN reaching-out to you. It has come to my attention that Edina is already working on an HRA for the City, and that at least some of your concerns revolve around the loss of wonderful older homes that are being torn down and replaced by "McMansions", for lack of a better term. We in North Oaks are just beginning the effort to save some of our architecturally significant homes. I am wondering if you would give me some of your time to talk about your efforts in that regard and see if we can learn from what you have already done. Do you have a few minutes to talk in the next couple of weeks? It can be a simple phone call to see if we might be able to learn from you and your HRA Commission as we start down this road.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you have the time.

Best Regards,

Mike Egelston

Mayor

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Heather Branigin

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Subject: Keeping Chicken ordinance

Mr. Mayor and Members,

As a former lawyer, I have been writing legislation and ordinances for 30 years. Every year I meet with legislators of both political parties at the capitol and suggest legislation to improve our state. I have contributed to drunken driving laws, school bus safety laws to name a few, environmental matters, pollinators, and more.

The chicken Edina chicken draft ordinance that was presented to the city council in February of 2015 originally was presented along with the much researched bee ordinance. The bee ordinances was very complete needing only a few revisions. The chicken ordinance as presented to the city council was much less complete and thorough. As presented, it was lacking in any real details or specifics.

If Edina is to have backyard chickens, we need to have precise legislation to ensure that we follow best practices procedures and that specific wording is in effect to ensure that we have adequately prepared the ordinance to anticipate potential problems.

I do not ever plan to have chickens in my yard, or stop a neighbor from having chickens. My aim is solely to assist in enacting a complete and thorough ordinance on this subject.

The key to any ordinance relating to the keeping of animals is that it should put into law general best practices to be followed by residents who keep animals covered by the ordinance. The current proposed backyard chicken draft ordinance does not do this.

Several cities around the country have been highlighted as having backyard chicken ordinances that institute best practices. Among the top 10 are Sacramento and San Diego California and Charlotte, North Carolina. Both cities specify general concepts of best practices for raising and keeping backyard chickens.

Sacramento (California)—

Chicken Ordinance— <http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/>

KEEPING OF CHICKENS

Requirements

- A maximum of three (3) chickens per residential parcel
- Roosters are prohibited
- Slaughtering is prohibited
- Coop may not be closer than 20 feet to the nearest neighboring dwelling
- Chickens must be confined and properly caged in a coop at all times
- Chickens are prohibited from being a noise disturbance
- Coop must be well-maintained and clean and be a minimum of 15 square feet and a maximum of 42 square feet
- Coop must have four walls and a roof and be constructed of suitable material
- Coop may only be kept in the rear yard
- Nesting boxes in the coop are required
- Chickens must be provided with adequate food, water, and ventilation
- Feed must be stored properly to prevent spoilage and to prevent access to other animals and rodents
- Feces and feathers must be removed every 24 hours and shall be stored in an air tight container prior to disposal. Use of city issued garbage containers is acceptable.

Fees, Licensing, & Permit

- \$10 annual licensing fee per chicken. A band will be issued for each bird.

- \$15 annual permit fee

Inspections

- Animal Control Officers will respond to perform inspections only if a complaint is filed
- Administrative citations will be issued for a violation of the ordinance. Criminal citations may be issued for possession of fighting roosters or for any animal cruelty, abuse, or neglect situation.

San Diego (California)—

Chicken Ordinance—

<http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter04/Ch04Art02Division07.pdf>

§42.0709 Fowl, Rabbits, Racing or Homing

(e) (1) No rooster shall be permitted on the premises.

(2) The number of chickens permitted and the location of the chicken coop are as follows:

(A) Up to 5 chickens may be kept on a premises, provided that the coop is located outside of all required setbacks as established by Chapter 13, Article 1 of this Code;

(B) Up to 15 chickens may be kept on a premises, provided that the coop is located outside of all required setbacks, as established by Chapter 13, Article 1 of this Code, or 15 feet from the property line, whichever is greater; and

(C) Up to 25 chickens may be kept on a premises, provided that the coop and the enclosure are a minimum of 50 feet from any structure used for residential purposes.

(3) All chickens shall be housed in a coop that is designed to be:

(A) Predator proof;

- (B) Thoroughly ventilated;
- (C) Watertight;
- (D) Easily accessed and cleaned; and
- (E) A minimum of 6 square feet of area per chicken.

(4) Direct access from the coop to an outdoor enclosure shall be provided with the outdoor enclosure designed to be:

- (A) Predator proof;
- (B) Easily accessed and cleaned;
- (C) Fenced to contain the chickens; and
- (D) A minimum of 10 square feet of ground area per chicken.

Charlotte, North Carolina—

Chicken Ordinance—

http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CityClerk/CouncilRelated/Documents/Agenda%20Attachments/2009/06_08_09/4%20Animal%20Control%20-%20goat%20ordinance.pdf

City permits.

(1) Fowl and other specifically identified animals. The keeping of chickens ... shall be in compliance with the following:

- a. Such animals must be confined in a coop, fowl house ... not less than 18 inches in height. The fowl must be kept within the coop or fowl house at all times.
- b. The coop or fowl house must be used for fowl only ... only, and both must be well ventilated.
- c. The coop, fowl house ... shall have a minimum of four square feet of floor area for each fowl
- d. The run must be well drained so there is no accumulation of moisture.
- e. The coop, fowl house ... shall be kept clean, sanitary and free from accumulation of animal excrement and objectionable odors. It shall be cleaned daily, and all

droppings and body excretion shall be placed in a flyproof container and double-bagged in plastic bags.

f. The coop, fowl house ... shall be a minimum of 25 feet from any property line.

g. No more than 20 such fowl ... shall be kept or maintained per acre. The number of fowl ... should be proportionate to the acreage.

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(4) Slaughter. Any slaughter of any ... poultry not regulated by state law or otherwise forbidden or regulated shall be done only in a humane and sanitary manner and shall not be done open to the view of any public area or adjacent property owned by another.

Here is a guide for discussing best practices—

A Guide to the Rules and Regulations + Best Practices for Keeping Backyard

Hens—

<http://www.garnernc.gov/Publications/Planning/chickenbookletweb.pdf>

The Minnesota Statutes do, in fact, set out fairly specific provisions relating to the proper and humane treatment of animals. They provide for levels of care far exceeding any standard that merely tries to prevent “animal abuse.” For instance, here is the section of the animal abuse statutes that related to outdoor dog houses. It’s fairly specific in what’s required.

MINNESOTA STATUTES—

343.40 DOG HOUSES.

Subdivision 1. In general. A person in charge or control of any dog which is kept outdoors or in an unheated enclosure shall provide the dog with shelter and bedding as prescribed in this section as a minimum.

Subd. 2. Building specifications. The shelter shall include a moisture proof and windproof structure of suitable size to accommodate the dog and allow retention of body heat. It shall be made of durable material with a solid, moisture proof floor or a floor raised at least two inches from the ground. Between November 1 and March 31 the structure must have a windbreak at the entrance. The structure shall be provided with a sufficient quantity of suitable bedding material consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings, blankets, or the equivalent, to provide insulation and protection against cold and dampness and promote retention of body heat.

Subd. 3. Shade. Shade from the direct rays of the sun, during the months of May to October shall be provided.

Subd. 4. Farm dogs. In lieu of the requirements of subdivisions 2 and 3, a dog kept on a farm maybe provided with access to a barn with a sufficient quantity of loose hay or bedding to protect against cold and dampness.

Subd. 5. Zoning. All shelters required by this section shall be subject to all building or zoning regulations of any city, township, county, or state.

Subd. 6. Penalty. Whoever violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

Since 1983, the Minnesota Statutes have also had a section covering the humane treatment of pet and companion animals. It's also quite extensive and very specific in what constitutes proper and humane best practices for animals. It's unclear if it relates to pet backyard chickens since the law exempts "farm animals," which backyard chickens may be, but it also includes animals not covered in detail in the law, which "must be maintained in accordance with a general standard of care necessary for the species as determined by an expert opinion." What the Minnesota law does establish, however, is that the state is committed to setting out in law best practices for humane treatment of animals in Minnesota.

PET AND COMPANION ANIMAL WELFARE ACT

346.35 CITATION.

Sections 346.35 to 346.44 may be cited as the "Pet and Companion Animal Welfare Act."

346.36 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. Scope. Sections 346.35 to 346.44 shall only apply to veterinarians, animal boarding facilities, and commercial animal facilities. As used in sections 346.35 to 346.44 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. Abuse. "Abuse" means intentionally causing unnecessary pain, injury, suffering, or harassment to a pet or companion animal.

Subd. 3. Cruelty. "Cruelty" means causing or allowing unnecessary pain, suffering, or unjustifiable injury or death to a pet or companion animal.

Subd. 4. Expert opinion. "Expert opinion" means the opinion of at least one licensed Minnesota veterinarian selected by an investigating officer.

Subd. 5. Neglect. "Neglect" means failure to provide the minimum care required for the health and well-being of a pet or companion animal.

Subd. 6. Pet or companion animal. "Pet" or "companion animal" means a nonhuman mammal, bird, or reptile impounded or held for breeding, or possessed by, cared for, or controlled by a person for the present or future enjoyment of that person or another.

Subd. 7. Shelter; confinement area. "Shelter" or "confinement area" means an enclosure provided to protect or confine a pet or companion animal when it is not in transit.

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346.38 EQUINES.

Subdivision 1. Definition. "Equines" are horses, ponies, mules, and burros.

Subd. 2. Food. Equines must be provided with food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or the maintenance of body weight. Feed standards shall be those recommended by the National Research Council.

Subd. 3. Water. Equines must be provided with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or supplied by free choice. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.

Subd. 4. Shelter. Equines must be provided a minimum of free choice protection or constructed shelter from adverse weather conditions, including direct rays of the sun in extreme heat or cold, wind, or precipitation. Natural or constructed shelters

must be of sufficient size to provide the necessary protection. Constructed shelters must be structurally sound, free of injurious matter, maintained in good repair, and ventilated. Outside exercise paddocks for equines do not require separate constructed shelter where a shelter is accessible to the equine on adjacent or other accessible areas of the property provided that equines are not kept in outdoor exercise paddocks during adverse weather conditions.

Subd. 5. Space and cleanliness requirements. Constructed shelters except for tie stalls must provide space for the animal to: (1) roll with a minimum danger of being cast; or (2) easily stand, lie down, and turnaround. Stalls must be cleaned and kept dry to the extent the animal is not required to lie or stand in fluids. Bedding must be provided in all stalls, kept reasonably clean, and periodically changed. The nature of the bedding must not pose a health hazard to the animal.

Subd. 6. Exercise. Equines must be provided opportunity for periodic exercise, either through free choice or through a forced work program, unless exercise is restricted by a licensed veterinarian.

Subd. 7. Hoof care. All equines must have their hooves properly trimmed periodically to prevent lameness.

Subd. 8. Transportation. A vehicle used to transport an equine must have a floor capable of supporting the animal's weight safely. Floors must be of nonskid construction or of nonskid material sufficient to provide the animal with traction while in transport. A minimum of 12 inches must be allowed between the withers of the largest equine and the structure above the animal while it is in a natural standing position. Sturdy partitions must be provided at a minimum of approximately every ten feet inside the vehicle. Interior compartments of transporting vehicles must be of smooth construction with no protruding or sharp objects and must provide ventilation. Food and water must be provided in sufficient quantities to minimize stress and maintain hydration.

346.39 DOGS AND CATS.

Subdivision 1. Food. Dogs and cats must be provided with food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or the maintenance of body weight. Feed standards shall be those recommended by the National Research Council.

Subd. 2. Water. Dogs and cats must be provided with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or supplied by free choice. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.

Subd. 3. Transportation and shipment. When dogs or cats are transported in crates or containers, the crates or containers must be constructed of nonabrasive wire or a smooth, durable material suitable for the animals. Crates and containers must be clean, adequately ventilated, contain sufficient space to allow the animals to turn around, and provide maximum safety and protection to the animals. Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes and water must be provided at least once every eight hours. Food must be provided at least once every 24 hours or more often, if necessary, to maintain the health and condition of the animals.

Subd. 4. Shelter size. A confinement area must provide sufficient space to allow each animal to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a normal position. Each confined animal must be provided a minimum square footage of floor space as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, plus 25 percent, expressed in square feet. The formula for computing minimum square footage is: (length of animal plus 25 percent) times (length of animal plus 25 percent), divided by 144. A shaded area must be provided sufficient to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times during the months of May to October.

Subd. 5. Exercise. All dogs and cats must be provided the opportunity for periodic exercise, either through free choice or through a forced work program, unless exercise is restricted by a licensed veterinarian.

Subd. 6. Group housing and breeding. Animals housed together must be kept in compatible groups. Animals must not be bred so often as to endanger their health.

Subd. 7. Temperature. Confinement areas must be maintained at a temperature suitable for the animal involved.

Subd. 8. Ventilation. An indoor confinement area must be ventilated. Drafts, odors, and moisture condensation must be minimized. Auxiliary ventilation, such as exhaust fans, vents, and air conditioning, must be used when the ambient temperature rises to a level that may endanger the health of the animal.

Subd. 9. Lighting. An indoor confinement area must have at least eight hours of illumination sufficient to permit routine inspection and cleaning.

Subd. 10. Confinement and exercise area surfaces. Where applicable, the interior surfaces of confinement and exercise areas, including crates or containers, must be constructed and maintained so that they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily cleaned. They must protect the animal from injury and be kept in good repair.

Subd. 11. Drainage. Where applicable, a suitable method must be used to rapidly eliminate excess fluids from confinement areas.

Subd. 12. Sanitation. Food and water receptacles must be accessible to each animal and located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. Feeding and water receptacles must be kept clean. Disposable food receptacles must be discarded when soiled. Measures must be taken to protect animals from being contaminated with water, wastes, and harmful chemicals. Wastes must be disposed of properly. Where applicable, flushing methods and a disinfectant must be used periodically. Bedding, if used, must be kept clean and dry. Outdoor enclosures must be kept clean and base material replaced as necessary.

346.40 PET BIRDS.

Subdivision 1. Food. Birds must be fed at least once each day except as otherwise required to provide adequate health care. The food must be wholesome, palatable, and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the bird, and must be free from contamination.

Subd. 2. Water. Except for birds in shipment for less than four hours, all birds must be provided with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the bird's needs or supplied by free choice. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.

Subd. 3. Transportation. Birds may be transported only in containers constructed of a smooth, durable material. Containers must:

- (a) be suitable for the species being shipped;
- (b) be constructed to prevent escape or chewing of the container by the bird that may be injurious to the health of the bird;
- (c) have ventilation on only one side to prevent cross drafts;

(d) provide enough space for the bird to stand up, turn around, and obtain necessary food, water, and roosting space;

(e) have fresh food and water available to the bird at all times if the shipping period exceeds four hours.

Subd. 4. Shelter or cage construction. A shelter or cage for a bird must be constructed of materials that are impervious to moisture and can be readily cleaned. Perches or other space must be provided to allow the bird to roost without physical harassment from other birds.

Subd. 5. Exercise. Room must be provided for a bird to obtain exercise to maintain itself in good health.

Subd. 6. Temperature. A confinement area must be maintained at a temperature suitable for the bird involved.

Subd. 7. Ventilation. A bird shelter or cage must provide ventilation with minimized drafts, odors, and moisture condensation.

Subd. 8. Lighting. Shelters or cages for birds must have at least eight hours of either natural or artificial light to allow for intake of food and water. Lighting must be of sufficient intensity and distribution to permit routine inspection and cleaning on a regular basis.

Subd. 9. Sanitation. Excreta must be removed from the bottom of a bird cage on a regular basis to prevent the contamination of the caged bird. The cage, perches, and food and water receptacles must be cleaned on a regular basis.

346.41 RODENTS.

Subdivision 1. Food. Food must be made available to every pet rodent at least once a day. This food must be fresh, wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, and of sufficient nutritive value to meet the normal daily requirements necessary to maintain the health and condition of the animal.

Subd. 2. Water. A pet rodent must be provided with clean, potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs or supplied by free choice. Snow or ice is not an adequate water source.

Subd. 3. Transportation. Rodents may be transported only in containers constructed of a smooth, durable material. Containers must:

- (a) be constructed so as to prevent escape or injury by chewing;
- (b) provide fresh air to each contained animal and yet prevent exposure to injurious drafts;
- (c) provide enough space for each animal to stand up, turn around, and obtain necessary food and water;
- (d) have fresh food and water available to each animal during all shipping periods exceeding six hours. Food and water requirements may be met by providing vegetables or fruits sufficient to meet an animal's food and water needs.

Subd. 4. Shelter and cage construction. Shelters or cages must be constructed in a manner that allows cleaning of the entire surface area. The materials used must be of sufficient strength to prevent escape or injury by chewing and to protect the animal from predators.

A shelter or cage with a solid bottom must be constructed of materials that are impervious to moisture. A shelter or cage with a wire or mesh bottom must be constructed to allow excreta to pass through the spaces in the wire or mesh. The wire or mesh floor must be constructed to prevent injury to the feet and legs of the animals.

Outdoor confinement areas must provide sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun and shelter the animal from rain or snow.

Subd. 5. Exercise. A shelter or cage must be of sufficient height and have sufficient floor space to allow the caged animals to obtain proper exercise and maintain good health.

Subd. 6. Temperature. A confinement area must be maintained at a temperature suitable for the confined animal.

Subd. 7. Ventilation. A shelter or cage must provide ventilation to the confined animals. It must be constructed to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation. Additional ventilation must be provided when the ambient temperature rises to a level that may endanger the health of the animal.

Subd. 8. Lighting. Lighting of sufficient intensity and distribution must be available to permit routine inspection and regular cleaning.

Subd. 9. Sanitation. A shelter or cage must be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of excreta, hair, contaminated or wet litter, and uneaten or contaminated food. If the shelter or cage has a solid floor, the floor must be covered with clean, dry bedding which must be changed at least once a week. If the shelter or cage has a wire or mesh floor, the catch pans or troughs under the cage must be cleaned at least once a week. If the cage or shelter becomes soiled or wet to a degree that may be harmful to the caged animals due to water leakage, dead animals, or spoiled foods, the animals must be transferred to clean, dry quarters as soon as possible after discovery of the condition. The shelter or cage, and food and water receptacles, must be regularly cleaned.

Subd. 10. Chewing materials. A rodent must be provided with materials that allow necessary chewing to prevent detrimental overgrowth of the animal's teeth.

346.42 OTHER ANIMALS.

Animals not covered in detail in sections 346.38 to 346.41 must be maintained in accordance with a general standard of care necessary for the species as determined by an expert opinion.

346.43 FARM ANIMALS EXCLUDED.

Sections 346.35 to 346.44 do not apply to the care or treatment of an agricultural or farm animal which is used for food or other products or any other agricultural use.

346.44 PENALTIES.

Except where otherwise indicated, a person found guilty of failure to comply with a provision of sections 346.36 to 346.42 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=346&format=pdf>

Chickens in the Classroom—

The proposed draft ordinance also allows every classroom teacher in Edina to have up to 18 chicks in his or her classroom. While this may seem like a good idea, there are a lot of factors to take into account before allowing this kind of activity in Edina schools. The most important one being what will be done in each classroom

at the end of the school year with the chickens. Who will take up to 18 chickens and take good care of them? This issue is not addressed by the draft ordinance. Here is a short bulletin from the Missouri Humane Society on classroom chicks and chickens.

Missouri Humane Society—

<http://www.hsmo.org/education/classroomhatching.html>

"The overriding message of chick-hatching projects is that human responsibility for these birds is limited, and animals can be discarded like yesterday's toys."

Dr. F. Barbara Orlans, Senior Research Fellow, Georgetown University

So you think you want to hatch baby chicks in your classroom. Please think again.

The Humane Society of Missouri urges teachers to quit the classroom practice of incubating baby chicks:

- The procedure often places stress on the chicks while they are hatching without a full-time biological mother,
- The class project traumatizes students when the chicks die,
- Furthermore, the surviving chicks can carry and transmit salmonella to unsuspecting children when handled. (A 1999 analysis of chicks in Seattle schools found that nearly all chicks tested were infected with E. coli and salmonella, leading to a ban on all hatching projects in Seattle schools. Read more.)

It's your project until it becomes our problem.

Incubating chicks is often more challenging than humans expect. Chicks that are not incubated properly die or are born deformed. The surviving chicks don't fare well after they are dismissed from the classroom. As a poorly-thought, insulting alternative, the incubation kits' materials instruct teachers and parents to give the abandoned chicks to a local animal shelter for "disposal" as the proper procedure;

they believe it is the animal shelter's job to accept and either care for or kill the baby birds. Most shelters are either under-funded divisions of city health departments or volunteer-driven, non-profit organizations; both types of shelters are already inundated with homeless dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. Many shelters will accept the orphaned chicks rather than allow them to suffer, but - with no resources to raise the chicks - will euthanize them. Thus, the classroom's disposable "life" project becomes the animal lovers' responsibility and heartbreak.

The Humane Society of Missouri's Longmeadow Rescue Ranch is one of a very few facilities equipped to handle farm animals, but the non-profit facility is overflowing with more than 350 horses, cows, pigs, goats and chickens in need of permanent homes. According to Earlene Cole, former director of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, raising chicks in the classroom is more daunting than teachers realize. "The surviving chicks require special feed that is not readily available in most big cities. If not properly fed, the chicks die or become deformed. Once they're born, you can't tell if a chick is going to grow up to be a hen or a rooster. While some families with acreage can adopt another hen, most already have a rooster, and roosters often don't get along with each other. If we can find a home for a rooster, they'll need tolerant neighbors who will put up with the crowing."

Cole cautions parents and teachers about the types of chicken produced by the classroom eggs. Even if a compassionate student wanted to keep the chicks and raise them, sometimes that isn't possible due to genetic engineering. "These days, there are three types of chicken eggs. One type of egg grows into a chicken that most people are familiar with - a chicken that lays eggs but can also be eaten for meat. There is another type of egg that grows into a chicken that only lays eggs. And there's a type of egg that grows into a chicken genetically altered to not lay eggs. This 'meat chicken' grows too large to even walk, so they couldn't possibly be someone's pet."

Teach your students to become humane adults.

Please end the irresponsible practice of hatching and abandoning chicks in your classroom and urge other teachers and students to do the same. Lessons in creating a humane biology classroom are available via the following sources:

Humane Society of the United States

TEACHkind

United Poultry Concerns (757) 678-7875

What is to be done?

Any draft ordinance needs to define, at least in general terms, best practices as a guide for Edina backyard chicken keepers. The state has set the lead on the type of factors to consider for the humane treatment of animals. Numerous cities have already developed a consensus for best practices for backyard chicken keepers and a new draft should be developed that incorporates the best of the best of these necessary and humane practices.

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Subject: Keeping Chicken ordinance

I am glad the Council is taking up the bee ordinance tonight since the more healthy bees there are the healthier our environment is.

As to the chicken part of the proposed ordinance, however, it seems that any guidelines for best and humane practices are missing. A homeowner five house down from us keeps two chickens in a small coop completely exposed to the elements. The chickens never get to walk outside the cage. Last winter the owner never used a heat lamp and the chickens were exposed to many subzero nights. It seems the ordinance should include some guidelines on humane cage size, free range availability and protection from extreme heat or cold weather.

I hope you pass the bee part of the ordinance tonight and send the chicken part back for more study. I've put some suggested ordinance language in this regard below.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Sec. 8-211. Animal enclosure.

(1) An animal enclosure, whether now existing or hereafter constructed, shall not exceed 300 square feet in area and shall be placed only in the rear yard and no closer than 20 feet to any property line.

(2)
(a) Humane Practices Required- No person may keep any hen unless, during the entire period of hen's life, the hen is raised in compliance with subsection (b).

(b) Compliance- A hen is raised in compliance with the requirements of subsection (a) only if the hen is provided adequate space in a caging device to--

(1) stand up, lie down, and turn around freely, and

(2) fully extend all limbs.

(c) In addition to the requirement of subsections (a) and (b), each hen must have access to outdoors by four (4) weeks of age, for a minimum of six (6) hours each day, seasonal weather permitting. Such outdoor area must provide shade, well drained rest areas, and protection from predators. The outdoor area to which hens have access must:

1. Consist of ground covered by living vegetation, where possible. Ground coverings such as gravel, straw, mulch or sand may be used when vegetation is not possible. Coarse grit must be available to aid digestion of vegetation.

2. Be designed and actively managed in ways that minimize the risk of the area becoming damaged, contaminated, or sodden;

3. Be managed to avoid build-up of agents (e.g., parasites, bacteria, viruses) that may cause disease.

4. Prevent hens from coming into contact with any toxic substances.

5. Have sufficient well-drained, shaded areas for hens to rest outdoors without crowding together.

6. Have cover, such as shrubs, trees or artificial structures, distributed throughout the area to reduce the fear reactions of hens to overhead predators and to encourage use of the area.

(d) Housing

All hens must have access to housing that keeps them dry, protects them from wind and unseasonable temperatures and from predators, and meets the other requirements of this section.

(e) A caging device that provides a hen a minimum of 116 square inches of individual floor space per brown hen and 101 square inches of individual floor space per white hen shall be considered to comply with the requirement of subsection 2(b).

(f) A hen must be caught individually and carried by both legs; one-legged catching or carrying is prohibited.

(g) Exemptions- Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to a hen--

(1) during lawful transport;

(2) during the slaughter of the hen in compliance with Public Law 85-765 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.; commonly known as the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958) and other applicable law and regulations; or

(3) while undergoing an examination, test, treatment, or operation for individualized veterinary purposes to improve the well-being of the hen.

(e) Definitions- In this section:

(1) The term "hen" means any female *Gallus domesticus*.

(2) The term "fully extend all limbs" means the ability of the hen to fully extend all limbs without touching the side of a caging device, including, fully spreading both wings without touching the side of an enclosure or other hens.

(3) The term "turn around freely" means the ability of the hen to turn in a complete circle without any impediment, including a tether, and without touching the side of a caging device.

(4) The term "caging device" means any cage, enclosure, or other device used for the housing of hens, but does not include an open shed or other fixed structure without internal caging devices.

(5) The term "individual floor space" means the amount of total floor space in a caging device available to each hen in the device, calculated by measuring the total floor space of the caging device and dividing by the total number of hens in the device.

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Cc: Richard Curtin; Bill Neuendorf; 'James Nelson' (jnelson@eberhardtadvisory.com); Phil Roberts
Subject: Consideration of Bids for Stair Elevator Tower at 50th & France Business District - South Ramp

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Members,

We wish to express our disapproval of the three options being considered in lieu of the elevator construction in the south ramp. All three solutions are mediocre at best and do not address the ultimate objective for this project.

There is a certain amount of necessary structural work and deferred maintenance to ensure the ramps are safe. Beyond that, the improvements are to reinforce the positioning of 50th and France as a desired destination that is convenient, safe, accessible, inviting, welcoming and encouraging to visitors. Competition is stiff. Galleria is upping the stakes with higher end tenants, the new retail wing at Mall of America is going right at the 50th and France and Edina customer as is Ridgedale with Nordstrom's and new higher end retail specialty stores. Consumers have options. The ramps need to be more than structurally sound to be an amenity.

The increased assessments have put additional pressure on tenants at 50th and France in an increasingly competitive market. We respectfully ask the City of Edina to fund the shortage and enable this project to move forward and be completed in a first class manner.

The improvements and solution should be excellent or nothing at all. If the City of Edina is unable or unwilling to provide funding for the project as contemplated and designed, then simply complete the minimally necessary structural repairs and stop. We do not support the three alternatives to the elevator and do not support further increasing the assessments to the property owners which pass directly through to tenants.

I apologize for not being in attendance tonight but learned this morning that I need to travel to Portland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Ackerberg
Parasole Restaurant Holdings, Inc.

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