

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IX. A.

**From:** Jane Timm  
Deputy City Clerk

**Date:** May 21, 2013

**Subject:** CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PACKETS

**Action**   
**Discussion**   
**Information**

**Action Requested:**

Attached is correspondence received after the packets were delivered to you.

No action is necessary.

Mayor Hovland -

I am writing to you tonight about the proposed changes that are being proposed for RNAV flight paths over southwest Minneapolis and Edina. Specifically, I am asking that you oppose these changes that are being proposed by the Metropolitan Airport Commission and its supporters. I'm concerned about the negative effects that the RNAV proposal will have on the quality of life and housing values for me and my neighbors. (And I'm more concerned about out quality of life, honestly.)

I'm a longtime Minneapolis resident, having moved here after college in 1995. I currently live in the Kenny neighborhood of southwest Minneapolis. When I was looking for a house to buy back in 2004, I took airport noise into serious consideration. I looked at many neighborhoods across the southern half of Minneapolis until I decided on Kenny. A large factor in that decision was airport noise. I've been in people's backyards who have more airport noise, and it's not fun to be stopping conversations, covering ears, and working around the loud noise of the airplanes. I don't want to be trapped in my house, hiding from the noise. I'm sure this is a decision that many Edina residents also went through.

I've learned these proposed changes will concentrate a lot of flight paths right over my neighborhood. In addition, the rationale for these changes seems pretty shaky at best. Have you seen Kevin Terrell's presentation on this? (If not, you can find it at <http://my.brainshark.com/MSP-RNAV-Overview-February-2013-39869952>.)

One thing I've learned that really concerns me is the age and noise level of Delta's fleet. The planes they are running are old and noisy, and Delta makes up most of the traffic as MSP airport. Also, per Mr. Terrell's presentation, these changes would bring more flights, more noise, and lower property values!

One other point of note in Mr. Terrell's presentation was that many of the benefits MAC is claiming aren't really there. The MSP airport won't be at 2004 volumes again until around 2030, airport delays are at historical lows, and the emissions reductions are negligible. On top of that, we spent a significant amount of taxpayer money to build runway 17 to reduce airport noise over populated areas. Now I learn that the existing runways are being used more than ever and runway 17 is being used 40% less than planned!

I understand you have shown support for fighting this in the past. I appreciate that, and would ask for your continued support. It seems to me we have better solutions available.

Sincerely,

Christopher Foster  
5857 Irving Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 11:24 AM  
**Cc:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: 6500 France Development



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**From:** [Craigalshouse@aol.com](mailto:Craigalshouse@aol.com) [<mailto:Craigalshouse@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:56 AM  
**To:** Cary Teague; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** 6500 France Development

Dear Mr. Teague, Mayor, and City Council Members  
Tuesday May 21, 2013

( to be included in packet for tonight's meeting )

Please consider this letter and our concerns as you review the new proposed housing development at 6500 France.

**Use:** This is a completely new vision and use. As such, why doesn't the developer have to meet city guidelines and zoning as it relates to density per acre? Is using this parcel as an all encompassing senior care facility what you had in mind?

**Access:** Very problematic as proposed. Entrance and exit is adjacent to ours and across from the new ortho clinic. It is very difficult to exit and enter now with the increased traffic. This will make it worse.

**Loading dock/chiller/driveway:** We object in the strongest way to this design and layout. We have 12 of our luxury units on this end of our building that will now be subjected to the vision and sounds of trucks, loading, snow plowing and traffic as well as dumpsters and trash hauling. This is simply not acceptable.

**Height:** What was the height of the 4 story ramp on the West end that was approved? Isn't this structure higher?

We realize that this is still early in the review process and we will have more time to be heard, However, we wanted to get these items before you before tonight's meeting. We will be in attendance.

Thank you,

Craig Alshouse  
Cornelia Place Apartment Homes  
Owner and Asset Manager

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TO: CITY OF EDINA - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: 6566 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH, CONDO # 911 - Owner INGER Oien  
DATE: MAY 15, 2014  
RE: PROPOSED BUILDING AT 6500 FRANCE AVENUE

It is my position that the proposed building at 6500 France Avenue is too large for the space. The new proposal asks for a Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 2.1% which is twice that allowed by the zoning ordinance. Also the site density requested by the developers is 88 units/acre. Similar senior housing developments in Edina are between 34 and 42 units/acre.

I am not opposed to a senior housing project, however, it should be built within the rules of the city ordinances.

Owner's Name Inger Oien Signature Inger Oien

TO: CITY OF EDINA - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
FROM: 6566 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH, CONDO # 1203 - Owner Waterston  
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Owner's Name Mark Waterston  
Signature Mark Waterston

TO: CITY OF EDINA - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: 6566 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH, CONDO # 1101 - Owner Self

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Owner's Name Pat Nestorak Signature Owner

TO: CITY OF EDINA - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: 6566 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH, CONDO # 707 - Owner Janette Brisbois

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Owner's Name Janette Brisbois Signature Janette Brisbois

TO: CITY OF EDINA - CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: 6566 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH, CONDO # PH 4 - Owner JANE & NORMAN GURSTEL

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Owner's Name NORMAN GURSTEL

Signature Norm Gurstel

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5-30-13

To: The City of Edina  
City Council Members

Fr: Jane Gustaf - Penthouse 4

RE: The proposed building at  
6500 France Ave

I am writing in objection to a large  
scale building being proposed for  
the S.W. corner of France Avenue

I have been a home owner in Edina  
since 1971 and so I am aware of  
the types of housing that was going  
up while still preserving a beautiful  
landscape and quality of home  
owners or renters. The building  
that is proposed seems way too large.  
It will lower the speed of the  
area & as so many at Point of France

I also have heard from two couples  
who will not be putting in offer on a  
couple of units that were going

to be their new homes

It would be a very sad day for  
the Point of France and for all  
who enjoy the Lake Como area  
& the master size building is  
limited to consuming too much  
an space as well of course - the  
parcel of land

I understand that even the zoning  
ordinances differ and are smaller  
than the proposed housing project -  
which by the way seems as if it  
would be much different in feel of home  
lower class housing projects in other  
areas of the Metropolitan Counties

Thank you for reading my letter

Jane Golden-Gustaf  
1970-1983 - Ridge Road - Edina  
1984-2003 - 6704 Point Dr - Edina  
2003 - present Point of France - PH;