

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: July 1, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.



Hennepin County Public Works

Transportation Department
Public Works Facility
1600 Prairie Drive
Medina, MN 55340-5421

Phone: 612-596-0300

Web: www.co.hennepin.mn.us

June 17, 2014

Dear Resident:

During neighborhood meetings on April 23 and 28, neighbors along the 5400 through 6100 blocks of Xerxes Avenue met to discuss the desirability of installing bumpouts along Xerxes Avenue between 54th Street and the Crosstown Highway as part of the county's 2014 resurfacing project. During the meeting, which was attended by staff from both Edina and Minneapolis, the general opinion was that bumpout installation was desirable. In response to the general support of the concept, both cities have expressed their support for the installations. Accordingly, county staff will now contact neighbors where bumpout installation appears feasible. All are advised both cities prefer the bumpouts be placed at the corners. Thus, the county will investigate the feasibility of such placements. Neighbors are advised county staff will begin contacting those where bumpouts may be placed beginning the week of June 23rd.

During one of the neighborhood meetings, some Edina residents expressed displeasure with the configuration of the Xerxes Avenue/Crosstown Highway interchange. Both cities considered the configuration and continue to support the layout. Thus, county staff has engaged Minnesota Department of Transportation staff to make improvements to the interchange area as part of the Xerxes Avenue bridge redecking project.

While it is anticipated the Crosstown Highway interchange will reopen in July, it is anticipated the overlay/bumpout may not begin until September.

Questions regarding the bumpout installations may be directed to my office.

Sincerely;

James N. Grube, P.E.

Director of Transportation and County Engineer

cc: Council Member Linea Palmisano, Minneapolis Council
Mayor James Hovland, Edina
Jan Callison, Hennepin County Commissioner, 6th District
Marion Greene, Hennepin County Commissioner, 3rd District
Mark K. Nolan, Edina
Jon Wertjes, Minneapolis
Debra Brisk, Hennepin County
Christopher Sagsveen, Hennepin County
Jason Staebell, Hennepin County

Heather Branigin

From: Dan Mueller <dan.mueller04@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 1:20 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Future Use of Fred Richards Golf Course

Mayor James Hovland,

Since I was unable to attend the last council meeting where ideas were presented for the future use of the Fred Richards Golf course, I am writing you to give some of my thoughts.

I have just recently heard about the plan to turn the property over to We Can Ride MN for therapeutic horse riding and other events. I strongly urge the council to oppose this plan. This proposal would have very limited use for Edina citizens and only hopes to bring potential few visitors to Edina businesses. I do not want my property tax dollars supporting this plan. If the council thinks this is a good use for the golf course, they should sell the land to a non-profit and use the revenue to lower our property taxes.

I support a plan that would provide multiple outdoor activities for mainly Edina residents of ALL ages, and other visitors from surrounding communities. This would be a great opportunity to have a park that would have activities like: mountain biking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, fitness/obstacle course, another Frisbee golf course, and maybe archery. I would also support a modest fee structure to create and support the infrastructure for these activities. The Three Rivers Park District has some great examples of how to get maximum use out of it's parks for all ages. We could do the same with this property and have it at place that is close to it's citizens. We don't need another park with kid soccer fields, outdoor hockey rinks and playground equipment. Or a park that has a very specific limited use and is not entirely accessible to it's citizens.

The city should pursue a use for the property that will encourage it's citizens to continue fitness activities as a lifelong endeavor.

Thanks for considering my thoughts.
Dan Mueller
5614 Sherwood Ave.

TO: THE EDINA FIRE DEPARTMENT

A NOTE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND PROFESSIONALISM IN YOUR HANDLING OF MY DILEMMA ON THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY JUNE 14TH.

THE CUT OVER MY EYE WAS BLEEDING PROFUSELY WHICH MADE QUITE A MESS. EVERYONE CLEANED UP OUR HOME BEAUTIFULLY AND THEN BROUGHT ME SAFELY TO FAIRVIEW SOUTHDAL HOSPITAL.

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR HELP I AM GIVING YOU THESE COOKIES!! AS A RESIDENT OF EDINA, I AM VERY PROUD OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PARAMEDICS.

Phil

PHILIP H. BROAT

4820 ROLLING GREEN PARKWAY - EDINA, MN. 55436

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**WITH
THANKS!**

Hi Ruth,

We want to thank Edina Fire
for once again participating in
our Medical Explorers program
here at FSH. He did a
very good job and the students
were interested in what he
said. We appreciate him taking
the time to do this! Nancy Schaber
Volunteer Serv.

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Thank you so very much to the three people who responded to our call Sat. June 14 in a condo elevator at 7200 York Ave S. Edina during a lightning storm, causing the system to shut down stranding us.

We appreciate your prompt professional rescue. You are heroes to us! Keep up the great work! Larry, J + Colton Etter
Moorville
Iowa

Heather Branigin

From: Bernie Beaver <bbeaver44@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 10:26 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Apartments
Attachments: Lincoln Place 2012.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Lincoln Place 2013.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Mayor Jim Hovland and Members of the Edina City Council

City of Edina

4801 W. 50th Street

Edina, MN 55424

RE: 66 West Apartments

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Members,

I am a member of a Task Force at Edina Community Lutheran Church (ECLC) (4113 W. 54th Street) partnering with Beacon Interfaith Housing Cooperative in an effort to develop an affordable housing project for homeless youth at 3330 West 66th Street in Edina.

I have been provided with a copy of the letter dated June 6, 2014 addressed to the Mayor and Council Members from Rose Minor, President of Step by Step Montessori Schools located at 6419 Barrie Road, which is in the vicinity of the proposed Beacon project. I am writing to offer additional information, which, I hope, will allay concerns raised in this letter.

While we have had several meetings with community groups, businesses and individuals, we obviously have not made contact with all that we should. We are continuing to reach out to our neighbors and members of the broader community with the hope of establishing a better understanding of our goals and the proposed project. There will be a presentation to the public at the Hennepin County Library on York Avenue on June 26. It is my understanding that Beacon representatives will be seeking a meeting with Ms. Minor.

In the third paragraph of her letter, Ms. Minor expressed her concern about potential crime in the neighborhood and cites police reports related to the Nicollet Square property in Minneapolis. First, I think it is important to understand that these police reports are not limited to issues involving Nicollet Square residents but include incidents from outside the Nicollet Square facility that may be reported by Nicollet Square staff or by others who simply report that address. Further, I suggest that using statistics from an urban location is not a good source for predicting what may happen at a suburban location such as the proposed 66 West Apartments. The experience at Lincoln Place, located in Eagan, is a better source for predicting crime potential in a suburban

location. It is my understanding that Lincoln Place is the only suburban facility in Minnesota serving a population similar to that which we expect to serve at 66 West Apartments.

On May 2 of this year I visited Lincoln Place for a tour and conversation with the property manager. Lincoln Place (not developed by or managed by Beacon) has 25 units serving youth who have recently experiencing homelessness, is located near a commercial area and a regional transit center. It is also located adjacent to apartment buildings, and in close proximity to single-family homes. Following my visit at Lincoln Place, I contacted the Eagan police officer responsible for liaison with the facility and received police reports (copies are attached to this message). From these reports I learned that during all of calendar years 2012 and 2013 there were a total of 37 police calls at Lincoln Place (22 and 15, respectively). I suggest that it is important to understand the nature of those calls: 13 involved fire alarms or medical issues, 12 involved administrative matters (follow up on previous calls, traffic stops or parking violations and background checks), 4 involved theft or fraud and 8 involved potentially threatening issues such as disturbing the peace, harassment or domestic matters. I have not investigated further to determine which of those calls may have involved a Lincoln Place resident as either a victim or an alleged perpetrator. The police officer that I spoke with indicated that these calls were no different in number or nature than the calls they might expect from any other apartment building.

Our ECLC task force and Beacon are attempting to find a suitable housing location for youth in our suburban community who are no different than other members of that community but only lack a suitable housing alternative. It is our belief that 66 West Apartments will fill that need.

It is regrettable that Ms. Minor feels that some parents have declined to enroll their children at her school. I can only conclude that if the 66 West Apartments proposal was a factor in those parents' decisions that it was based on some combination of misunderstanding, misinformation and a bias about what to expect from an unknown population. Let us not perpetuate those misunderstandings by accepting unfounded assertions. There is a small part of our community in need of housing at an affordable cost and with services that will help to propel them to be contributing members of our community. Please support the efforts of Beacon and the others in our community who want this project to succeed by allowing the necessary zoning variances.

Sincerely,

Bernie H. Beaver

6225 Fox Meadow Lane

Edina, MN 55436



Eagan Police - Count of CAD Incidents

Between: 1/1/2012 12:00:00 AM
And: 12/31/2012 11:59:59 PM

1997 Gold Tr

Total: 22

L/DISTURBING PEACE/D	1
L/DOMESTIC FAMILY/NE	1
L/FIRE CALL	1
L/FOLLOW-UP	3
L/FRAUD	2
L/HARASSING COMMUNIC	1
L/JUVENILE COMPLAINT	1
L/MEDICAL	2
L/MENTAL HEALTH-CRIS	3
L/SUICIDE/ATTEMPTED	1
L/SUSPICIOUS PERSON/	1
L/THEFT	2
L/TRAFFIC STOP	1
L/WARRANT SERVICE	2

Total: 22

End of Report



Eagan Police - Count of CAD Incidents

Between: 1/1/2013 12:00:00 AM
And: 12/31/2013 11:59:59 PM

1997 Gold Tr

Total: 15

L/ALARM-FIRE	3
L/BKGROUND/PRINTS/GU	1
L/DISTURBING PEACE/D	1
L/DOMESTIC FAMILY/NE	2
L/FOLLOW-UP	2
L/MEDICAL	2
L/MENTAL HEALTH-CRIS	1
L/PARKING COMPLAINTS	1
L/REPO-PRIVATE TOW	1
L/SUSPICIOUS PERSON/	1

Total: 15

End of Report

Heather Branigin

From: Meg Mannix <megmannix@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 3:43 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for 66 West

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I write to express my support for the Beacon Housing project, 66 West. I hope that the City Council approves this much-needed housing for homeless youth.

Meg Mannix
4511 Arden Ave.
Edina, MN 55424
952-927-0648

Heather Branigin

From: Winnie And Steve <martins6012@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2014 10:43 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Sat walk

Mayor Hovland,

Thanks for the walk on Sat. I apologize for leaving early, but flooding basement called.

I can't stress to you enough the importance of getting The Fred Repurpose Process "right.". From all interested parties in Edina everyone can agree the "process" is wrong.

Get this right. The Schoenbauer's shouldn't be the ones to decide our 43 acres in a span of 3 months. That land belongs to the community and the opportunity to do something great is upon us. Wetlands, walking paths....all been done. Look further and deeper.

Please be our voice - show the community we can get this right. Be transparent and put ALL ideas on the table.

Thanks.

Winnie Martin
Martins [6012@gmail.com](mailto:martins6012@gmail.com)
C). 952-484-5575

Heather Branigin

From: Hieb, Mary (MHFA) <Mary.Hieb@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 10:27 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Minnesota Housing - Notification of Local Official
Attachments: D7720 M16787 66 West_Edina.pdf

Dear Mayor Hovland:

Minnesota Housing and its funding partners have received a request for multifamily funding referenced on the attached Notification of Local Official form. We provide selected applicants financing for the development, construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of decent, safe and affordable rental housing.

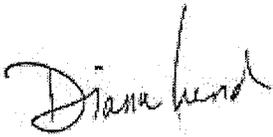
As part of the review process, Minnesota Housing is interested in receiving your community's comments regarding the proposed development(s). Please provide any comments you may have on the proposal(s) to Minnesota Housing by July 21, 2014. If you have previously submitted comments on the following proposal(s), it is not necessary to do so again, unless you wish to add new or additional information.

Please address your comments to:

Minnesota Housing
Mary Hieb
400 Sibley Street, Suite 300
St. Paul, MN 55101-1998
Mary.Hieb@state.mn.us

If you have any questions, please call Mary Hieb at (651) 296-8185, or toll free at 1-800-657-3701. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Diana Lund
Multifamily Production Manager

Mary Hieb | Minnesota Housing | 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300 | Saint Paul, MN 55101
651.296.8185 | 800.657.3647 | tty: 651.297.2361 | www.mnhousing.gov

Minnesota Housing finances and advances affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income Minnesotans to enhance quality of life and foster strong communities.



Notification of Local Official

1. Please provide the following information in typewritten form and submit electronically.
2. Please provide the name of the local official jurisdiction and name and address of the political jurisdiction's chief executive officer (in most cases Mayor) in which the proposed project will be located.

Name of Political Jurisdiction: City of Edina

<u>James Hovland</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>612-874-8550</u>
Name of Chief Executive Officer	Title	Telephone
<u>4801 W. 50th Street</u>	<u>Edina</u>	<u>MN</u> <u>55424</u>
Address	City	State Zip

mail@EdinaMN.gov
E-mail address:

Notification of Housing Proposal

<u>66 West Apartments</u>	<u>Edina</u>	<u>3330 66th Street W</u>
Development Name	City	Street Address

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
Developer

<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
# of Buildings	New Construction	Substantial Rehabilitation	Adaptive Reuse	Historic Building

Unit Sizes	Proposed Unit Mix	Proposed Rent Amounts
Efficiency / SRO:	39	\$640
1 Bedroom:		
2 Bedroom:		
3 Bedroom:		
4 Bedroom:		
Total:		

Brief description of proposal:
Through an adaptive reuse of an existing building, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, in collaboration with Edina Community Lutheran Church, proposes to create 39 units of housing serving unaccompanied youth in Edina. The project will provide on-site services for the young adults, ages 18-21.

Heather Branigin

From: Sara Schwiebert <sschwiebert@ScholarshipAmerica.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 12:17 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: FW: 66 West Housing Project

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of the Edina City Council,

I am writing to support the proposed affordable housing project for the former TCF site on 66th street. As a long-time Edina resident and a member of the housing task force at Edina Community Lutheran Church, I see the need for this kind of facility in the western suburbs. Statistics show that we have over 300 homeless youth in the western suburbs every night. Although this facility won't address the whole problem, it will definitely be a great first step to provide some of that population a path to economic stability.

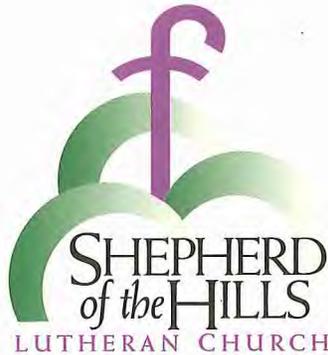
I realize that there are some area businesses and individuals that might have some reservations about this kind of facility. I would urge them to visit Nicollet Square (at 37th and Nicollet) that is the model for the proposed 66th street development. Although some neighbors were initially concerned about that building, they have now become strong advocates for the facility – actually doing fundraisers! With an attractive, well-maintained building and residents able to take on entry-level jobs for nearby businesses, the area has realized that the facility is a great addition to their neighborhood. I am confident that the neighbors of the Edina facility would come to the same conclusion.

I thank you for your consideration of this proposal and look forward to moving ahead with this project that will demonstrate Edina's commitment to young adults who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

Sara Schwiebert
5909 Beard Avenue South
Edina, MN 55410

June 20, 2014

Mayor Jim Hovland
Members of Edina City Council
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424



Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of City Council,

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Edina wants to show our support for the development of 3300 West 66th Street. This development will provide affordable housing and support for homeless youth and young adults in the southwest suburbs.

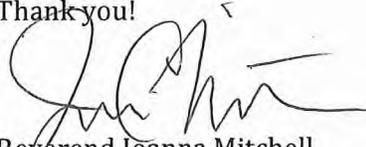
Homeless youth are the fastest growing subset of homeless people in the state of Minnesota and yet it is an invisible population. Most of us don't see homeless minors because they find different ways of finding shelter, living in friends homes and tent cities for instance. The Gospel calls us to love one another as God has loved us and love our neighbors as ourselves. This is also the mission of Shepherd of the Hills: "To love God and neighbor in the Spirit of Jesus." Jesus consistently opened the eyes of people in order to help them see more clearly the brokenness in our world and to see the needs of the people. He reached out to people and cared for those who were most in need by feeding them, or connecting them to a community. Jesus called us to action.

Our community cares about homeless youth and young adults. We are working to ensure that all people have their essential needs met by partnering with other non-profits in our local community. We believe that 66 West Housing Development is an important part of the solution to a big problem facing too many people today.

The work of Beacon is already making a difference in the lives of young people at Nicollet Square. It is skilled at developing supportive housing that will be an asset to people it serves and the community. The location near Southdale Shopping Center allows residents at 66 West to find local work and also live on a bus line. All of these are important reasons why this location is a good place for this housing development.

Shepherd of the Hills opened its doors on November 29, 1954. 60 years later, we are still a strong, vibrant, and welcoming congregation that doesn't shy away from difficult conversations about faith and doesn't restrain from helping out the community both locally and globally. Our congregation continues to ask the question of how can we help others in order to make individuals lives and our community stronger. One of the ways we believe we can do this is through our support of 66 West.

Thank you!


Reverend Joanna Mitchell
Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church


Kathy Wiemer
Church Council President

June 19,

41606 Drexel Ave

Mayor Howland

- 1) I address the attached to you, as our views are often in sympathy.
- 2) Your present city manager is no doubt highly competent, but not so much that a modicum of humility would not be appropriate and beneficial.
- 3) You can circulate the attached letter to the Council at your discretion.

Donald L. Reseman
Professor, Emeritus

June 19, 2014

4606 Drexel Ave
55424

Jim Howland, Mayor
City of Edina

Re: Sidewalk Traffic

For 38 years we have resided in the Old Country Club neighborhood. What follows is a random set of experiences and observations from which I have formed an impression of sidewalks & typical traffic.

1) Some 25 years ago a former friend was killed when she was struck by a bicycle while walking on a sidewalk.

2) As my hearing seriously deteriorated, I noticed that bicyclists of all ages often would not slow, when I was working beside the walks in our yard. They made no concession to the possibility that I was unaware of them. Some periods when the cyclists were more numerous, I would put a 2x4' across our walks to warn and slow cyclists when I was mowing or edging.

3) Last week I saw in the Edina Sun that the council approved bicycle riding on the sidewalks with qualification. It struck me as a gratuitous and ill-conceived idea.

4) Two evenings ago when I mowed the front yard, I noted unusual tire divots in our boulevard. Then I noticed two nice looking pre-teenage boys driving something like an open, electric dune buggy with a roll over bar, on the sidewalks and streets near our house.

5) Yesterday as I turned off of Drexel onto Country Club at that poorly designed blind corner, I encountered two pre-teenage boys on a bicycle and a scooter, in my immediate front and in my lane. I stopped as they scrambled over the curb.

6) And I can't forget the hare-brained Woodlark bicycle lane debacle of recent history.

Common sense seems to be what has been wanting here. Children have various scooters, bicycles, roller boards, vehicles, some motorized, and little guidance as to what is curbed & sensible. Some teenagers and adults are only marginally better.

I'd like to live out my years at my home without feeling threatened or being flattened on our own sidewalk; or is that notion indicative of some moral defect, of which I am unaware?

Donald L. Seeman

cc: Dave Nelson, Chief of Police

Heather Branigin

From: Bobby Jackson <thenewyorkjets@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 6:30 PM
To: info@ci.apple-valley.mn.us; Edina Mail; jacobsjeffrey@comcast.net; eanderson@city.mankato.mn.us; Nora.Slawik@ci.maplewood.mn.us
Subject: Bobby Jackson New York Jets Hall Of Fame
Attachments: Maury Show.jpg; President's Letter.jpg; Hopatcong2013.pdf; SchoolNo23Elizabeth.pdf

Dear Honorable Mayor:

Respectfully, I would like to speak with you and, or to your assistant regarding two national celebrity community enrichment tours that we are facilitating this summer. We have a **Youth Leadership, Stop Bullying Tour** and a **Get Fit America - Change Your Eating, Change Your Life Wellness Tour**. You can view both programs, feedback letters, and references on nbctelevision.org. NBC, CBS, ABC, and Fox News interviewed us last year during our national youth tour. The Fox News interview is on the home page of our nbctelevision.org site.

We are going the distance with Mayors and communities nationwide to ensure good health and successful outcomes for our children. This is a proactive leadership initiative. Share this with your leadership team, the City Manager, Police Chief, Library Manager, Parks & Recreations Director and schools.

Duane West is traveling nationwide to help children and adults eat healthy and to get fit for life. The goal of our summer celebrity **Get Fit America, Change Your Eating, Change Your Life Wellness Tour** is to help business professionals, senior citizens, children and communities improve the quality of their health and lives and to help everyone in the community maximize performance in the work place and schools. The primary goals of the youth leadership, stop bullying tour are to keep children safe, stop bullying, and to help children become future leaders.

The tour is from July 15 - August 30, 2014. The duration of the workshops are 30 minutes, 1 hour, half-day, and full-day. There is Q & A, an inspirational "Dream It, See It, Live It" inspirational motivational presentation, one-on-one advice, autograph signing, and a celebrity book signing.

Generally, when people feel good about themselves they are more excited about their lives. They are energized and productive in more areas than one. Most importantly, a healthy, efficient workforce and parents create stronger communities. A productive community, the village, is what our children need with urgency to become future leaders. We are aiming high, success starts with a plan and action.

We would love to add your city to our tour list this summer. If you need a fee schedule, please e-mail me at thenewyorkjets@yahoo.com or from our nbctelevision.org website. I look forward to speaking with you. I can be reached at (404) 399-8805. **You can call me and D. West anytime**, our leadership programs are year round. And our discounted community enrichment program rate is applicable for the entire year for all Mayors nationwide. Have an amazing day.

Best regards,

Bobby Jackson
New York Jets Hall Of Fame
Florida State University Hall of Fame
President of National Leadership Program



February 7, 2007

Dear D. West:

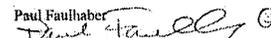
I am proud of you. Your work on our show has been incredible over the past nine seasons. Some of the programs you have appeared on were the highest rated in daytime television. You are truly a huge asset to the Maury Show.

Your words of encouragement and professional support create positive outcomes for countless guests on the show and sends messages of hope to millions of our viewers. In addition, the show receives numerous calls and letters from parents and concerned citizens regarding your help and support with their children, relationships and family issues. This is a true reflection of the outstanding job you are doing and have done for years.

Every year, you have grown as an on-air expert television personality. Communities, families, battered women and children are all benefiting globally from your motivation, leadership advice and life strategies on The Maury Show.

I value your commitment, honor your expertise, and most importantly, cherish your friendship. If there is anything that I can do to help you in anyway, please let me know. Friends for life!

Sincerely,

Paul Faulhaber

Executive Producer



THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
ON PHYSICAL FITNESS
AND SPORTS

December 2, 1994

Mr. Duane West
303 Park Place
Irvington, NJ 07111

Dear Mr. West:

On behalf of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS), it is a pleasure to congratulate you on your many accomplishments in the field of sports and fitness.

As athletes, we credit much of our success in life to the benefits of exercise and being fit and the many rewards associated with a healthy lifestyle.

You obviously have become a legend in your community. You have positively influenced the lives of countless children through your work in area schools, teaching them the importance of physical activity and fitness.

You are to be commended for your guidance, patience and love of youth sports and fitness. We extend best wishes for continued success in all you do.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Florence Griffith Joyner in cursive.

Florence Griffith Joyner
Co-Chair

Handwritten signature of Tom McMillen in cursive.

Tom McMillen
Co-Chair

Hopatcong Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
PO Box 57
Hopatcong NJ 07843

October 15, 2013

Dear Pro Athletes,

I wanted to thank you once again for the amazing program D. West performed for our students. It was engaging, entertaining and very educational. The way he presented his anti-bullying message was outstanding. As he told his personal bullying story, there was not a dry eye amongst the adults in the room.

To think that a grown man actually wore shoes too small for his feet to his NFL tryouts due to being bullied as a child, is heartbreaking. Because Dee had the courage to share that with our students, I know it has made a lasting impression.

Dee's method of inspiration has motivated and enriched our students, and for that, I cannot thank you enough!

Sincerely,

Sondra Kiss
PTO Coordinator
Hopatcong Elementary Schools

NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER SCHOOL NO. 23

501 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208

(908) 436- 5900

March 31, 2014

Pro Athletes, Inc.
Duane West, National On-Air TV Personality
Bobby Jackson, New York Jets Hall of Fame

Dear Mr. Jackson,

It is with great pleasure that I share my feedback with you regarding the presentation given by Mr. Duane "D" West on March 25, 2014. On a Friday morning, in a gymnasium filled with teachers and students in grade 5-8, Mr. West commanded the attention of all for over an hour with his engaging, inspiring and thought-provoking message of hope. This was notably accomplished without the assistance of a microphone, as he preferred to be able to move around and just 'speak from his heart'.

Throughout my years as a school principal who regularly invites speakers in to address our students, Mr. West by far has been one of the most energetic and passionate speakers that I have witnessed within a school. Not only did he challenge our students to believe that *anything is possible*, "D. West" challenged every adult to be that source of hope and support each day. His personal story of perseverance in the midst of seemingly impossible circumstances connected with my students' emotions as evident by their conversations after the assembly both with Mr. West as well as faculty and peers.

Like others have said, their connection with Mr. West, prompted students to surround him after the assembly for pictures, autographs or simply just to talk. As I stood close by, my heart was warmed as I watched him speak a word of life to each child as if that child was the only one in the room. This experience was not limited to our students as Mr. West also took the time to impart words of encouragement to the faculty, especially school administration and as promised sent a packet to our school with autographed photos for our entire student body. His ability to make every person feel uniquely special is without a doubt a gift that needs to be shared for years to come.

Without reservation, I would recommend Mr. Duane "D" West to any school team that is seeking a motivational speaker to spread the message of **HOPE**. I know that your school will never be the same.

Sincerely,

Berthenia Harmon Carolina
Principal

Heather Branigin

From: KDahlheimer@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 8:12 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Ken Potts

Hello...A number of weeks ago I watched the meeting where Ken Potts and his wife spoke during "community comment" about a situation at their home and also about their concerns that ordinances are drafted and passed but there is some question as to the effectiveness of staff in implementing them. I found the comments concerning and the mayor seemed rather blindsided but said they would follow up. I then watch a planning commission where I listen to Kevin Staunton reading a resignation letter from Ken Potts from the planning commission. His reasons are similar to the concerns expressed at the council meeting. In driving around Edina and living pretty close to the "epi-center" of tear downs at the moment, I can clearly see that either ordinances do not address many important aspects of new construction or more probably they do, but are not enforced. I think Ken Potts made some very valid points. While certainly not required, I (and I'll bet other residents) would like to know what follow up was taken after his comments at the council meeting. I have listened to Ken Potts at the meetings and regard him as a fair and very valuable member of the planning commission. He seems like the kind of person that if he felt his comments were taken seriously and procedures reviewed would not have resigned. Of course I only know what I see at the meetings but would appreciate City Staff or the mayor at least making some comments on their review process. His complaints were pretty serious and not just relevant to his property and clearly he should know well what should happen vs. what is happening. Thank you in advance for any clarification on this matter.

Kathleen Dahlheimer 4801 West 60th St.

Heather Branigin

From: WinnieandSteve Martin <martins6012@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 10:33 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Community input, Speak up Edina feedback

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I have a grave concern with the lack of communication and information that is currently being made available to residents of Edina about the Fred Repurpose Project.

To date, there has been minimal information provided and no recent updates as to information after the Open Forum, 6/12, and Walk this past Sat., 6/21. At the Open Forum there were 100 people in attendance and all names/emails were taken. To date, there has been no correspondence, or follow up.

The Repurpose website link currently contains no new updates although there has been "talk" that this topic will be discussed at Council 7/1, and "maybe" another potential walk-through sometime early July. <http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=fred-richards-repurpose>

I spoke with Mary Brindle, 6/6, about my concerns at the Art Fair Booth about the lack of communication by the City, and Park and Rec. which I believe correlates to the lack of feedback you are receiving from residents. I know Council Member Sprague has urged people to reach out via the website and I know Mr. Gilgenbach and Council Member Bennett had dialogue regarding the poor number of hits/input given via Speak Up Edina. <http://speakupedina.org/discussions/fred-richards-repurpose-process>. To date, only 8 have responded and 1 blog was posted by Park Board Member Steele.

I bring this to your attention with the hope that there will be more of an effort to make residents aware of not only impending changes, but also options. Residents need to be given an opportunity to rank their preferences with all options weighed. A continuous theme in this community, specific to Council/City decisions, is a lack of transparency. Any efforts that can be made to provide more information, more media blitzes and more transparency will only help the process to run smoother.

Residents want a better process. 42+ acres is an absolute gem. The Repurpose Project deserves more attention, due diligence and creativity than what is currently on the docket. This could be so many things.....meeting the needs of many residents.....if only those residents were notified that they actually had a voice and could weigh in on the options.

Thank you.

Winnie Martin
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Heather Branigin

From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 11:31 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing today regarding the roadway reconstruction project proposed for Arden Park D Neighborhood. More specifically, my questions relate to Juanita Avenue.

In August 2013, residents on Juanita Avenue received a letter from the City highlighting aspects of the project. The letter also included the following statement, "A future questionnaire will help us evaluate the need for sidewalks and streetlights."

In June 2014, residents on Juanita Avenue received another letter from the City and a questionnaire regarding the project. The questionnaire included questions about streetlights, but no questions about sidewalks. Buried in the questionnaire instructions was the statement, "As part of the questionnaire, staff would like to know which side of the street a proposed sidewalk would be best served along..." Keep in mind, this was not a question on the questionnaire, nor was it a question on whether or not residents want a sidewalk.

In subsequent conversations, Chad Millner indicated the City's, and Council's plan to add a sidewalk to Juanita Avenue.

Here are my questions:

- 1) What evaluation took place between August 2013 and June 2014 that led to the City and Council determining that Juanita Avenue needs a sidewalk?
- 2) Were the residents of Juanita Avenue part of the evaluation?

I look forward to each of your individual responses to these straightforward questions.

Respectfully,
Troy Paulson
5116 Juanita Avenue

Heather Branigin

From: Jackie Bezos (Bezos Family Foundation) <jackie@bezosfamilyfoundation.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 1:20 PM
Subject: Thank you for supporting a National Commitment to an Early Learning Nation

Dear Mayor:

This past Monday, June 23, many of you voted Yes on a historic vote – you voted Yes for children, parents, caregivers and families across America. By unanimously passing [Resolution 8](#) at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Dallas, supporting a commitment to build an Early Learn Nation by 2025, you have – without any reservation – made our youngest children a national priority. Scientific research clearly shows engaged parenting and caregiving in early childhood – starting at birth – is a key contributor to lifelong health and productivity.

To support you in your efforts to build an Early Learning Community, I want to make you aware of an Early Learning Nation website which is being launched today. You can link to it [here](#). On this site you can access a variety of resources that will help guide your Early Learning Community effort. The case study examples provide links to the highlighted initiatives that are underway. You can see, firsthand, how other cities and communities are using their individual and collective assets.

Although we are pleased to support the launch of this website and to disseminate the latest scientific research, the goal is to also crowd-source the efforts in individual communities rapidly, to learn from one another. As additional mayors and community leaders commit, through this site, to building an Early Learning Community and an Early Learning Nation by 2025, it will be your examples populating a website intended for wide and frequent use by all, that will lead change. And we will celebrate every effort, every step.

As mayors and community leaders, you are on the frontline of this movement. The position you hold in your city and community provides a unique leadership opportunity to make a lasting difference for children, parents and families.

We are grateful for your commitment and we are pleased to support you by providing this online resource.

Thank you for all you do in your city and community. It is only by walking shoulder to shoulder that we will truly become an [Early Learning Nation](#).

With deep gratitude,

Jackie Bezos

P.S. And please make sure to like the ELN 2025 Facebook page: facebook.com/elN2025 and also follow us on Twitter [@elN2025](https://twitter.com/elN2025)

Name: Cheri Sorum

Address: 4589 Hummingbird Trail
Prior Lake, MN 55372

Congregation: St. Johns Lutheran
Shakopee

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Sincerely,



Edina City Council
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Name: KEN LANTTO

Address:

Congregation: EDINA COMMUNITY
L.T. C.H.

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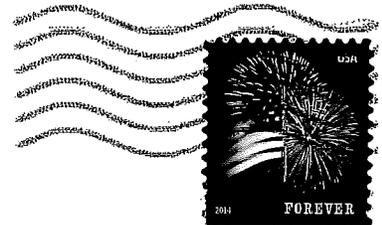
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Name: Kristi Lind

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Congregation: St Johns Lutheran

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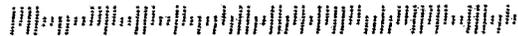
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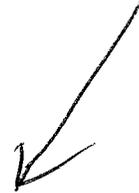
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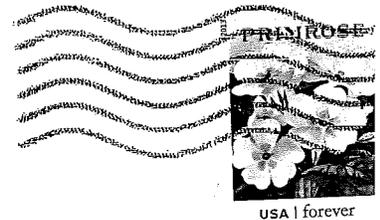


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Nadine Broholm

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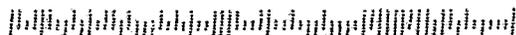
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Name *Wayne Johnson*

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RUMC member

Heather Branigin

From: dmiller <deanne.miller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 2:38 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fred Rogers ideas

I know this is a long list of links but I think each is important in describing out opportunity to make the Fred something really special - not just for the people who live near it - but to make it a destination for people -

<http://www.governing.com/generations/government-management/gov-senior-playgrounds-popping-up.html>

<http://www.activeoutdoors.info/theoutdoorblog/Article66.html>

<http://earthplay.net/>

<http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/health-science/benefits-of-outdoor-exercise-go-beyond-fitness-1.915657>

<http://www.travelingthought.com/2012/07/friday-fun-local-splash-pads.html>

and beautiful - so residents love it ---

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/66/Gramercy_Park_interior_W_gate.jpg

<https://www.planning.org/cityparks/briefingpapers/tourism.htm>

June 25, 2014

Mayor Jim Hovland and Members of the Edina City Council
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members;

As an Edina resident of more than 40 years, I'm writing in support of the proposed 66 West Apartments for homeless youth in Edina, Bloomington, St. Louis Park, Richfield and southwest Minneapolis. Sponsored by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, the purpose of 66 West is to provide a safe, supportive living place for homeless youth ages 18-22. The proposed location near Southdale is ideal in that it offers access to transportation and the possibility of employment from the many nearby retail, healthcare and service establishments.

There is such a need in our southwest suburban area for housing and support for homeless youth. Often we don't see them as they drift from one temporary arrangement to another, but they exist. Can you imagine what it would be like to live, believing no one cares about you, your safety, your future?

What a gift could be given, both to the individual as well as society if Edina would agree to support Beacon's 66 West Apartments. By providing a safe place to live, education, training and a chance to get a firm footing from which to grow, there's no telling what these youth might accomplish in the future.

I'm sure there are some who believe the proposed site should be used for retail, healthcare or housing, but do we really need more of these? I strongly urge each of you to step forward and be a leader in addressing this urgent need by giving 66 West your full support and backing—the youth who benefits may be someone you know.

Sincerely,



Margaret S. Kersteter
4613 West 62nd Street
Edina, MN 55424

Heather Branigin

From: Sally Schmidt <sallyschmidt@schmidt-marketing.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 4:33 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Transportation Issues

My husband and I moved to Edina almost four years ago and live on Wooddale Avenue. I cannot tell you how disappointed we are with the decisions you have made regarding bicyclists.

Living on Wooddale, we witness the bikers' behaviors daily. For example:

- The group of men riding their bikes North on Wooddale from the parking line to the center stripe—four across—preventing cars behind them from passing.
- The businessman riding his bike South on Wooddale hands free, drifting frequently from the bike lane into the car lane.
- The scores (hundreds?) of bikers who fail to stop at the stop signs at the intersections of Wooddale and 54th and 58th.

Here is the reality: Motorists, bikers and pedestrians need to coexist. Here is the other reality: You are playing favorites with bikes. Your motivation is unclear to me. Is it to garner more awards? To obtain more grants? Whatever the goal, it is clouding your judgment and causing unsafe conditions. You should work toward being "citizen friendly," not just "bike friendly."

When I read in our local paper that law enforcement doesn't want to ticket bikers because it will go on their records, I nearly fell off my chair. I have news for you: If I blew through a stop sign in a car, I would get a ticket and rightly so. Bikers who share the road need to share the laws. Right now, your actions have created an environment where bikers ride with arrogance, lawlessness and no consequences.

When we have complained before about the lack of enforcement, we were told the City was planning to focus instead on education. Then a dozen signs were posted on Wooddale and Valley View for a few weeks (as if that would make a difference). Well, since the signs are no longer up, I assume you feel every biker who passes through town has been adequately educated and you can now move into the enforcement mode. If you were to position an officer on the two corners I mentioned above, I imagine the tickets would cover the cost. In addition, word will spread quickly through the biking community that Edina enforces its laws.

We came to Edina because of the reputation for a great quality of life. But that needs to be enjoyed by everyone, not a select few (many of whom don't even live in the City). Someday, a bicyclist will be badly hurt or killed, and it will be the result of your inaction.

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From: ICLEI World Congress <world.congress@iclei.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2014 10:37 AM
To: James Hovland
Cc: Karen M. Kurt
Subject: Invitation to the ICLEI World Congress 2015 in Seoul
Attachments: ICLEI_WC2015_invitation_City of Edina.pdf; ICLEI WC 2015 Program Structure.pdf

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Please find attached a joint invitation to the ICLEI World Congress 2015 sent on behalf of Mayor Won Soon Park of Seoul Metropolitan Government; David Cadman, President of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; and myself.

We look forward to welcoming you to Seoul in April 2015.

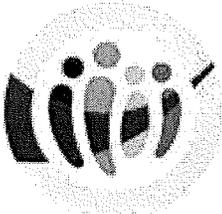
Kind regards,

Gino Van Begin

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25 June 2014

Special Mayoral Invitation to the ICLEI World Congress 2015

Dear Mayor Hovland,

It is our sincere pleasure to invite you to the **ICLEI World Congress 2015**, taking place from **8 – 12 April 2015, in Seoul, Republic of Korea**, under the subtitle: **“Sustainable Solutions for an Urban Future”**. Seoul is a long-term Member of ICLEI, and one of the sustainability leaders in both East Asia and the world.

Top performing ICLEI Members and other local governments will assemble in Seoul, alongside partners from international agencies, national governments, academia, and the private sector. You are invited to share the most successful policies and exceptional results from your local sustainability actions with Mayors, and other local government leaders, from around the world.

We are pleased to invite your engagement in a number of Mayor-focused speaking and networking opportunities at the ICLEI World Congress 2015. Following a Mayors' welcome reception, hosted by Mayor Park Won Soon of Seoul Metropolitan Government, you will have the opportunity to:

- Share advanced urban projects through interactive roundtable plenary discussions with city, business and finance leaders.
- Take advantage of high-level networking opportunities and city-to-city exchanges in a dedicated networking lounge.
- Meet and network with the newly elected ICLEI Global and Regional Executive Committee Members, holding their inaugural meetings in Seoul.
- Tour one of the most high-profile sustainability projects of Seoul Metropolitan Area in a Mayors' Mobile Workshop.
- Connect with national and international media representatives in attendance.

Marking 25 years since ICLEI's founding, the ICLEI World Congress 2015 will take place immediately prior to the World Water Forum 2015 in Daegu; five months before the intended adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals by the UN General Assembly, hopefully with a stand-alone urban Sustainable Development Goal; eight months before nations aim to conclude a global climate agreement through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and a year before Habitat III. The ICLEI World Congress 2015 will build towards these momenta and reinforce the integral position of local governments towards achieving urgently required global sustainability targets.

ICLEI's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.

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We strongly encourage you to mobilize a delegation of senior staff, young leaders, and civil society representatives to attend the ICLEI World Congress 2015, in order to maximize the take-home benefits for your local government. At this early stage in the ICLEI World Congress 2015 development, we will be especially pleased to discuss innovative and interactive methods of profiling your local government.

We want to hear what accomplishments you would be proud to share with your peers, both prior to and during the event. In addition, please tell us which type of initiatives you want to learn about to best advance your local sustainable development.

We firmly believe that local governments have never before commanded such a strong representation in the various international sustainability and climate change debates. Our sincere hope is that you will be able to join us in Seoul to represent, on the world stage, the outstanding work that ICLEI Members are achieving through local action across the globe.

We hope to remain in close contact with you, providing further program updates and opportunities for participation as your availability becomes clearer in the coming months. Please let us know to whom we should best address this correspondence within your local government. The ICLEI World Congress 2015 team will be happy to liaise with your office through world.congress@iclei.org regarding your participation.

Please find the preliminary program structure attached overleaf. Further information and updates are available at www.iclei.org/worldcongress2015.

In anticipation of a positive reply, we look forward to providing you a warm welcome to Seoul in 2015!

Yours sincerely,



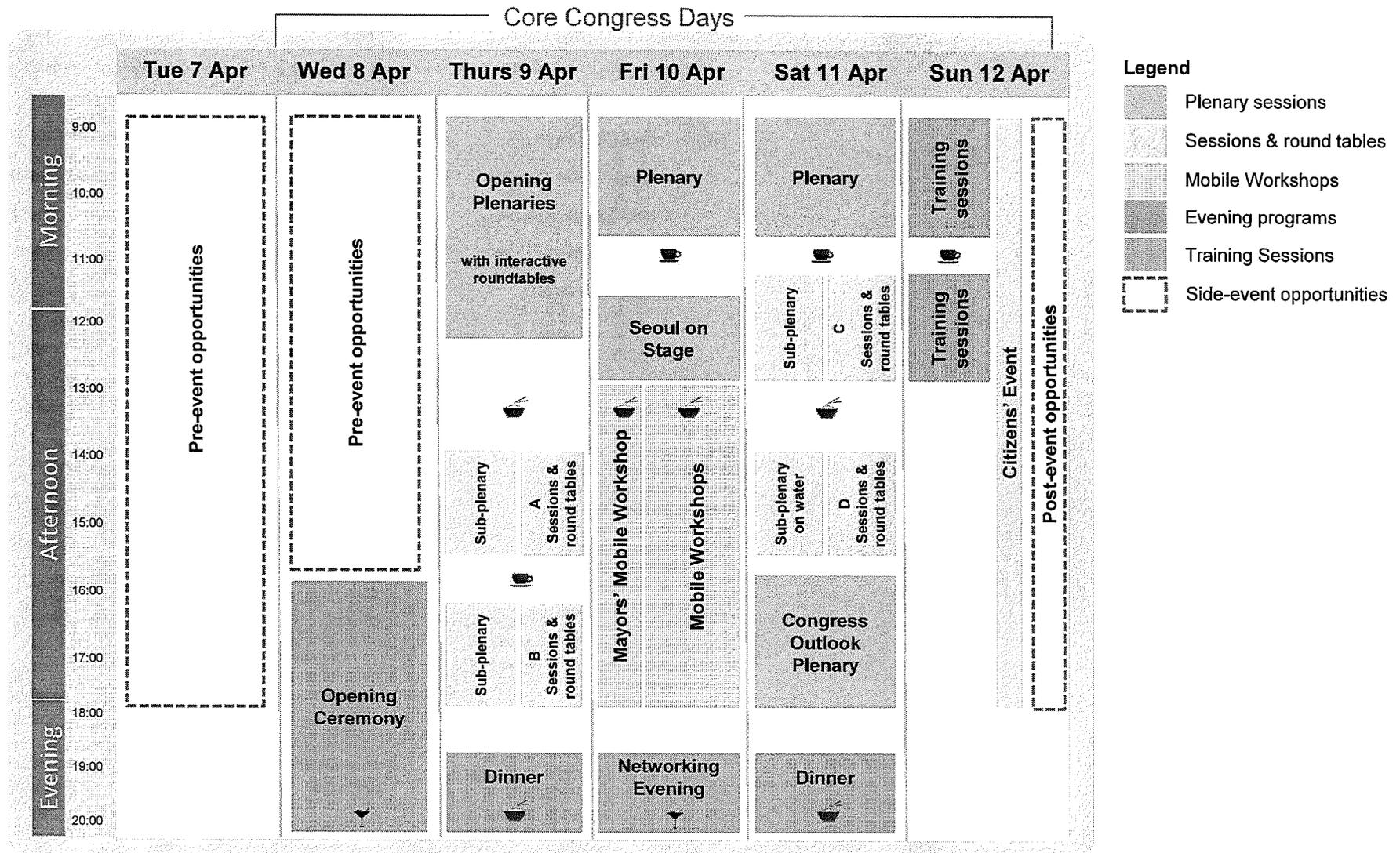
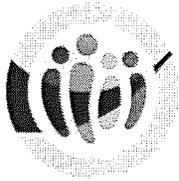
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Re: Major Sewer Problem!

Gentlemen:

Background-Problem Description:

The Premier Properties Group purchased the 16-unit apartment at 4000 Hazleton Road in January of 2014. On Thursday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m., the sewer backed up into four units on the lower level causing major damage. The “staff involved” made a decision to use apartment units as the “bounce area” rather than pumping into the storm system. Perhaps there should be a thought out policy to follow when this happens in the future.

We secured plumbing help and then found the sewer clean out trap with the intent of plugging the reverse flowing sewer. To our surprise there already was a large industrial valve in place that: (1) allowed shut-off; and (2) made it clear that this had happened previously.

We had to shut off water in the building, provide satellite toilets, and have discussion on how to compensate the extremely inconvenienced residents that lived without water and sewer until Saturday, June 21st. The city staff involved were supposed to monitor the flow situation and tell us when to turn the sewer back on. Apparently there were other priorities as the promised call never came. On Saturday we could see in the outside manhole the flow had changed and we went back on line.

Action Required

1. The sewer in the Southdale area is obviously not adequate.
2. It would seem that the sewer system was sized for shopping and industrial area land usage that might involve five or ten seldom used toilets per acre.
3. We need a well thought out solution fast. Perhaps before new apartments now planned begin construction.
4. Do we now measure the percent capacity utilized in the main pipe exiting our local sewer system?

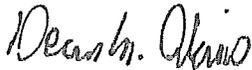
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5. Since this has happened more than one time in the past, it is reasonable to assume it will happen again especially as new residential units are added.
6. Without a prompt solution from the city, Hazelton will need some type of septic tank system that can be switched on, hopefully automatically, when the back-up occurs.
7. In as much as growth will continue, the best solution would be for the city to somehow monitor sewer flow and have some type of provision to handle overflow.

Please advise Premier on the course of action we should take. Will the city provide back-up for an inadequate system or are we "on our own" in adding a necessary private back-up system? Please advise Premier if the city has financial responsibility for current losses plus our costs if we are forced to add the needed private back-up system.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, analysis, and hopefully timely response to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dean M. Akins

cc: James Hovland, Mayor
City Council & Attorney, City of Edina ✓
Planning Department, City of Edina
4000 Hazelton Residents, Edina