

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: August 5, 2013

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.



Heritage of Edina

SENIOR / ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

Roybet - Rembrandt - Manor - Tiffany

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

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

We thank you for the opportunity to speak in opposition to the proposed Senior Assisted Living project in Edina, across from Fairview Southdale Hospital. As I said in a previous letter, the city of Edina already supports 5 facilities with over 1000 apartments within 2 miles of FVSD and thousands more within a 5 mile radius. We also had the opportunity of voicing our opinion to the Planning Commission.

We know that all of the existing facilities have waiting lists, but they also have empty apartments (or units). Throughout our 53 year history at Heritage of Edina, we have always had waiting lists of up to 40 families at any given time. Waiting lists are not an indicator of a lack of senior housing options. Instead the empty apartments (or units) are the indicator of a saturation point of too many facilities being built as there are several more which will be finished by fall. Edina has certainly reached that point, and so has the State overall, so it may be time to put a moratorium on building assisted living units, as they did on nursing home beds in the early 1970's.

Several issues seem to be very important about the location and prices of the proposed facility:

- Affordable housing prices, which would allow Residents, relying on State funding, to be able to live there. The new proposal has only 4 units-Heritage currently has around 100 living here.
- Traffic congestion that will increase dramatically on a corner that is already too busy with many vehicles coming off Hwy 62, going to the hospital, the medical buildings, Southdale shopping center and all the other shops on France Ave.

To show how much traffic our 4 buildings of 257 apartments generate, we did an analysis of how many vehicles come and go every day. We split it in 4 categories: regular deliveries, extra Health care staff - HOE staff, visitors to our Residents and families looking for a home for their loved one.

Regular deliveries:

- 1) Food-6 times per week
- 2) Garbage pickup-everyday including Sundays
- 3) UPS deliveries-everyday
- 4) FedEx-everyday
- 5) Elevator Maintenance-1 to 3 times per month
- 6) Metro Mobility & non-emergency transport-6 to 10 times a day
- 7) Groceries & Dairy for Residents-3 times a week
- 8) Activities' Volunteers/Entertainment-2 to 10 per week
- 9) Post office-6 days a week; Mobile truck-once a week

DON Kate Sones, HR Director Bonnie Miller, Admissions Coordinator Sandy Hovdet and Care Coordinator Patty Shumaker will offer traffic numbers on other departments.

This goes to show that Ebenezer has totally underestimated the number of employees they will need and how many vehicles will be coming by the facility in a day, a week, a month, which will be very difficult to handle on the size of property they have.

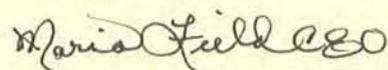
Another issue to look at is adding another non-profit (non-tax paying) facility to the City of Edina. Heritage of Edina has paid millions in taxes for 52 years, is also a Subchapter S Corporation that makes it very difficult to stay in business with the increases in taxes, fees and surcharges every year.

The new Minnesota and Federal Taxes have become so exorbitant that we are driving business away. Minnesota has the 4th highest taxes in the nation, and hits most of the 22,000 Subchapter S corporations who create the jobs and give economic support to the state.

However, the main issue still is the fact that our area is over built, as most elderly do not go into a facility until their health fails and their Dr. tells them they cannot go home, but must find a place that can give them the care they need. They do not move in as independent, but usually need total assisted living.

We at Heritage of Edina have been giving great service to generations of residents of Edina for almost 53 years and want to continue for many years to come, so please vote no on this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Field CEO".

Maria Field, CEO

My name is Kate Hamilton-Sones. I've worked at Heritage of Edina for 17 years. It was my first job as a nurse and I LOVE working at this incredible facility.

I appreciate you letting us speak at the planning commission meeting on July 10th so we could voice our concerns regarding the new non-profit facility proposed to be built on the corner of 65th and France. I wanted to write this letter to reiterate my concerns.

Our facility has been in operation for over 52 years and can house over 256 residents. When I first started working at Heritage of Edina we had many independent residents renting apartments here and our census was consistently between 86% and 98%. Everything changed about 2 years ago. Our census went below 70% and the number of independent residents plummeted. We currently only have 4 residents that require no services. We discovered the main reason for this extreme drop in rentals was due to the fact that most people can't afford to live in an assisted living facility without receiving some sort of supplemental funding. That's when we decided we should not put a limit on the Elderly Waiver (EW) or Group Residential Housing (GRH) apartments we would offer the community. We now have around 100 residents receiving EW or GRH monies and our census is slowly climbing. It is currently at about 85%. As was stated at the planning commission meeting it is less revenue for our facility but we don't charge our private pay residents more to make up for the monies lost due to accepting so many EW and GRH residents. If our census remains high we can still make a profit...a lessor profit but profit enough that we can keep going. If this is the type of housing that is needed and that's what would help the community most then that's what Heritage of Edina wants to offer.

At the meeting I had also listed the traffic congestion that the new facility would cause by listing the number of people coming in and out of our facility. This is just the professional healthcare portion of the traffic:

Home care agency staff- RNs/LPNs/HHAs/PT/OT/Speech at least 24 people/day

Hospice Agencies- RNs/LPNs/HHAs/Music/Massage therapies/ Chaplains at least 20 staff people per day

Ambulance and Police- several per day

Medical supply and Oxygen companies- 4 – 6 per day

Pathway Labs- 2 per day

Pharmacy deliveries – 2 – 3 per day

Bluestone Physicians Group- 4 – 6 staff six times per month

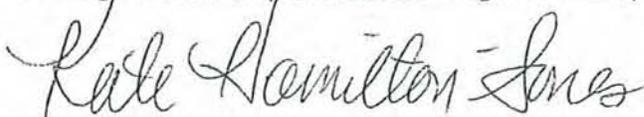
Portable x-ray – 3 times per week

Foot care companies- We have three different providers that come out 8 times per month

County case workers- at least 2 people here per day

Sales people representing many different healthcare areas- 2 – 4 per day

I most sincerely appreciate you reading this letter and I ask you to please vote against the proposal to building another non-profit assisted living in an already saturated market.



Kate Hamilton-Sones RN/DON

Heritage of Edina

07-10-2013

Edina City Hall
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hoveland and Edina City Council,

I am Director of Human Resources for Heritage of Edina, Inc. It has been our privilege to care for the Residents these past 50 plus years. We would like to continue caring for them for many years to come.

Heritage has a staff of 190 employees, 125 employees being nursing staff. We have 70 employees that are over 50 years of age; 15 over 60 years; 7 over 70 years and 1- 80 year old. 96 of our employees have been with us for a minimum of 5 years, which calculates to over 1000 years of experience. We LOVE what we do.

On an average day we have employees as well as outside agencies coming in to care for our Residents. As an assisted living facility we have Nursing Staff 24/7 365 days per year which includes: 4 Case Managers; 12 Charge Nurses; 56 Home Health Aides and 4 in Wellness (Therapy Program). We also have 16 Housekeeping/Laundry/Janitorial keeping our facility clean and well maintained, along with 5 employees in Maintenance. We have another 12 Dietary staff, cooking and serving 3 meals per day. Our Activities department has 10 employees that work with our Residents daily. We do play games (not just bingo). We have a walking program called "Tunnel Trekkers", art groups (artwork is displayed in the tunnel). We also have wi-fi, and Wii games. We also have an administrative staff of 7.

Please allow us to continue giving the excellent care that our Residents receive, and vote against this proposal. We do not believe that the proposal is realistic enough with regards to the number of staff needed, and the type of footprint this will leave on our community.

Thank you.

Bonnie Miller DHR
Bonnie Miller

Director of Human Resources

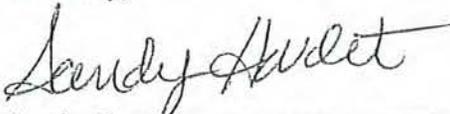
My name is Sandy Hovdet and I've worked for Heritage of Edina, Inc. since 1995 as one of the Admissions Coordinators. We currently have 2 people in this position. Each of us do between 12 to 18 tours a week.

Thank you for allowing us to bring up our concerns at the planning meeting on July 10th regarding the non-profit senior facility that is being proposed on the corner of 65th and France.

Our facility has been around for almost 53 years. Given the location of this proposed facility we do not need another assisted living facility that only has 4 units that are considered "affordable housing". What we need is more "affordable housing" apartments that are able to meet the needs of our growing elderly population. It was stated by Ebenezer's marketing person that they would take a BIG hit if they had more "affordable housing". If the places that do offer this type of housing really did take a BIG hit why would any facility offer that type of housing? There is a set fee for the room and board on these units which is lower than market rate, but as far as the type of care that is needed I believe that we are adequately compensated for these services. We do not have a 24 month private pay requirement prior to being eligible for Elderly Waiver. What happens if you meet the requirement of private pay for 24 months and now need Elderly Waiver funding and there are already 4 people living in those apartments? We believe that if all your money is spent taking care of your needs, why would the facility require you to move once you are in need "affordable housing". Making the decision to move into a Senior/Assisted Living facility is hard enough the first time, now you would have to relocate again!

There are many Assisted Living facilities that are within a 10 mile radius of this proposed facility. I'm including a list of all the facilities that are located within the 10 miles and have noted which ones take waived services, if there is private pay requirement and an age requirement.

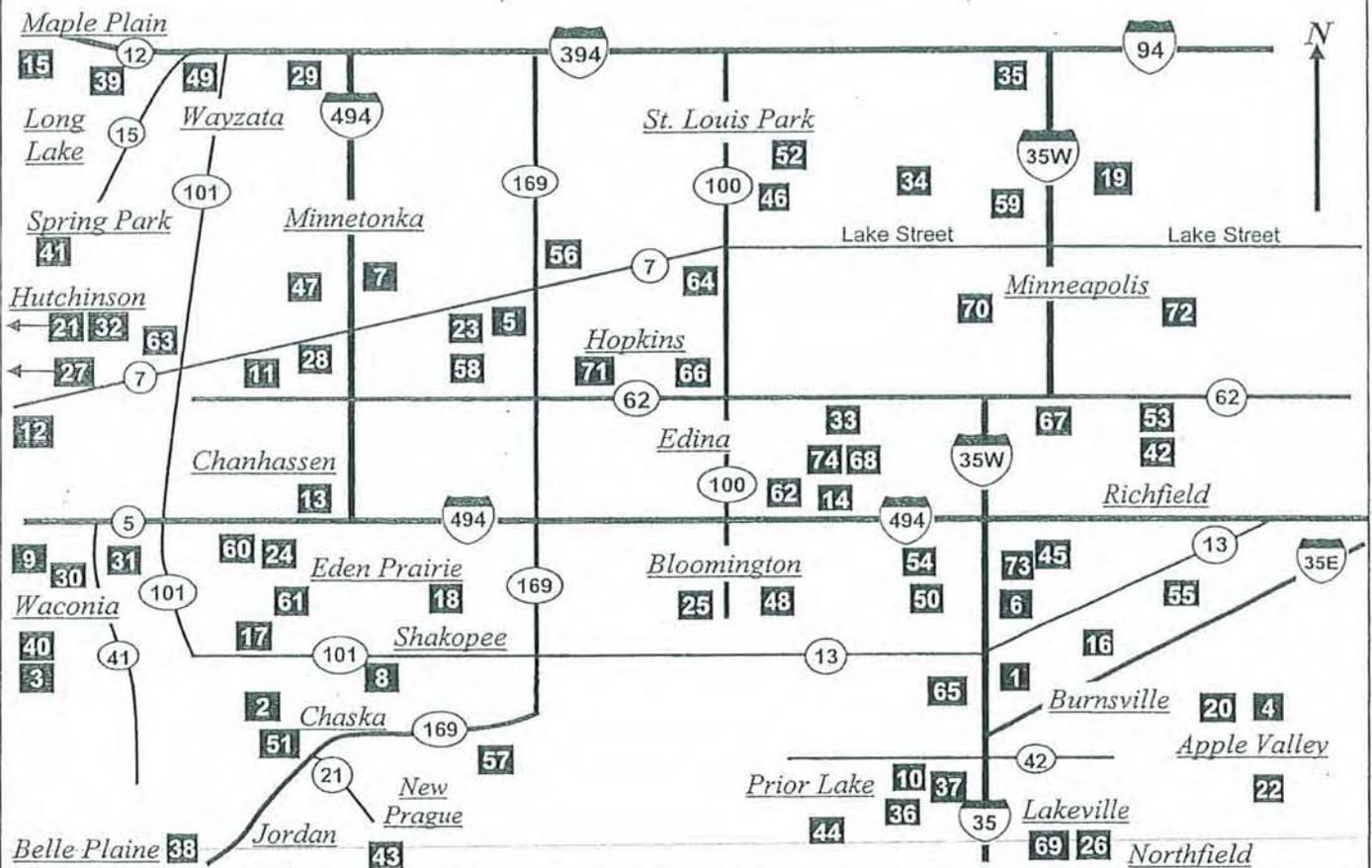
Sincerely,



Sandy Hovdet
Heritage of Edina, Inc.
Admissions/Marketing

See attachment

ASSISTED LIVING — SOUTHWEST METRO



1 Arbors at Ridges	26 The Fountains at Hosanna!	51 Oak Terrace of Jordan
2 Auburn Homes & Services	27 Garden House at St. Mary's	52 Parkshore Senior Campus
3 Auburn Meadows	28 The Glenn	53 The Pines
4 Augustana - Apple Valley Villa	29 Golden Living Community - Reflections	54 Pres. Hms. Bloomington - Commons
5 Augustana Chapel View	30 Good Samaritan Society Westview Acres	55 The Rivers
6 Augustana Emerald Crest - of Burnsville	31 The Harbor at Peace Village	56 Roitenberg Family Asst. Living
7 Augustana Emerald Crest - of Minnetonka	32 Harmony River Living Center	57 St. Gertrude's: The Gardens
8 Augustana Emerald Crest - of Shakopee	33 Heritage of Edina, Inc.	58 St. Therese Southwest
9 Augustana Emerald Crest - of Victoria	34 Jones-Harrison	59 Signe Burckhardt Manor
10 Augustana Regent At Burnsville	35 The Kenwood	60 SummerWood of Chanhassen
11 Beacon Hill Commons	36 Keystone Communities of Prior Lake	61 Summit Place
12 BeeHive Homes of Excelsior	37 Kingsley Shores	62 Sunrise of Edina
13 Brookdale - Clare Bridge of Eden Prairie	38 Kingsway Retirement Living	63 Sunrise of Minnetonka
14 Brookdale - Senior Living Edina Park Plaza	39 Lake Minnetonka Shores	64 TowerLight on Wooddale Ave
15 Bryant House	40 Lighthouse of Waconia	65 Valley Ridge
16 Carefree Living of Burnsville	41 Long Lake Assisted Living	66 Vernon Terrace of Edina
17 Castle Ridge Commons	42 Mainstreet Village	67 Village Shores
18 The Colony at Eden Prairie	43 Mala Strana	68 Walker Methodist Care Suites
19 Ebenezer Loren on Park	44 McKenna Crossing	69 Walker Methodist Highview Hills
20 Ecumen Centennial House of Apple Valley	45 Meadow Woods	70 Walker Methodist Place
21 Ecumen Oaks & Pines of Hutchinson	46 Menorah Plaza Apartments	71 The Waters of Edina
22 Ecumen Seasons at Apple Valley	47 Meridian Manor	72 The Waters of Minnehaha
23 Elder Homestead	48 Minnesota Masonic Home Heritage Hall	73 Wealshire of Bloomington
24 Elim Shores of Eden Prairie	49 Minnetonka Assisted Living	74 York Gardens
25 Founders Ridge	50 Nine Mile Creek Senior Living	

Assisted Living Facilities within 10 miles of 65th & France

Facility Name	Number of Units	Private Pay Requirement	Age Limit	Accepts: EW - Elderly Waiver C - CADI or GRH Group Residential Housing
Arbors at Ridges	61	24 months	55 +	EW - GRH LIMITED
" " " " - Memory	30	24 months	62 +	EW - GRH LIMITED
Augustana - Apple Valley	210		55 +	EW - C - GRH
" " " " - Memory	10		55 +	EW
Augustana Chapel View - Hopkins	56		55 +	EW - C
Augustana Emerald Crest - Burnsville - Memory Care	60		55 +	EW - C - GRH
Augustana Emerald Crest - Minnetonka - Memory Care	36	24 months	55 +	EW - C - GRH
Augustana Regent - Burnsville	55	24 months	55 +	EW - C - GRH
Beacon Hills Commons	42		55 +	EW - C - GRH
Brookdale - Clare Bridge Eden Prairie	46	24 months	55 +	EW
Brookdale - Edina Park Plaza	29		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Carefree Living - Burnsville	95		55 +	EW - C - GRH
" " " - Memory	9		55 +	EW - C - GRH
Castle Ridge Commons	22	1 month	55 +	EW - C - GRH
The Colony at Eden Prairie	123		55 +	EW - GRH LIMITED
" " " " - Memory	14		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Ebenezer Loren on Park	76		55 +	EW - C - GRH
Ecumen Centennial House - Apple Valley	59	12 months	65 +	EW - C - GRH
" " " " - Memory	20	12 months	65 +	EW - C - GRH

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Ecumen Seasons – Apple Valley	134		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " " – Memory	28		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Elder Homestead	30		55 +	EW – C - GRH
" " - Memory	20		55 +	EW – C – GRH
Elim Shores – Eden Prairie	64	24 months	62 +	EW – C - GRH
Founders Ridge	17		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	19		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
The Glen – St. Therese SW	54		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " " – Memory	24		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Heritage of Edina Assisted Living And Memory Care	256		<i>NONE</i>	EW – C - GRH
Jones Harrison	54		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
The Kenwood	154		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Mainstreet Village	58		55 +	EW – C - GRH
Meadow Woods	86		62 +	EW – GRH LIMITED
Meadow Song – Memory	28		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Menorah Plaza Apartments	150		62 +	EW – C
Meridian Manor	71		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Minnesota Masonic Home – Heritage Hall	45		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Nine Mile Creek Senior Living	79		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	14		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY

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Parkshore Senior Campus	68		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	23		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
The Pines	82		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Presbyterian Homes – Bloomington	86		55 +	GRH
" " " " - Memory	18		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
The Rivers	59		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Roitenberg Family Assisted Living	52		55 +	EW
" " " - Memory	24		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
St. Therese Southwest	53		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	33		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Signe Burckhardt Manor	41		55 +	EW – C
Summer Wood of Chanhassen	53		55 +	EW – C – GRH
" " " - Memory	18		55 +	EW – C – GRH
Summit Place Senior Campus	63		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	32		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Sunrise of Edina Assisted Living and Memory Care	88		<i>NONE</i>	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Tower Light on Wooddale Ave	80		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " " - Memory	33		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Valley Ridge – Burnsville	40		55 +	EW
" " " - Memory	20		55+	PRIVATE PAY ONLY

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Vernon Terrace	139		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " - Memory	16		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Village Shores Senior Community	21		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Walker Methodist Care Suites	72		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
Walker Methodist on Bryant	125		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
The Waters of Edina	97		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	28		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
The Waters of Minnetonka	63		55 +	EW – GRH
" " - Memory	14		55 +	EW – GRH
Wealshire of Bloomington	56		55 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
York Gardens – Edina	76		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY
" " " - Memory	15		62 +	PRIVATE PAY ONLY

** In order to qualify for waived services a person must first apply for medical assistance (MA) and must qualify financially – currently you cannot have over \$3000 in cash and or assets.

** Elderly Waiver covers the health care costs of a person that is living in an eligible apartment and receiving assisted living services, and are 65.

** CADI is for people that are under 65 years of age.

**Group Residential Housing (GRH) is for people that do not receive enough from social security and or their pensions to pay the GRH rate and still get to keep the \$92.00 that are allotted for personal expenses. The current GRH rate is set at \$877.00 which covers your rent and meals. This rate is set by the state.

DATE: July 16, 2013

REGARDING: THE PROPOSED SENIOR LIVING BUILDING AT 6500 FRANCE AVE

TO: CITY OF EDINA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hello, my name is Patty Shumaker and I have been employed at Heritage of Edina for the last 29 years as a Nurse caring for the elderly. Heritage of Edina has been around for 53 years now caring for generations of families. We have 4 building that are joined by an underground tunnel with beautiful grass areas and flower beds.

I wanted to thank-you for letting me speak at the planning commission meeting on July 10th so we could voice our concerns regarding the proposal of another new Assisted Living building being built in Edina. I just wanted to write this letter to reiterate my concerns.

The number of people living past their 90's is continuing to grow which means that they will overwhelmingly outlive their resources to afford most of today's senior living communities and right now the City of Edina is oversaturated with Assisted Living facilities. If you approve this new Assisted Living building to be built it will be at the expense of the older facilities in the vicinity. Most assisted Living facilities in Edina do not even offer affordable housing and if they do offer affordable housing, it is not anywhere near how many we take here at Heritage of Edina. Most of our residents that receive affordable housing are people that have lived in Edina most of their lives and they should not be told they cannot live here anymore because they have no money!!!! If you build another Assisted Living facility in Edina it will mean less revenue and it will create a hardship for the all facilities that are currently providing housing with services to the elderly in Edina.

Please do not approve another Assisted Living facility in Edina to be built because it will only cause a hardship to all the current Assisted Living facilities in Edina trying to stay in business.

Thank-you,



Patty Shumaker

LPN/Care Coordinator

Heritage of Edina



FEMA

IN REPLY REFER TO: APPEAL ACK

July 22, 2013

The Honorable James Hovland
Mayor, City of Edina
City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, Minnesota 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland:

This letter acknowledges receipt of letters dated July 3, 2013, from Mr. Scott Neal, City Manager, regarding the revised Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the City of Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota, dated February 28, 2013. Mr. Neal submitted scientific and/or technical data in support of an appeal of floodplains and base flood elevations along Nine Mile Creek in the vicinity of Nine Mile Village/Bredesen Park Area, along Minnehaha Creek in the vicinity of Rolling Green Area, and Weber Park Pond/Morningside Area.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is considering the request as an appeal because it satisfied the data requirements defined in Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67 of the Code of Federal Regulations and it was submitted during the 90-day appeal period.

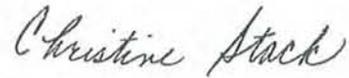
FEMA will evaluate the issues raised in the referenced letter(s) and the submitted data. If additional data or information are required to resolve the appeal, FEMA will contact your community. If warranted, FEMA will revise the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report and send revised copies to your office for review.

Until this appeal is resolved, FEMA will not issue a Letter of Final Determination. Therefore, processing of the FIRM and FIS report for your community will be delayed.

FEMA makes Scientific Resolution Panels (SRPs) available to support the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. An SRP is an option after FEMA and a local community have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of the appeal. Please refer to the enclosed SRP Fact Sheet for further information.

If you have additional questions, please contact Bill Heyse of our FEMA staff in Chicago, Illinois, either by telephone at (312) 408-5323 or by e-mail at William.Heyse@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Christine Stack
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region V

Enclosure:
SRP Fact Sheet

cc: Scott Neal, City Manager, City of Edina
Wayne Houle, City Engineer, City of Edina
Janna Kieffer, Barr Engineering
Eric Evenson, District Administrator, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
Kevin Bigalke, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
Suzanne Jiwani, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Ceil Strauss, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

I'm sure you have seen the below, but the message compelled me to contact you both just to make sure. I know I mentioned to you, Susie, that in years past EHA has wanted more ice time at Braemar, but was turned away b/c of unavailability. We have traveled far and wide to PIC/Breck/Blake/Plymouth/Minnetonka/Lakeville...I could go on and on. Bottom line-if EHA were given the option to purchase ice they would more than fill your quota. Also-think of the fan base that EHA brings to your arena.....the concession sales, the traffic to both General Sports and Velocity. If you turn away EHA it will change the dynamic of youth hockey in Edina. Edina hockey is what it is today b/c Of grassroots/hometown opportunities to so many.

Every year we see the City of Lakes Skating Show-phenomenal program BUT no more important than EHA.

If you would like additional feedback or want a different perspective I encourage you to reach out-this is a HUGE decision.

Winnie Martin

Begin forwarded message:

From: Edina Hockey Association <no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com>
Date: July 16, 2013 10:13:06 AM EDT
To: martins6012@gmail.com
Subject: PLEASE READ: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena
Reply-To: no-reply@www.edinahockeyassociation.com



Judy Goodman (Edina Hockey Association) sent you a message.

Message To all EHA Families Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

This evening the Edina City Council will be asked to act on a proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena. After reviewing the policy and the facts, the EHA is unable to support the Department's recommendations as a long-term solution to ice allocation and we're providing you some background on the issue, the reasoning for our position and how you can help.

Braemar Arena is the only Edina facility utilized by youth athletic associations that operates without a user priority access agreement. The City Council directed the Parks and Recreation Department to recommend a Priority Use Policy. The recommendation designates User Priority #1 to all city-sponsored events/functions, Priority #2 to the Edina High School Hockey Teams, Priority #3 to city-recognized Edina youth athletic associations (EHA), Priority #4 to organizations that have consecutively rented ice (Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club - BCLFSC), Priority #5 – all non-resident programs.

The Parks and Recreation Department's recommendations include allowing the BCLFSC to first fulfill its ice needs prior to the EHA being allowed to purchase any available ice. It also does not reflect a fair allocation of ice based on participants or Edina residency.

What are the facts? BCLFSC has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51. EHA has 1,323 members (350 girls, 973 boys), 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310. The City of Edina's youth athletic association residency requirement is 90% and was adjusted to 60% for the Edina Swim Club. The BCLFSC currently rents 700 hours and EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar for a total of 2,700 hours. The BCLFSC's 700 hours are prime time Monday – Sunday and do not include any Friday, Saturday or Sunday night time slots. The average Edina youth hockey player

receives about 1 hour per week at Braemar and spends 3-4 hours at other arenas around the metro. The average figure skater receives nearly 4 hours of ice per week at Braemar.

The EHA is seeking a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for both groups and, as a Priority #3 User, the ability to fulfill our ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User.

What You Can Do

If you support the position of the EHA, you can provide support in one of two methods.

1. Attend the Edina City Council meeting tonight (Tuesday) at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Perhaps bring your player(s) and have them wear one of their Edina hockey jerseys.
2. Send an email to the Mayor, City Council Members and City Officials. Names and email addresses are:

The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina, mail@edinamn.gov

The Honorable Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Member, jonibennett12@comcast.net

The Honorable Mary Brindle, Edina City Council Member, mbrindle@comcast.net

The Honorable Josh Sprague, Edina City Council Member, joshsprague@edinarealty.com

The Honorable Ann Swenson, Edina City Council Member, swensonann1@gmail.com

Mr. Scott Neal, Edina City Manager, sneal@edinamn.gov

Ms. Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks and Recreation Director, akattreh@edinamn.gov

Please contact any EHA Board Member if you have questions (names and phone numbers listed on our website).

Ron Green
EHA President

You are receiving this email because you are a registered member of the Edina Hockey Association website.

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July 24, 2013
Sue & Richard Johnston
4505 Wooddale Avenue
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mr. Mayor,

We are sending this email to you for your consideration. As city residents for the past 10 years and avid skating/hockey parents for the past 8, we are disheartened by what we see happening at Braemar as reported in the Star Tribune this week. It would be so sad to lose our skating club which is steeped in history and is a unique part of our great city.

As both hockey and figure skating parents, we understand the struggle for ice time. However, in this case the answer is chrystal clear. The City and Arena made a 20 year good faith deal with the club, known as BCLFSC, and one year later decided it "doesn't work"? Perhaps instead of state of the art locker rooms, an additional sheet of ice should have been created.

Edina has two great sports who call Braemar Arena home. Reducing the ice time for the figure skater club will likely devastate the club's viability. Miller's suggestion of finding ice time elsewhere is impossible (as she well knows) as other arenas are prevented in selling ice to a competing club. BCLFSC has honored all of its commitments including financially supporting the new Hornet's Nest locker rooms. In the past 8 years, BCLFSC has contributed \$2.88M of revenue to the city and Arena. The Annual Ice Show is a city staple and offers skaters of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate. BCLFSC is a year round contributor, participating 51/52 weeks per year only yielding the ice to hockey tournaments over Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have always been a good partner to the Arena and city and now need that spirit of partnership and fair play returned to them.

In Minneapolis, Edina might be known for hockey, but outside of the city, state and country, Braemar is known for figure skating. Synchronized Figure Skating is slated as a Olympic Demonstration sport in the next winter Olympics. For the past several years our team has been internationally recognized as a US leader and even been awarded Team USA for the past several years. in 2016, Braemar will host the Midwestern sectionals for Synchronized Figure Skating. It will be a shame to hold such a prestigious event if we do not have any skaters to participate.

BCLFSC is an important part of the community, and its viability should not be at the mercy or whim of a competing sport president, or arena manager. Now is the time for the City and the Arena to live up to and honor its commitments to BCLFSC and not reduce the ice time or priority access.

Thank you for your consideration.

With Kind Regards,

Sue & Richard Johnston

Dear Mrs Brindle,

My daughter has been skating at BCLFSC since she was 5 years old. She is now 14 and has tried many sports and activities in Edina but she consistently preferred figure skating above everything else. She is so motivated to earn her gold moves (highest individual figure skating test) and to be part of Team Braemar Junior Synchronized Skating. She is so proud of her club and wants to continue representing it and Edina.

I can't tell you how crushed we have been as a family because of the events over the last few weeks. My husband and I attended last week's council meeting and we so appreciated most council members and the mayor's courage and leadership. The aggressiveness of the EHA and the Park and Recreation board has stunned me. I am sure you are well aware of the facts and the allegations by now. I think for me the one that strikes me the most is that, even if BCLFSC gave up all the ice it had, in the end EHA will still be short; there isn't that much desirable ice for the EHA needs, but in the process, BCLFSC will be destroyed and the dreams of many figure skaters with it.

I know the groups are trying to compromise again but I feel the figure skating group already gave up quite a bit of ice time. I fear we will not reach an agreement in our favor but I hope the facts you have been provided and the statements you made will help BCLFSC remain viable and thriving if it comes to a council decision.

Thank you,

Ann Makredes
4916 West Sunnyslope Road
Edina, MN 55424

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 9:10 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: BCLFSC and EHA



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From: Ann Makredes [<mailto:amagr@msn.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 12:02 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: BCLFSC and EHA

Mayor Hovland,

My daughter has been skating at BCLFSC since she was 5 years old. She is now 14 and has tried many sports and activities in Edina but she consistently preferred figure skating above everything else. She is so motivated to earn her gold moves (highest individual figure skating test) and to be part of Team Braemar Junior Synchronized Skating. She is so proud of her club and wants to continue representing it and Edina.

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Thank you,

Ann Makredes
4916 West Sunnyslope Road
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July 20, 2013

Dear Mayor Howland and City Council members,
My name is Liesl Schreiner and I'm writing
about Braemar arena. I love to figure skate
and play hockey. They are the most amazing
sports, and going to Braemar to skate
is really nice because it's within
biking distance, the rinks aren't too cold,
and I can go to one place to
participate in both activities. I went
to the last City Council meeting,

because Braemar could maybe not have
the figure skating club there anymore.

I hope that the club and the ETHA
can get along and find a way where
the club can stay and everyone has enough
ice-time. I think that building a new
rink would be a great way to solve the
problem, which was said at the meeting.

Thank you for serving our community,
for staying up late at meetings, and
helping to solve problems in Edina.

Thank you, Liesl Schreiner
5264 Lochloy Dr. Edina

7/20/13

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

My name is Sadie Schreiner and I am 11 years old.

When we moved here nine years ago, I started to skate at Braemar. Since then, I have done both Hockey and Figure skating at Braemar. I am in the Figure skating club, and I am also in the Edina Hockey Association. I love both a lot, and they are very important to me. I am so glad to be able to play Hockey and figure skate at Braemar. Mr. Mayor, I really liked your idea of building more ice. I hope then I can do more skating at Braemar. Thank you all for respecting both sports. I went to your City Council Meeting, and my family and I were amazed at how you all seemed to stay awake through the whole thing. I am so grateful that we have our City Council. Thank you for representing ~~our~~ Edina, and for doing such a great job.

Sadie Schreiner

5264 Lochloy Dr.

Edina, MN 55436

July 20th 2013

Dear Mayor Hovland and council members,

My name is Otto Schreiner. I'm 9 years old. I have been skating at Braemar when I learned to walk. My Dad tells me I skated around with a bottle in my mouth. I compete for the Braemar city of Lakes Figure Skating Club. I love doing it. I also do hockey with the Edina Hockey Association. I went to the City council ~~members~~ ^{meeting}, and I'm worried that the Figure skating Club will be kicked out of Braemar. I would not want to have any of them go. I loved how you, Mr. Mayor, thought that we should build more ice so that we could do more of each sport. Thank you for recognizing that we could be skating more in Edina

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 1:07 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Braemar Ice Prioritization



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From: George Hadjiyanis [<mailto:ghadjiyanis@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Susan Hadjiyanis
Subject: Braemar Ice Prioritization

Honorable Mayor Hovland,

As residents of Edina and current parents of a Synchronized Skating Team and BCLFSC Club Member, we are concerned about the situation with the Braemar ice prioritization.

Although I understand there is limited ice time and that EHA is looking out for their association needs, here are a few key points I would like to convey:

- The proposed reduction of hours puts our club and specifically the synchro team at risk without a home club. This is a big difference than an inconvenience which is discussed by the EHA.
- The agreement made just last year to help cover part of the cost of the Hornets Nest in exchange for ice priority is not being honored
- The fact that the Edina Parks and Recreation would propose taking time from the Synchro team specifically without the agreement of the BCLFSC leadership is not a model of cooperation
- A fourth sheet of ice as was mentioned at the city council meeting. This should be reviewed before this decision is made about this prioritization as it has a major impact.

I look forward to a compromise and resolution soon as this is causing much concern for the skaters and their families.

Respectfully,

George and Susan Hadjiyanis
5608 St. Andrews Avenue
Edina, MN
952-922-4957

Subject: All Hockey All The Time

Hi Jim, Joni, Josh, Ann & Mary & Brian & Scott,

I like hockey. But not All Hockey All The Time. Thank you for considering *the disparate impact* on the organizations of the changes under consideration re Braemar ice time. What about the Edina Hockey Association and Edina High School hockey?? They will be OK. They will survive. They are doing fine. My two older kids are Edina class of 2010 and 2013. Believe me, we are well aware that boys hockey won state in 2010 and 2013 and we are proud of it. It's fun and exciting. Still doesn't beat Edina East 1974 state hockey champs, best team ever. I am Edina East Class of 1975 and we value the hockey program, the participation by boys and girls of all ages and the community support for the hockey program, especially when it is fun.

So we like hockey. But if the City decides to go back on this ice time deal, this action could effectively destroy the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club. As anyone can see by their records and participation levels, the hockey associations are not about to be decimated. Your action could wreck the figure skating club. The EHA and school teams are not about to be wrecked, far from it. They just want MORE.

So it's a disparate impact and to me that is very important. It is also a *disparate impact on women*. Most of the figure skating club is *women*. Yes, more girls are playing Edina hockey these days. My daughter played the first year 2nd and 3rd grade girls were added to the program & a teammate from that team was a senior on the Edina girls HS varsity hockey team 2012-2013. It's true girls hockey has come a long way. Back at the U of MN in fall 1975, there was NO women's hockey team, only intramural hockey for women, and look at the U of MN women's hockey now. They are champions. Other women are internationally recognized figure skaters.

I hope we in the City of Edina can find a way not to destroy the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club in our preoccupation obsession adulation of All Hockey All The Time. We get it, hockey is popular, but it's not the only thing that matters here. Since you guys are all interested in local politics and elections and what voters are saying - I ask you to reflect on the 2009 Edina School Board election. A retired EHS teacher (Lonni S.) beat out incumbent school board member and Edina Hockey Association coach (Jeff J.) What are the voters saying here? They value diversity and various points of view? I think so. They are tired of hockey that can sometimes act like they are just the big gorilla in the room? Hockey gets what they want when they want it? It's too much of a good thing.

For the 2009 School Board Election, the Edina League of Women Voters hosted ONE candidate forum - just one. It was the ONLY public forum opportunity for the voters to ask questions and hear from the candidates. Probably it was a Tuesday night. ALL candidates showed up EXCEPT ONE who had peewee hockey PRACTICE. Too busy to meet the voters and hear their questions because of peewee hockey practice? That tells me something. It tells me about the self absorption and arrogance of the hockey world and their judgment about balance.

What happened in that election? What did the voters say? The retired teacher won by 15 votes (and she picked up two more votes on the recount) and the hockey coach, who was the incumbent but did not

campaign much and did not even bother show up at the forum due to hockey practice lost out. Surprise? Perhaps he thought his HOCKEY fame would coast him to school board re-election?? It didn't. It didn't go over with the community. The hockey world came across **to the voters** as arrogant and sort of like gorillas - they can do what they want when they want. Can they just do what they want when they want? It's up to you to support access to the ice arena in light of the disparate impact on these different groups. What are our values here?

My point is the community as a whole (and not just EDINA, but our Minnesota and City of Lakes community as a whole) values more than the hockey program's access. People can see hockey is not going away, ***hockey is thriving by any measure, and meanwhile the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club is in danger of being essentially destroyed by a significant reduction in their ice time, it's that disparate impact thing, and a disparate impact on individual women.***

I hope you can do the right thing for everyone and balance the needs of various groups, which is not the same thing as all hockey all the time. Stick with your commitment to the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club. I have no connection to them except what I see in the local paper. I value their contribution to the community. It is a numbers thing - there are just not enough "elite" figure skaters anywhere in any one suburb - of course their group has members who are not Edina residents.

Best regards to all,
Susan Khatri
Richmond Drive
Edina

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 10:43 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Attn: Jim Hovland

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

From: Jennifer Halverson [<mailto:jjhalverson@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Attn: Jim Hovland

Mayor Hovland,
After reading today's article regarding Braemar ice time I find it hard to believe that there is even a "debate" over this issue.
1,323 hockey members that are 99% residents vs 196 members that is not even 50% residents?!
I have three children in hockey and drive ALL OVER the twin cities- do what's right for Edina and give the ice time to who deserves Edina ice time and who's numbers need it! Get on board with your city!!
Thank you
Jennifer Halverson

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: BCLFSC Club Ice Time

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the proposal to cut the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club's ice time at Braemar ice arena and to ask that the BCLFSC's current ice times be maintained until additional ice can be added at the Braemar arena. I understand a proposal is in the works to add a fourth sheet of ice at Braemar and that this may provide a solution to the current issue over the sharing of ice time between the Edina Hockey Association and the BCLFSC.

I am a long-time Edina resident and my 11 year old daughter skates in the BCLFSC club and has been skating at the Braemar arena since she was a toddler. My daughter's BCLFSC club membership has been an extremely important part of her development, helping to build her athletic skills and self-confidence and teaching her important and valuable life lessons about commitment and healthy competition. We have paid substantial sums over the years for our daughter to participate in the BCLFSC, and we spend considerable amounts of time at the Braemar arena each week so that our daughter can participate in the BCLFSC. We and other BCLFSC families also contribute to the arena's success in other ways, such as by frequenting its concession stand and attending paid events at the rink.

We already struggle with the current BCLFSC ice time so that our daughter can participate in BCLFSC. My spouse and I are both working parents, and current ice times, even those at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m., often require us to leave work early to pick up our daughter and get her to the arena on time. In addition, no evening or weekend time is available for the BCLFSC club in the summers, and, therefore, we currently can only have our daughter skate at 7 a.m. in the summers. In addition, our daughter cannot participate in special club classes during the summer that are only offered in the middle of the work day.

Despite these difficulties, we dedicate significant time to getting our daughter to the Braemar arena multiple times each week due to her love of figure skating and the benefits that she obtains from being part of the BCLFSC. I am extremely concerned that, if current ice time is cut, the BCLFSC club will be discontinued. Alternatively, ice time may be cut in a way that makes it even more difficult for all club members, but particularly those members with two working parents, to participate in the BCLFSC. This result would be devastating for our daughter and other club members. In addition, the Braemar arena will lose the patronage and associated revenue of numerous BCLFSC families that have been loyal visitors to and supporters of the arena.

I understand that the Edina Hockey Association and BCLFSC have been asked to try to work out a suitable arrangement for sharing ice time by August 5th. I also understand, however, that the BCLFSC signed a 20 year ice time arrangement with the Braemar arena that is not being honored. This agreement should be honored, and the solution appears to be to permit the BCLFSC to maintain its ice time under the 20 year agreement until additional ice can be added to the arena.

I ask you to take the necessary steps to ensure that the BCLFSC has sufficient ice time to continue at the Braemar arena and to permit all club members sufficient ice time outside of working hours so that all Edina youth can participate in the BCLFSC.

Thank you,

Megan Anderson
(612) 309-9018

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 1:12 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Braemar issues



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From: JulieA.Swenson [<mailto:JulieA.Swenson@target.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2013 12:25 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Braemar issues

Dear Mayor Hovland,

My daughter is a figure skater at Braemar and I hope to keep her there. We moved to Edina to add our daughter to the Braemar figure skating program from the St.Paul Figure skating Club. Braemar is a top rated club and has produced champions for decades. It's an incredible point of pride for the community and provides local kids with a wonderful lifetime sport.

With the Parks and Rec department not honoring the agreement from August 2012, it will not be possible for me to keep spending thousands of dollars each year in Edina.

In addition to countless hours of ice time, figure skating families employ coaches, we buy concessions at the rink, we buy supplies at the Hornet's Nest store, we support businesses near the rink and we are invested in our community. We pay the same taxes on our overpriced Edina houses as the hockey families. It is not fair that the figure skating families would lose so much ice time that we could not keep our club when hockey gets more and more resources each year.

We are a 52 week sport, hockey is not. We fill the parking lot every week, spend money at the rink every week. Hockey doesn't.

Hockey can play at any of the rinks in town. There are several, indoor and outdoor, within a mile of Braemar. They can get ice time outdoors even. Figure skating can't.

Thanks,
Julie

Julie Swenson | 952-927-8861 | Target | 001 (612) 761-6599 (ph)

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2013 10:33 AM
Subject: FW: Use of Braemar Arena

This message has also been forwarded to the Mayor.

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From: Steve Soderling [<mailto:sody@q.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 10:36 PM
To: Mary Brindlé (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Subject: Use of Braemar Arena

My name is Steve Soderling and I grew up in Edina and was fortunate enough to play both youth and high school hockey in Edina. In addition, I'm currently an Edina resident and father to four youth hockey players ranging in age from 11-5 year old. I'm emailing you to state my strong desire that the Edina youth boys and girls hockey players have greater access and proportionate allocation of ice time at Braemar Ice Arena. The lack of ice causes many players to consider alternative venues and programs where they have more consistency and convenient rinks, which is a shame for our tradition rich program and facility. Thanks.

Steve Soderling
Tonka Bay Equity Partners
952-345-2031 (work)
612-803-3477 (mobile)
ssoderling@tonkabayequity.com

Dear Edina Council members,

I had initially planned to attend the Council meeting this evening but will be unable to attend as my mother has become rather ill. I would like to express the following concerns related to the zoning & construction management plans for the tear down/rebuilds occurring in my neighborhood.

Though I have addressed the Council before on this matter, I am even more disturbed at what appears to be the lack of understanding that relates to one of the tear down/rebuild on our block (4014 Lynn Avenue) but which reflects on our City policies in general with regard to these rebuilds. By way of example, it has become apparent that the builder in this case (Sicora) either clearly does not have a good grasp of the city zoning and management laws, or has wantonly ignored them without consequence. He has ignored starting and ending times for construction, blocked driveways, exceeded noise restrictions, trespassed repeatedly, and damaged property without making appropriate reparations despite several promises to do so. (including recently replacing sod that is sliding downhill and refusing to install a retaining wall despite the inspector and the damaged homeowner's request) Equally disturbing is that he was able to draw a permit without the following:

- without a plan to "shore up" the north side of the property on what is an extremely sandy lot, until the neighbors complained
- without being required to have a port-a-potty on sight from the beginning of construction
- without being required to have a dumpster on the lot from the beginning of construction.

When this was called to the attention of your new construction manager, she replied that it was "civil" in nature and not the concern of the City. ***I would urge you to consider carefully the precedent you are setting here if you choose not to take further action.*** Do you really want to establish that builders who were previously remodelers can come into Edina and ignore property rights and run ripshod over the residents as part of their learning curve? Do you really want to lay the burden on property owners that have already suffered damage to their property to hire an attorney to represent them? Wouldn't it be wiser to clarify and tighten restrictions on the builders via your permits, construction management plans and zoning before this gets any further out of hand? What message are you sending to the other residents of this community? While this process may be considered by some to be a requisite condition of "progress" and inevitable change, surely there is some way to regulate it that is just and fair to all.

In closing, I will tell you that it has seriously made me reflect for the first time in the nearly 25 years that I have lived in this community, on whether I wish to remain here as I age. Please take action now to regulate this process more carefully while you can and to protect the residents that have served as the foundation and built the reputation of your fine City for many years.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nan Schwappach

Nan Schwappach
Ombudsperson, Attorney & Mediator
Ombudsresources.com
952-927-4627

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 12:05 PM
Subject: FW: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar arena

This message has also been forwarded to the Mayor.



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From: Christine Henninger [<mailto:Christine.Henninger@genmills.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 12:42 PM

To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh

Subject: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar arena

Dear Honorable Mayor of Edina, City Council members, City Manager and Edina Parks and Recreation Director,

I am writing to communicate my support for a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina Residency for both the EHA and the BCLFSC, and as EHA is a priority #3 user, the ability to fill our ice needs before a Priority 4 or 5 user.

As a 20 year Edina resident, I've paid taxes to support Braemar arena and am happy to continue to do so. As the parent of two members of the EHA, I've also driven my children to many surrounding suburbs for practice ice time. However, when I compare the size of EHA to BCLFSC and percentages of Edina residents between the two I can't help but feel like the current system of ice time distribution is unfair.

I encourage you to help us in the EHA understand why our families must travel outside Edina for the majority of our practice time while members of the BCLFSC do not, and in fact travel from outside Edina to use facilities we would love to have more time on!

Thank you for your consideration and service to our community. We're a better place because of it.

Regards,

Christine Henninger
5816 Jeff Place
Edina, MN 55436

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 9:22 AM
Subject: FW: Braemar Arena

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and the Parks & Recreation Director.



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From: Paul F. Puerzer [<mailto:ppuerzer@spacecenterinc.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 4:50 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Braemar Arena

Mayor Hovland

Thanks again for meeting with us the other day and for your thoughtful and valuable input during the city council meeting last night. While I was not able to attend I did manage to stay up late enough to watch the issue discussed on television. I really must commend you and our city officials not only for your accessibility but your tireless efforts on behalf of Edina.

We remain hopeful that EHA and BCLFSC will find a cooperative solution to the more immediate ice time issues at the Braemar Ice Arena. Longer term we wonder if a fourth sheet of ice might not be able to leverage the existing infrastructure and provide both EHA and BCLFSC with the additional capacity to better serve their members.

How could we go about determining if any feasibility studies on this issue were ever performed? Is there someone within the city government that you would recommend we contact to more fully explore this idea?

Paul Puerzer

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Susan Howl

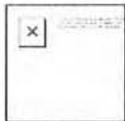
From: Ann Kattreh
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 8:01 AM
To: Susan Howl
Subject: Fwd: eha ice
Attachments: image001.gif

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
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To: 'MICHAEL POTTS' <mpotts6588@msn.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE: eha ice

Thank you for your interest in the City of Edina. Your message was forwarded upon receipt to Ann Kattreh, 952-826-0430. If you do not hear from her within a reasonable amount of time, please feel free to contact her directly. If I can be of additional assistance, please contact me.



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From: MICHAEL POTTS [<mailto:mpotts6588@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 7:04 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: eha ice

Please allow an equal amount of ice access to our kids for hockey as the figure skaters have. I'm a 25 year veteran of youth hockey. Until I read the facts on how lop sided the ice is in favor of the figure skaters I wouldn't have believed it! I'm in favor of the changes EHA is proposing. They are years overdue

Thanks ,

Michael Potts
Fusion Home Improvement
www.fusionhomeimprovement.com
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Susan Howl

From: Ann Kattreh
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 8:00 AM
To: Susan Howl
Subject: Fwd: Ice priority use

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From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
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To: 'Rob Gottsch' <rogottsch@wlgore.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE: Ice priority use

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From: Rob Gottsch [<mailto:rogottsch@wlgore.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 6:14 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Ice priority use

Mr. Hovland,

Just a quick note as a Edina resident, tax payer and parent of a youth hockey player. I understand the importance of equality for all. I also believe strongly that the residents of Edina should receive some priority in a city operated facility. Please help ensure that our residents and children have proper representation on this subject. I hope our local children have priority.

Thank you for your consideration.

Also thank you for the continued wonderful leadership of such a great community.

Respectfully,

Sent from my iPhone

Susan Howl

From: Ann Kattreh
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:59 AM
To: Susan Howl
Subject: Fwd: RE:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
Date: July 17, 2013, 2:37:53 PM CDT
To: 'Meghan Van Someren' <jvansomeren@icloud.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thank you for your interest in the City of Edina. Your message was forwarded upon receipt to Ann Kattreh, 952-826-0430. If you do not hear from her within a reasonable amount of time, please feel free to contact her directly. If I can be of additional assistance, please contact me.

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From: Meghan Van Someren [<mailto:jvansomeren@icloud.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 3:52 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject:

I support EHA position
Thank you
Jim Van Someren

Sent from my iPhone

Susan Howl

From: Ann Kattreh
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:59 AM
To: Susan Howl
Subject: Fwd: proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena.
Attachments: image001.gif; image003.jpg

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From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
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To: 'Mark Jezierski' <mjezierski@mnthermalscience.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE: proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena.

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From: Mark Jezierski [<mailto:mjezierski@mnthermalscience.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 3:39 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena.

Mayor Hovland,

My family and I have been residents of the City of Edina for the past 10 years. I was recently made aware that the Edina City Council will be asked to act on a proposal from the Edina Parks and Recreation Department regarding ice allocation for Braemar Arena. After having a chance to review the facts of the proposal I must say that I am very disappointed in the Departments recommendations.

I understand the reason and have no issue with a Priority Use Policy. Further I have no issue with departments order/ranking of the priorities. What I am disappointed, do not agree with, cannot make sense of... is the department's recommendation that would allow a "Priority # 4" user Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) to first fulfill its ice needs prior to a "Priority # 3" user Edina Youth Athletic Association being allowed to purchase any available ice. Besides the obvious disregard to their priority ranking designations this recommendation does not reflect a fair allocation of ice based on participants or Edina residency.

I assume that others have provided you the facts that this decision was based on. I would be interested to hear the rational, justification... of the Departments recommendation based upon the following:

- BCLFS has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51.
- EHA has 1,323 members (350 girls, 973 boys), 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310.
- The City of Edina’s youth athletic association residency requirement is 90% and was adjusted to 60% for the Edina Swim Club.
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- EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar for a total of 2,700 hours.
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- The average Edina youth hockey player receives about 1 hour per week at Braemar
 - Then spends 3-4 hours at other arenas around the metro.
- The average figure skater receives nearly 4 hours of ice per week at Braemar.

I have two young children who out of the blue wanted to “try” hockey last year. I must admit that I was skeptical going in as I myself never played the sport and had heard varying stories about the culture, etc. I cannot say enough about what a wonderful experience it was for my children and our family. I have no idea (nor do I care) if this is something that they will continue to want to participate in for years. The point being is not the *“The mission of the Edina Park and Recreation Department is to do our part in further developing, preserving, and maintaining the City of Edina’s parks, recreation programs, and resources as a premier and comprehensive park and recreation department in the Twin Cities area.”*

I would think that a reasonable expectation is that the Park and Recreation Department make a recommendation that would best represent the interests of our City and your constituents. Therefore, I would ask that you do not approve the Departments current recommendation and push for one that is based on a proportionate distribution of ice time related to the percentage of Edina residency for all groups and, that higher “Priority Users” have the ability to fulfill their ice needs before a Priority #4 or #5 User.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Mark

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Susan Howl

From: Ann Kattreh
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:57 AM
To: Susan Howl
Subject: Fwd: Braemar Arena Use Policy

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
Date: July 17, 2013, 2:52:45 PM CDT
To: 'Stephane Nelson' <nelsonstephanie17@gmail.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE: Braemar Arena Use Policy

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From: Stephane Nelson [<mailto:nelsonstephanie17@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 11:59 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Braemar Arena Use Policy

The Honorable James Hovland,

As a parent of two Edina Hockey association participants and an Edina resident, I would like to see groups containing a greater percentage of Edina residents be given Braemar Ice Arena scheduling priority over groups with a fewer percentage of residents.

I do not support the current proposal to allow Braemar Lakes Figure Skating Club a higher ice scheduling priority than Edina Hockey Association at Braemar Arena. Groups that contain a higher percentage of Edina city residents should receive priority scheduling over those that do not. Thanks for your consideration.

Stephanie Nelson
6411 McCauley Cir
Edina MN 55439

Susan Howl

From: Ann Kattreh
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:58 AM
To: Susan Howl
Subject: Fwd: Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena
Attachments: image001.gif

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
Date: July 17, 2013, 2:51:30 PM CDT
To: 'Andy Hatch' <ahatch@acendas.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE: Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

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From: Andy Hatch [<mailto:ahatch@acendas.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 1:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Regarding Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

James-

I strongly agree that something needs to be balanced out when over 50% of the Figure Skating Participants are from outside Edina. I've always thought it was odd that the majority of our EHA ice time is outside of Braemar.

Andy

Andy Hatch
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From: Kaylin Martin <kmartin@EdinaMN.gov>
Date: July 17, 2013, 2:44:21 PM CDT
To: 'Stacey Lovell' <Stacey.Lovell@genmills.com>
Cc: Ann Kattreh <AKattreh@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: RE: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

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From: Stacey Lovell [<mailto:Stacey.Lovell@genmills.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 3:06 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Priority Use Agreement for Braemar Arena

Dean Mr. Hovland,

My son is a 2nd grader attending one of our great local elementary schools. He has participated in EHA since the past 2 years and will start his third year this fall. My husband has coached every year and our whole family loves being part of the EHA community.

I have often wondered why we have to go to other arenas for ice time or rarely have prime ice time. I was really disappointed to receive the statistics on the reason why. I am hopeful that you can help support reaching a mutually beneficial solution that offers more equality in ice time.

For reference, here are the facts provided to me:

BCLFS has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51. EHA has 1,323 members (350 girls, 973 boys), 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310. The City of Edina's youth athletic association residency requirement is 90% and was adjusted to 60% for the Edina Swim Club. The BCLFSC currently rents 700 hours and EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar for a total of 2,700 hours. The BCLFSC's 700 hours are prime time Monday – Sunday and do not include any Friday, Saturday or Sunday night time slots. The average Edina youth hockey player receives about 1 hour per week at Braemar and spends 3-4 hours at other arenas around the metro. The average figure skater receives nearly 4 hours of ice per week at Braemar.

Thank you for your consideration as you meet this evening.

Take care,

Stacey Lovell
EHA Parent



EDINA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

July 15, 2013

To: The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina
The Honorable Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Member
The Honorable Mary Brindle, Edina City Council Member
The Honorable Josh Sprague, Edina City Council Member
The Honorable Ann Swenson, Edina City Council Member
Mr. Scott Neal, Edina City Manager
Ms. Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks and Recreation Director

Dear All:

Last week the Edina Hockey Association (EHA) was presented with the Parks and Recreation Department's recommendation for the Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena (recommendation included with this email). After reviewing the policy and the facts, the EHA is unable to support the Department's recommendations as a long-term solution to ice allocation.

The recommendations do not reflect a fair allocation of ice based on participants or Edina residency nor does it adhere to the actual proposed policy. In fact, it contradicts the recommended Priority Use Policy by allowing the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) to first fulfill its ice needs prior to the EHA being allowed to purchase any available ice (BCLFSC's priority status would be #4 while EHA priority status would be #3).

The EHA is, however, in full support of the Department's recommendation for ice allocation (option #3 – 20 hours/week) but for this next season only and as the beginning of a transition to a fair long-term solution.

The options for a long-term solution could take one of two paths. First, the EHA would support following the Priority Use Policy where it denotes the EHA would be listed as Priority #3 and be allowed to choose hours and fulfill the needs of its resident participants before any Priority #4 or #5 organization is allowed to buy ice. The second option could encompass some fair, negotiated solution involving Braemar Arena, BCLFSC and the EHA. Braemar Staff has facilitated conversations and a meeting/call with all affected parties. The EHA is open to providing the BCLFSC ice hours it has procured at other rinks to help offset any hours lost at Braemar, if acceptable to them.

What are the facts? BCLFS has 128 members, 40% of which are Edina residents for a total resident population of 51. EHA has 1,323 members (350 girls, 973 boys), 99% of which are Edina residents or attend Edina schools for a total resident population of 1,310. The Edina youth athletic association residency requirement is 90% and was adjusted to 60% for the Edina Swim Club. The BCLFSC currently rents 700 hours and EHA currently rents 2,000 hours per season at Braemar for a total of 2,700 hours. The BCLFSC's 700 hours are prime time Monday – Sunday and do not include any Friday, Saturday or Sunday night time slots.

Even though the BCLFSC does not meet the residency requirement of 90%, if the 2,700 hours were divided based on the pro-rata resident population of each organization, the EHA would be allowed to purchase 96% of the hours or 2,592 hours. The remaining 108 hours (approximately 5 hours per week) would be allocated to BCLFSC. Since the Parks and Recreation Department is proposing 20 hours per week for the BCLFSC, 4 times the number of hours based on residency, the EHA can't support the proposal as a long-term policy.

In addition, the EHA provides significant financial support to the recent Braemar Arena expansion. Last year, the EHA agreed to a \$20 per participant user fee subject to the execution of an overall priority usage agreement between Braemar Arena and the Edina Hockey Association. With our 1,323 participants, the EHA is contributing more than \$26,000 per year to help cover the cost of financing the Hornet's Nest. More importantly, the EHA has entered an agreement with Velocity Hockey to purchase approximately 800 hours per year of dryland training. At a cost of \$175 per hour, we are committed to pay \$140,000 per year to Velocity to help them meet their financial obligations to the City. In addition, the vast majority of the retail goods available at General Sports are hockey-related and our member purchases are critical to helping them meet their financial obligations to the City. Combined, the EHA is contributing \$200,000 +/- per year in support of the Hornet's Nest. The total contribution the EHA will be making in support of this facility over the next ten years will exceed \$2,000,000.

Lastly, each year we survey our members formally and informally. Parents from all levels, especially the Edina families new to hockey, comment that they would like more ice time and experiences at their home rink, Braemar. None of the member families enjoy driving all over town to other rinks, especially Mariucci and Ridder on the U of M campus, where they oftentimes need to pay for parking and have the hassle of driving during rush hour.

The EHA has been fortunate to have such a large resident participation in our program and have had more than 1,000 members for the past 10 years and do not forecast that to change. As we've grown, we've had to get creative in how we provide a beneficial experience for our member residents. This has included proactively securing ice time at other facilities and incorporating dryland and other off-ice training methods.

I will be out of town and not able to attend the City Council meeting so I extend my apologies in advance. However, several of our members will be in attendance and I've asked Bob Pauly, EHA Board member and Co-Chair of our Girls Hockey Committee, to address the Council in my absence.

The EHA has been a tradition in Edina since 1957. As we move into our 56th year, we thank you for your support of the first-rate facilities we have in Edina and look forward to a more proportionate amount of ice time at Braemar based on Edina residency of its participants.

Sincerely,

Ron Green
EHA President

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing you as a representative of the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club in the absence of our Club President, Brian Hedberg. It has come to my attention this morning that a new "Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena" proposal is up for approval at next Tuesday's City Council meeting.

This proposal is authored by Ann Kattreh, Parks and Recreation Director, and relates to the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club in its recommendations for ice allocation and a Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena, where our figure skating club has made its home for over 47 years, when the Arena was built in 1965.

We strongly plead that the City Council delay discussion of this issue, and that continuance be given until the August 6th City Council meeting for the following reasons:

- **High importance of this matter to the viability of the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club.** The proposal recommends significant reduction of ice time and lowering of priority use of ice at Braemar Arena, which will negatively affect the viability of this nationally and internationally-known figure skating club. If this proposal passes, Edina residents will have to look to communities outside Edina for figure skating, as the Club will no longer be able to exist.
- **Issue requires additional attention, given little reaction time.** The Board was just emailed the new proposal this morning. The Board of Directors has had insufficient time to properly review this proposal in order to effectively prepare an informed response. Similarly, a prior Priority Use Proposal was emailed to the Board President on June 11, 2013, the afternoon before it was presented to the Park Board on June 12, 2013.
- **Absence of Board President, Brian Hedberg.** President Hedberg is out of the country for a three-week international trip, and has been unable to have regular communication with the Board on this issue. His leadership on this issue is essential for the Club, given his active participation and history on all discussions related to this topic with the General Manager of Braemar Arena. Therefore, we urge the City Council to delay evaluation and discussion of this matter until after his return to the United States the week of July 22nd.

We are grateful for your attention to this urgent matter as the governing board of our city. And, we respectfully ask the Edina City Council to grant Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club a continuance on this "Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena" proposal until the August 6th City Council Meeting. We would appreciate confirmation of the status of the continuance decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Ros Wright
Vice-President, Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

Subject: FW: Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

From: sjmzoe@q.com [<mailto:sjmzoe@q.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 9:27 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Mom
Subject: Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I have been at Braemar Ice Arena for as long as I can remember. I put my first pair of rental skates on at age 5 and have loved doing it ever since. Nine years after my very first city class, and I am still on the ice a minimum of one hour a day, and over five times a week, just during the school year. In the summer I am there from 9 am to 2 pm skating at least two or three hours a day. I stay with my fellow skaters, who are not only my best friends, but also my teammates.

I am proud to say I skate at Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club in Edina and as a resident of the city, and I have taken full advantage of what is offered to me as a figure skater. I buy snacks at the concession stand and at the vending machine, use the ballet rooms with a private instructor or with my friends and my team and of course the ice.

This year will be my third year skating on Team Braemar, and it has been more than amazing. The girls on my team are my best friends *and* my family. I truthfully don't know what I would do without skating, or synchro. I look up to the older girls on the Junior Team (the highest, not to mention best team in Minnesota). They all seem to have a blast on and off the ice. They are the role models I hope to be one day. It has been my goal to be on the Junior Team since I was about 10 and I want to support my home club. Even when my team last year split off to go to another team elsewhere, I stayed loyal to Braemar and my team.

If hockey were to take any more of our "prime ice", most of our members would leave. Figure skating is a completely different sport than hockey, we need a coach to be competitive and they wont go left and right just find sessions, and since Braemar is one of the best clubs, (in my opinion at least) why leave?

If any sessions were to be taken away from BCLFSC the club will collapse. In the summer it is the figure skaters that support the Rink. We have sessions from seven until two o'clock plus a two to three day competition in two rinks, just in the summer. Hockey has a couple practices for the more "dedicated" teams and maybe a couple of clinics but overall not even close to the hours we have.

Our sessions last 50 minutes, and during the school year they start at 3, and then the last session starts at 6. I can't skate at the three because my school ends later, and the four o'clock session is not my level yet. I have to skate the 5 or 6 o'clock session for my schedule to work. If any of the later sessions were to be taken away, which I know is what hockey wants, it would be impossible for me to skate. I know I am not the only one in this situation.

Anyways if there are two sessions a day, and people skate up to two sessions a day everyday of the school week, there would be way to many people on the ice. It is impossible to have a session with over 25 people, and if some days with 4 sessions they are full how would it work with even less ice time?

When I say I skate people always think of hockey first, and then usually look at me funny when I say I figure skate. Hockey is obviously more popular than figure skating, especially in Minnesota. I love skating and why would Edina want to take my favorite sport out of the city because hockey players believe that their sport is better. I think that we should be able to keep our ice because figure skating is just as amazing as hockey, Edina Hockey has won state, but Alex Johnson has competed at nationals, Colette Kaminski has competed at Junior Olympics and Team Braemar has been Team USA for over 7 years.

Overall if we were to give up every single one of our sessions, it still wouldn't be enough for it to support all of Edina Hockey's needs. We only use one rink, while they use two. And even that rink gets taken away often for hockey tournaments, or even just practices. I skated last school year on Saturday mornings and around 6 or more times my ice has been taken away because hockey took over our one rink, because two isn't enough for them. No amount of ice that we give to hockey will be enough for them.

I really hope you take into consideration what the rest of my club and I have been saying, and let us keep our ice! Thank you so much

Stephanie Makredes, Age 14

4916 West Sunnyslope Road

Edina, MN 55424

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 11:51 AM
Subject: FW: Edina sports dome

This message has also been forwarded to the Mayor.

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From: Michael long [<mailto:coachmdlong@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2013 9:07 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Edina sports dome

City Council Members,

As a coach of Edina Varsity and youth sports, I can tell you honestly that our kids, and athletic teams are suffering from not having a dome of our own. The time and money it takes to use other domes is great and hurts our ability to conduct training. We are long overdue for a dome. As a community that considers itself among the top in the state, it is an embarrassment that we do not have a sports dome.

Putting the fact that people are worried about being able to see it from their houses is a terrible argument. I can see the light from Kuhlman from my house. This should not be a reason to hurt our athletics and the people that put so much time and effort into the youth of Edina.

Thank you for your hard work in getting this dome up.

Michael Long
Edina HS Boys Varsity Coach
Edina Lacrosse Association Coach

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 11:38 AM
Subject: FW:

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From: Cavanor, Paul [<mailto:paul.cavanor@rbc.com>]

Sent: Friday, July 12, 2013 2:31 PM

To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com

Subject:

Dear council members: We would ask you to strongly support the initiative to finally bring a much needed Edina Sports dome to a reality.

Paul & Stephanie Cavanor
5107 Arden ave .
Edina,mn 55424

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Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 11:45 AM
Subject: FW: Support of Sports Dome

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From: Travis Wells [<mailto:traviscwells@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2013 9:52 PM

To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com

Subject: Support of Sports Dome

Hello, my name is Travis Wells, I'm the head coach of the Boys High School Lacrosse team at Edina High School. I also help a great deal with our exploding youth program.

I wanted to provide my support and encouragement for a sports dome in Edina. My high school program alone spent over \$5,000 last year renting space in Savage for their indoor facility. We are planning to continue renting in Savage until we find a solution in Edina.

Our youth program also continues to explode with numbers as more and more kids pick up the sport of lacrosse. The demand for Winter lacrosse continues to grow but we are unable to provide much for the players. We would be very interested in running camps, clinics and leagues in a winter facility.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Travis Wells

Members of the Council, Planning, Engineering, Police Department, and City Manager Neal,

This is, I suppose, my opening salvo in the consideration of the reconstruction of 54th Street. I have lived on the corner of 54th and Oaklawn for 33 years. Trees that we planted after the tornado in 1981 have grown to maturity. We've been here for a while.

The quality of the experience here has taken a sharp turn south in the last couple of years. Because, I suppose in larger measure, due to the over-developed piece of blight that I and some of my neighbors call "Restaurant Hell," 50th and France, and the concomitant traffic tourniquet that has been applied in that area, 54th Street has become a screaming mechanical hell. Personally, I haven't patronized a business in to what we used to call the Village in probably a year, because it has become such an unpleasant experience; I discourage it to anyone who asks. I avoid driving through it, as does apparently everyone else.

Fundamentally, this is the biggest failure of planning that I've seen in the city in the entire time I've lived here.

I am prompted to write because I just finishing mowing the lawn. It has become an exercise in faith. Cars – many SUVs piloted by grim-faced suburban matrons – fly by without the smallest deviation in their path for the white-haired guy behind the lawnmower. The creek has attracted a lot of floaters recently, because it finally has some water in it, and there are often kids wearing inner tubes walking along 54th Street; God help them.

I have been watching for patrol cars on the street. I have seen two (2) – as lawyers would say – since I started paying attention during the Edina Art Fair. I am sure there have been a few more, since I mostly avoid going outside because of the aforesaid screaming mechanical hell. I mean, seriously, there really wasn't any traffic enforcement, at least that I noticed, on 54th Street during the Art Fair, when 50th Street was CLOSED.

The bike lanes on 54th were sold to the residents partly on the basis that it would contribute to a calming of traffic. The principal change I've seen is another sign to mow around; it was mentioned that the speed limit might/would be lowered to 25 mph, and of course, no sign, so to speak, of that.

To summarize, it seems that inadequate attention was paid to the neighborhoods in the development of 50th and France, a problem that is continuing, and that law enforcement has done virtually nothing even in mitigation of the problem. Since last fall, I have seen *two* squad cars parked on 54th Street at the corner of 54th and Wooddale, and each time I have stopped to thank the officer.

I have little doubt that the plans for 54th Street are to see just how many more @#%&^ cars can be jammed down our throats. And then, probably, expect me to help pay for it as an "improvement" to my property. Well, we'll see how that one turns out.

At all events, I'd like to see some traffic enforcement on the street before some kid wearing an inner tube or a white-haired guy pushing a lawn mower is written up dead in the Edina Sun.

Sincerely, Steve Timmer

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RE: Mendelssohn A roadway reconstruction

We live at 417 John St, Edina. We are very concerned about the assessment for roadway project. We are retired Seniors and working part time just to be able to pay our expenses for the month. Our taxes keep going up and home value going down. The \$16,150.00 for assessment will just cause us a terrible heart ship, even if spread out for 15 years. That is over a thousand dollars a year added to our taxes plus interest. That would put us out of our home, if anyone would even buy our home with the assessments pending. We think this assessment for 16,150.00 per residential unit is way out of line. Considering other communities surrounding Edina, the cities pay a percentage of the cost. Edina pays nothing. Our daughter lives in Golden Valley corner lot. They had new roads put in plus curbs and gutters, and their road redesigned. They had assessments of \$6000.00. Why are we being charged so much more? There just has to be something done. Are we having work done that does not need to be done or getting the best bids. What is the advantage of living in Edina? We are paying comparable taxes to other cities in the area. Where do our taxes go? Is there another program for low income seniors? Please advise.

Sincerely, Barbara and Robert L Butler

Deb Mangen

From: Susan Howl
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Deb Mangen
Subject: FW: Follow up from Mayor David Pope re: MIP invitation and Cubs/Cards game from Wrigley Field Box



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From: Lynette Biunno **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
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Subject: FW: Follow up from Mayor David Pope re: MIP invitation and Cubs/Cards game from Wrigley Field Box



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From: David Pope [mailto:david_pope@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 11:43 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: satya@mayorsinnovation.org
Subject: Follow up from Mayor David Pope re: MIP invitation and Cubs/Cards game from Wrigley Field Box

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Just a quick note following up on an earlier invitation from Mayor Ralph Becker of Salt Lake City regarding the upcoming Mayors Innovation Project (MIP) meeting in August. This summer's meeting will be hosted here in Oak Park and I'd like to encourage you to attend as I think that much of what we'll be addressing will be of real relevance to you and to the people of Edina.

Also, If you're able to come, and can stay through Sunday, I've arranged for a box at Wrigley Field to invite the attending Mayors to watch the Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals face off (one of the better rivalries in pro sports) as just a little added incentive to attend. It would be great to have you with us.

In my eight years as Mayor of Oak Park, I've gained real insights myself and real benefits for my city from my involvement with a number of organizations (including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, ICLEI, ULI, etc.).

But the organization that, for me, has probably had as much impact as any other has been the Mayor's Innovation Project (MIP). It brings together cutting edge experts and mayors in a series of discussions and working sessions addressing issues that are immediately relevant and applicable back home for each of our cities. It showcases leading practices from an "on the ground" perspective, highlights related research, and creates a forum for meaningful discussion and critical evaluation of all the factors that we think about from our unique position of leadership (system-wide impacts, cost and return, constituencies and politics, etc.). And most importantly, it does so in a closed door, "no b.s." kind of way that let's us all tear things apart together to look at what really works and what doesn't.

It is also a pretty informal environment, without any undue emphasis on "rock-star" mayors or "mega" cities. It lives and breathes the ethos that "what matters is what works" and acknowledges the reality that the best ideas are being put into action in cities of all sizes, all geographies, and all demographics, and by all kinds of mayors. I've certainly found that the

most valuable lessons I've learned have come not only from these leading edge examples, but so often from other mayors.

The following link will connect you to a 3 minute video in which I provide an overview of MIP and this summer's conference:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gf9qkc0Gcx4&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1&safe=active

Also, if it's your first time attending a MIP meeting, the registration fee is waived so you'll only have travel and lodging costs (we'll cover everything else – including some very good food and complimentary tickets to the top craft beer festival in the Midwest).

You can also see a copy of the agenda for the meeting by checking out the following link:

<http://mayorsinnovation.org/pdf/August2013Agenda.pdf>

Finally, to sign up you can complete the registration form at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FErBbNvUv-noTr0ZlffApd0m5YLJ3TdOzyRcjm31_Kc/viewform?pli=1

Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions. You can reach me directly on my cell phone at 312-498-6001. I've also cc'd Satya Rhodes Conway, the Managing Director of MIP, who can also be reached directly at 608-262-5387 in the event that you have questions that would more appropriately be directed to her. Again, I hope that you'll be able to join us for what I know will be a very compelling couple of days. I think it will be well worth your time.

Kindest regards,

David Pope

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AS ONE

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is invited to submit a Proposal to become
The Host City of AS ONE

Unfortunately the battle against climate change will not be over in a year or even a decade. It will take a century or more, to turn the tides on human induced global warming. And the ensuing conflicts, mass migrations, famines & economic collapses, will test to the limit, our abilities to share the ever dwindling resources of our fragile planet.

Hence all global communities & cities need to develop strategies, organizations, & unifying symbols, that will be strong enough to survive decades, so allowing future generations to carry on the battle from where we will surely be forced to leave it.

AS ONE will be one such structure. Destined to become one of the most important, recognized & visited structures built this century. An interactive edifice, utilizing traditional Bronze Castings with state of the art Audio Visual special effects, will draw tens of thousands of people from hundreds countries across the globe, each year, to pay homage & interact with the legendary people of the AS ONE Structure. ([You can find out more about the AS ONE structure by clicking here.](#))

The global business community is leading the way in financing the construction of AS ONE. Now it is time to select the Host City where AS ONE is to be built.

AS ONE will initially bring more than 50,000 international visitors per year to the Host City, which should inject more than USD15 million per year into the Host City's economy. However the most exciting aspect of the AS ONE Project for the Host City, is that AS ONE is a 100 year project, which will see the unveiling of a new iconic human being, nominated by millions of people from all around the world, within the AS ONE Structure each year. This ensures the number of visitors to the AS ONE structure will continue to grow each year. Hence the overall economic impact for the Host City should be in the order of USD 3.5 billion over the 100 year time frame of the project.

50,000 Visitors/year

**USD 15 million injection/year
into local economy
of
Host City**



This yearly '**AS ONE Unveiling & Inauguration Dinner**', to be staged each year at the Host city for the entire 100 years of the project, is expected to attract hundreds of media commentators & crews from all corners of the globe, which will deliver an enormous ongoing, century long, global promotional campaign for the Host City.

The AS ONE Board of Patrons is now seeking Expressions of Interest from cities around the world

who believe their city would be the best in the world for the legendary people of AS ONE to call home. ([for more information regards the general criteria for any city, please click here](#))

The size or wealth of a city will not play a big part in the decision making process. In fact the Request For Proposals (RFP) process has been specifically designed to be an extremely low cost exercise, thus allowing all cities, no matter how small, whom believe they have the ideal location for some of the world's most iconic, legendary human beings to call home, the opportunity to submit a proposal.

To register your intention to submit a proposal to host AS ONE, city representatives just need to register to attend the,

Host City General Information Seminar, & VIP & World Media Unveiling Dinner

Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

6th & 7th of March 2014.

([Click here to find out more & register](#)).

This one day seminar fee of USD150/person & VIP Dinner of USD175 /person should represent every city's greatest expense within the RFP process.

The Host City will only be asked to provide the land or location for the AS ONE structure. The cost of building the structure will be via donations & contributions made by other governments, corporations & individuals.

Every city which submits a proposal to Host AS ONE will be invited to participate in the, AS ONE Global Cities Project, which will deliver significant outcomes & returns for the local communities of all participating cities. Full details of this program will be explained at the AS ONE Host City General Information Seminar.

The number of cities which will be allowed to register for the Host City General Information Seminar will be limited. Once this number has been reached no further Registrations for the Seminar will be solicited or accepted.

Thank you & I look forward to seeing you at the Information Seminar

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Subject: Feedback on Proposed Residential Zoning Changes

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I will not be able to attend the public hearing this coming Tuesday to testify on the proposed residential zoning changes. Therefore, I am writing this email to provide you my insight on the proposed changes. As a 25 year resident and builder of over 30 homes within the city in the past 8 years, I feel compelled to ask you to exercise caution in implementing several of these changes. While some of the changes will improve the architecture/streetscape of our redevelopment projects, there are several proposals that may prove detrimental to our citizen's enjoyment of their property and create unintended consequences.

The zoning changes implemented on 2008 had a very favorable impact to the height and massing of residential new construction in our city. I attached a driving tour of new homes we have built since 2008 that reflect the positive impact of these zoning enhancements. If you take the tour, I think you'll agree that these homes fit the neighborhood. It is very difficult to see any of the "problems" with new construction that were identified by the Planning Commission study. Unfortunately, some of the new zoning proposals would render most of these homes non-conforming. I am afraid several of the changes on the table could create a tipping point whereby residential development would be too difficult in our city or at minimum create a cloud of uncertainty for residents considering building or remodeling a home. Nationwide, infill new construction represents over 21% of new homes. Residential urban renewal is a macro-trend that is breathing new life into older neighborhoods. Edina has created a very favorable environment for residential redevelopment and it is critical that we continue to attract new families to our 150 year old city.

Here is my feedback by item:

1. Retaining Walls: It seems that one large retaining wall on a recent project created the problem here. If you drive around Edina, retaining walls have been used to retain natural grade for decades. Any street that is on a hill has retaining walls on almost every home. In fact, if you look closely, you will see that almost every lot in Edina has some type of retaining wall. Retaining walls are very expensive to build and most new homeowners would avoid building them if they could. They are only built if necessary to maintain natural grade or to keep drainage off the neighbor's property. I think it makes sense to require all retaining walls to be shown on building permits. However, the proposed zoning changes for retaining walls would have the following unintended consequences:

- Retaining walls often support grade for driveways on sloped streets. Since driveways are allowed to be built on the lot line, they could not be built with a retaining wall setback 3'.
- Retaining walls are similar to fences in that they enclose a property. Requiring a 3' setback would create a difficult to maintain strip of land between neighbors. Watering, weeding, and mowing this strip would be challenging and would result in an eyesore for the adjacent neighbor.
- Requiring a 3' setback for a retaining wall would make it difficult to create a 3' access to back yard. Retaining walls are usually built with quality materials such as boulders or limestone. These dry-stacked walls always angle back towards the house for strength and thus would little room for a walkway/access.
- Retaining walls harness drainage and allow flow to the front and the back of a lot vs. on the adjacent neighbor. Discouraging retaining walls would remove a drainage tool for builders.
- The alternative to a retaining wall on a walkout lot is an exposed basement wall. I feel the retaining wall is a softer, more terraced look for the neighbor than an exposed foundation wall.

I don't think the retaining wall proposal has been properly vetted or "fit-tested" for these unintended consequences.

2. Egress Wells: Building code was revised in 2000 to require basement egress wells for fire safety. Egress wells also provide natural light and ventilation for lower level living space. I don't think the City wants to discourage citizens from installing egress windows. I think a better zoning change would be to simply require and define the three foot access to

the rear of the home on either side. This would give a homeowner flexibility for how to create the access without restricting their use of egress windows.

3. Side yard setback: **This proposed change would have the biggest negative impact on residential redevelopment.** Increasing the setbacks from 5' to 6' seems arbitrary and benchmarked from Minneapolis and St. Louis Park. Remember, most urban lots in MSP and SLP have rear alley access while Edina's urban lots do not. A 6' setback may work in MSP but not in Edina as we need to have a front facing garage which requires extra structure width on a typical lot. The Country Club District and South Harriet Park have had 5' setbacks for almost 100 years and I've never heard anyone complain about lack of access to light or air. The proposed setback changes would have the following unintended consequences:

- Increasing side yard setbacks would create longer side walls and push new homes further into the back yard. One of the zoning proposals is intending to articulate long sidewalls. Increasing sideyard setbacks contradicts this goal of reducing the impacts of sidewalls by making them longer.
- Homes would get narrower and would look taller from the street. Front facing garages would not reduce in size and would thus be more dominant on a narrower house.
- Narrowing setbacks would eliminate the architectural opportunity of a front facing dining room and office. This is a popular design and would be eliminated by narrowing the house.

4. Building Height: I see limiting building height to 30' on smaller lots as a favorable enhancement to our zoning code. This would keep ridge heights within the scale of the neighborhood. In addition, eliminating the side yard height rule would allow more classically-styled homes to be built such as colonials and cape cods. This would allow new construction to reflect the timelessness of older neighborhoods.

5. Sidewall articulation: I am in favor of this proposed change as it would create more character between adjacent homes and eliminate the "movie screen" sidewalls.

6. Front facing Garage: I am not in favor of this change as I feel it puts the city in the design business and would negatively impact owners of smaller lots who want a front facing garage.

7. Nonconforming front yard setback. I am in favor of this change as it would maintain the character of our blocks and eliminate many variance requests.

While a lot of work was done by the Planning Commission to generate their list of zoning changes, I feel strongly that the majority of Edina residents are not aware that these proposals are on the table. There was a lot of noise about construction management and I feel people are happy now that there is a plan in place to reduce the disruption of construction. However, these zoning proposals have been working their way quietly through the channels of city hall. Based on the small amount of speakers at the Planning Commission public hearing, I don't feel changing the zoning is important to the majority of Edina citizens at this time. In fact, I feel the silent majority would be quite upset to wake up and read about an adoption of several of the proposals.

Thanks for all the hard word work you do to keep Edina great! I also appreciate you taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

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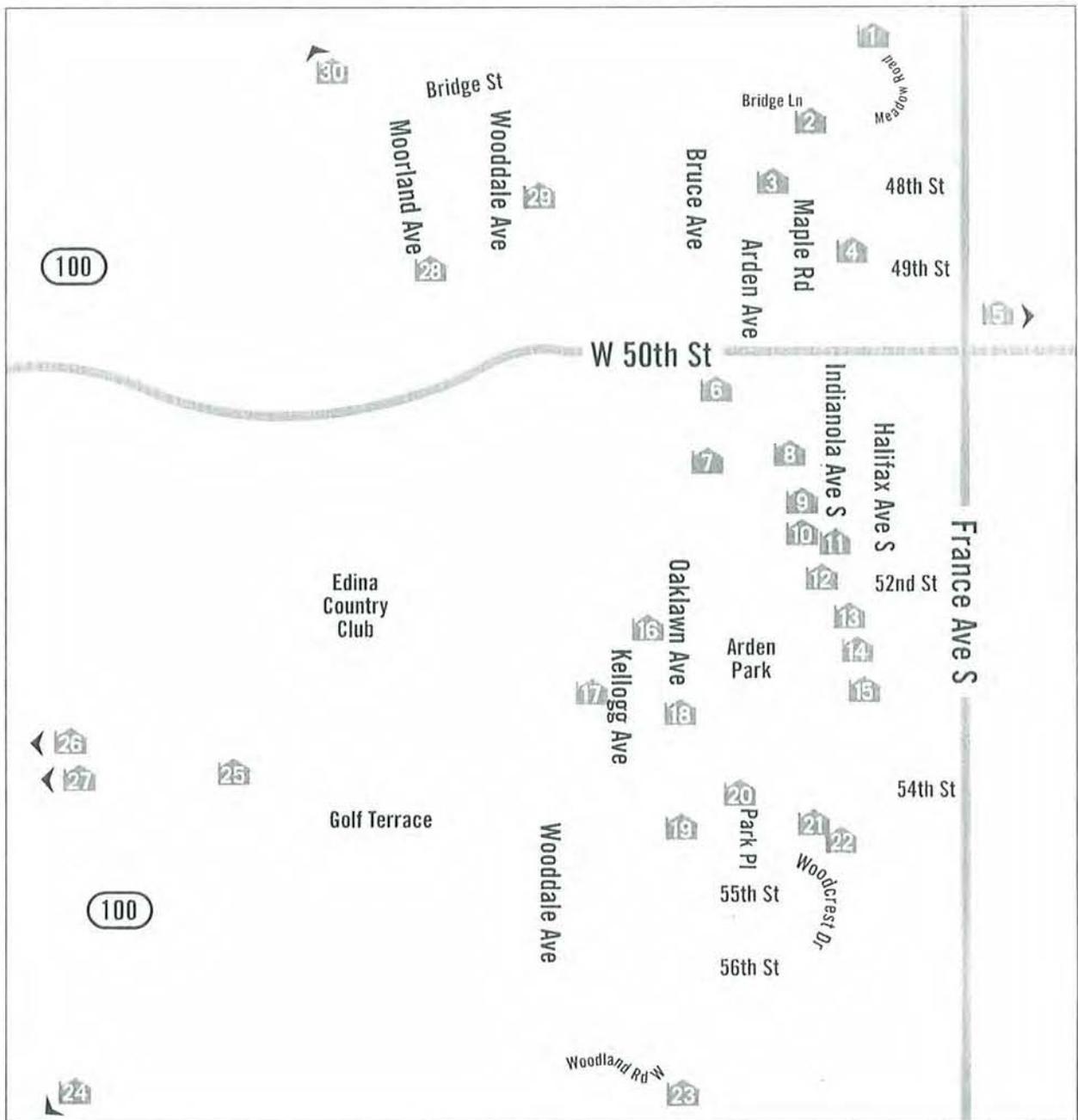
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Deb Mangen

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Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 9:33 AM
To: Broom, Sean
Subject: Congressman Keith Ellison's Mayoral Luncheon

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Dear 5th Congressional District Mayor,

You are invited to a meeting with Congressman Keith Ellison on August 13th 2013, at noon at our offices in the Minneapolis Urban League at 2100 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis, 55411. Lunch will be served.

Congressman Ellison will be convening Mayors from across the 5th Congressional District to talk about issues affecting their communities. To RSVP please respond to me Sean Broom, at 612-522-1212, or sean.broom@mail.house.gov

5th District Mayoral Luncheon
August 13th 2013

12:00pm to 1:00pm

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Deb Mangen

From: Paul <plmolitor@comcast.net>
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To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Proposal for Braemar Arena

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Dear Mayor Hovland,

My name is Paul Molitor and I have been living primarily in Edina since I moved back to Minnesota 17 years ago. My daughter Julia is in her 6th year of skating at Braemar and currently competes as both a freestyle and synchronized skater.

We all know the parallel of life and sport and figure skating has been the teacher of many of these parallels to my daughter. Goal setting, work ethic, discipline, being accountable, overcoming adversity, perseverance, respecting your peers as well as your competitors. The list goes on and on. Braemar City Of Lakes Figure Skating Club has been a huge part of these critical, developmental years for her.

Don't get me wrong, I love hockey. I remember as a kid growing up in St.Paul in the 60's and 70's watching the State High School hockey tournaments and wondering to myself, can anyone beat Edina? The fact that the EHA has over 1300 member in their program is incredible. But this isn't just about numbers. If it was, figure skating would be declining all around our country, but it's not. The truth is, the percentage of hockey players to figure skaters will always be lopsided and the numbers here in Edina merely reflect which is true across the Nation.

The BCLFSC has been a vital part of Edina culture for nearly 5 decades. We are recognized for figure skating excellence here, nationally and around the world. I felt a great sense of pride in 2012, when at the National Synchronized Skating Championships in Boston, my daughter skated out to the announcement, "now, representing the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club from Edina, Minnesota, please welcome Team Braemar."

I would ask that you would take this opportunity in making this very important decision to send the proper messages. Firstly, support diversity of choice for young athletes. Our access to Braemar Arena is critical, not only to the success of our club, but the survival of it. Secondly, the importance of keeping one's word. I understand that an agreement was reached for the skating club to keep the ice times that we have had in the past. As part of that we have agreed to have all of our skaters contribute \$20 to the Hornets nest fund which primarily benefits the EHA.

The City proposal being considered represents a huge downside for BCLFSC and very little upside for EHA. It would eliminate Team Braemar as a major, international competitor and severely damage the chances of individuals who dream of becoming State, National, and even Olympic Champions. Remember, we are talking about Braemar Arena not Braemar Hockey Arena.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize the importance of preserving and maintaining a skating community within Edina that includes BCLFSC as a Legacy Club. I trust you will ensure that the proud tradition of BCLFSC will be perpetuated for generations to come. Your service, as well as your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Paul Molitor

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From: Emma Swenson <emma.j.swenson@gmail.com>
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Subject: Figure Skating Ice Time

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Dear Mayor James Hovland,

My name is Emma Swenson and I am a member of the Braemar City of Lake Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC). I have been skating at Braemar since I was three years old. Figure skating is my passion and my favorite sport. It is competitive, active, physically challenging, and most of all, fun.

People may say that figure skaters should join hockey and they are almost the same sport. But they are very different. Figure skating is a graceful sport and hockey is physical. I have never like being in physical sports. I play soccer for my school and used to play for Edina, but I have never liked running into people. I just don't like hurting people. It makes me feel guilty. I don't know why, but that's how I am.

The Edina Hockey Association wants to reduce our ice hours to about 10 hours a week. With 130 skaters, and only a maximum of 22 people on the ice at a time, each skater would only get to skate about 1 hour and 35 minutes of skating time a week. But a figure skater needs 2-3 hours a week to maintain their skills, and 3-4 hours or more a week to gain new skills.

I feel like figure skating is in my blood. Both of my older sisters skate and they loved it as much as I do. My oldest sister skated at Braemar for 12 years and my other sister skated there for 14 years. I am only 13 years old and I have already skated there for 10 years and I really hope I can skate there for many more years to come.

Please support the Braemar figure skaters and allow us to keep our ice hours.

Sincerely,

Emma Swenson

Deb Mangen

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Subject: Braemar Ice Issues - Please consider both of our teams as important parts of our communities.

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July 30, 2013

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Dear Mr. Hovland, Ms. Bennett, Ms. Brindle, Mr. Sprague, Ms. Swenson, Mr. Neal, Ms. Kattreh

We are sending this email to you for your consideration. As city residents for the past 10 years and avid skating/hockey parents for the past 8, we are disheartened by what we see happening at Braemar as reported in the Star Tribune this week. It would be so sad to lose our skating club which is steeped in history and is a unique part of our great city.

As both hockey and figure skating parents, we understand the struggle for ice time. However, in this case the answer is crystal clear. The City and Arena made a 20 year good faith deal with the club, known as BCLFSC, and one year later decided it "doesn't work"? Perhaps instead of state of the art locker rooms, an additional sheet of ice should have been created.?

Edina has two great sports who call Braemar Arena home. Reducing the ice time for the figure skater club will likely devastate the club's viability. Miller's suggestion of finding ice time elsewhere is impossible (as she well knows) as other arenas are prevented in selling ice to a competing club. BCLFSC has honored all of its commitments including financially supporting the new Hornet's Nest locker rooms. In the past 8 years, BCLFSC has contributed \$2.88M of revenue to the city and Arena. The Annual Ice Show is a city staple and offers skaters of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate. The current proposal that I am aware of will remove all weekend ice and the 6pm – 7pm slot. It is a drastic reduction and out of proportion in terms of the sacrifice it will take from the skating club. BCLFSC is a year round contributor, participating 51/52 weeks per year only yielding the ice to hockey tournaments over Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have always been a good partner to the Arena and city and now need that spirit of partnership and fair play returned to them.

In Minneapolis, Edina might be known for hockey, but outside of the city, state and country, Braemar is known for figure skating. Synchronized Figure Skating is slated as a Olympic Demonstration sport in the next winter Olympics. For the past several years our team has been internationally recognized as a US leader and even been awarded Team USA for the past several years. In 2016, Braemar will host the Midwestern sectionals for Synchronized Figure Skating. It will be a shame to hold such a prestigious event if we do not have any skaters to participate.

BCLFSC is an important part of the community, and its viability should not be at the mercy or whim of a competing sport president, or arena manager. Now is the time for the City and the Arena to live up to and honor its commitments to BCLFSC and not reduce the ice time or priority access. Thank you for your consideration.

With Kind Regards,

Sue & Richard Johnston

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To:

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The Honorable Ann Swenson

Mr. Scott Neal, Edina City Manager

Ms. Ann Kattreh, Edina Parks and Recreation Director

I am writing to request your support in maintaining the viability of the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club via (a) upholding ethical, fair business practices (honoring the BCLFSC/Braemar Ice Arena Agreement), and (b) valuing and encouraging diversity of sports organizations.

I understand the Edina Hockey Association needs more ice time. That is a significant issue. I do not, however, believe it is a fair, reasonable and/or ethical solution to go after BCLFSC for that ice time. I strongly encourage the City to pursue other options/solutions that do not negate the Agreement, and rather, provide a long-term solution that will meet the needs of both organizations.

The BCLFSC has become a "destination" figure skating club for skaters across the Twin Cities, including my daughter. We are not Edina residents, which I know is part of the controversy. However, we drive approx. 40 miles to train here because of the excellent culture, and quality of the coaches and skaters. Why should Edina residents care about that? Here is why: Attracting and retaining elite skaters outside of Edina contributes to BCLFSC's ability to offer an exceptional program to Edina residents...which is a great benefit to the community. In addition, those coming here are supporting Edina businesses through purchasing meals, gas, etc.

I think the reaction of a "neutral" person who read the recent Star Tribune article sums things up nicely, and is the reaction of many people: "This whole thing is hard to believe. The problem with negotiating a settlement is that the attacking party will gain and the defending party will give up some concessions. When in reality the defending party (in this case the figure skaters) should not give up anything they already have."

I am asking each of you to carefully consider the facts of this situation, and when the day is done...do the "right thing" --- upholding fair and ethical business practices, and supporting/valuing diversity of sports organizations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Regards,

Lynn Branch

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Deb Mangen

From: Loleen Lindeman <lklindeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 10:47 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinareality.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Subject: In Support of Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

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Dear Members of the Edina City Council:

I am writing to respectfully ask that you please allow the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club to continue their use of the Braemar Arenas. I do not live in Edina; in fact, I live in Albert Lea, Minnesota. My granddaughter and grandson use the Braemar Arena, our granddaughter in the figure skating club and our grandson in hockey. Our grandchildren do not reside in Edina but live only 2 blocks from the Edina city border. They and their family, as well as my husband and I, shop in Edina and frequent many of the restaurants there. It is a beautiful city and one you can be very proud of. I point out these things so that you may consider the revenue folks bring to your city, even though they do not reside there. Many of our trips to your city are to watch our grandchildren skat at Braemar Arena, whether it be hockey or figure skating.

I would ask that, if any one of you has not seen the Braemar girls synchronized figure skating team, you do so either by letting them do a special performance for you or watch a tape of them performing. **They are awesome**, and their performances bring tears of pride to my eyes when I watch them even though I do not know them personally. I know that our granddaughter probably hopes to be a member of this group someday. She is a beautiful, young, 8 year old skater; and we love watching our grandson get suited up for hockey as well (he is 4 years old).

I understand that Edina has a long history of excellent championship hockey teams; but please consider the excellent figure skating champions Braemar and it's coaches have produced, as well as this internationally acclaimed synchronized figure skating team. It will be a true loss to your city if they are forced to go elsewhere and represent someone else.

Mrs. Loleen K. Lindeman
Proud figure skating and hockey grandmother
Albert Lea, MN

Deb Mangen

From: Safety In the Park <safetyinthepark@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 9:13 AM
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Subject: Reality-This is what St. Louis Park looks like if the re-route become reality
Attachments: Demolition Plan Final.pdf; Enlarged Perspective Final.pdf; Overall Perspective Final.pdf
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MEDIA RELEASE The latest from Safety in the Park, professionally rendered images of the freight rail re-route.

Much has been written and covered about concerns in Minneapolis over the appearance of light rail trains and about the potential to mar the beauty of the Kenilworth corridor (a former railroad yard). But what about St. Louis Park? **Here are images-professionally rendered to scale, material, and elevation specifications (provided by the Met Council)** that shows the reality of what St. Louis Park will look like with a new freight rail line running through it's middle.

Your audience should see these images. Any community in the metro area should see these- if this is what the Met Council has the power to do in St. Louis Park, what could happen in any other city? Especially since the Met Council is completely hypocritical in this regard-they say that their criteria for choosing a freight rail route is cost, opposition, taking of homes/businesses, and above ground structures. What you see here ranks about as poorly as possible on all criteria-an ugly above ground structure that takes 42 homes and businesses (a portion of which are shown in this illustration) more than nearly all colocation options, cost six times more than the least expensive colocation option does (\$200M plus), and is opposed by every elected official representing St. Louis Park. Yet, the re-route remains an option while some colocation options are being removed from consideration.

Digging deeper, consider the accuracy of Safety in the Park as we, once again, print the truth about the freight rail re-route. One more step in three years of bringing the facts to light:

- Safety in the Park showed the original re-route was unsafe. CONFIRMED by the TC&W railroad two years later.
- Safety in the Park showed that LRT and the re-route should be connected. CONFIRMED by the FTA one year later.
- Safety in the Park showed that the re-route would cost at least \$175 million. CONFIRMED by the Met Council three years later.
- Safety in the Park showed that colocation can fit in the Kenilworth corridor. CONFIRMED by the Met Council three years later.

This is what St. Louis Park will look like in 3 years if the re-route becomes reality. More images coming later this week. For more information write us at safetyinthepark@gmail.com. Or call 612-991-1599: Thom Miller or 952-929-4443: Jami LaPray, Co-Chairs Safety in the Park.



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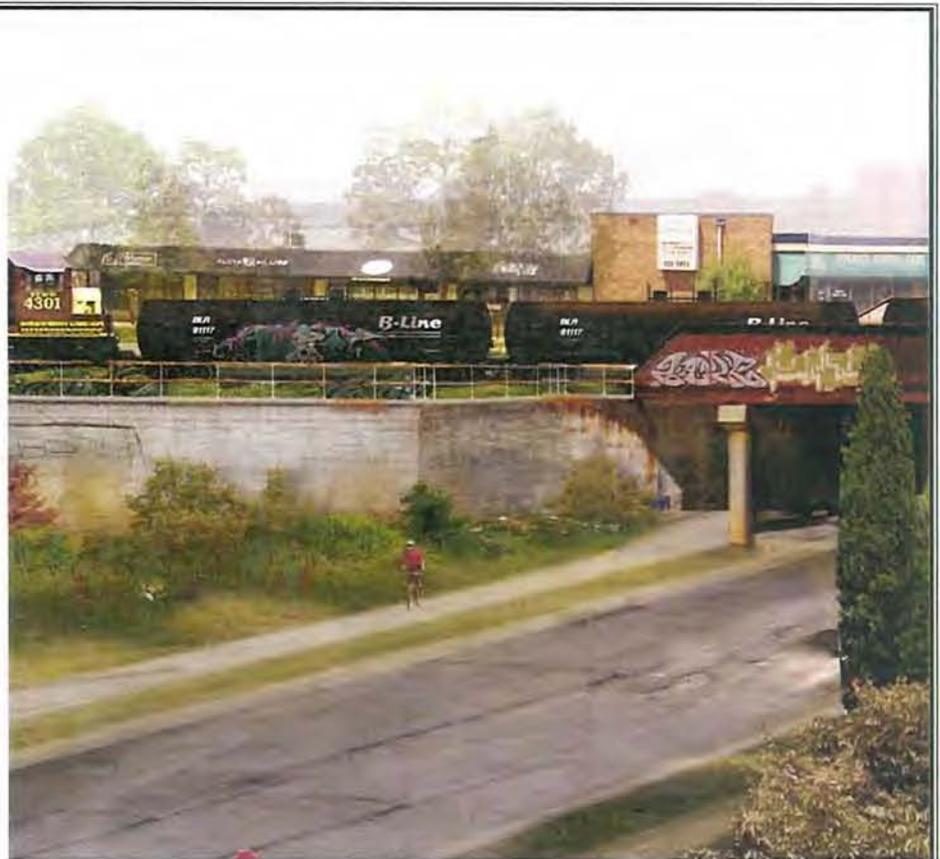
Proposed Structures and Roads to be Removed



Near W. Lake Street and Wooddale Avenue



July 29th, 2013



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Perspective of Proposed Rail Line - Enlarged Areas

Hamilton Street looking NW



July 29th, 2013

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Deb Mangen

From: Talghader Vivien <vtalghader@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 10:55 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Cc: ice@braemarfsc.org; jtalghader@yahoo.com
Subject: BCLFSC

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Dear Edina City Council -

We live in the city of Edina and have four children, two who have participated in the EHA and two who have participated in BCLFSC. Having children in each of the two organizations, we feel uniquely qualified to weigh in on the matter of ice time at Braemar.

While it would be nice to have more ice time at Braemar for our hockey player, we do not believe that the amount of time that is being taken away from BCLFSC and given to EHA would result in such a great difference in his enjoyment of hockey that it warrants crippling the operation of BCLFSC and much of the opportunity to figure skate for our daughter. She is a current BCLFSC member and loves figure skating, but she is a casual skater - not one who is striving for great achievement in the sport (much like our son in hockey). Our family could not justify contracting for 5am or 6am skating times during the school year when her performance in school is so important. Effectively a change that eliminated all BCLFSC skating times after school and on weekends would mean in practice that she would not longer be able to skate. With hockey, while we often groan at early ice times, at least they are on the weekends where participation does not interfere with our son's school schedule. With the hours currently being proposed for BCLFSC operation, we suspect semi-casual skaters like our daughter will either reduce hours or stop skating altogether. Furthermore, we suspect more accidents will occur as the few remaining useful skate times (e.g. 4-5pm after school) fill to maximum capacity.

We value Edina. There is essentially something for everyone in this city. We are concerned that by going down an unsustainable path for BCLFSC, the figure skating for which Edina is known will disappear, and Braemar will revert to being solely a hockey arena with still insufficient ice time for EHA. We urge the city to find a solution that will prevent this from happening.

Regards.
Vivien and Joseph Talghader
7504 Hyde Park Dr.
Edina, MN 55439

Deb Mangen

From: Safety In the Park <safetyinthepark@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 9:44 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Freight Rail Re-route affects Edina in a major way

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Hello Mayor Hovland and all,

We appreciate your support for St. Louis Park with regard to our struggle over the freight rail re-route as evidenced by your quote in the Star Tribune article this weekend.

You may be familiar with us, we are a neighborhood advocacy group in St. Louis Park-Safety in the Park. We have been working diligently on this issue for over three years now.

While the re-route would be disastrous to St. Louis Park, we want to point out an important feature of either route choice that the people of Edina may not be aware of at this time. According to the Met Council, regardless of route choice, a southerly ramp is planned from the east-west Bass Lake Spur to the North-South MN&S. This ramp brings all kinds of potential issues to St. Louis Park but probably more so to Edina, Bloomington and other southern suburbs. (for reference, diagrams of the ramp are available on the SWLRT website-www.swlrt.org).

The reason this ramp should concern Edina is that it will make train traffic traveling south infinitely easier and potentially very frequent. You may remember that this ramp was originally designed about two years ago, but was immediately removed from the plan within two weeks of its appearance. We assumed that was the result of pressure from Edina. But now the ramp has reappeared.

At this point, it is very difficult for significant train traffic to travel south to Edina because the MN&S is relatively isolated. There is no connection to the East/West BNSF mainline (on the north side of SLP) and a very cumbersome connection from the East/West Bass Lake Spur (on the south side of SLP) called the Switching Wye. Therefore, the only trains traveling on the MN&S are the very infrequent, short trains from the Humboldt area in Minneapolis. The Switching Wye is rarely used by the railroad because it takes hours to break up a train and put it back together again to go south. However, once this ramp is built, it will be very easy for trains to travel south with virtually no stoppage or slow down.

We would like to share more with you about this potential hazard to Edina including potential motivations for it's design and the railroad's potential usage. We're happy to meet at any time and I'm sure SLP Council Member Sanger would join us if you like.

Thank you.

Thom Miller, Jami LaPray, Co-Chairs-Safety in the Park

Deb Mangen

From: vblanton@bluebottle.com
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 9:41 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Subject: In Support of BCLFSC

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Dear Members of the Edina City Council,

I respectfully ask that you please continue to allow the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) to co-exist just as they do today with the Edina Hockey Association (EHA) at Braemar Arena.

I have an 8-year old daughter who has been laced into skates since she was 3-years old. She is so proud to represent Braemar and your city as a full club skater, competing now at the Beginner and Limited Beginner Compulsory levels. Last evening, when I told her there was a real possibility that the club and her experience would cease to exist as it does today she cried.

BCLFSC is a local treasure. The skaters are gifted, the parents are committed and the coaches are top shelf. My daughter has made some of her best friends there, crammed into the little locker room with a random assortment of girls from all areas and of all ages who call Braemar their home and who share dreams of the National titles. Each of them identified and selected because they had exhibited the right kind of attitude, character and raw potential to succeed in the sport.

I personally believe BCLFSC adds so much to the overall culture of the facility itself it cannot simply be quantified in numbers and boiled down to headcounts and zip codes. Each time I set foot in the environment after a hard day's work, it warms my heart to see the figure skaters comingling with the hockey community and I'm so stunned (it bears repeating, so stunned) that EHA has such disdain for BCLFSC that it would force a move likely to dismantle the organization.

Please allow BCLFSC to remain in their home; Braemar.

Respectfully,

Valerie Blanton, BCLFSC Parent

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Deb Mangen

From: Lyle Larson <lylelarson@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 8:32 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Subject: Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club
Attachments: TCFSA Braemar.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,



Twin City Figure Skating Association

July 29, 2013

Dear Honorable Mayor Hovland and City Council Members:

Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club (BCLFSC) was one of the three founding clubs of the Twin City Figure Skating Association. (TCFSA) John Klindworth, a Braemar City of Lakes member and a longtime Edina resident was one of the founders of TCFSA.

TCFSA was founded in 1973 as an organization capable of bringing in major figure skating events to the Twin Cities.

Since 1973 TCFSA has hosted United States Figure Skating National championship (4) four times, (2) two International Skating Competitions, (1) one Collegiate Competition, (2) two World Championships and many USFS sectional competitions.

Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club was part of the vision and forward thinking to form TCFSA and attests to their striving to be a successful and highly respected club in the Twin Cities area, the State of Minnesota and Nationally with the United States Figure Skating Association.

The fact that BCLFSC has been able to offer a consistent schedule of ice has enabled their coaches to develop skaters and programs that have made this club what it is today. Over the years Braemar has produced over 200 USFS Gold Medalists, World Class Synchronized Skating Teams, National Competitors, plus Tots and Toddlers that have gone on to achieve many successes in figure skating and hockey.

Braemar was also part of a citywide precision/synchronized skating team that performed during the opening ceremonies of the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, NY.

The precedent set by the City of Edina could potentially start a domino effect for the other twenty clubs governed by TCFSA and USFS, which could be detrimental to the future of figure skating in the Twin City area.

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Braemar-City-of-Lakes
Figure Skating Club
Burnsville-Minnesota Valley
Figure Skating Club
Chaska
Figure Skating Club
Eagan Ice Crystal
Figure Skating Club
Eden Prairie
Figure Skating Club
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New Prague
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Rochester
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Ice Dance Club
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Maplewood
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TCFSA is proud to have Braemar in our organization. BCLFSC has set a high standard of professionalism and excellence in the figure skating community.

Sincerely,

Marlys J. Larson - President

Deb Mangen

From: Carrie and Tim Corsaro <carrie_tim@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 7:45 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please save the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club

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Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am writing on behalf of both my 10 year old daughter, and our family, when I ask that you support the Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club in your upcoming decision for use of the Braemar Arena, and vote to allow them some week night and weekend hours.

To only allow the figure skating club access to the arena from 5am-5pm on weekdays (no evenings or weekends) as is being proposed by EHA, would prevent many kids the opportunity to figure skate. With school during the day and the work schedule of many parents (I'm a working mother), you are basically taking this opportunity away from many kids who want to pursue this sport. It saddens me that more ice time would be given to the EHA, when the hours they would be given would only be a small portion of what they need, and at the same time render the BCLFSC homeless. I say homeless because a figure skating club can not attract and retain quality coaches or a strong club membership without a home rink that supports it. My daughter does not want to skate for the Bloomington, Eden Prairie or Minnetonka clubs, just to name a few... she wants to skate for Braemar of Edina!

Our daughter started skating in the Saturday Basic Skills skating classes a few years ago after seeing the BCLFSC's annual spring show.

She has thoroughly enjoyed progressing from the Saturday classes (taught by the figure skating coaches) to the Wednesday night Jump and Spin class, and is now a member of the BCLFSC's junior club. She loves telling people that she is a member of this Edina club and its association with Braemar arena! We live in Edina and are proud of the sport diversity our city has to offer. We are proud that our daughter has the opportunity to pursue this individual sport and to build her confidence as she takes the rink solo to compete and in a group at the ice shows!

It saddens me to have to tell my 10 year old that her sport is not valued in this community and that she may need to find a new place to skate. Please think about who is being hurt by this decision. It is the kids.

Sincerely,

Carrie Corsaro, Sophie Corsaro (BCLFSC member) and Family

Deb Mangen

From: MICHAEL SMALLEY <smalleymk@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 4:46 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Ann Kattreh
Subject: Ice Issues at Braemar Arena

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is impossible for me to ignore any longer the continuing issues surrounding the usage and purchasing of ice by the Edina Hockey Association and the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club.

I am a parent of two high-test figure skaters who are active members of the United States Figure Skating Association; past board member at the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club, and am currently serving as Co-Test Chairperson for the Figure Skating Club. I am also a parent of a swimmer who is a member of the Edina Swim Club. All three of my children reside in and attend public schools in Edina.

Presently, there are two significant issues that concern me. One, that the assumption is made that the situation between Aquajets and Edina Swim Club is the same situation as EHA and BCLFSC. Two identical swim clubs with equal talents wanting priority access to the same space during the same period. That is not the case with EHA and BCLFSC. Hockey and figure skating are two very different activities with two very different needs. Figure skating is a year-round activity; hockey is a seasonal activity.

Secondly, the comparison of these differing activities seems more similar to the situation proposed for Edinborough Park when a consultant determined that a more economic use of space would be to eliminate the swimming pool and expand the play area for children, a proposal that was challenged by the City's senior citizens who use the pool. Fortunately, the City recognized a need to accommodate differing community interests.

The City of Edina is home to two successful skating programs. I read of the continued State-wide success of the Edina Hockey Association; I know of the State, National and International reputation of success of the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club skaters. Variety is key to a successful, vibrant community that serves its populace well. My hope is that the members of the Edina City Council will continue to allow both programs to flourish by honoring the agreement made by the City's Representative with the BCLFSC to provide continuity of current ice allocations for 20 years in exchange for BCLFSC's financial commitment to contribute to the construction of the new hockey training facility.

It saddens me to know that my City's Leadership would even consider an action that would be the elimination of an internationally recognized figure skating organization that has been a part of the City of Edina for close to five decades.

Sincerely,

Kendra Smalley

Deb Mangen

From: Jean Wallace <bathalum@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 6:30 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Information for City Council Members

I live at Cornelia Place and was very interested in the broadcast of the Planning Commission's meeting regarding the proposed building at France and 65th St. The concerns of the potential traffic problems were centered on France Avenue. I can tell you that there are many problems now on 65th Street for any resident here. There is heavy traffic from the hospital garage, the garage of Twin Cities Orthopedic and the cars coming to and from the freeway. In addition, there are more than one hundred cars on this property. It will be the survival of the fittest if the proposed building and garage are added. The two small buildings which were demolished had few cars and little movement as I often observed.

Best wishes for your meeting and thank you. Jean Wallace