

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: August 19, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Heather Branigin

From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Mark K. Nolan
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Chad Millner
Subject: Living Streets Plan

Mr. Nolan,

The Living Streets page on the City of Edina website includes the following statement:

"The Living Streets Plan will address how the Policy will be implemented by providing more detailed information on street design, traffic calming, bike facilities, landscaping and lighting, as well as best practices for community engagement during the design process."

The Living Streets Plan has not been completed, it has not been presented to the community in it's entirety, nor has City Council formally considered the plan. However, the Arden Park D Neighborhood Reconstruction Project has been designed using criteria and specifications from the proposed plan.

Please describe the specific best practices for community engagement utilized during the design process for this "test" project.

Thank you,
Troy Paulson
5116 Juanita Ave

Heather Branigin

From: Mark K. Nolan
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 3:23 PM
To: 'tpaulson@1992ventures.com'
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Chad Millner
Subject: RE: Living Streets Plan

Mr. Paulson,

The Living Streets Plan is a citywide plan that stems from the Living Streets Policy, passed unanimously by City Council in August of last year. Both streets and sidewalks are considered part of a citywide transportation network, and all Edina residents and land owners by definition benefit from them. Just as our infrastructure projects must take into account and balance the impacts both at the street, neighborhood and Citywide (and at times regional) levels, opinions and concerns of your neighbors will be considered, as well as those that are impacted by and benefit from our "Living Streets" as a whole.

We understand that impacts vary and are more immediate for those residents whose streets are being reconstructed, and be assured that staff and City officials do indeed listen to these concerns.

Thank you,

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

From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com [<mailto:tpaulson@1992ventures.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 1:44 PM
To: Mark K. Nolan
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Chad Millner
Subject: Living Streets Plan

Mr. Nolan,

I write today in regards to the proposed Living Streets Plan for the City of Edina.

In an April 1, 2014 Report to City Council you concluded that Living Streets will require being "broadly supported by the local neighborhood" and the trajectory of the change from existing streets will depend on "the resulting acceptance of the local neighborhoods."

On July 31, 2014, the Edina Engineering Department held an Open House to unveil the initial designs of your Living Streets Plan for the Arden Park D Neighborhood. As Engineering Director Millner can confirm, there were more than 100 residents in attendance and, not only was there no broad support or acceptance, the opposition to your plan was nearly unanimous!

Please tell me how the lack of neighborhood support and lack of neighborhood acceptance will affect the content of the proposed Living Streets Plan.

Thank you,
Troy Paulson
5116 Juanita Ave

Heather Branigin

From: dan holland <danyholland@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 3:54 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Subject: Air traffic noise

Edina City Council:

I am writing to express my sincere dismay regarding the increased air traffic noise that has been plaguing this section of Edina over the past few months. The problem has reached a point where the detriment to the community is now quite measurable, if not yet by the Remote Monitoring Towers, than by my own immediate cancellation of a six-figure investment in home up-grades that we will now very likely not be making in our Edina home. I have attended meetings at City Hall and elsewhere that aim to confront this problem, but the nature of those meetings tends to always be the same: a deflection of the current seriousness of the problem with calls by elected officials for more objective data. Let me offer some objective data of my own: the cancellation of a significant investment in my home, which would have been a direct investment in this house, of course, but also an indirect investment in the entire neighborhood. We can wait for all of the objective RMT data we can imagine, but in the meantime be aware that decisions are already being made, Edina residents are already withdrawing what has historically been utmost care for their Edina homes, and Edina residents are already becoming less socially, emotionally, and politically invested in a community they no longer value to the extent they did previously. Such withdrawal of investment will have implications for all of us, to be sure.

While families may come and go from a community, the investment of time and, particularly, money they place in their homes remains anchored in that community. Such financial investment in individual homes results in a sustained upgrading of an entire neighborhood over time, year by year, decade by decade. I predict, however, that the air traffic noise issue will result in more residents responding the way we have: favoring investments other than their Edina homes out of fear for what is to only become worse. I am also aware of some residents who are eager to move out of the flight path and into communities elsewhere. Some of these residents intend to put their homes on the rental market rather than sell. Such a transition is precisely the kind of change that erodes the strength and cohesion of a community like this one. I have seen other homes, once immaculate, losing the care and concern that they once reflected. The extent to which this withdrawal of care is due to the increase in air traffic noise is unclear, but the correlation seems strong.

The point here is that the air traffic noise issue is already impacting the area, and waiting for more objective RMT data is a poor strategy. As someone with an extensive background in both science and clinical care, dismissiveness of objective data may seem like an unexpected position. But the fact is, regardless of what the objective data from the RMTs reveal, it is the perceptions of the residents that will determine their actions. Residents are reporting they perceive an increase in noise and a decrease in quality of life. As elected representatives, those subjective reports are not the only data you need, but they are the most important data you need. If RMT data is discrepant from residents' perceptions, will it change residents' behaviors, plans, perceived quality of life, political support? It will not. I know in my case my previously intended home upgrade is not now currently hinging on RMT data. It hinges on my subjective perceptions of my current neighborhood and what I know about the future regarding air traffic noise.

The question now is what can the Edina City Council do. What kind of factual information will actually enlighten this unpleasant situation? We know that planes will keep flying out of MSP and they need to fly over someone's neighborhood. There will be, without any question, winners and losers in this matter of air traffic patterns. Trying to soften that fact with opaque information or data collection on noise will not help at this point. What we need now is very detailed information about what neighborhoods will be the winners and what neighborhoods will be the losers as the flight paths are further implemented. What we need is a very clear indication of which neighborhoods, very, very specifically, will be under the proposed flight paths when the further changes occur (and I keep saying "further changes" because I and others are convinced that some shift in air traffic has already occurred). These neighborhoods projected to be under the majority of the air traffic may or may not be the same neighborhoods that are receiving the fly-over traffic now. That information needs to be clarified. This is the very specific information, clarifying who will receive the brunt of the noise based on the new flight paths, that has been skirted in all of the meetings and maps until now. It has been skirted because those who have the information are unwilling to tell those residents in the losing neighborhoods that they, indeed, lost on this one, that their homes are no longer as appealing as they once were. It is indeed a tough message. But at this point, with everyone well aware that some will win and some will lose, and with residents already perceiving themselves as having lost and withdrawing investment in their homes, it is time to get transparent with the information regarding the very specific flight paths that are proposed. Now that is information upon which decisions like mine do indeed hinge, and until I know otherwise, I will be making plans that do not involve further financial investment in an Edina home the future of which, based on the information I have, I can only deem uncertain.

Regards,

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Heather Branigin

From: Mike Osterholm <mto@umn.edu>
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Subject: RE: Manager Casale's Response

Dear Jeff,

Although I'm dealing with my stepdaughter's critical injuries following a boating accident on Saturday, I sit here tonight in the North Memorial Medical Center Intensive Care family room and feel compelled to respond to your below e-mail. I am deeply disturbed by the events surrounding this letter and your response to them as Interim Administrator. For those included on this e-mail it is important to understand that I was appointed to the District's Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) this spring not knowing Eric Everson-Marden or any of the Board of Managers. I was not aware of any personnel issues with the Board or the District's professional staff. I just signed on to support the CAC given my extensive experience in water resources, stream and lake shore restoration and the prevention and control of aquatic invasive species. I also brought with me 40 years of public service and some expertise in good governance and public policy. I had no axes to grind or personnel-related agenda.

With this background, I find that Jeff Casale's recent behavior while acting as a District Manager and his subsequent "letter of apology" appalling, unprofessional and grounds for taking whatever action is needed to have him immediately removed as a manager. Anything short of that action must be seen as a complete lack of fiduciary responsibility by the Hennepin and Carver County Commissioners. It is never right for any reason for an appointed public official to publicly act towards a citizen, staff professional or fellow appointed board member as Mr. Casale did at the Board of Manager meeting on July 17. While I did not arrive to meeting in time to witness the encounter, I have talked to multiple witnesses who concur in every detail with what happened. In addition during our July 22 CAC meeting those in the

audience who attended the July 17 meeting were to come forward if they witnessed events different than stated below; no one did.

At the July 17 meeting Mr. Casale interrupted a citizen (Mr. Jon Monson) during his two minute presentation to the Board and refused to stop his comments during the duration of Mr. Monson's allotted time. Mr. Monson requested additional time to complete the reading of his letter but was refused by the Chair. He then quickly and quietly left the meeting room. He was met in the hallway by Mr. Casale; he began shouting in Mr. Monson's face (inches away). He repeated 10 to 12 times, "you f**king liar, you f**king idiot." A District staff member had to physically escort Mr. Casale back into the meeting room. Mr. Monson said nothing inflammatory or raised his voice to Mr. Casale at any time in the Managers meeting or in the hall. Of note, at no time following this situation did the Board chair address Mr. Casale's behavior despite the fact it could be heard by those in the meeting.

At our July 22 CAC meeting a motion regarding the Mr. Casale's unprofessional behavior was passed unanimously with four abstentions. The motion read;

The CAC makes the finding that Mr. Casale's behavior at the July 17, 2014 Board of Managers meeting was inappropriate and adversely affects the ability of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to carry out its functions. Therefore, the CAC requests that Mr. Casale issue a written public apology to: Mr. Jon Monson, the public at large, staff, Board of Managers and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The public apology shall specifically state: 1) the exact behavior; 2) the behavior was inappropriate; 3) this is no excuse or justification for the behavior; and 4) the steps he will take to ensure that this does not happen again.

A letter dated July 31 was sent to Mr. Monson by Mr. Casale (attached with your below e-mail.) Based on Mr. Casale's reading of it at the Board of Managers meeting last Thursday, I assume this is the apology letter that was requested. This letter does not address the four points detailed in our July 22 motion and is nothing more than a defense of his position on the termination of Mr. Evenson-Marden and how that somehow explains his unprofessional behavior. It is not an apology that acknowledges total and unequivocal responsibility for his behavior. Also, his letter is not factual with regard to what happened in the hallway on the night of July 17; it serves to only blame the "victim" despite the fact that Mr. Monson never demonstrated any unprofessional or aggressive behavior to anyone that evening.

Mr. Casale had his opportunity to take responsibility for his highly unprofessional behavior; he did not. I can only conclude he does not have the capability to understand basic professional and personal boundaries necessary to serve as Board Manager. He should be discharged from this position as soon as possible. Failure by the County Commissioners to do so will indicate they either believe his behavior is acceptable or it does not reach a threshold for such a dismissal. In either case, I request the County Commissioners share with the CAC what does constitute grievous behavior that warrants dismissal.

Finally, Jeff, I'm very concerned that you have previously misrepresented the interaction between Mr. Casale and Mr. Monson at our July 22 CAC meeting and in your e-mail below suggest you believe Mr. Casale's letter meets the specific points addressed in our CAC motion (detailed above) and/or is an acceptable apology given the points I raised above. In our July 22 CAC meeting you recommended our group not proceed with our resolution because Mr. Casale was not there to defend himself (despite multiple witnesses to exactly what happened.) You also categorized the interaction between Mr. Casale and Mr. Monson as a "shouting match." Mr. Monson clarified that he never raised his voice to Mr. Casale and said nothing inflammatory or unprofessional. Again witnesses to the event supported Mr. Monson's conclusion. Somehow your ongoing messaging seems to support that Mr. Casale's professional behavior was warranted (or least provoked and thus warranted) and that he has taken full responsibility for his actions by his attached letter. Both of these positions are very concerning to me as in your role as Interim Administrator, you must model the highest professional standards that we expect from all the District's staff, managers and other volunteers. The points noted above speak against that. I hope that I am wrong and you will work with the County Commissioners to have Mr. Casale removed from his position as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Mike

From: jeff Spartz [mailto:jspartz@minnehahacreek.org]

Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 12:22 PM

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Subject: Manager Casale's Response

I understand you were sent an email or contact from Mr. Jon Monson who raised concerns about the July 17, 2014 meeting of the MCWD Board of Managers and an exchange between he and MCWD manager Jeff Casale. Upon personal reflection, Manager Casale issued an apology to Mr. Monson and read the attached letter into the record at the MCWD meeting this past Thursday evening.

While the controversy related to the former Administrator was emotional on both sides, district staff continues to do a great job of serving the public and the Board is moving ahead with the process to recruit and hire a new Administrator. During my brief time as Interim Administrator, I have come to really appreciate the role and important work of the MCWD. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spartz

Heather Branigin

From: Mary Sando <SSANDO1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank You

Dear Jim,

Thank you for time and effort you put forth for the citizens of Edina.

In regards to the 2015 roadway reconstruction and proposed sidewalks on Juanita & Indianola could you please walk with us on these two streets so you can evaluate the necessity of this project and how it will affect the character & integrity of our neighborhood.

Our schedule is flexible.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Respectively, Steve & Mary Sando
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Heather Branigin

From: mark epple <markepple@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Jeff Buffie
Cc: Chad Millner; stimmer@planetlawyers.com; Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal
Subject: 54th Street Reconstruction- Stake Location

* Please forward this email to Mayor Hovland and the City Council members

Mr. Buffie-

I have noticed a stake driven into the asphalt curb at the NW corner of 54th and Kellogg Ave (my property) which is supposedly showing where the back of the future sidewalk will be. I have measured the distance of said stake to the face of the utility pole from across the street and it appears that it is encroaching further on my property than what was approved at the December 10, 2013 City Council meeting. The approved street design was 33' (two 11' lanes with 2' buffer, two 6" curb, one 12" concrete blvd., and 5' sidewalk) plus 1'-6" clearance from face of utility pole to backside of curb (or 2' to street face of curb). Based on my own measurements, I am coming up with approximately a 38'-6" distance from utility pole to stake, meaning that the stake location is about 4' closer to my home. Please explain this discrepancy.

I have included City Council members on this email because so much time was spent coming to an agreement on exact dimensions. 4' is a huge amount of space to be "off" and this is exactly what residents were afraid of when it came time to do the work.

Mark Epple 5336 Kellogg Avenue Edina, MN 55424-1305 952.929.7344

Heather Branigin

From: Aadalen, Kirk J. (MD) <Kirk.Aadalen@tria.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:59 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Aadalen, Amy W
Subject: Quick Question about building project

Hi Mayor Hovland,

My name is Kirk Aadalen and you may remember us talking a long time ago about the new construction house project in the Sunnyslope neighborhood across the street from city Hall. Well, we have been working hard and are close to completing the project! I was wondering if I could talk to you about some issues that have just come up regarding the city oversight and regulations. We have tried to be extremely aware of the neighborhood residents and have really tried to be as considerate as possible, but it seems like in the last two weeks our project has caught the attention of the city officials. If you could give me a call at your convenience it would be easier to discuss verbally. I may be wrong, but I am not aware of any complaints from the neighbors and we are scheduled to complete the project the first week in less than 4 weeks.

Sincerely,

Kirk Aadalen

(cell: 612-209-2132)

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Heather Branigin

From: Adam Dynes <noreply@qemailserver.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:01 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Final invitation to participate in Yale survey of local officials

Dear Mayor James Hovland,

This is the final email reminder I am sending out about a 15-minute survey of municipal officials that I am conducting as a Ph.D. student in political science at Yale University. The purpose of the survey is to learn more about municipal officials, the decisions they make, and local politics and policy.

If you would be kind enough to take this confidential survey, please click the link below:

Take the Survey

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

http://yaleas.qualtrics.com/WRQualtricsSurveyEngine/?Q_SS=cAy3vIjlnUFVkwT_cv71UTpFmz3LPsV&_ =1

Too often, political scientists overlook local officials or only focus on those from the largest cities. Your participation will help bridge this gap in academic research.

If you have started the survey and not yet completed it, the link will take you to where you left off. I hope you'll consider finishing the survey. In particular, your feedback at the end of the survey would be very helpful for any future work I might do on these topics and on local politics in general. If you no longer hold an office in your municipality, your participation in the survey would still be very helpful.

Results from the survey of city officials we conducted two years ago (as well as more details about this survey) can be accessed at www.municipalsurvey.common.yale.edu.

All of your responses and your decision to participate in this study will be confidential so that only the researchers and those responsible for research oversight will have access to the individual data. Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are free to decline to participate, to end participation at any time, or to refuse to answer any individual question without penalty.

If you have further questions, simply reply to this email or contact me at adam.dynes@yale.edu or (203) 432-5729.

If you would like to talk with someone else about any dimension of the research you may contact the Yale University Human Subjects Committee, P.O. Box 208010, New Haven, CT 06520-8010, 203-785-4688, human.subjects@yale.edu. Additional information is available at www.yale.edu/hrpp/participants/index.html

Clicking on the link to the survey represents your agreement to participate in this research study. Link to survey: [Take the Survey](#)

Thank you for considering this request and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

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Jim Hovland, Mayor,
Edina City Hall
Edina MN

Dear Sir,

Regarding the proposed site of West 66, a home for homeless youth, I encourage you and all the City Council members to pass favorably on the project.

As a member of **Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis** I recognize the need to help others and to lift up those who need extra support. It seems that beginning with youth is the place to start. **Plymouth and Beacon Housing** have many success stories to document the value of sharing time, talent and money of serving those less fortunate. It is the duty of faith-based organizations! After all we will rely on our youth to create a better world in which we all live. Let's be part of making that happen. Consider helping others - it might even be one of your own children in need. Be smart...Let it begin right here in Edina!!

Please open your hearts,


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8-5-14

Heather Branigin

From: Pat Downey <psdowney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 2:16 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Mayor Hovland

As I think you agree, Edina needs more affordable housing for families and young people. 66 West provides the opportunity to help youth in dire need of housing. The project will allow these young people to get back on their feet, get an education and eventually fill job openings in our community.

I hope you will support the project. Keep up the good work!

Best regards,

Pat

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Heather Branigin

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Cc: Chad Millner; tmuse@sehinc.com
Subject: Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction -- Juanita & Indianola Avenues

Dear Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members:

The vast majority of us would like to keep the streets (Juanita and Indianola) as they are. Adding the proposed 6 feet of concrete, which the engineers have apparently determined is the best way to squeeze sidewalks onto our streets would be detrimental to our properties.

If the proposed sidewalks abut the street, in the winter plows will push snow from the streets onto the concrete we are supposed to shovel. This will be compacted like the snow deposited by plows at the end of our driveways now. We all know that snow/ice combination is almost impossible to chop/shovel. And where, other than back into the streets, would we put that snow which contains salt and sand?

Currently our neighborhood is charming. All of us bought our homes because of this and the fact that it is safe. I have lived on Juanita Avenue since 1977. Traffic is no heavier now than when my children were running to their friends' homes in the neighborhood. I walk in the street to the park or 50th Street most days and rarely encounter a car. New people are eager to buy our homes and invest in lovely, new houses. It appears they like what we currently have. The proposed sidewalks and narrower streets will detract from the appearance of our neighborhood and more than likely hurt the value of our homes.

The most attractive and safest choice for our streets is to keep the current width streets, which allows for the light motor vehicle traffic we have as well as pedestrians and bikers. A narrowed street would be much less safe as we with single car drives park along the curbs, bikers ride down the street and cars back out of drives. Backing out of a single car drive (no "swing room") with a car parked directly behind, is not easy or particularly safe.

We already have a safe, walkable neighborhood. We've walked it for years without any issues. Walks on Arden, Halifax and 52nd will provide options for those choosing to use sidewalks. This is analogous to having one handicap accessible door in a building with multiple doors; not every door must be handicap accessible.

The Comprehensive Plan mentions protecting and preserving the essential character of existing residential neighborhoods and recognizes that neighborhoods differ. Listening to citizen-taxpayers and being open to changing plans is not a sign of irresponsible government.

Yours very truly,

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Nancy Tarbox

Heather Branigin

From: mr.chestnut@gmail.com on behalf of Scott Chestnut <SChestnut@icebluemedi.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 7:14 AM
To: Edina Mail; James Hovland
Subject: Public Works Street Division

With the gas line work they are going to replace a slab of the sidewalk today in front of my house at 6128 Xerxes. I would like to point out that it would be a good time to relocate the traffic sign in my yard. If you would move it to the sidewalk near the road this would not only match the Minneapolis side of the street but it would also make it more visible to traffic. Currently the sign is not in anyone's sight line until they are right on top of it, and when I plant more trees this will divert the sight line even more.

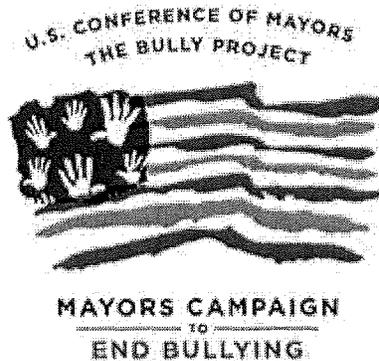
So I would again like to suggest that you move the traffic sign that is in my front yard to the sidewalk as this will be better served for all.

I would also like to suggest that you put a phone number on the website that offers voice mail and that you update the hours to 8 am and not 7 am if those are the correct hours, or have someone answer the phone at 7 am.

Thanks
S. Chestnut

Heather Branigin

From: Ida Mukendi <imukendi@usmayors.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:17 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: ATTENTION: Mayors' Campaign to End Bullying
Attachments: Mayors Campaign to End Bullying - Mayor Parker (2) (2).pdf
Importance: High



August 6, 2014

Dear Mayor,

Bullying impacts far too many of our nation's youth – about 1 in 4 children in the United States are bullied on a regular basis; with some tragically driven as far as suicide. Approximately 30 percent of students in America are involved in bullying, either as a victim, bully or both. The U.S. Conference of Mayors and the BULLY Project have partnered to raise awareness about this vital issue and formed the Mayors Campaign to End Bullying. Through the Campaign, mayors can help foster a school climate in their city that ensures every student is provided with a safe school environment, and I am honored to lead this effort as Chair of the Campaign.

As community leaders, mayors have an opportunity to be the voice for their city and speak up against the bullying epidemic that is rampant in our nation's schools and communities. During National Bullying Prevention month this October, you have the opportunity to make real change happen by gathering together city and school leaders, students, parents and other adults in the community and have a real conversation on bully prevention. It is necessary for mayors to be at the forefront of this issue, and the responsibility of building a safe school environment falls on our shoulders.

There are over 180 mayors registered for the Campaign in 39 states, with more signing up each week. Together we can lead the nation in a local and national civic call to action to end bullying and make schools a safe place for our children to learn. I strongly urge you to join us by signing up for the Campaign through the Conference of Mayors website <http://usmayors.org/bullyproject/>.

Sincerely,



Annise Parker
Mayor of Houston
Chair, Mayors Campaign to End Bullying



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Mayor of Houston
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Heather Branigin

From: Al Dungan <aldungan@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 1:39 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: ajohnson@beaconinterfaith.org
Subject: Aug. 13 Planning Commission

My name is Alvin Dungan. I am a retired ELCA pastor and a member of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Bloomington. I live at 7100 Metro Blvd #306 in Edina.

I strongly support the 66 West program of Beacon Interfaith group which is advocating for a shelter for homeless young adults in Edina. It distresses me greatly that a group of local businesses have organized opposition to this project. Obviously they have never been homeless or they would not oppose such a worthy cause.

I plan to be at the August 13 Planning Commission meeting to speak on behalf of this project if given the opportunity. Any time we can assist anyone who is homeless to find adequate, safe housing we need to do this.

I have visited the Nicolette Square location and found it to be a really excellent place for young adults. I'm sure if you took the time to visit there you would be convinced, as I was, that we need a similar site in Edina. Homelessness is a terrible thing and we need to do everything we can to eradicate it from our western suburbs.

I strongly encourage you vote in favor of supporting 66 West.

Thank you.

Rev. Alvin Dungan

Heather Branigin

From: Carol Scheel <nscarolida@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Affordable Housing for Young Adults in Edina

Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members:

My name is Carol Scheel and I live at 7209 Morgan Ave S, Richfield. I also work in Richfield on 66th St.

I attend Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer on 55th and Penn Ave S in Minneapolis.

An apartment complex near Southdale for homeless youth would be an excellent location due to grocery store locations, pharmacy and the Target as well as excellent bus transportation in that area. I understand you have a goal of increasing affordable housing. Reaching out to homeless youth is necessary.

I worked with developmentally disabled youth and adults for approximately 20 years. Veteran teachers in that work force will tell you that working with infants, preschool and elementary children is most important. During that time it is easiest to teach them, increase their skills and help mold their personalities.

These homeless young people are at that point as well. They need role models, a safe place to live, easy access to shopping and transportation. Young people who are ignored and left on the street become older people who continue to live on the street. They are targets for drug lords, thieves, pimps. They need help to overcome their situation.

Please be that assistance and create the housing necessary for their health and welfare.

Sincerely,
Carol Scheel

Heather Branigin

From: MIKE SUSAN MCGOLDRICK <smmcgoldy@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:16 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fred Richards Golf Course

I don't normally send emails regarding issues within the city, but due to how the Fred Richards closing process has been handled, I needed to voice my opinion to the city council.

Although, I understand the financial challenges with Fred Richards in the future, I don't know why there is a rush to close it at the end of this year. When I saw the costs and improvements needed in the presentation earlier this year, most of the large expenses and improvements weren't needed until several years in the future.

What is more concerning, is the recent news that the upgrades to the executive course at Braemar will not be completed by next golf season, so the city will be left with no executive course for the golf season next year.

My son played in the Friday morning junior golf league at Fred Richards this year and if that course is closed and the executive course at Braemar is still being updated, where will all of the junior golfers in Edina play next summer?

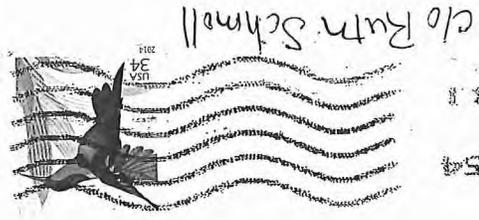
I don't understand the rush to close Fred Richards at the end of this year. Can you please consider keeping it open until the Braemar renovation is complete, otherwise junior golfers will be left with nowhere to play next season.

I look forward to seeing your reply and action on this important issue so that junior golfers are not left with nowhere to play next year.

Mike McGoldrick
952-922-0986

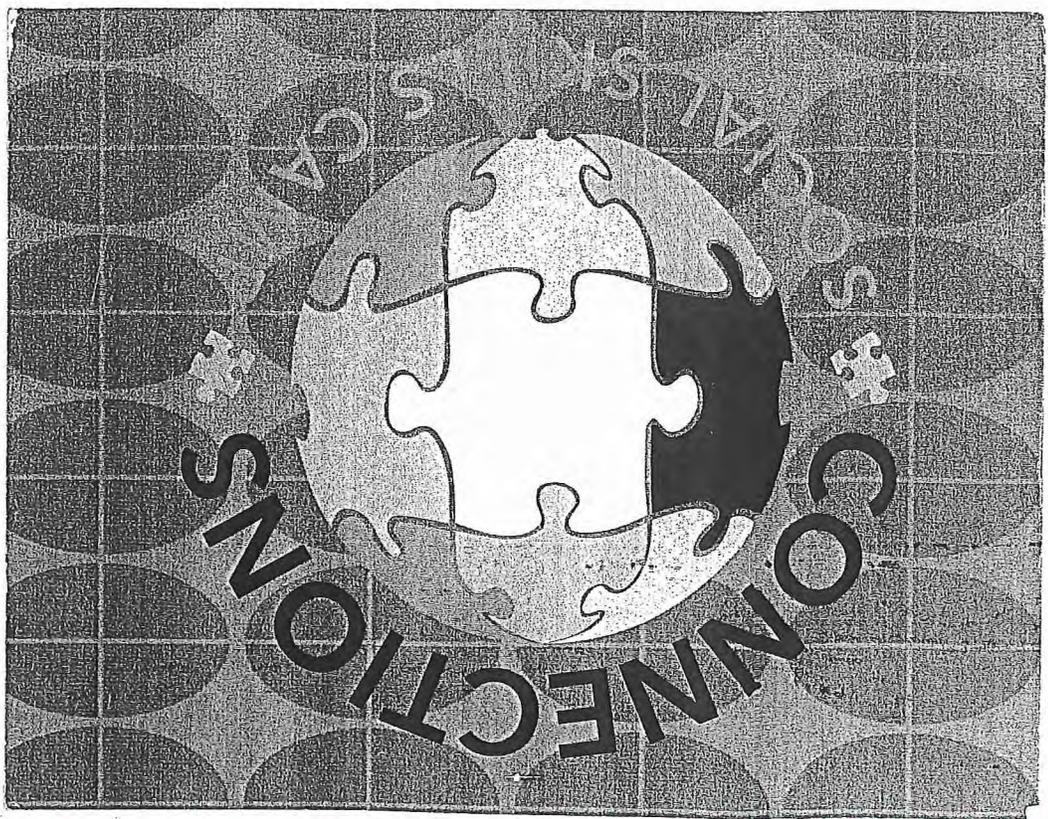
Sincerely, Rebecca, Erin
 All of your service to our athletes & kindness to the kids!
 was so patient with our campers. We really appreciate
 you as a great tour!

Edina Fire Department
 Station Number 1
 6250 Tracy Avenue
 Edina MN 55436



Thank you so much for
 an awesome experience
 at the fire station. Your
 staff was so easy to work
 with. Firefighter White
 #1!

Dear Edina Fire Department
 Social Skills Camp
 07 AUG 2014 PM 8:1
 MINNEAPOLIS MN 554
CONNECTIONS



Shawn White
 7-17-14

To: Mr. James Hovland, the Mayor of Edina
4801 W. 50th St, Edina, MN 55424
From: Emma Brenner, Age 9
4104 W. 62nd St, Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mr. Hovland, I am writing ^{7/31/14}
about the speeding cars on the road I'm growing
up on. I have a letter (attached to this one) that
I have given to 11 neighbors. I prefer to have
the cars going 30 M.P.H., the speed limit, then 35 M.P.H.
49 M.P.H. I do see that this year
you added another speed sign, the original has started
to get buried by weeds. I want my
road to be more safe & welcoming
to families & guests.

If possible, could we get a
"You are going" speed thing, or
something to slow down these cars.

Thank You!

EMMA
BRENNER,
age 9

GET INVOLVED!!!

Cars are racing & us, 62nd Street residents don't like it – with or without kids. So, to prevent them to NOT get faster – especially with Edina soccer -, we could all team up & have those little green *SLOW!* People/figures (from Menards & Home Depot) in our yards – meaning 12 homes –, they'd wonder what happened, a showing of people - kids too- live here so *SLOW DOWN!*

I do understand each sign is not free, but it might help to make our road more safe. There ARE homes on this street (& kids toys that every now & then go in the road that quite honestly don't need to be crushed by cars...) & I want this street to be safe & welcoming for guests & families who live here.

From:

Emma Brenner, Age 9

4104 West 62nd Street

August 1, 2014

Mayor of Edina
City Council Members

In my nicest possible voice I am asking you people to reconsider how you conduct your business and what you are allowing to influence your decisions.

Two examples I am aware of that have nothing to do with me:

- 1) That you would even consider a massive zoning or ordinance change for a project at 72nd and France is, I believe to be crazy.
- 2) That you deliberate about a variance on a twin house is good but that you almost don't pass it because you want to control material of the driveway is, I believe to be crazy.

Figure out the intent of the zoning and issue variances when reasonable, without getting involved in the nitty gritty of it. I can't believe you don't have better things to do with your time.

I believe common sense isn't common at all and clearly your committee isn't behaving with common sense. The amount of power and control you exercise over some of these items would lead one to believe you are all power hungry control freaks.

Furthermore, there are always a few people that are very passionate about their point of view and will stand for hours in your chambers to voice their opinions. And then the rest of the people, people that are making a go of life and don't have or can't make time to express their perspective. Remember that some people are fanatics and this should be taken into consideration when you allow their views to weigh in on your decision making.

I really used my nicest possible voice. I so often disagree not only with your decisions, but how you derive at what you do and don't allow. You are supposed to be leaders, with insight, vision, and perspective. Please make your best decisions for the great good of ALL the people, or support the (small individual, not corporate) underdog, when a law or zoning code doesn't make sense for a particular set of circumstances.

As respectfully as possible,

An Edina citizen that has been hit hard a few times by your committees (poor) decision making.



Novel Energy Solutions
23913 County Road 39
Saint Charles, MN 55972
Duane Hébert 507-961-3350
www.NovelEnergySolutions.com

August 6, 2014

Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.
City of Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Congratulations on your community's recognition as part of the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program. You are to be commended for your leadership enhancing sustainability and quality of life for your citizens. If you're ready to lead the community to even greater success, new opportunities are on the horizon.

In the next few months the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Xcel Energy will finalize plans for the roll-out of Community Solar Gardens (CSG's). CSG's provide an opportunity for just about everyone in your community to participate in solar energy savings. Currently, the advantages of solar energy are only available to those who can generate solar electricity at their homes, businesses or property. Unfortunately, as many as 75% of the population are unable to generate solar electricity due to lack of accessible sunlight, renting their living space, or not having the financial means to invest in solar production. CSG's allow solar electricity to be generated anywhere within the Xcel Energy service area and at minimal or no cost to the "subscriber" of a CSG.

Novel Energy Solutions (NES) would like to partner with you to make solar energy available to everyone in your community and help your sustainability efforts reach the next level. All that is needed is some open space with clear exposure to the sun. Little or unused open space, tax forfeited parcels, blighted areas prime for redevelopment, and space on top of or around municipal buildings are all possible locations. We can handle the rest. With so many other great things going on in your city we can help you achieve your sustainability goals without placing a burden on staff or any cost to the city. In fact, as a subscriber in the CSG your city can realize savings on electricity. NES does the work, your community reaps the successes attainable through sustainability and solar energy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to assist in making your community an even better place to live. Congratulations again, on your sustainability efforts through the GreenStep Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Hébert". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Duane Hébert
Novel Energy Solutions
507-961-3350
duane.hebert@novelenergy.biz

August 10, 2014

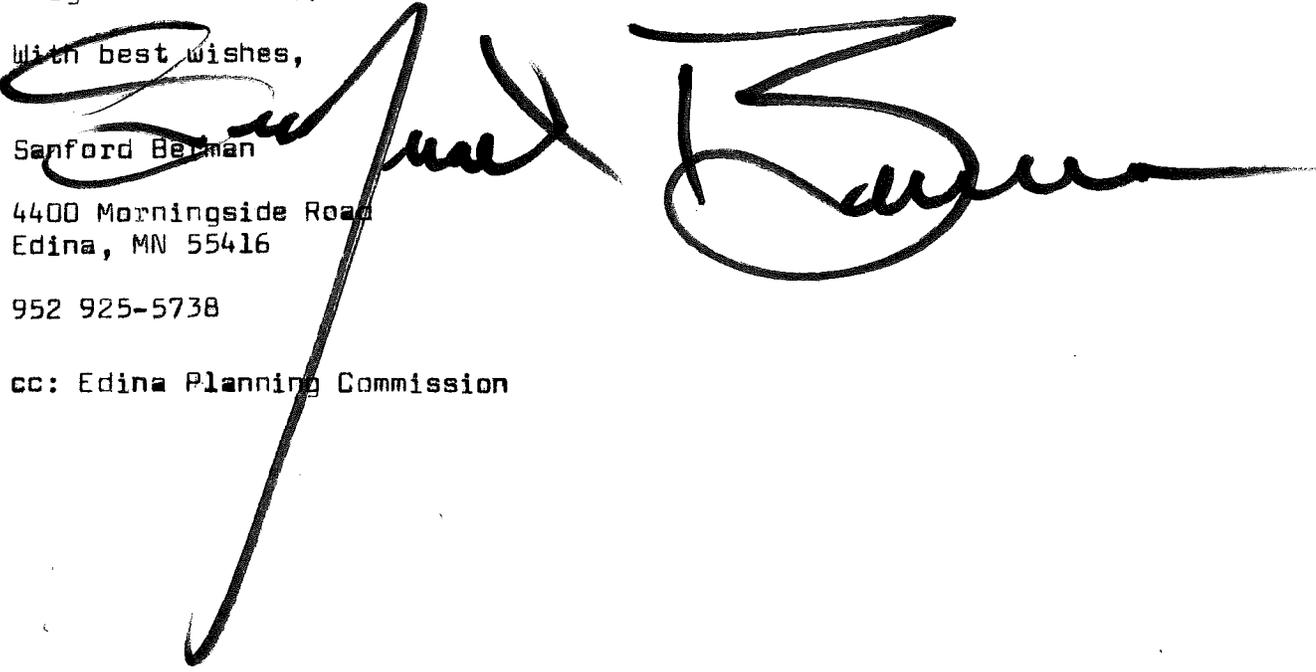
Edina City Council
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Friends,

I heartily support the 66 West project to provide housing and services to homeless youth. In fact, I'm startled and a little embarrassed to learn of mean-spirited opposition to such a transparently worthy undertaking.

While I'm at it, I urge you to consider mandating a percentage of new housing developments as "affordable." Other places do it to achieve both diversity and equity. So should we. (Please correct me if that's already being done. But news reports concerning the several large developments near Southdale and Byerly's don't mention such set-asides. And it's obviously not a policy being implemented just down the block from me, between Morningside Road and Lyttel Street, where one large structure is soon to be replaced by seven architect-designed, "high-end" homes.)

With best wishes,


Sanford Berman

4400 Morningside Road
Edina, MN 55416

952 925-5738

cc: Edina Planning Commission

around the metro

Edina weighs homeless housing

The \$10 million project for at-risk youths has generated hundreds of e-mails, letters.

By KELLY SMITH
kelly.smith@startribune.com

Plans for homeless youth apartments in Edina are pitting churches and hundreds of parishioners against some businesses and residents who think the project isn't the right fit for the Southdale area and could increase crime in the suburb.

On Wednesday, hundreds of supporters and opponents are expected to pack the city's Planning Commission to discuss the \$10 million project called 66 West. It would be the first apartment building for homeless youths in the western suburbs, estimated to number about 250.

"I'm confident we have the right project in the right place," said Anne Mavity, director of new projects for Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, the St. Paul organization behind the project. "We think this project is ready to go."

For the past two years, local churches have been working with Beacon Interfaith to convert a TCF

Bank building off W. 66th Street into the 39-unit apartment building, which would have space for counselors to help homeless youths finish school and find jobs.

In July, more than 170 supporters rallied for the project outside City Hall before a Planning Commission meeting. But the project was tabled to give businesses and community members more notice. On Wednesday, the Planning Commission is expected to vote on rezoning and changing the city's comprehensive plan to allow the building — the first formal step in a lengthy process.

Community Development Director Cary Teague said the city recommends support for 66 West, citing a Beacon project in Minneapolis that is "well-done and well-run." Plus, he said, one of Edina's goals is to provide more affordable housing.

So far, city leaders have gotten hundreds of letters and e-mails on the project, mostly in support.

But a nearby business told the city it's concerned that Beacon's two-story building isn't the right fit for the dense commercial and medical area of Southdale, which allows for buildings as tall as 12 stories. Sev-

IF YOU GO

What: Edina Planning Commission
When: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Where: City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina

eral residents said they were concerned that the building didn't fit in that area of Edina and that bringing homeless youth to the community could increase crime and illegal drugs while decreasing homeowners' property values.

While Mavity said she understands the concerns, she said the building will help homeless youths, which increased in Hennepin County suburbs by 27 percent between 2005 and 2011. The estimate of 250 homeless youths counts those in the Bloomington-Richfield-Edina area.

"There's not a lot of affordable housing in Edina, so there's not experience with this," she said. "But it's a positive contribution to the community opposed to the fears and concerns that may rise in people's minds."

After two years of planning and looking at many other sites, Mavity said the bank building, at 3330 W.

66th St., is the perfect location for the apartments because it's across the street from a Metro Transit bus stop and is in the midst of many nearby entry-level jobs that could provide employment.

Beacon would expand the building for 39 studio apartments, each between 355 and 456 square feet. It would also have offices, a community area for residents, a fitness room, a computer lab and laundry.

Edina Community Lutheran Church has committed \$80,000 and considerable staff and parishioner time toward the \$10 million project. Several other churches in Richfield and Edina are also supporting it.

"It's really powerful to watch the community come together," said Mavity, a member of the St. Louis Park City Council. "You rarely get that kind of passion in support of something."

If the Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning and comprehensive plan changes, the plans are expected to go to the City Council for a vote next month.

Kelly Smith • 612-673-4141
Twitter: @kellystrib

To Whom It May Concern:

Having attended the meetings on the Fred Richards conversion to a park, I am compelled to point out what I feel is needed for a logical decision and some factual observations regarding this area:

1. An actual topographical site map showing the areas that have sub soil conditioning is needed to help decide which areas have the highest possibility of having a level, stable surface. It has worked for years in that the fairways look stable and level after 20 years.
2. We spent a lot of money 20 years ago digging out many areas, then laid down nylon mesh and backfilled. It worked.
3. Are we trying to solve some sort of water ponding issue? Leave the ponds as they are in that it is adequate for us in the area. The sketched plans show many more ponding areas. What's the square footage of ponds now as versus what is proposed?
4. The input from the adjacent residences, I believe, is that the sector proposed for facilities is preferred to be on the south side, i.e., the 77th Street side. The sketch shows that the active play area is concentrated in the northeast side of the park. Nothing along the 77th Street side. The consultant's answer is that is because of some sort of soil condition. Back to number 1. It's a guess. But there is currently a water hazard (i.e. pond) in that area now, not particularly suitable for a stable playground.
5. The proposed parkway on the south side is the perfect place for parking on the roadway or for access to parking areas in the south sector of the park. This then would suggest the sporting/play facilities should again be on the south side.
6. The proposed garden area or agriculture area is in what is now a buffer zone between residential single homes and apartment areas. This area has been used as an informal general use area for the people (apartments and single-family home residents) for 50 years. It has worked well, but is not heavily used, which says something about needs for our area, but I see kids, 2 or 3 throwing a football, etc., kite flying, soccer games, Frisbee throwing, etc., is what I observe. This is an overflow/flood ponding area taking water from Parklawn Avenue. From time to time there is standing water for a while; I would say, 1 year in 3. As this area is used now, it is not a big deal and informal use is not interrupted. Leave it alone.
7. I believe the consultant leaves much to be desired. He says, again and again, nothing is final. The council will decide. Consultants are hired to provide expert knowledge in specific areas of design that the council does not have expertise in. He mentioned sand boxes which are no longer installed because of the risk of infectious disease, etc. It bothered me that he was not aware of this. We need a more competent consultant. A breath of fresh air was stated by our mayor at the council group meeting that nothing of inventiveness was presented by our consultant. He gets my vote.

I have lived at 7505 Kellogg Avenue, the last house adjacent to the park, for 40 years. The decisions on the park have a direct impact on my financial investment, which now looks negative.

Sincerely,



Arthur G. Lowell
7505 Kellogg Avenue S.
Edina, MN 55435

Lawrence and Janet Anderson
5132 Indianola Avenue
Edina, MN 55424

August 12, 2014

Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Re: Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Dear Mayor Hovland:

We have lived on Indianola Avenue for over 30 years. This letter is regarding the above-referenced roadway project scheduled for 2015. We appreciate and thank you for your courtesies in reading it through.

Yes, we do agree that the streets need to be replaced - most likely due to age and the multiple patchings that have occurred with new construction. We are, however, strongly opposed to the City's plans included in the letter/questionnaire sent to homeowner's and more fully presented at the City's Informational Meeting on July 31st - illustrating the installation of sidewalks and narrowing of streets.

Our comments are these:

The City of Edina has a Living Street Policy (Context Sensitivity) - It affirms every street is a unique combination of its neighborhood. To accommodate these differences, the City will: 1) Seek input from stakeholders, 2) Design streets with strong sense of place, 3) Be mindful of preserving and protecting natural features such as trees, 4) Be mindful of existing land uses and neighborhood character.

Homeowners were *told* of the City's Living Streets Plan. An independent neighborhood survey was taken on both Indianola and Juanita. The survey's results were brought to the City's meeting on July 31st and show an almost unanimous opposition to the City's current plan as it relates to Indianola and Juanita.

Sidewalks will mean the removal of mature trees – certainly damage to mature trees which will cause their eventual removal.

Back of curb sidewalk design will not enhance the character of our neighborhood. In fact, it will create a considerable problem for homeowners in having to remove the plowed snow for five, possibly up to six, months each year.

Mayor James Hovland
August 12, 2014
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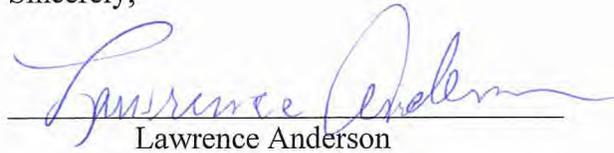
Edina has outstanding snowplowing service, but it has been our long experience that the plows do not plow to the curb. After a few significant snowfalls they are usually a foot or more away which narrows the street even more. If our streets are reconstructed to the proposed narrower width, winter months will be extremely difficult for two-way traffic to move safely.

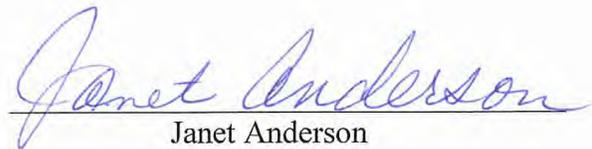
Backing out of single-car driveways will be a year-round adverse outcome of having a narrower street.

Please reconsider the scope of this proposed project and the unfavorable end result it will create for the homeowners and the character of this unique neighborhood.

We strongly support the streets reconstruction at their current width and no sidewalks.

Sincerely,


Lawrence Anderson


Janet Anderson

Cc: Chad Millner, Director of Engineering, City of Edina
Council Member Joni Bennett
Council Member Mary Brindle
Council Member Josh Sprague
Council Member Ann Swenson

Scott & Beth Anderson
6001 Chapel Drive
Edina, MN 55439

August 12, 2014

Edina Police Department
Sgt. Dan Conboy
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Copy to Edina Mayor Jim Hovland

HEADLINE !

**EDINA POLICE DEPT'S "RESERVE OFFICERS" KICK EDINA
RESIDENTS OFF EDINA PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY ...
"THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY, YOU HAVE NO RIGHT
TO BE HERE" !! ... WHILE DOING THEIR OWN PERSONAL
NIGHTTIME JOY-RIDING ON EDINA'S PUBLIC PROPERTY ...
IN POLICE CRUISER WITH ITS LIGHTS OFF!!!**

Dear. Sgt. Conboy,

You may recall speaking with me on 06/30/2014 at 9:43 am, about an incident that occurred with myself, Scott Anderson, and my wife, Bethel Anderson, and 2 of your "RESERVE OFFICER" Edina Police Officers. We were out walking our dogs at around 9:50 pm, on June 26th, 2014, as we do every night, when things got juicy with 2 of your finest "RESERVE OFFICERS" from the Edina Police Department, who just happened to be driving around the northwest part of the Edina High School parking lot, WITH THEIR LIGHTS OFF AT, AT NIGHTTIME, and ordered us off the Edina Public School Property. "THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE HERE", they demanded.

Our house is located about 1-2 blocks away from Valley View Middle School / Edina High School. Being as both of our daughters attend Valley View and the Edina High School, we like to enjoy the close proximity of living to such a facility. We are blessed to be able to walk our girls to school, to attend their

lacrosse games and band concerts, and to walk our dogs around the grounds, etc, at such a nice facility. If we find a piece of trash strewn on the sidewalk, we will pick it up. I carry 2 extra empty bags for picking up my dogs' waste when walking our dogs, and sometimes when I see the dog waste left by others, I do actually pick it up. And we are not alone in caring for our schools, the grounds are usually spotless and most citizens treat this facility with the respect that it deserves. Every weekend there are pick-up soccer games or kids kicking around a football on the school grounds, there are joggers running down the sidewalks or up & down the steps on the north side of the parking lot. It is literally used by hundreds of people for exercising, walking, etc. This public facility is enjoyed by the Edina public and the city taxpayers at large, and we do our best to maintain its beauty the best that we can.

All that being said, I would like some answers as to the Edina Police Department's position on citizen-use of this facility, citizens of Edina no less, for walking around the school on sidewalks, on steps, in the grass, or on the athletic fields. Can citizens like us, tax-paying citizens who pay for this public school, do we not have the right to be on this property? Or is it indeed, "PRIVATE", as some members of your Edina Police Department are advising us?

On June 26, 2014, at approximate 9:50pm, my wife and I were walking our dogs around the school, as we do probably 2x each day, on the sidewalks, through the parking lots, up the stairs, etc., at Edina Public Schools. As the attached diagram shows, we were on the north side of the building going counter-clockwise, when we were approached by an Edina Police vehicle at about 9:50 pm. It was a 4-door, small SUV type of model, driving slowly in a clockwise direction (opposite of us) with its lights off. The driver had short blonde or light brown hair, in almost a crew-cut type of look, the passenger had darker hair, was heavier, with short brown hair. Both were probably early to mid 20's? My wife & I had just walked past their slow-moving vehicle, when the officers stopped their vehicle and started giving us "the business", through their open windows. The driver informed us, "THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND YOU NEED TO GET OFF THE PROPERTY". I replied that our girls are students here and we live nearby, we walk here frequently, etc. But this officer, the driver, in no uncertain terms, boldly told us that we have no right whatsoever to be on private property. *(Isn't there some kind of baseline IQ Test that these "RESERVE OFFICERS" need to pass before getting a uniform?)* He said that unless our daughters have an event at that school, we are strictly forbidden from stepping foot on the property, and once the event is over, we need to leave. We were trespassing on private property, blah blah blah. Since we did not have our camera phones to record the conversation, and since it was at nighttime without any bystanders around, we just gave the officers a goodnight and went on our way. But make no mistake, these 2 officers were looking strictly to flex their muscles in the official Edina Police Department police vehicle, with its lights off, no-less. And I'm not talking intellectual muscles, for those obviously were in short supply with these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS". But we had nothing to back us up, no phone, no others around, and we just wanted to get away from these 2 guys. They were pushing for something, but we had nothing to back us up, so we left.

So this then led me to call into the Edina Police Department on June 30, at 8:37am, to inquire about this situation. The lady who answered the phone transferred me into a voicemail box, and I left a message, for you I believe. And then you, Sgt. Conboy, called me back to discuss the situation.

We are literally 2 of hundreds, perhaps 2 of thousands, of people who walk around and through Edina Public School Property. So here's my list of questions for the Edina Police Department, and please enlighten me with the official, Edina Police Department's position, on these issues.

- 1) What are the names of these "RESERVE OFFICERS" who initiated a confrontation with us? Edina Officer DICK, K advised me today, that there is only 1 vehicle available to these "RESERVE OFFICERS", so this should be an easy question to answer. Ummm, last I checked, we live in Edina, not Chicago or South Central LA. So the tough-guy-cop thing, especially now that we've learned these 2 guys were not even actual cops, is a bit troubling. I feel that there's no place in Edina for behavior such as this and I will do my darndest to make sure that these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS" will not be roaming the streets of our city in the future if possible. Their behavior indicates an utter lack of intelligence, to say the least. Please advise.
- 2) Are these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS" still acting as "RESERVE OFFICERS"? Hopefully not.
- 3) On what grounds were these "RESERVE OFFICERS" questioning us? There are no signs on property about citizens not being able to walk, play, or set foot on the property. Please advise and expound on the position of these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS" to act in this authority.
- 4) Who is responsible for hiring and training "RESERVE OFFICERS" before turning them loose in our city? Who advised these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS" that Edina residents are not allowed on Edina Public School Property? Is this really part of the Edina Police Department training regimen? Or are these 2 guys just loose canons driving around and harassing people for the fun of it? Please advise.
- 5) I asked Sgt Conboy to listen to the tape of our conversation with these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS", as he could easily go back and listen to how the "RESERVE OFFICERS" stopped us, hear the whole conversation, etc. But Sgt. Conboy advised that "RESERVE OFFICERS" are not mic'd up and there are no recordings of them while they are on duty as "RESERVE OFFICERS".
WHAT??!! I find that highly unbelievable ... or highly troubling. "RESERVE OFFICERS" turned loose in our city without any recordings whatsoever? Just cut loose to act with impunity, in police vehicles, wearing police garb, to just go out and harass citizens of Edina as they see fit? Without anyone monitoring them in any way, shape, form whatsoever??? No way, that can't be possible, I just don't believe the Edina Police Department would risk that. But please advise.
- 6) And lastly ... What on God's Green Planet Earth were these 2 "RESERVE OFFICERS" doing on the north side of the school parking lot, at nighttime, with their lights off, alone, at about 9:50 pm on June 26, 2014? What were they doing? "QUICK, THESE 2 MIDDLE-AGED PEOPLE WITH THEIR 2 SMALL DOGS ON LEASHES WALKING ON THE SIDEWALK JUST SAW US HERE, IN OUR SQUAD CAR.... LET'S ACCUSE THEM OF SOMETHING!" **Huh???** I don't know what was going on, or what they were looking for, or anything about why they were even there. Whatever they were up to, they quickly set their sights on us and then questioned us, and then nervously kicked us off of the Edina School property, because "it was private property".

So all in all – is this what the Edina Police Department’s “RESERVE OFFICER” program is all about? If so STOP THE WORLD – I WANT TO GET OFF! If not, who the heck is responsible for cutting these bozos loose into our neighborhoods to harass the citizens of Edina??

You may wonder, “**Why is Scott just now saying this after almost 2 months have passed**”? Because on Monday, on 8/11/2014, at 9:15 am, I was given a citation for a “TRAF-SIGN-STOP SIGN” (citation #270614210306). Officer DICK, K, stopped me for apparently not stopping correctly at a stop sign. It was wet outside, and I had just left work nearby and my tennis shoes were still wet on the bottom CONVERSE ALL-STARS .. NO TRACTION. My foot slipped and I herkily jerkily went through the stop sign, but I did slam on the breaks after-the-fact. I saw the cop car to my right, and I thought, “NO WAY, THEY AREN’T POSSIBLY GOING TO TICKET ME FOR THIS” ??? And naturally, here comes officer DICK,K racing up behind me to pull me over. She was nice and polite, and I informed her immediately what happened with my foot, and she noticed it also, she even acknowledged this to me! “Shoes wet Yeah right!!” , you say. But I have rubber floor mats and I wear tennis shoes ... the water’s not absorbed and I work about 2 miles from where I was pulled over. Regardless, Officer DICK,K takes my license and registration, goes back to her vehicle, and then of course comes back to give me a ticket. You’d think there’d be some discretionary action on her behalf, but officer DICK,K thought otherwise, and that is 100% her option and in her right.

But the situation with today bothered me – it REALLY bothered me. It bothered me because we citizens give the Edina Police Department the benefit of the doubt, as in those 2 “RESERVE OFFICERS” that we gave a pass to back in June after speaking with Sgt. Dan Conboy about their behavior. These 2 bozos were dead wrong – “no ifs, ands or buts” about it. You’d have to be brain-dead to think otherwise. These guys were nothing more than low-IQ’d thugs on a power trip, to be precise. But we let it go. However ... when the shoe is on the other foot for the Edina Police Department, you guys can’t write tickets fast enough for the citizens of Edina, as in “I’m getting mine” type of a situation.

Well touché I suppose, and here’s my letter to you and to the mayor of Edina. Will it solve anything? Probably not, other than the Edina Police Department probably will flag our names & motor vehicles to nail us as many times as possible I guess.

I do respect that a traffic violation is indeed a traffic violation, I get that. But I guess it’d be nice to see some common sense and/or some compassion out there with the Edina Police Department. And right now, I’m not seeing either, that’s for darn sure.

Scott Anderson
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*****AND THEN TODAY ... 8/12/2014, at 9:30 am ...** I thought about not sending this letter, I really did. But on the way to work today, I had another chance meeting with officer DICK, K, at a 4-way stop at corner of Cahill and W. 70th. As fate would have it, I just happened to beat her to the stop. I waited .. for probably 2 seconds, and then slowly went eastbound on W. 70th Street. Sure enough, she rides behind me, and then creeps closer as I was going probably 25 mph (in 30 mph Zone) .. and at her 1st opportunity she drives up beside me and GIVES ME THE TOUGH-GUY STAREDOWN FOR A FEW SECONDS !!! Just what kind of place are you guys running over there?? Do we live South Central LA? Chicago? Officer DICK, K loses it and thinks I'm "SHOWING HER UP" by stopping at a stop sign?? REALLY ?? As in .. she just wrote me a darn ticket for a stop sign violation the day before .. so I make extra sure to stop this time, but then she goes ballistic on me for STOPPING AT A STOP SIGN THE DAY LATER???? Nice intimidation crew you've got over there!! Please – tell me who is training your group over that at that police department?

Officer Dick,K – driving beside me, giving me the TOUGH GUY STARE DOWN ON W.70th...?
 You couldn't scripted this whole scenario any better than to top it off with what just unfolded this morning—that was perfect. She had her opportunity to be a tough guy/gal, and she didn't miss a beat, just couldn't pass up the opportunity. Just like your "RESERVE OFFICERS".

I respect policemen and policewomen, I've never had issues with them. I have relatives who have worked / currently are working as police officers. But what in the world ????

Location of meeting "Reserve Officers",
driving clock-wise with lights off police cruiser

Edina High School

Beth and Scott walking on sidewalk,
walking counter-clockwise direction
on sidewalk, @ approx. 9:50 pm
June 26, 2014

Edina Public Schools

Valley View
Middle School



Lake Harriet Area Regional Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Construction Update August 11, 2014 (all dates are approximate and depend on weather and construction conditions)

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, is rehabilitating the aging and deteriorating regional sanitary sewer in the Fulton, Linden Hills and Lynnhurst Neighborhoods of Minneapolis, and a small portion of the northeastern part of Edina.

Upcoming Work in Fulton and Linden Hills Neighborhoods

Beginning approximately August 18 and continuing into September, work will occur at several locations in advance of the actual sewer rehabilitation (see figure), starting at 49th and Drew and proceeding east. This work will involve digging a trench across the street (or alley or driveway), installing a temporary pipe section, and repaving over the pipe. Work at each crossing will typically take less than one day.

Please drive with caution in these areas. Flaggers will direct traffic, and steel plates will temporarily cover excavations while work is underway. No roadway closures are expected at this time. While the work will be noisy, all work is expected to occur during the daytime.



Upcoming Work in 50th St. and France Ave. Area

Work will begin approximately August 25 in the 50th St. and France Ave. area and will continue through September. More details will be provided as the work proceeds but, generally, this work will include installing temporary wastewater conveyance pipes, installing a new structural lining inside existing pipes, testing, removing the temporary pipes, and installing a new liner inside existing manholes. Most of this work will be completed at night (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.) to minimize impact to traffic and to businesses in the 50th St. and France Ave. area.

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August 12, 2014

Edina City Mayor James Hovland
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Dear Sir:

As you noted in the August 4th meeting, robotics are the future. It was fun to be in the audience when these Edina kids were recognized for their excellence. We have too few dreamers who look to the future and changes to come. Such is the case for buildings when you are running out of land. Later in the meeting, I spoke in opposition on the proposed building on the same land as Yorktown Continental, 7151 York, Avenue So - my home. I mentioned I'd once worked for architects and engineers. One of those was Michigan Architect, Gunnar Birkherts, who designed the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis on the Nicollet Mall. At the time, he was advocating for buildings far above the ground or underground to preserve the landscape thus leaving the natural environment for people to enjoy. No doubt it would be more costly – or would it? Looking at the destruction this past year to homes and business, (including a land slide at University Hospital) storm damage is costing billions. Then look at the high cost of energy, not only for the fuel itself but the damage done to the environment in extracting it (fracking) destroying mountains (coal) and pollution that poisons the waterways. It takes very little energy to heat or cool underground structures.

As an optimist, I believe in fairness and justice. It was the first time I'd spoken to the City Council but I discovered the rules of the “game” were unjust/unfair in that the developer and contractor had all the time they needed, as you asked questions of them. Once our speakers finished their 3 minute talk, we were silenced – unable to rebut what both the contractor and Council Member Josh Sprague claimed. The voice of “we the people” were silenced.

Councilman Sprague claimed to have visited Yorktown Continental and didn't remember any sidewalks. The Master Carpenter once said, there are those who see but don't perceive or hear but don't comprehend. It isn't difficult to see I for it runs around three sides of the building. From the backdoor, it starts just past the garage, then heads north and goes around three sides until it ends at another garage on the south side. Many of us use that sidewalk for our walking exercise; we use the tarred roadway to finish our walk.

Since all traffic for Yorktown Continental is now being congested in the back, you might want to check with your Fire and Police Departments to understand the impact it has on them or the ambulance that often follows this rescue team when seconds could matter. Ask them how easy it will be to transfer a patient on a gurney out the narrower corridor and out the back door rather than thru the wide lobby. According to their statistics, they are very familiar with Yorktown Continental for they were here 200

times in one year - July 2013 to July 2014.

One of our residents did his own traffic study of arriving vehicles that had two entrances to the building. This is his observation: "Retired police officers are deeply concerned about safety" with all the traffic congested at what is now the back door.

The covered walkway to York Avenue is a nice addition but the younger residents occupying the building all seem to have cars and that new parking lot is going to be someone's nightmare when the first ice and snow cover both the lot and the autos. Where are they going to put the snow when the plow comes in? They aren't going to be able to level that hill once they encounter Xerxes Avenue. I can already see the gully washer in a rainstorm; it won't be as spectacular as Minnehaha Falls but will end up washing thru the parking lot.

As I tried to say at the meeting, Continental Gardens is a beautiful building and Edina needs more care centers for the elderly but it is too large for that small piece of land; it's being built at the expense of the residents at Yorktown Continental. With only 10% of the rooms being a lower income, there's not much chance that most of us could afford to live there if or when we need care. It will be an eyesore for the residents above the 4th floor – and what are the 2nd and 3rd floor residents seeing from their windows? Would you or your council members want to see this from your homes windows? And how about a parking lot in your backyard? Would you enjoy walking across that in order to find the greenery we have available now? The Gazebo and flowers are going to sit right on Richfield's boarder; it's there greenery we will be enjoying as we turn our backs on the blighted landscape in Edina.

I'm amazed that no one questioned a fire pit – one of the greatest air pollutants around; they've been banned in many places. Seniors in a care center are going to be subject to more lung damage. Cigarettes are not the only carcinogens. High volume traffic, wood fires, diesel and planes as well as lawnmowers are all pollutants – some not only damage lungs, they damage ears with the high decibel noise.

It pains me to see the destruction taking place where pavement and more concrete take the place of grass and flowers. Its been said that people without a vision will perish. It appears there is no vision beyond five or ten years.

Frustrated by narrow minds,


Nina S. Flanders

FIRE PITS

Every good and useful thing has its limits

Camping is great family fun. (At least that is how I remember it.) But a recent camping outing at one of the Three Rivers parks turned out to be a different animal altogether. Stinky, smoldering pit fires everywhere, all hours of the day and into the night.

It used to be that campfires were lit to prepare food and sit around to swap stories and sing. Now it seems pit fires are lit as soon as campers arrive, burning constantly, a few yards apart, providing an ambience of acrid, lingering smoke. Another manifestation of the "I do because I can" mind-set.

Now let's hear it for the pit fires in our suburban neighborhood back yards ...

BRIGITTE HUSABY, Eden Prairie

Heather Branigin

From: Ruth <ruth@ruthlordan.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 11:45 AM
To: jonibennet12@comcast.net
Cc: Edina Mail
Subject: Fw: 2014.008

From: Ruth
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 10:29 AM
To: jhoogenakker@edinamn.gov
Subject: 2014.008

Thank you for reading this. As a senior citizen who has lived 16 years in the vicinity of the proposed Beacon Interfaith housing Collaborative I am extremely upset at having this project in my proximity. I am unable to attend the meeting as I work evenings..First, this is within walking distance of my home and that raises major security issues in and of itself. Even if these young adults mean to live right, we are all human and they can make mistakes. I cannot afford robbery at this time in my life. Second, I have read and studied the Churches website. These are well meaning but naïve people, from the laid off General Mills exec to the failed rock star musical director. I get it that they need to make a living and a life-we all do, and this is a noble, well meaning pursuit, but these people do not know what they are getting into. Faith is fine-house them next to you and have faith that they will not endanger your safety. I am not even addressing the effect on property values. I will have to install much better security at a significant cost to me and significantly up my insurance-who will pay for that? And, what will this do to insurance rates-obviously raise them! Unlike these well meaning church folk, I grew up in a tough location and understand what troubled youth go thru from first hand exposure.. Will there be competent supervision? And by competent I mean people who do not get fooled by their belief in the goodness of all mankind and people trained specifically in the justice system. "Jesus ain't gonna fix this" -if that worked Israel would not have the turmoil it has today. Will my taxes have to pay for that? how about drug testing and weapons checks? There are good and bad acting people in all social strata and demographic categories, but this is extremely high risk and inviting trouble.. I hope I am wrong, but experience tells me I am right. Sincerely, Ruth Lordan.....

Heather Branigin

From: Kay Bochert <kbochert@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 2:19 PM
To: Edina Mail
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These are not organized wealthy people like those of us who live in Edina. If that was happening in your neighborhood the press and media would be on it in a second!

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Who can speak for the residents who deserve sunshine and fresh air to live healthily and see the sunshine occasionally??
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Where have your senses gone?
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Please stop and think about what life will be like for so many?

Kay Bochert
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"Be the change you want to see in the world." Gandhi

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From: Marie Sullivan <mariesullivan87@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 2:33 PM
To: Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal; Cary Teague; ann swenson; Joni Bennett; Josh Sprague; Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Subject: Pentagon Park development exhibits and traffic modifications

Dear Mayor, City Manager, City Council Members, Director of City Planning and Planning Commission Members,

I have been studying the Pentagon Park Development Exhibits #s 13 thru 21 and am very concerned about the amount of Fred Richards land that is proposed for the benefit of the new development!

In all but 1 of the 8 development proposals, the following structuring is planned to occur on Fred Richard's land:

- A parkway
- parking for the development
- Stormwater swales
- green space between a trailway and the development (though technically owned by the city) would be used as part of the development
- larger and reconfigured water ponds!

Given the amount of land incorporated into the development as proposed by 7 of the 8 plans, I believe the city's comments to residents that the Fred land would not go to the developers are inaccurate. I would like residents to have the honest plans and be able to really see how much of the land will be incorporated into the Pentagon development. As of now, I believe residents are under the impression the city has said none. But these exhibits show otherwise!

Also, I have read the traffic prediction studies. A "No Build" prediction for horribly congested traffic in the area for 2020 and 2030 shows too many D, E and F predictions. A "Build" prediction show it so much worse with way too many E's and F's when DE is categorized as the lowest acceptable traffic level! How is it that you think we have room to add lanes to France? Where is the money to add all the lanes and ramp changes going to come from? We have money for this but not to keep the Fred going?

It also amazed me that we think there is enough money to consider making Highway 100 a tunnel under a greenway at 50th if we don't even have the money for the Fred! Clearly the Fred was taken to use the space for the development and not because of funding. The evidence clearly points to this.

It is too bad also that the more I learn the more it appears that a new incoming city manager, who did not know much about our city neighborhoods, was a major force in deciding to shut down the Fred.

There should be NO parkway, parking, or swales that benefit the Pentagon development on any Fred land!!! If there is, we will have a promise and trust broken with Edina citizens.

Sincerely,
Marie Sullivan

Heather Branigin

From: Ann Swenson <swensonann1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 2:38 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Re: "luxury" apartments

Kay, that project passed after it was lowered and has less units. It is 140' plus from the Richfield homes. In Richfield they are building that size next to homes with only 35' between them. Ann

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2014, at 2:21 PM, Edina Mail <mail@EdinaMN.gov> wrote:

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From: James Petersen <jmpete4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 3:39 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Lake Edina Park and The Fred re-purpose - James Petersen (7401 Kellogg Avenue)

I back-up to the North end of Lake Edina Park. We bought our property with the quiet green space buffer, being a positive. I am in favor of public / resident's enjoyment of the space, but not in favor of any street parking and walking access between adjoining properties. I am not in favor of residential ag plots that would become weedy, an eye sore multiple times a year and a dust bowl in the Fall, Winter and early Spring.

15 plus years ago money was set aside in a park referendum to improve the North grounds (level ground and remove cement, clean the cottonwood base area, thin and remove appropriately, add a winding bike/walking path through the perimeter area and add trees along the path. This with with leaving center area for kids to play catch, play Frisbee or whatever). The funds evaporated as many parks in Edina got new excessive amounts of chips around trees, as the bases around trees at Lake Edina just grew and continue to grow wild.

I am in favor of improving what we have. The cottonwoods need to be thinned and some need to be completely removed. The base needs to be cleaned and chips need to be placed. The surface cement needs to be removed and dirt added leveling the ground. Fall leaf pick-up needs to occur without me having to call every year. Drainage needs to eliminate standing water and new lakes forming when we get excessive rain.

I am not opposed to finally finishing the play-ground and maybe the path discussed above could run the entire park perimeter with landscaping added.

Thank you,

Jim and Sandy Petersen
7401 Kellogg Avenue

Heather Branigin

From: dornblaser <dornb001@umn.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 4:39 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Replanting Rights of Way

Mayor Hovland- I was pleased to learn from you last evening that the city has the power to require residents to replant trees in the rights of way adjoining their property. The Country Club provides, unfortunately, a good example of the need for such a requirement. The historical beauty by right of way trees has been significantly eroded by dutch elm disease. Many residents have been good Edina citizens and replaced those lost. But many have not. Therefore the need for city action.

If I can help in this effort I will be pleased to do so.

Thank you,

Bright Dornblaser

Heather Branigin

From: Nora Lund <lundne@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 09, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Beacon Interfaith Housing Support

For the Edina Mayor and City Council,

Hi my name is Nora Lund. I am a new resident of Edina and when I heard about the 66 West housing project I was so excited to hear that my new community has the opportunity to support our community members who often get lost in this world. It was great to hear that my new community has the opportunity to reflect my values as a Christian living in Edina.

For most of those who live in Edina, God has truly blessed us beyond wildest dreams. As a member of Christ's family and knowing that God has a specific plan for EACH and EVERY one of His children, 66 West provides our community with the opportunity to share what God has given us with others.

While I have never had to worry about where I am going to stay, where I could do my homework or if I feel safe, I know that there are hundreds in our community who face these issues each and every day. It is very difficult for young adults to do well in school and hold on to jobs when they are worrying about what they will eat and where they will sleep. 66 West will provide these basics, so our community members can focus on bettering themselves and in the long term bettering our community.

Edina has always been a community with great public services - our schools, our parks, our community education programs, our libraries and our neighborhoods. 66 West will allow us to share our community resources with those who need a little extra help getting started. By inviting others into our community not only will we be blessing them, but they will bless us by bringing needed diversity (world view, income, age, gender and social experiences) to our community.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my support of the 66 West Housing Partnership.

Nora Lund
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Employee of: Honeywell

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From: Gary Moses <garymari@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 09, 2014 4:24 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: I AM AGAINST Proposed Young Adult Apartment at 3330 W. 66th Street, Edina

I live in the neighborhood where there is a proposed " Young Adult Apartment " at 3330 W. 66th Street, Edina, MN.
I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSED APARTMENT!

I am Legally Blind, and have felt safe walking in my neighborhood.
I cannot drive, so I must walk. I have felt safe in the past.
With the influx of new people in the neighborhood, I will feel more at risk.
I bought a property in this neighborhood because it was safe.

There is a **Montessori School** right behind the proposed Young Adult Apartment.

They say the Young Adult apartment will have Security Service, what about us? We don't have security service!

This proposed Apartment will bring in young people from all walks and it is right across the street from Southdale. How convenient for shoplifting, grabbing purses, etc. The initial young adults will be very well screened BUT as time goes on rules often become relaxed.

Whether these "Young Adults" come from stable homes or are homeless. Many Young Adults are not mature enough to handle the responsibility of saying NO to other Young Adults who bring in bad elements of life, such as, drugs, etc. We start with 39 Studio apartments, 39 people, and THEN some will invite in friends to stay with them and soon we have 50 people.

Haven't we learned our lesson, too much of the same is just not a good thing. Look at low income housing projects in all cities.

The people who propose this apartment DO NOT live in the neighborhood!
If they want an apartment building for young adults let them put it on the church grounds.
"Edina Community Lutheran Church" at 4113 W. 54th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55424

The votes:

1. Marilyn Peters - **AGAINST**
2. Edina Community Lutheran Church & Beacon Interfaith Collaborative -- Support the proposed Young Adult Apartment (They rally many of their congregation but they should only count as ONE VOTE! a GROUP OF ONE.)

Young Adults no matter what race, color, or creed, in a group together, can just spell trouble.

Signed,

Marilyn L. Peters
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To: mail@EdinaMN.gov.; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Case File: 2014.008 Rezoning for Young Adult Apartments at 3330 W. 66th St., Edina

This in reference to the proposal to rezone the present TCF building at 3330 W. 66th Street (northeast corner of 66th and Barrie Road), Edina, MN to allow housing for young adults.

I stand totally against this rezoning proposal.

Why?

---I am a 70 year old woman who lives on Barrie Road, no more than a block and a half north of the proposed site.
---I am physically impaired, being legally blind (Renitis Pigmatosa, a degenerative eye disease, and have limited sight). While restrictive, I still enjoy walking in what I have found to be, thus far, a safe neighborhood.
---Most people are able to avoid areas of risk by easily detouring around them. Meanwhile, because of my sight limitation which doesn't allow me to drive, I must walk to my destinations using more direct paths, which includes walking by the proposed site when going to local doctors appointments and Southdale.
---When we purchased our property several years ago, we focused on a safe neighborhood... this proposal would take away a primary goal which we thought we had achieved.
---Risk must be a concern. Even what might be assumed to be moderate risk is too much for this area... There is a **Montessori School** right behind this proposed Young Adult Apartment. They say the Young Adult apartment will have Security Service; however, how does that helps us?
---These young adults are selected from the homeless. What level of maturity and behavior can we expect? Even young adults from normal, stable homes, lack the maturity that comes with age. Young, formerly homeless people living in one group...where are the mature adults to provide necessary guidance?
---There is likelihood that at least some of the residents will bring to their new home other young people to live varying periods of time, people who lack the screening of the original occupants
---The people who propose this apartment **do not live in the neighborhood!** Should they want an apartment building for young adults, they might consider building same on the church grounds, namely Edina Community Lutheran Church at 4113 W. 54th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55424... or the property of any other church supporter.
1. Marilyn Peters, who lives here - **AGAINST**
2. Edina Community Lutheran Church & Beacon Interfaith Collaborative...**those that don't live here: FOR**
In summary, young adults housed in a group, no matter what race, color, or creed OR no matter what are meant to fulfill good intentions, simply raise too many significant risks and concerns for those of us who would be forced to live as neighbors.
Signed,
Marilyn L. Peters
(941) 840-4034
P.S. I will attend the hearing and would like to give testimony **AGAINST** the proposal.

Heather Branigin

From: Nick Pearce <nickjp6@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 11:13 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Cary Teague
Subject: I support 66 West

Hello -

I am writing to indicate my **FULL SUPPORT** of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative "66 West" project in Edina. Providing housing to homeless youth is of critical importance in our community. Beyond the moral imperative, there are great benefits to be reaped by helping disadvantaged young citizens become productive members of our society. And, as your research on the matter has certainly shown, the perceived negative aspects of this kind of project, such as an increase in crime, seldom become a reality. In fact, crime will often go down as the stress of homelessness that can lead to crime has been mitigated.

I hope you all will vote in favor of this project should it reach the city council.

Best Regards and thank you for your dedication to the City of Edina!

Nick and Sara Pearce
4367 Thielen Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: Pacy Erck <eerck@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 11:54 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Pacy Erck - 66 West

Hello Jim,

Just want to be on record showing my full support for the Homeless Youth Home.
Having taught that group of young people every day for 35 years - I want them to have a second chance.

Thanks for all you do for Edina Jim - you are an amazing man!

Hugs,
Pacy

Heather Branigin

From: Marion Paulson <mjlpaulson@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 3:42 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66West Apartments

Mayor Hovland and members of the Council:

I am a resident of St. Louis Park, formerly of Minneapolis where I am still a member of Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer. I am a retired high school teacher.

Students taught me how valuable having a home is for their well being and indeed, their lives. When asked about their address several would look embarrassed and say "we live in a car". Often, these children left school after a few weeks. I have attended a tour and talk at the Beacon site on Nicollet Avenue. I was very impressed at the philosophy of the organization. Young people are not just given these apartments but must earn them and follow a few rules. They are respected for who they are and I am very eager to do what I can to assist this organization.

Please, Edina, your children are just as important!

Sincerely,

Marion Paulson

3663 Park Center Blvd.

St.Louis Park MN 55416

Heather Branigin

From: Pacy Erck <eerck@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 5:13 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Pacy Erck - YES to 66 West

Dear council Members,

My name is Pacy Erck and I live at The Colony at Edina! I want to be on record supporting the 66 West Project. I have served (taught) these young people for 35 years and I want them to know Edina is a Community to help them become successful. Everyone needs a chance - and I deeply hope the council will vote "YES" to this project. There is no greater act of kindness than one person or one community helping others. Please vote to help these young adults have a chance to succeed in life. Most likely they will grow up giving back because of those who gave them a chance NOW!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my wish for these young adults!

Pacy Erck

Heather Branigin

From: bobrae <bbrae43@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 5:38 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinareality.com; swensonann1@hmail.com
Subject: Homeless Housing

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Regarding the Star Tribune's account in the Metro section of today's paper, page 3, suggesting that the city is just a vote away this coming Wednesday from bringing in housing for homeless teens, I hope you take a step back and think a little more about this action. First, Mrs Mavity does not live in our city, second, how many of the 27% increase in homeless teens are actually from Edina, third, how much more crime will this move bring to our small town, and fourth, how many of those in the churches backing this proposal do you think actually live in Edina.

Does this community really want or need the homeless housed here? People live here to get away from those who can't or don't keep a job or a house; we pay extra for our homes and in our taxes because of great schools and beautiful neighborhoods. We don't need to look any farther than Minneapolis downtown to see where the homeless hangout and how they live. Why on earth do we want to have them close by?

Perhaps it's because Anne Mavity has a new cause that she can add to her resume about how she can get things accomplished. It is too bad she doesn't take her passion into her own neighborhood and try to create housing for the homeless there.

All I can think of is what a great way to lower property values! Please stop this push before it goes any further.
Sincerely, Robert & Barbara Rae

Heather Branigin

From: Tom Geng <gengt@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 5:16 AM
To: ahunt@ci.minnetrista.mn.us; marvdjohnson@gmail.com; dkind100@gmail.com; PaulSkrede@mchsi.com; szerby@ci.shorewood.mn.us
Cc: tfurlong@ci.chanhassen.mn.us; Edina Mail; mgaylord@ci.excelsior.mn.us; sharris@goldenvalleymn.gov; emax33721@aol.com; thultmann@longlakemn.gov; jeff.pederson@ci.medina.mn.us; betsy.hodges@minneapolis.gov; tschneider@eminnetonka.com; lmcmillan@ci.orono.mn.us; kslavik@plymouthmn.gov; dgoettel@cityofrichfield.org; sreinhart@ci.spring-park.mn.us; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; AnneMavitySLP@comcast.net; gerryd@terradek.com; toconnor@ci.victoria.mn.us; cjohanson@ci.watertown.mn.us; kenwillcox@wayzata.org; jdoak.woodland@hotmail.com; gen.olson@frontier.com; woody@woodylove.com
Subject: Minnetonka Creek Watershed District
Attachments: 8-4-14_Minnetrista_ltr.pdf; 7-23-14_Independence_ltr.pdf; 8-8-8_Greenwood_memo.pdf; 8-5-14_Deephaven_ltr.pdf; 7-29-14_Shorewood_ltr.pdf

Dear Mayors Hunt, Johnson, Kind, Skrede and Zerby:

First off, please forgive me for addressing you collectively. But I believe it is more important for everyone to be on the same page.

I was heartened by the actions you and your respective Councils took to address greater transparency and accountability on the part of the MCWD Board of Managers. It is my understanding that as of Friday, August 8, Minnetrista, Independence, Greenwood, Deephaven and Shorewood had all communicated their concerns in writing over the need for MCWD to broadcast their public proceedings via internet or cable. Copies of the communications from all five cities are attached for your review and files.

Over the last six weeks, I have been regularly attending all of the MCWD's Board and Committee meetings.

Contrary to some press reports, Manager Blixt raised this issue at the August 7 meeting of the MCWD's Policy and Programs Committee. As that discussion made clear, Manager Blixt made clear she was not seeking a substantive discussion of the issue since only 6 of 7 Managers were present. Instead, Manager Blixt raised the issue to make certain that staff would be prepared to address technical and financial aspects of this issue when it is taken up by the full Board. No specific date was discussed at Thursday night's Committee meeting as to when this matter will be addressed by the full Board..

Regardless, Manager Shakleton was kind enough to provide a preview of some of the push-back you can expect from some of the Managers on this issue. Manager Shakleton made clear he opposes an initiative for the MCWD to broadcast its public meetings because it would encourage "grandstanding." As I listened to Manager Shackleton, I wondered who among the seven Managers he feels would engage in grandstanding?

At any rate, Manager Shakleton argued State Legislature does not broadcast all of its meetings; according to Manager Shakleton, when a controversial or politically sensitive issue is coming up for a hearing, legislative leaders schedule the hearing for a basement hearing room into which cameras are not allowed. This was news to me, and I very much doubt this to be the case; it is my understanding that all hearing rooms are equipped with cameras, and the only meetings that are not recorded are caucus meetings.

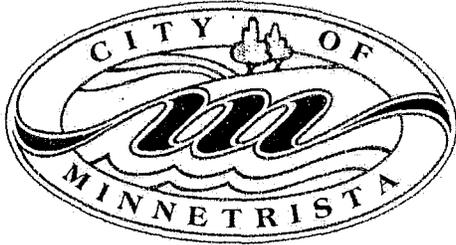
You need not take my word for it, however. I believe that former Senator Gen Olson would know the truth of this matter, and I would encourage any of you who have questions regarding the Legislature's policies and procedures in this regard to speak with Senator Olson.

As this issue advances, I will attempt to keep all of you apprised of further developments. In the meantime, if you, Members of your respective Councils, or staff have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to

email or call me. I will do my best to provide you with information I have at my disposal, or direct you those who can provide you with the information you seek.

Very truly yours,

Tom
Thomas W. Geng
4530 Enchanted Drive
Shorewood, Minnesota 55364
(612) 275-6776



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August 4, 2014

Jeff Spartz, Executive Director
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dear Mr. Spartz:

The City of Minnetrista is requesting that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers consider broadcasting the Board's regular monthly meetings to its constituents. We have had a number of resident requests, coupled with a desire by our City Council, to have this type of record available to those served by the District.

We, along with other communities in our area, are facing ever greater concern about issues effecting surface water management, invasive species and District governance. In this day and age, we feel government agencies like the MCWD, which have a significant impact on residential and economic activities, should take every opportunity to be as transparent in their operations as practically possible.

Many of our member cities provide this information source to their residents and the services of the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission, as an example, are available and very reasonably priced. We ask that this request be place on an upcoming Board agenda for consideration. The City of Minnetrista would fully support such an initiative, both in philosophy and through our current financial support of the District.

Sincerely,

Mayor Anne Hunt
On Behalf of the Minnetrista City Council

cc: Michael Barone, Interim City Administrator, City of Minnetrista



August 5, 2014

Executive Director Jeff Spartz
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dear Mr. Jeff Spartz:

At the request of Shorewood Mayor Scott Zerby, the Deephaven City Council had a discussion on August 4th about requesting that the MCWD Board of Manager's consider video broadcasting the Board's regular monthly meetings. Our Council came to the unanimous conclusion that televising MCWD board meetings would be an enormous benefit to our residents, City Council and city staff, not to mention a significant benefit to all the other communities in the Watershed.

The MCWD is intrinsically involved with so many issues of importance to our community, including water quality, surface water management, and the management of aquatic invasive species that we believe the ability to view the discussions, debates and decisions that are made on these issues is critical to the understanding and education of our residents and decision-makers. With so many governmental agencies now televising their board meetings, some without nearly the same scope as the MCWD, we believe that it is equally critical for the MCWD to provide broader and more convenient access to your meetings.

A great number of our South Lake cities utilize the services of the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission to televise their meetings and we understand that the LMCC would be willing to provide this service to the MCWD at a very reasonable price. However, whether you choose the LMCC or some other venue, we believe that the decision to televise your meetings is long overdue.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and look forward to hearing your discussion on this issue at an upcoming MCWD board meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Skrede
Mayor
City of Deephaven



July 23, 2014

Executive Director Jeff Spartz
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dear Mr. Spartz,

The City of Independence, along with the other cities, is requesting that the MCWD Board of Managers consider the future video broadcasting of the Board's regular monthly meetings. Our Council desires to have this type of record available to residents served by the District.

We, along with other communities in our area, are facing ever greater concern about issues effecting surface water management, invasive species, and District governance. In this day and age, we feel government agencies, like the MCWD that have a significant impact on residential and economic activities, should take every opportunity to be as transparent in their operations as practically possible.

Many of our member cities provide this information source to their residents and the services of the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission are available and very reasonably priced. We ask that this request be placed on an upcoming Board agenda. The City of Independence would fully support such an initiative both in philosophy and the through our financial support of the District.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marvin D. Johnson

On Behalf of the Independence City Council by unanimous vote



July 23, 2014

Executive Director Jeff Spartz
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

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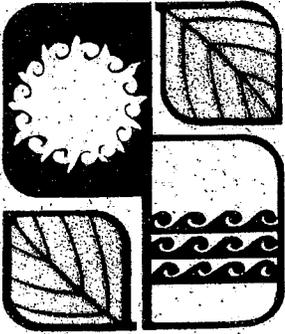
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Sincerely,

Mayor Marvin D. Johnson

On Behalf of the Independence City Council by unanimous vote



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July 29, 2014

Jeff Spartz, Interim District Administrator
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
15320 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dear Mr. Spartz,

The City of Shorewood is requesting that the MCWD Board of Managers consider the future video broadcasting of the Board's regular monthly meetings to be streamed via web and broadcast on community access cable television. We have had a number of requests from constituents coupled with a desire by our Council to have this type of record available to residents served by the District.

We, along with other communities in our area, are facing ever greater concern about issues effecting surface water management, invasive species and District governance. In this day and age we feel government agencies like the MCWD, that have a significant impact on residential and economic activities should take every opportunity to be as transparent in their operations as practically possible.

Many of our member cities provide this information source to their residents and the services of the Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission are available and very reasonably priced. We ask that this request be placed on an upcoming Board agenda. The City of Shorewood would fully support such an initiative both in philosophy and through our financial support of the District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Zerby', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Scott Zerby
On Behalf of the Shorewood City Council



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Date: August 8, 2014

To: Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers

From: Greenwood City Council

Re: **Video Recording of MCWD Meetings**

At our 08-06-14 meeting, the Greenwood city council discussed Shorewood's draft letter to the MCWD to request that the MCWD Board of Managers consider producing video recordings of regular monthly meetings. Our city council agrees that this would be a great value to Greenwood residents as well as residents of other communities in the watershed.

The Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission produces video recordings of Greenwood city council meetings for broadcasting on cable TV and streaming on the LMCC website. Greenwood residents appreciate being able to view these meetings at their convenience.

Greenwood residents, along with residents in other communities in the watershed, are interested in issues affecting surface water management, water quality, invasive species, etc. If MCWD meetings were available for viewing on LMCC channels or online, it would help spread MCWD's message to a broader audience.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Mayor Deb Kind 952.401.9181 dkind100@gmail.com.

From: joaniemc <jmcmillan6@gmail.com>
Date: August 7, 2014 at 10:16:00 AM CDT
To: Frank Petrovic <FPetrovic@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: Re: CenterPoint Energy Restoration

Thank you. this is one of many, but the message is the same.

Jo

On Aug 6, 2014, at 10:57 AM, joaniemc <jmcmillan6@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Millner;

Thank you for your interest in my problem with both Centerpoint and Edina.

I am most disappointed in the results of my concerns. Despite promises by Mr. Dale Anderson of Centerpoint and seemingly understood by yourself, no sod was laid, last years mostly crab grass planted by a carless seeding last year and this years demolition has been replaced by a layer of hydroponic material...leaving last year's mess intact! I do not call this sod and am sure you would agree. It is unreasonable to allow Centerpoint--or any utility to cause such visual damage, usually called vandalism, in our front yards without proper repair!! The yellow day lilies I asked for is a small request considering how Centerpoint ruined our summer last year and continued to do so without a reason this year. After calling 5 persons at Centerpoint I found NO ONE who could tell me what they were doing here again this year. Even the workers seemed not to know what they were doing as they just stood around visiting in the sunshine most of the day--after digging a big hole and allowing the dirt to float through my home!

Now is asking for proper repair or even an improvement of nice yellow day lilies which will not likely die from salt and drought such a big deal?? I think not--but have hopes someone will have Centerpoint put our boulevard (really your boulevard) back in it's original condition after two years of destruction.

Sincerely yours,

Joan McMillan
952-831-6639

On Jul 25, 2014, at 4:22 PM, Chad Millner <cmillner@EdinaMN.gov> wrote:

Joan,

I was copied on an email you sent to the City that referenced the restoration work completed by CenterPoint Energy along 76th Street. Thank you for those comments and the suggestion of daylilies within the boulevard. As you stated, the City has implemented those in some of our boulevard areas for

reasons such as snow and ice kill or the difficulty of establishing turf in a narrow boulevard along our busier streets.

While we think this area may be a good candidate for daylilies, our current permit requirements for private contractors do not allow us to require that. I have discussed this with CenterPoint. They recognize the area has not been restored to City standards and they intend to place new sod along that boulevard. I assume your facility has an irrigation system so this treatment should have the opportunity to establish.

Thanks again for your comments,
Chad

Chad Millner, Director of Engineering

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...For Living, Learning, Raising Families & Doing Business

Heather Branigin

From: cbtrues@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 12:45 PM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; jhovland@krausehovland.com; Edina Mail
Cc: cbtrues@aol.com; ltrues8557@aol.com
Subject: Support for 66 West

August 11, 2014

It is a privilege to write the Mayor of the City of Edina, the members of the Edina City Council, as well as the members of the Edina Planning Commission, to express our strong support for the affordable supportive housing project for homeless youth, known as "66 West."

We have lived in Edina for 46 years at 9 Woodland Road, 55424. We have raised three daughters in this home. Two of them are married, have three children each, and live at 4500 Drexel Avenue and at 4204 Sunnyside Road respectively. All of our daughters and six of our grandchildren have attended Edina schools.

I was a founding member of the precursor of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, the developer of 66 West; have served on the Board of Beacon for 10 years; chaired the Board for two; and am currently the Co-Chair of Beacon's Westminster/Plymouth Church Affordable Housing Taskforce, which was the sponsoring organization for Nicollet Square.

In many respects, Nicollet Square is the conceptual model for 66 West. Four years ago Beacon launched this new apartment building on 37th Street and Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis, providing affordable supportive housing for 42 homeless youth and youth aging out of foster care. At that time, several Kingfield neighbors had some of the same anxieties and fears that Edina residents mentioned in Sunday's StarTribune article. Since then, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association has a positive relationship with Nicollet Square and considers it a partner in neighborhood improvement projects.

As a model for 66 West, Nicollet Square has a proven track record in the following areas:

- Excellent management, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including a staffed front desk
- Each resident has his/her own room with bath and kitchen
- All residents pay monthly rent
- All residents have access to training in life skills; mental health counseling; employment referrals and ongoing support
- 95% of residents are employed
- No increased crime in the area
- No increased illegal drug use in the area
- No decrease in property values in the area

Without a doubt, 66 West will be a positive factor in the Edina community. As long-term Edina residents, we would be proud to support this addition to our City. As a community that is blessed with so many resources, it is clearly time to give back, and advocate for homeless youth, that in other situations, could be our own daughters and sons.

This is the TIME, the PLACE, and the OPPORTUNITY. We strongly support 66 West!

Respectfully,

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Carol and Lynn Truesdell

Heather Branigin

From: Allison Johnson <AJohnson@beaconinterfaith.org>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 3:31 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Petition of Support for 66 West
Attachments: Petition of Support for 66 West.pdf

Members of the Edina City Council and Planning Commission:

The attached are messages of support for the 66 West Development. Members of the community signed an online petition at <https://beaconinterfaith.wufoo.com/forms/i-support-66-west/> with messages to you as city leaders in favor of supportive housing for young adults near Southdale. Their names, addresses and contact information are included along with their comments.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative | Allison Johnson *Congregational Partnership Organizer* | 651. 789 6260 ext. 214 | 2610 University Avenue West, Suite 100, St. Paul, MN 55114 | www.beaconinterfaith.org



I would welcome supportive housing for young adults in Edina, and I ask Edina city leadership to do the same!

Name * Louise Waddick

Address * 5304 Blake Rd
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * Lawaddick@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Having stable housing is essential for youth to have any chance of succeeding in school, work and community.

Name * Lauren Kewley

Address * 4501 Park Glen Road Apt 139
St Louis Park, MN 55416
United States

Email * lauren.chenevert@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * I strongly support the 66 West development as I have personally encountered young people experiencing homelessness in this area though the course of my job. We need our community to step up and invest in the future of these youth, connecting them not only to housing but also a supportive environment for pursuing educational and career goals.

Name * Kim Pomroy

Address * 200 Kenwood Dr E
Maplewood, MN 55117
United States

Email * jpomroy@prodigy.net

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * They deserve a chance!

I would welcome supportive housing for young adults in Edina, and I ask Edina city leadership to do the same!

Name * Chas McKhann

Address * 5717 Vernon Avenue S
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * chas.mckhann@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * As much as we like to think that youth homelessness is "someone else's problem,;" it very much affects kids here in the west metro. We have the means...we need to do more to help these kids in need.

Name * Betsy Cruz

Address * 8109 Dupont Ave S
Bloomington, MN 55420
United States

Email * speedyb50@hotmail.com

Phone Number (952) 888-1674

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Not only is helping our homeless youth the right thing to do, but it makes economic sense. Ignoring the issue won't fix the problem, and allowing them to spiral further into homelessness will cost us more in the long run. We need to provide the support for our youth now, so they can change their lives at the beginning of adulthood and be productive members of our society. Imagine if it were your son or daughter out there -- we need to stand up for our vulnerable citizens.

Name * Lawrence Smith

Address * 14826 Blakeney Road
Eden Prairie, Mn 55347
United States

Email * lawrrsmith@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * As a long time member of St Stephens church, Edina has become my "second home" so to speak. This project is a wonderful way to show

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the compassion of this community, and to help give these kids a shot at a better life.

Name * Matt Iverson

Address * 9001 Harrow Way
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
United States

Email * iversonmatt@hotmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Homeless young adults need our help.

Name * Fei Wong-McKhann

Address * 5717 Vernon Ave South
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * fwmckhann@gmail.com

Phone Number (952) 920-0225

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * It is our responsibility to share the wealth that we are blessed with, to help the young underserved in our community receive the basic things we take for granted - a safe place to sleep at night, a community that cares for them, and a chance to make their lives be what they hope for themselves.

Name * Jill Plumb-Smith

Address * 4634 Casco Ave
Edina, MN 55424
United States

Email * jillplumbsmith@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * In a community that has so much to offer, a roof is the least we can do.

I would welcome supportive housing for young adults in Edina, and I ask Edina city leadership to do the same!

Name * Rachel Reeves

Address * 5515 Hansen Rd
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * chrisansrachel@comcast.net

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Our youth need a safe and clean environment to thrive. We have the resources and the environment to support youth that want to succeed. These are kids wanting help, not handouts!

Name * Ruth Gough

Address * 6941 Hillcrest Lane
Edina, MN 55435
United States

Email * gough@infionline.net

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * The kids need our support. It is a good location for this apartment complex.

Name * Sharon Hall

Address * 401 E Burnsville Pkwy #329
Burnsville, Mn 55337
United States

Email * halls329@comcast.net

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Our youth are our future. These 18-22 year olds are poised to move on with their education and get a job that will support them. They need stable housing in order to accomplish this. Lets move this process along as quickly as possible.

I would welcome supportive housing for young adults in Edina, and I ask Edina city leadership to do the same!

Name * Karin Anderson

Address * 2007 W 61st Street
Minneapolis, MN 55419
United States

Email * 2007kea@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Although I live in Minneapolis, I attend church, shop, and dine in Edina. Young adults have a difficult road in today's world. I can't imagine what that road would look like with nowhere to live. We need to change the idea that having people be homeless is acceptable in our world.

Name * Mary Gorrilla

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Mpls 55418
United States

Email * Marykaye56@aol.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Opportunity to guide young adults that have fallen through the cracks.

Name * Barbara Luskin

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United States

Email * luskin@alumni.uchicago.edu

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * A healthy community cares for all its members- even those who are having a hard time.

Name * Colleen Foley

Address * 10901 Xerxes Ave S
Bloomington, MN 55431

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	United States
Email *	emerson96@hotmail.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	Give these kids a needed chance to succeed!
Name *	Sara Schwiebert
Address *	5909 Beard Avenue South Edina, MN 55410 United States
Email *	saschwieb@q.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	I've been working on trying to get some supportive/affordable housing for youth in the western suburbs for several years. There are few sites available that have this site's access to public transportation and entry-level jobs -- making it a great place to offer homeless youth the opportunity to get their lives back on track with stable housing and employment.
Name *	Shelby Anderson
Address *	5105 Danens drive Edina, Mn 55439 United States
Email *	shelbya61@gmail.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	I think it is important for people at that age to have a place to live and a place with support because this is the age that can change people for good or bad in the future.
Name *	Maureen Nalezny
Address *	5812 Kellogg Av Edina, MN 55424 United States
Email *	maureen.nalezny@comcast.net
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	Without the stability of home, young people have little chance of becoming contributing citizens. The public needs to recognize the value that these young people can offer. They don't have skills -- housing like 66 West will

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provide guidance, accountability, and daily living skills that will launch young folks on a sustainable path to success.

Name * Josh Freeman

Address * 3530 Harriet Ave
Minneapolis, Mn 55408
United States

Email * josh.freeman@oracle.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Grew up round there. Wanna make sure people are taken care of.

Name * Joseph Ragan

Address * 7367 Longview Circle
Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317
United States

Email * ragan.joseph@live.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Youth of all people deserve a second chance. Most of these kids are fleeing abusive households and should be able to find a place to be nurtured and supported. Growth for these kids can only happen in a supportive environment, lets give them one

Name * Michael Jordan

Address * 3605 west 54th st
Edina, Mn 55410
United States

Email * daddybaseball23@aol.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Homeless teens need help and this is an easy way to help and better their lives and are community.

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Name *	Ted Estrem
Address *	6300 Colonial Way #327 Edina, Mn. 55436 United States
Email *	tedestrem@yahoo.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	It is needed for the homeless kids in our community.
Name *	Elizabeth Novotny
Address *	400 North 1st Street #604 Minneapolis, MN 55401 United States
Email *	enovotny@outlook.com
Phone Number	(952) 807-3860
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	I feel it is important to support the youth to help them become contributing members of society. Too many children are not given this support at home and need the communities' help.
Name *	Mary Jane Steinhagen
Address *	6600 Pleasant Ave #224 Richfield, MN 55423 United States
Email *	mjsteinh@mnet.net
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	I support it as Edina doesn't have enough affordable housing for young people!
Name *	Dave Hillestad
Address *	12501 Portland #215 Burnsville, MN 55337 United States
Email *	daje420@yahoo.com
Please share a few words about why you	Affordable housing is something that every city needs. As long as the youths

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endorse this project. *

are paying rent, and not breaking any laws... there should be a place for them. And this should help keep them off the streets causing problems elsewhere.

Name *

Gwen Westberg

Address *

3923 1st ave s
Minneapolis , MN 55409
United States

Email *

gwestberg@mac.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *

This project can only improve the community. It is important to invest in our youth if we want them to be productive members of society.

Name *

Betsy Nelson

Address *

4717 West 60th Street
Edina, MN 55424
United States

Email *

betsytn@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *

We have a need for housing for homeless young adults.

Name *

Ellen Brunker

Address *

5016 Sky Line Drive
Edina, mn 55436
United States

Email *

ellenbrunker@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *

I think it is important that everyone have a place to call home, especially for young adults as they enter the real world.

Name *

Blair Schipper

Address *

5624 beard ave s
edina, mn 55410
United States

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Email * blair.schipper@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Everyone needs a place to go and be cared for. The opportunity to grow and be supported is what everyone deserves

Name * Vicki Estrem

Address * 4204 Branson St
Edina, MN 55424
United States

Email * vestrem@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Everyone deserves a safe place to live. Our community should be a leader to promote safe housing for our homeless youth. As an educator in the inner city of Minneapolis, I see the severe rating effects of homelessness every day I go to work. Let's be part of a solution!

Name * Katie Campbell

Address * 3108 Hampshire Ave S
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
United States

Email * ktcams@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * As a teacher, I know abuse and need are not limited to the inner city. Struggling young people need support at every socio-economic level.

Name * Kristina Halvorsen

Address * 6333 Miller's Lane
Edina, MN 55424
United States

Email * kristinaj.halvorsen@yahoo.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * I feel everyone needs a chance and circumstances these days can be very tough.

Name * Erica Nowak

Address * 6009 Halifax Ave
Edina, MN 55424

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	United States
Email *	erican1919@yahoo.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	This is a critical need in our area.
Name *	Beryl Weidenbach
Address *	7801 W. 99th St. Bloomington, MN 55438 United States
Email *	bweid50@me.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	Something like this is badly needed for young adults!
Name *	Brianna Smith
Address *	1490 Dekalb Ave Brooklyn , NY 11237 United States
Email *	smithbg28@gmail.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	I grew up in Edina and I currently live in New York City working with the homeless and helping them get into permanent housing. Helping youth with affordable housing is something that is needed everywhere.
Name *	Sara Belfry
Address *	8035 Belair Lane Eden Prairie, MN 55347 United States
Email *	sbelfry@gmail.com
Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. *	Homelessness is not just a problem in the city's core, it is also a problem in the most affluent suburbs in Minnesota. I support building an affordable housing and service center to homeless youth close to good schools, public transportation and jobs.

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Name * Nate Saunders

Address * 3 Spur Road
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * nsaunders5@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * There currently is nowhere for homeless youth to go in the area. This community needs to support this group of young adults.

Name * David Ostlund

Address * 5517 Highwood Drive
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * dave.ostlund@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * We can help young adults help themselves develop early or help them more when it's too late for them to help themselves.

Name * Adam Estrem

Address * 4439 W. 50th Street
Edina, Mn 55424
United States

Email * aestrem@ststephens.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * There is a strong need for this in the west metro. It's time that we Edina community members stop being elitist and help youth grow to their full potential.

Name * Gwen Campbell

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Edina, MN 55435
United States

Email * edinacampbell@hotmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * Homeless teens, often homeless through no fault of their own, are highly likely to experience homelessness as an adult unless the community supports them on their road to self-sufficiency. Everyone deserves a safe place to call

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home, and homeless teens need to be in an environment with access to resources in which they have opportunities to be successful and self-sufficient adults. 36% of homeless adults experienced homelessness as a child, and at the 66 West Apartments, our community can help homeless teens break this cycle.

Name * Marilyn Erickson

Address * 4401 West 110th Street
Bloomington, MN 55437
United States

Email * merickson@tlcnn.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project.

Being able to purchase and make 66 West available to youth in the suburbs of Edina, Bloomington, Richfield is some of the best news I have lately heard. Everyone deserves/needs a place to call home--not a box, tent, tarp--but a safe place. Thanks to all who are making this possible.

Name * Cathleen Godsall

Address * 5601 Johnson Drive
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * cgod्सall@live.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project.

This project has tangible, deliverable, attainable outcomes for safe housing I as a resident of Edina can support for the sake of our at-risk homeless youths' futures. Our community helped us raise our children and now we can support those who are in need in our own community.

Name * Louise Waddick

Address * 5304 Blake Rd
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email * lawsddick@gmail.com

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project.

We are here in this world to help each other.

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Name *

Jessica Cook

Address *

5408 Glengarry Parkway
Edina, MN 55436
United States

Email *

cooksfour@comcast.net

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project.

All our youth need a stable home from which to successfully launch themselves into adulthood. When, for whatever reason, parents can't provide it, we need to come together as a village and support our young people. I've toured Nicollet Square and seen the wonderful and safe environment it provides and how well it blends in with the neighborhood.

Heather Branigin

From: Elena Temple-Webb <etemple@usmayors.org>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 5:23 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Fwd: PRESS MATERIALS FROM NYC CITIES OF OPPORTUNITY TASK FORCE MEETING
Attachments: USCM Metro Economies Report Wage Gap WEB August 2014.pdf; FINAL KEY FINDINGS.docx; USCM FINAL RELEASE - NYC WAGE GAP METRO ECON REPORT.doc; Cities of Opportunity Commitment to Action FORMATTED FOR RELEASE-2.docx

Hello all. Pls see the attached/below information re the Wage Gap/Income Equality Economic Report released today by USCM in conjunction with the first meeting of The USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force Meeting in NYC at Gracie Mansion.

Note I am resending the report/key findings -- which covers all 363 metropolitan areas in the country, so ALL CITIES -- in case you receive press calls, along with the accompanying press release and Commitment to Action signed by the mayors in attendance today.

Also if

your local media has questions
about
the report,

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direct them to us so we can put them in touch with the report's author at IHS.

All the b

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Elena

202-286-1100 if questions

WAGE GAP WIDENS FROM RECESSION AS INCOME INEQUALITY GROWS:

ON-GOING TREND GIVES TOP 5% NEARLY HALF-TRILLION DOLLARS IN ADDED ANNUAL INCOME IN 2012

New York -- Jobs gained during the economic recovery from the Great Recession pay an average 23% less than the jobs lost during the recession according to a new report released today by The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) under the leadership of President Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson. The annual wage in sectors where jobs were lost during the downturn was \$61,637, but new jobs gained through the second quarter of 2014 showed average wages of only \$47,171. This wage gap represents \$93 billion in lost wages.

Under a similar analysis conducted by the Conference of Mayors during the 2001-2002 recession, the wage gap was only 12% compared to the current 23% -- meaning the wage gap has nearly doubled from one recession to the next.

Prepared for the Conference of Mayors by IHS, the report was released in conjunction with the inaugural meeting of the USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force at Gracie Mansion in New York City. The Task Force is led by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and was established at the Conference's Annual Meeting in June to identify strategies for addressing income inequality, promoting economic mobility and creating jobs in America's cities.

"While the economy is picking up steam, income inequality and wage gaps are an alarming trend that must be addressed," said U.S. Conference of Mayors President Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson. "This Task Force, led by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, will recommend both national and local policies that will help to give everyone opportunity. We cannot put our heads in the sand on these issues," he said. "The nation's mayors have an obligation to do what we can to address issues of inequality in this country while Washington languishes in dysfunction."

The report also shows the gap between low and higher income-households is growing and will continue into the foreseeable future. In 2012, the latest year for which figures are available, 261 (73%) out of 357 metros had a larger share of poorer households (those making less than \$35,000 per year), than upper income households of above \$75,000.

The report forecasts that middle-income households will continue to fall behind as higher income levels capture a greater share of income gains. In 2014 median household income is projected to increase by 2.5% in nominal dollars, and then by 3.8% per year from 2015 through 2017. But average (mean) income is expected to rise faster, 2.7% in 2014 and by 4.1% through 2017. Faster growth in mean income compared to median income demonstrates growing income inequality.

Adjusted for inflation, average household income fell 3.0%, while median income fell 5.5% from 2005-2012, according to the report.

"The inequality crisis facing our cities is a threat to our fundamental American values. Reducing income inequality and ensuring opportunity for all is nothing less than the challenge of our times. As mayors, we are on the front lines and we must act now," said New York City Mayor and Chair of the Mayors' Cities of Opportunity Task Force Bill de Blasio. "The

Cities of Opportunity Task Force is bringing mayors from all corners of the country together to work together and leverage the power of municipal governments to advance a national, common equity agenda, and to also encourage action on a federal level.”

Boston Mayor and Vice Chair of the Mayors’ Task Force Martin Walsh added, “Recognizing that each city has both universal and unique challenges, we identified three areas in which many of us believe there can be short-term, meaningful impact. In addition to this work we are committing to do together, we will all continue to work in our respective cities on disparity across all policy areas. In our conversations to date, we have identified additional factors related to housing, transportation, financial empowerment and a whole host of other issues that we plan to address moving forward. This is a long-term commitment for all of us, to effect lasting change in the lives of real people in our cities.”

Most notably, the report also found that since 1975, the increasing share of income earned by the highest quintile -- the 20% of households with the highest incomes – rose from 43.6% in 1975 to 51.0% in 2012. Most of that gain occurred in the highest 5% of incomes, which rose from 16.5% in 1975 to 22.3% in 2012, a gain of \$490 billion in 2012 income.

The lowest two quintiles, or 40% of households, received just 6.6% of all US income gains since 2005, while the share of total income gains from the top 20% was 60.6% and the top 5% received 27.6%.

The report concludes that according to IHS economic models, the drift toward income inequality will persist in the coming years as it is a structural feature of the 21st Century economy. “Unless policies are developed to mitigate these trends, income inequality will only grow larger in the future,” according to Jim Diffley, director of US Regional Economics at IHS and author of the report.

More than 30 mayors from cities across the country attended the first meeting of the USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force. See the list of participating mayors below:

PARTICIPATING MAYORS (subject to change)

KEVIN JOHNSON, Sacramento, CA – USCM President

BILL DE BLASIO, New York, NY – USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force Chair

MARTIN WALSH, Boston, MA – USCM Cities of Opportunity Task Force Vice Chair

KATHY SHEEHAN, Albany, NY

RICHARD BERRY, Albuquerque, NM

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LEE LEFFINGWELL, Austin, TX

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Heather Branigin

From: Jackie Sullivan <sullivan6832@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 9:48 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Lambert, Anna Mae
Subject: Support for 66 West Apartments

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

From: Lambert, Anna Mae [<mailto:AnnaMaeLambert@edinarealty.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 9:18 AM
To: Jackie Sullivan

Sending on our behalf would be wonderful!

Give these young adults, who want to work and be responsible citizens, a chance to jump start their lives!

We whole heartedly support this affordable housing project.

Doug & Anna Mae

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Heather Branigin

From: Johnson, Aya <Aya.Johnson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:43 PM
Subject: FW: August 27, 2014 GSA Stakeholder Meeting
Attachments: Aug27 StPaul Stakeholder invitation doc.pdf

Greetings!

As you may recall, the General Services Administration (GSA) reversed their decision to move the local United States Citizenship and Immigration Services office from a central location to a location away from public transportation. Congressman Ellison, other members of the federal delegation and many state and local elected officials called on GSA to stop the move and work with local stakeholders to find a better location for our constituents.

GSA plans to have a stakeholder meeting about the relocation of the USCIS St. Paul Field Office. Many people informed me that they previously did not receive these notifications, so I am flagging this one. Please make sure to RSVP directly with USCIS at Outreach.SPM@uscis.dhs.gov by August 22. Make sure to share this information with anyone who may be interested in attending.

Warm regards,

Aya Johnson
Community Representative
Office of Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-05)
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From: Goudge, Laurie A [<mailto:Laurie.A.Goudge@uscis.dhs.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 3:42 PM
Subject: August 27, 2014 GSA Stakeholder Meeting

To all –

Please see the attached invitation to the GSA stakeholder meeting for August 27, 2014.

Thank you,

Leslie D. Tritten
Field Office Director
St. Paul Field Office

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
2901 Metro Drive, Ste., 100
Bloomington, MN 55425



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

August 11, 2014

Dear Stakeholder:

You are invited to a follow-up meeting with representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA) to talk about the new USCIS St. Paul Field Office.

This meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27 at 3:30 Central Time at the Warren E. Burger US Courthouse & Federal Building located at 316 Robert Street N, St Paul, MN. We will gather in the jury assembly room, which is located immediately after passing through security on the first floor.

If you plan to participate, please provide your full name and the organization you represent to USCIS via email at Outreach.SPM@uscis.dhs.gov by noon on August 22, 2014. I hope you will be able to join the discussion and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Tritten", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Leslie Tritten
St. Paul Field Office Director

Heather Branigin

From: Bernadette Daly <bndaly60@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:46 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66thWest

Dear Mayor,

I hope that you will be voicing your support for helping young adults rebuild their lives by allowing the 66th West Project to go forward.

Bernadette Daly

Heather Branigin

From: Abramson, Ted @ Minneapolis <Ted.Abramson@cbre.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 1:39 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Sidell Trail

Mayor Hovland,

It has been years since the last time we spoke and I hate to bring you into the loop on this, but I got a out of office message on my note below, from both Cary Teague and Chad and this meeting is Thursday and I am curious as to who I should reach out to.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Heltne, Erik @ Minneapolis; 'cmillner@EdinaMN.gov'
Subject: Sidell Trail

Cary,

In follow up to our conversation last week regarding the plans for development here and my concern over the handling of the excess water runoff, I have a few more questions. Since I have not heard back from the city engineer Chad Millner (whom I have Copied) , I want to be prepared for the Thursday meeting at the Public Works Department. The developer spoke to the handling of excess water by utilizing the vacant city owned lot at 4232 Lynn Ave which is .46 acres. He then spun this as a great thing because the lot would never be able to be built on. My questions/comments are as follows;

- I assume they would be paying a fair market value for this land similar to what they would be selling theirs for, otherwise what is in it for the city?
- Couldn't this be handled on the vacant part of the 4232 Oakdale Ave land owned by the family
- Who will be maintaining this parcel of land if it goes that direction?
- Have the city engineers studied this alongside the SLP engineers since there is a drastic change in elevation to the west?
- Is this something that will go to city council for comments from the public?
- Is there a plan they have submitted that can be reviewed by us?

Again, myself and others in the neighborhood are concerned as this plan seems to have changed a bit and now with a developer on board there seem to be a lot of promises being made and past promises changed. I was very vocal in

helping them get this passed and feel as though it has taken a noticeable enough turn to have concern. I feel like they are trying to rush this to get it in before fall and not taking all of the issues into consideration.

Thanks for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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Heather Branigin

From: urbys@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 3:33 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: 'Kevin Staunton'; Cary Teague; Mark Oehlke
Subject: 5800 Stuart Avenue variance & Mike Platterer

Mr. Hovland,

Our home re-build at 5800 Stuart Avenue is on the agenda for tomorrow evenings planning commission meeting. I wanted to bring to your attention what I felt was a confrontational situation between a friend/neighbor, myself via telephone and Planning Commission member Mr. Mike Platterer. Last night a friend/neighbor, Elizabeth Krieter, was driving by our home and noticed that a man was standing by our fence taking pictures of our backyard. She called me to ask if I was expecting anyone at the house and I told her we were not and asked her to please go ask him who he was and why he was photographing my home. I stayed on the phone with her as she asked "Excuse me sir but I am wondering who you are and why you are taking pictures of this homes back yard". He replied "Are you going to call the police on me?" To which she told him that she just wanted to know who he was and why he was photographing the back yard. He told her "Mike." I said to ask what his last name was and she indicated "I have Molly, the home owner, on the phone and she's wondering what your last name is." He replied "Platterer", to which I told her I did not know a Mike Platterer and she asked him again why he was taking pictures. To this he replied that he was the Chairman of the Planning Commission and again asked if she was going to call the police. I indicated to Elizabeth that I was confused as I thought that the Planning Commission had all of our information for the meeting on Wednesday which she repeated to Mr. Platterer to which he snorted and said "I'll remember that for the meeting on Wednesday." He then asked if she wanted him to delete the pictures and indicated she could watch him delete them. Yet again he asked if she was going to call the police. At this point I asked to speak to Mr. Platterer but as she offered the phone to him he indicated that he was not allowed to speak to me before the meeting on Wednesday. She told him that she was not going to call the police and explained that with us not living in the house we relied on the neighbors to keep an eye on it for us, which she was doing, and that is why she stopped to question him. I asked her for clarification on his last name again to make sure that I had the information correct which she did and then she got in her car to return to her home.

Not only was Mr. Platterer extremely rude and unprofessional but I felt that he was also extremely confrontational. As a representative of the city of Edina he should have began the conversation by indicating who he was and that he was with the Planning Commission. Also, his comment in regard to my belief that they had everything they needed for the meeting made me very uncomfortable and came across as a veiled threat as to how he would be voting on Wednesday.

Taking into consideration the Ex Parte Communication section of the Planning Commission Bylaws I am asking that Mr. Platterer abstain from participation in any discussion in regard to our property and be disqualified from voting upon our request. I would also like to be assured that this type of behavior by a city representative is not acceptable and that steps will be taken so that it does not happen again.

I met with Cary Teague this morning and discussed this situation as well as my request for Mr. Platterer's abstention. He indicated that he would be discussing it with Planning Commission Chairman Kevin Staunton before the meeting on Wednesday.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely yours,

Molly Urbanski

5800 Stuart Avenue

Edina, MN 55436

952-926-1258

Heather Branigin

From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 5:14 PM
To: Mark K. Nolan
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Chad Millner
Subject: RE: Living Streets Plan

Mr. Nolan,

Thank you for your response.

We understand sidewalks are part of the citywide transportation network and are for the benefit of all users, not just the owners of the property they abut. With that stated, and with planned sidewalks for Arden Avenue and W 52nd Street, we don't see how sidewalks on Indianola, Juanita, and W 51st make strategic connections or advance the reach of the sidewalk network. Arden and W 52nd make strategic connections; Indianola, Juanita, and W 51st are just infill.

Please consider removing Indianola, Juanita, and W 51st from the proposed Sidewalk Facilities Plan before it is presented to the ETC, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Thank you,
Troy Paulson

On Mon, 4 Aug 2014 20:22:36 +0000, "Mark K. Nolan" <MNolan@EdinaMN.gov> wrote:
Mr. Paulson,

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> The Living Streets Plan is a citywide plan that stems from the Living
> Streets Policy, passed unanimously by City Council in August of last
> year. Both streets and sidewalks are considered part of a citywide
> transportation network, and all Edina residents and land owners by
> definition benefit from them. Just as our infrastructure projects must
> take into account and balance the impacts both at the street,
> neighborhood and Citywide (and at times regional) levels, opinions and
> concerns of your neighbors will be considered, as well as those that
> are impacted by and benefit from our "Living Streets" as a whole.

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> We understand that impacts vary and are more immediate for those
> residents whose streets are being reconstructed, and be assured that
> staff and City officials do indeed listen to these concerns.

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> Thank you,

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> Mark Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner
> 952-826-0322 | Fax 952-826-0392
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> ...For Living, Learning, Raising Families & Doing Business

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com [<mailto:tpaulson@1992ventures.com>]

> Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 1:44 PM
> To: Mark K. Nolan
> Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
> joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Chad Millner
> Subject: Living Streets Plan
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> Mr. Nolan,
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> I write today in regards to the proposed Living Streets Plan for the
> City of Edina.
> In an April 1, 2014 Report to City Council you concluded that Living
> Streets will require being "broadly supported by the local
> neighborhood" and the trajectory of the change from existing streets
> will depend on "the resulting acceptance of the local neighborhoods."
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> On July 31, 2014, the Edina Engineering Department held an Open House
> to unveil the initial designs of your Living Streets Plan for the
> Arden Park D Neighborhood. As Engineering Director Millner can
> confirm, there were more than 100 residents in attendance and, not
> only was there no broad support or acceptance, the opposition to your
> plan was nearly unanimous!
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> Please tell me how the lack of neighborhood support and lack of
> neighborhood acceptance will affect the content of the proposed Living
> Streets Plan.
> Thank you,
> Troy Paulson
> 5116 Juanita Ave
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Heather Branigin

From: Thomas Nelson <thomasmnelson@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 7:12 PM
To: kevin@stauntonlaw.com
Cc: Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; Edina Mail; Cary Teague; Jim Nelson
Subject: TCF Bank Site - Opposition letter August 13th meeting
Attachments: TCF Letter #2 to Planning.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Kevin,
Letter attached for distribution to Planning Commission.
Thank you, -Tom

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August 12, 2014

Via email to:

Kevin Staunton, Chair, Edina Planning Commission &
Members of the Edina Planning Commission

RE: Opposition to Request for Re-Zoning & Amendment to Comprehensive Plan

**TCF Bank Building – (“Subject Site”)
3330 West 66th Street, Edina MN 55435**

Dear Mr. Staunton & Members of the Commission:

This letter is a supplement to our letter to the Planning Commission dated July 21, 2014 and our letter to the City Council dated May 19th, 2014 copies of which are attached. We own the property immediately east of the Subject Site at 3316 West 66th Street (the “Edina East Building”).

We will be at the public hearing tomorrow evening to speak. In addition to the information in our letters we ask you to consider three (3) things:

- First, we fully understand and support the need for supportive housing for young adults. In the Minneapolis residential neighborhood where my family lives, we are financial contributors to a facility blocks from our home. I drive by it on my way to work and our daughters and their friends pedal by it on their way to Sebastian Joe’s for ice cream.
- Second, we have been commercial real estate investors and developers in Edina and in this neighborhood for three generations. We choose to invest in part because as one of you noted at the last meeting, “Great cities were built with plans in mind.” Edina planners and leaders do not make reactive decisions or engage in hurried “spot zoning” to placate non-conforming projects. They listen to the sentiment and plan smartly – the expansion of the Regional Medical District in the Comp Plan is a perfect example.
- Third, does this request represent the best effort of the City to facilitate the need for supportive housing projects? Has there been, as Chairman Staunton remarked, “Structured conversation...that involves the public?” Are the use and its rules clear? Is just 39 units on a site that costs nearly 2.5 times that of comparable housing sites in the Southdale area and requires complete rezoning, multiple variances and an amendment to the Comp Plan the best that can be done? Could better planning lead to doubling or tripling the opportunities to build supportive facilities in Edina without the need for such complicated land use changes?

We urge the Commission to deny the proposed requests and seek alternative locations. We would look forward to voluntarily being part of working with the City and the developer to pursue more suitable sites.

Very truly yours,
EDINA EAST LLC

TMN : JWN

Thomas M. Nelson & James W. Nelson
Its Members

cc: Mayor Hovland, Scott Neal, and Cary Teague

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July 21, 2014

Via email to:

Kevin Staunton, Chair, Edina Planning Commission &
Members of the Edina Planning Commission

RE: Proposed Redevelopment Plan by Beacon Interfaith Housing

Opposition to Request for Re-Zoning & Amendment to Comprehensive Plan

**TCF Bank Building – (“Subject Site”)
3330 West 66th Street, Edina MN 55435**

Dear Mr. Staunton & Members of the Commission:

We own the property immediately east at 3316 West 66th Street (the “Edina East Building”), which we purchased from the tax-exempt American Cancer Society and redeveloped for medical and commercial use. Both our property and the Subject Site are located within the City of Edina’s prized and consistently growing Regional Medical District (the “RMD”).

This district was expanded as part of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan and we oppose re-zoning and/or amending the Comp Plan to allow for any non-conforming use that will dilute the full potential of its intended zoning allowances.

The RMD allows for up to 12 stories of height to accommodate a variety of intense uses that have synergy with its long standing anchor, Fairview Southdale Hospital, and its ever expanding volume of surgery centers, medical office space, clinics, laboratories, general office and other supportive commercial uses. The district was expanded in 2008 because it represents an important part of Edina’s current and future reputation as a nationally recognized top tier community with the ability to attract the type of uses afforded by having a thriving RMD across the street from regional mall.

In line with the goals of the expanded RMD, significant capital was invested to re-purpose our Edina East Building by ownership and our tenants, Dermatology Specialists, PA and Peoples Bank of Commerce. The magnitude of use was increased, the property was added back to Edina’s commercial property tax rolls and it is now a viable component of the RMD.

The same is occurring with the recent construction of the Twin Cities Orthopedics Building, the \$42 million expansion of Fairview Southdale Hospital, the 60,000 square foot addition by IRET to Southdale Medical and Mount Development’s 6500 France Senior Housing project. Other capable developers have footholds near the Subject Site with United Properties owning the Southdale Place Building and parking lot immediately west and Ryan Companies now managing the two buildings on the underdeveloped 5.67 acre site one parcel east at the corner of 66th and York.

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Guiding responsible commercial development has been a cornerstone of intelligent City leadership creating “win-wins” for developers, citizens and the City. Changing current law to allow the proposed development would be a “win” for a single, non-conforming project, but a confusing “lose” for the RMD and its owners who have based their planning and investments on the wishes the City of Edina outlined in its Comprehensive Plan as the highest and best use for the Subject Site. Once the laws are changed they will be difficult, if not impossible to reverse for a completed project likely subject to 30 plus year affordable housing financing.

We urge the Planning Commission, City Council and City Planners to use their expertise to seek “win-win” alternatives for the Beacon concept rather than rush through substantial, “one-off” modifications on an expensive site in the middle of the RMD at a gateway corner to one of only two north-south arteries through the RMD (Barrie Road). Randomly carving out this site this could have a negative effect on larger re-developments that may involve assembly of parcels and/or require these corners for best access and visibility.

We note that Beacon’s willingness and ability to pay more than double the most recent comparable multi-family land cost per unit (Subject Site: \$2.3 million/39 units = \$59,000/unit vs. 7200 France site: \$5.5 million/195 units = \$28,200/unit) will greatly expand the pool of potential alternatives.

We have met with the Beacon representatives, toured their inspiring projects and are aware of the well intended populist sentiment garnered at church gatherings and through pre-printed supportive post card signings. It is clear that there is citizen support for a Beacon project in Edina so why shouldn’t it be located where it can offer a “win-win” for those served by the concept without compromising the potential of the expanded Regional Medical District?

We request the that the Planning Commission and City Council deny the requests for rezoning and a Comp Plan amendment and continue to work with the developer to seek alternatives so the concept can move forward.

Very truly yours,
EDINA EAST LLC

Thomas M. Nelson & James W. Nelson
Its Members

CC Jim Hovland, Mayor of Edina
Scott Neal, Edina City Manager
Cary Teague, Edina Community Development Director

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May 19, 2014

Via email to:

Mayor Jim Hovland &
Members of the Edina City Council

RE: Tuesday, May 20th Council Meeting

**Proposed Redevelopment Plan – Sketch Plan Review
TCF Bank Building – (“Subject Site”)
3330 West 66th Street, Edina MN 55435**

Dear Mayor Hovland & Members of the Council:

We own the property immediately east at 3316 West 66th Street (the “Edina East Building”), which we purchased from the tax-exempt American Cancer Society in 2004 and redeveloped for medical and commercial use in 2006. Both our property and the Subject Site are located within the City of Edina’s prized and consistently growing Regional Medical District (the “RMD”).

Significant capital was invested to re-purpose the Edina East Building by ownership and our tenants, Dermatology Specialists, PA and Peoples Bank of Commerce. The magnitude of use was increased, the property was added back to Edina’s commercial property tax rolls and it is now a viable component the RMD.

These efforts in 2006 were only an initial step toward realizing the full re-development potential afforded by the zoning guidelines of the RMD as part of the City’s 2008 Comprehensive Plan. The guidelines allow for up to 12 stories of height to accommodate a variety of intense uses that have synergy with the RMD’s long standing anchor, Fairview Southdale Hospital and its ever expanding volume of surgery centers, medical office space, clinics, laboratories, general office and other supportive commercial uses. The district is zoned this way because represents an important part of Edina’s current and future reputation as a nationally recognized top tier community with the ability to attract the type of uses afforded by having a thriving RMD across the street from regional mall.

We oppose amending the Comprehensive Plan to allow for any non-confirming use that will dilute the full potential of the RMD’s zoning allowances. In particular we object because the Subject Site represents a small, but centrally located primary corner on one of only two north-south arteries through the RMD (Barrie Road). Allowing for a small,

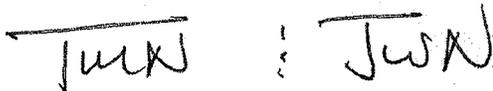
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non-conforming use on a key corner could negatively affect larger re-developments that may involve assembly of parcels and/or require these corners for proper access and visibility.

We further oppose as the City has an abundance of other districts where it could accommodate the proposed use where all involved could gain from its intended benefits without having to compromise the benefits of an important site within a thriving, well planned and dedicated Regional Medical District.

We hope that the City can work with the developer to identify these locations and that their project can continue to move forward.

Very truly yours,
EDINA EAST LLC

Handwritten signatures of Thomas M. Nelson and James W. Nelson, separated by a vertical line.

Thomas M. Nelson & James W. Nelson
Its Members

CC Scott Neal, Edina City Manager
Carey Teague, Edina Community Development Director

Heather Branigin

From: larso128@umn.edu
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 8:54 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: Eric W. Larson, MD

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Address_2:

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State: MN

Zip_Code: 55435

Email: larso128@umn.edu

Phone: larso128@umn.edu

Referrer: other

Message: Re: Support for 6 West Housing Initiative: Please share with members below before Planning Commission meeting August 13, 2014 Dear members of Planning Commission, City Council, and Mayor Hovland: As an Edina resident committed to the future of our city, I ask for your full support for the 66 West Housing Initiative that is proposed for West 66th Street north of Southdale. Every night there are hundreds of homeless youth and young adults in our area. As a VA physician I see the consequences of homelessness every day, in needless suffering and medical costs that need not have happened. Here's the business case for 66 West: 1. It will safely bring in 39 young adults who can go to school and work in nearby jobs. There are service jobs in our city going begging again, for the first time in years. 2. They will be mentored and helped, and yes, watched much more closely than if they were sleeping on our business porches, buses and neighborhood back yards. 3. They will be far more likely to grow up to be healthier, more productive, tax-paying citizens who will think fondly of Edina as the place that took them in when they were vulnerable and unloved. They will want their children to go to school here when they are running their own web-based marketing companies. As for those who don't want them in their back yard: They are already in your back yard, and hanging around your businesses at night, and some of them are already using drugs in your back yard. 66 West gives these young people a chance to develop healthy, legal, pro-social behavior. Thank you for service to our city. I will be at the meeting Wednesday, Aug 13, and would be pleased to discuss further or answer any questions then or at another time. Sincerely, Eric Larson

Heather Branigin

From: Orthey, Chrís <Christopher.S.Orthey@pjc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 9:09 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please vote no for 66th homeless shelter.

I have live in Edina for over 15 years. I strongly want to voice my families opposition to the proposed homeless shelter on 66 th st. What will the ages of the youths expected to be staying there?

Thank you,

Chris
4525 Laguna Drive

Chris Orthey
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Heather Branigin

From: Bringgold@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 9:52 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fred

I read with disbelief the 129 inches about the Fred in the current Sun. What a boondoggle. What did the course lose in 2013 and what is forecast for this year? Did anyone consider raising green fees etc to buffer or cover the shortfall if there is one? Or is it more politically correct to spend a huge amount to turn the course into something for which there is no plan? And where will that funding come from? I have been an Edina resident for over 40 years and have always been proud of Edina and the way the city was run. With the Fred fiasco I can no longer say that. Gary Bringgold, 7322 Claredon Drive.

Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Coleman, Chris (CI-StPaul) <chris.coleman@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 4:13 PM
To: Coleman, Chris (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Invitation to join The 84% Coalition: Mayors for Municipal Roads

Dear Mayors,

We've got a problem and I think you know what it is: our roads. Cities all over the state and nation are struggling to maintain the roads their residents, visitors and businesses need to not only survive, but to thrive. The first update in 20 years to our state's transportation funding was passed by the legislature in 2008, and state and county roads were prioritized. At the time, cities were promised our needs would be prioritized as part of a future package.

What we know and what we are hearing from our constituents is that the time has come for the state to fulfill its commitment to our city infrastructure needs. Governor Mark Dayton's 2014 State of the State address identified transportation as a key priority for the 2015 legislative session, and legislative leaders have echoed his sentiments about a need to focus on this issue.

To ensure we are successful in securing the necessary financial support for our roads, we would like to invite you to join *The 84% Coalition: Mayors for Municipal Roads*. This bipartisan coalition will bring together mayors from across Minnesota – representing cities large and small – to discuss and identify solutions for new transportation funding for city streets. Members will participate in three strategic planning meetings, culminating in a funding package we will advocate for during the 2015 legislative session.

First meeting in Nicollet: This meeting will provide a refresher on transportation funding from the League of Minnesota Cities and a comprehensive look at the state of city roads from the City Engineers Association.

Thursday, August 28, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch will be generously provided by the League of Minnesota Cities)

Nicollet Fire Hall, 402 3rd Street, Nicollet, MN

Second meeting in Saint Cloud: For the second meeting, Commissioner Charlie Zelle will join us to speak on MNDOT's priorities, and we will invite key legislative leaders to talk with us about the political climate around transportation funding. The Center for Transportation Studies will also provide us with viable options to review.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Exact Saint Cloud location pending.

Third meeting in Saint Paul: During the final meeting of the coalition, we will determine the initiatives we plan to advance during the 2015 legislative agenda, as well as a strategy for success.

Friday, November 7, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

League of Minnesota Cities, 145 University Ave. W, Saint Paul, MN

I hope you'll join this important coalition. In order to be successful, we will need to be a united front in offering our solution to this ongoing challenge in our community.

You will hear from Katie Knutson, Government Relations Associate for the City of Saint Paul, in the next several days. She will share additional details and be available to answer your questions. Meantime, don't hesitate to reach out to her directly at Katie.knutson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-8519.

We look forward to seeing you at the first meeting.

Mayor Chris Coleman, Saint Paul

Mayor Fred Froehlich, Nicollet

Heather Branigin

From: michael cushmore <tcushmore@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: cushmore carol
Subject: 66 West proposed affordable youth housing project

Jim...I wanted you to know that Carol and I are both big supporters of Beacon and are very hopeful that you will push the proposed youth housing project in Edina called 66 West. Carol was one of the very first Board members of Beacon and we have seen how successful it's projects have been over the years. Beacon's very first project, Lydia Apts, was quite controversial, with the local Stevens Square community association in opposition. That group has been completely won over and now considers Lydia an important community asset. Edina needs this project to provide affordable housing for young adults in need, and when the project is completed and up and running, the current opposition will realize that their concerns weren't valid. Thanks for your support. Ted and Carol Cushmore

Heather Branigin

From: Cassell_40@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 1:24 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

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City: Edina

State: MN

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Phone: 952-929-3050

Referrer: google

Message: I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed development of the project being proposed by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Those of us who live in the 55435 zip code are accustomed to being considered nothing more than the dumping ground for projects that "real" Edina does not want in their neighborhoods but make "real" Edina look welcoming & progressive. Examples: 1.) Want Section 8 housing: Dump it in the 55435 area. "Real" Edina won't be affected. 2.) Want to increase the tax base: Build too many multi-family dwellings by Southdale thus creating unbearable traffic and congestion and put it in the 55435 area. "Real" Edina won't be affected. 3.) Want to look progressive: House homeless teens thus making the area less safe than before and put that housing in the 55435 area. Once again, "real" Edina won't be affected. I hope when the council meets, more weight will be given the needs, safety, and wishes of your neglected neighbors in the 55435 zip code than will be given to outsiders from Beacon Interfaith. Thank you. M.K. Cassell Barrie Road 55435

Heather Branigin

From: Steve Hobbs <hobbs34@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 5:26 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Mary Brindle (Comcast); MJ Lamon
Subject: Steve Hobbs' Application for the Planning Commission

Everyone,

Thank you so much for your time today. I am enthused about the possibility of serving on the Planning Commission and doing what I can to help Edina. Please pass on my thanks to Kevin and Michael as well.

Regards,

Steve Hobbs

Heather Branigin

From: Hailey Felt <hailey12120@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 5:56 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: The Homeless

Hello! My name is Hailey Felt, I'm almost 13 years old and I live in Edina. I have just visited Sanfransico and I noticed a lot of homeless people and each time I see someone with out a home, good meal (not out of the trash) or a place to stay it puts a hole in my heart, I was hoping that maybe we could do something to minimize the number of homeless people. So I was thinking that maybe we could put flyers out that tell where they could sleep, have a nice meal and maybe even get a job! The other idea is that we could use old parking meters to collect change to buy necessary things. Thank you for you'r time -Hailey Felt
P.S: I think you're a great mayor!!!☺☐
Sent from my iPhone

Heather Branigin

From: Brooke Crane <brookieloo@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:40 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

I never would have dreamt that I would be riveted to watching a city council meeting for hours on local tv. I've lived in Edina for forty years, at 5636 Woodcrest Dr, and 5610 Woodcrest Drive, where I grew up. I'm all in favor of affordable housing, and in Edina, but am not convinced the site is appropriate. It's expensive too. Have all other Edina sites been thoroughly checked out? Mr Nelson's comments and proposal as a commercial real estate developer seemed particularly insightful and should be considered.

I imagine that many other residents are just learning of this, and have no time to adequately weigh in on the process. That is why we need the city council to really look at the big picture and carefully consider the ramifications of not only changing zoning code language, but doing right by all concerned. Commissioner Carr illuminated the pitfalls and the possibilities. When folly enters in, wisdom flies out the window.

Brooke Crane
Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Rich Colestock <rec6613@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Cary Teague; Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Paula Colestock
Subject: Planning Commission and City Council - Project 66 West

City of Edina Planning Commission and City Council Members:

I attended the planning commission hearing last night after recently learning of a plan to convert the TCF building on 66th Street into a low income housing facility for homeless young adults. Although, I did not stay until the end of the public comment section of the meeting (it was getting late and repetitive), I'm interested in the outcome and the decision made by the planning commission. I am currently neither for nor against the proposed use of the TCF site, but do believe the argument presented by the applicants and the vast (and overwhelming) number of supporters they brought to the meeting last night was somewhat myopic in its approach.

No one can rationally argue against the mission of providing affordable housing opportunities to those who truly need help. However strong our zeal is to help those in need, there are other stake holders and issues in this situation that need and deserve to be considered before a decision is made to re-zone the property in question. I think most people would support the re-zoning effort when and if the issues of economic impact, personal security, and future use possibilities are publicly addressed with real data and statistics based on how these types of projects affect the surrounding neighbors and businesses.

The legal, technical and moral obligation aspects were well (enough) covered last night, but there were some aspects that were left uncovered as well (at least in the time I was there):

1. What are the future use possibilities for this property once it is re-zoned? Is it possible that it could be converted to other uses such as a half-way house to help transition criminals back to society (or other non-desirable uses). What is the law here? How do we protect against unintended or undesired use in the future?
2. What kind of safe guards will be in place to ensure drug and alcohol use will be monitored and controlled (considering the target market for tenants includes those under 21). Is it legally possible to do this?
3. What are the real crime or police statistics (base line and post implementation) for similar projects both here and in other cities around the country - not just this for this applicant. We heard two sets of numbers last night from two biased sources.
4. How do we think it will impact nearby businesses that could be in social conflict with the sites proposed usage? The day care business behind the property comes to mind. I can honestly say that given a range of comparable choices, I would not choose to put my young child or infant in a day care facility in such close proximity to low income housing - not because bad people necessarily live there, but because of the perceived risk. What about the residential properties behind 66 West? How will 66 West impact vacancy rates (in rentals), and property resale values because perspective renters and buyers may choose other options due to the proximity of 66 West?

5. Several times, it was quoted that this is the best site in Edina for this kind of facility, but other considered sites were not discussed. What were those other sites and why are they inferior to this one?

These are pretty basic and rational questions and I'm sure have been considered. If all of these have been researched and answered by the city and the planning commission, then please be transparent with the community and share that information.

In summary, I believe the City of Edina has an obligation to socialize this project with residents and business owners a bit more and take a full 360 degree view of it before taking action (either up or down). Assurances from the applicant and its supporters are not enough to convince me (and surely others) that the positive impact of 66 West will outweigh the potential and possibly longer term negative impact to the surrounding community.

Thanks

Rich Colestock
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Edina, MN

Mayor Howard

this is a document from the
great people of Yorktown Continental
who wish to be heard about
the destruction of the wonders
of nature here where we live.

to us it seems that no alternative
has been considered. We realize
it is a worth while project
(Assisted Living Bldg) and would
never consider making such
a project.

We feel the great city of Edina
could find an alternative location
that would even be better for the
community as a whole.

We thank you for the opportunity
to express our heartfelt
feelings.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED AND CONFIRMED AS FACTUAL AND IS VITAL TO THE VERO IMPORTANT DECISION REGARDING “ASSISTED LIVING “ AT YORKTOWN CONTINETNAL.

Yorktown Continental is already proven to be an “assisted living” structure and operates very much as such a unit.

Here is what Yorktown Continental provides:

very reasonable rents compared to typical Edina installations. Some units rent for as little as \$325.00 per month.

Excellent structure soon to renovated and updated to current standards.

Location is in a very upscale corporate surroundings.

The landscape atmosphere out front is wonderfully natural with 50 year old trees and the land layout is unique and loved by all who live here.

Location is in an unusually safe atmosphere; essentially one block away from the noisy, high traffic, precarious York Avenue

HERE ARE THE BASICS THAT YORKTOWN CONTINENTAL PROVIDES:

Excellent structural stability of the building that can resist any weather catastrophe. Efficiency of building layout that provides front and rear entry's and exits.

Rear entry area features special acceptance for commercial and industrial deliveries.

Highly efficient elevator system : Unit 1, just for Yorktown residents and visitors. Unit 2 is a freight elevator that permits commercial deliveries.

Excellent parking situation. Ample space for vehicles with 15 minute parking spaces for quick time visitors. Designated spots for handicapped drivers.

Two safe and easy exit roads onto and off York Avenue So.

Four emergency stair exits on each floor.

Excellent maintenance staff with great experience and capabilities.

2nd floor features walk in bathing facility and other- assistance features to help the disabled.

The front of Yorktown Continental provides the residents and viewers traveling in the area an unusually unique and beautiful landscape.

1. A picturesque, undulating grass land base. This identifies the area, providing a most beautiful backdrop for the wonders of nature.
2. Mighty oaks, el Grande Maple Trees and fir trees dot the entire front area.
3. Five types of evergreen trees dot the scene adding to the magnificence of the scene.

The Yorktown parking is graciously set up on the east side of the building. Here are the features that add to the total greatness of this Assisted Living complex.

East side

Unique gazebo structure at the ~~center~~ of the edifice. Beautiful flower garden display integrated into the gazebo concept. Four enormous flower bed set-up, planted and maintained by Yorktown's wonderful volunteers. Expanded volunteer garden open to all who wish to plant and then pick.

Gorgeous trees and landscape line that in front. Acres of green space.

HERE IS THE PERSONAL ESSENCE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS AT YORKTOWN CONTINENTAL.

The following types of events and special presentations are part and parcel of enjoyment of living in this grand old structure.

- Mindfulness study group
 - Bingo night each Wednesday and other games during the week
 - Great free food fair every other Tuesday
 - Regular exercise programs each week
 - Trips to different casinos
 - Residents who entertain other residents with special programs
 - Once a month birthday acknowledgment
 - The party planners,
 - Special meals - 5 days each week
 - Talent show, our wild drummer, a home-made instrument demonstration, etc.
 - Great outside organization that come to entertain
- Aquatennial Group singers
- Edina Senior singers
 - Boy scouts come at Christmas to entertain
 - Honeywell band
 - Glitzy chicks and many others

Special newsletter each month for all residents.

A huge library

Weekly movies in the Conference room

Second floor also offers dining capabilities

THE FOREGOING PRESENTATIONS OUTLINE AND EMPHASIZE THE GREATNESS OF YORKTOWN CONTINENTAL. YORKTOWN CONTINENTAL STANDS ALONE IN THIS GREAT EDINA AREA AS A TRULY HISTORICAL AND PRACTICAL LANDMARK.

We do not need another assisted living brick and mortar edifice to destroy the God given beauty of this magnificent set up.

Dear Edina City Councilmember,

The city of Edina can help young people find stable housing and end homelessness.

On any given night, it is estimated that between 200 and 300 youth are homeless in the suburbs of Hennepin County. 66 West is affordable and supportive housing which will serve approximately 39 youth and young adults.

Please help suburban youth experiencing homelessness by supporting this project.

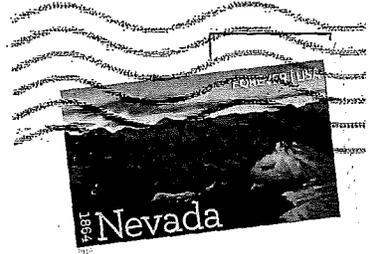
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Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES)

Southwest Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation Project Update – 8/12/14

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), operator of the metro-area wastewater collection and treatment system, is working on rehabilitation of an aging and deteriorating regional sanitary sewers in the Linden Hills Neighborhood of Minneapolis and in a small portion of St. Louis Park.

Traffic Impacts Beginning The Week of August 18th (Monday):

- The road of France Ave. S. between W. 44th St. and W. 38th St. will need to close. This will allow us to remove and replace the old deteriorated and sagging sanitary sewer pipe and manholes under the street. The road will re-open in late October. During this time, thru traffic will be detoured via W. 44th St., Xerxes Ave. S., and W. 38th St.

How Will the Work Be Done?

MCES sewer 1-MN-342 is very badly deteriorated and sagged and will require total reconstruction. The work will involve excavation and removal of the old sewer pipe and maintenance holes, installation of new support piling, and installation of new sewer pipes and maintenance holes. The work is planned to be complete by fall 2014. Sections of the streets will need to be closed temporarily while the sewer is being replaced. Streets will be repaved and any affected landscape will be restored as part of the project.

For More Information:

Additional information about the Southwest Minneapolis Interceptor Rehabilitation Project will be posted and updated periodically on the Metropolitan Council's website:

www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstructionupdates



MCES staff are available to review this project with you and answer your questions in person or by phone or e-mail. Please feel free to contact:

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