

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: August 20, 2013

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

We exist to enrich the cultural fabric of the communities we serve by providing high quality performing arts, visual arts, and arts education programs, and welcoming and nurturing talent.

August 7, 2013

Councilmember Mary Brindle
City of Edina
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mary:

In just a few short weeks, Bloomington Theatre and Art Center (BTAC) will open *Bloomington Mapworks III* – an exhibition that presents eight of our hometown’s most iconic places through six artists’ eyes. From the tranquil Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge to the bustling Mall of America and the inimitable David Fong’s, Bloomington’s landmarks are both celebrated and re-imagined in this remarkable show.

Bloomington Mapworks III is no ordinary exhibit. It’s a rare opportunity for people of all walks of life to find common ground through fresh perspectives on the places we live, work, and play. To celebrate, we’re throwing a party for the artists, exhibition sponsors, and BTAC friends and supporters to preview the show before it opens to the general public. I hope you’ll join us for this fun-filled evening!

Bloomington Mapworks III Preview Party

Thursday, August 29, 6 – 8 p.m.
Bloomington Center for the Arts

hors d'oeuvres by CRAVE • music by Brother Timothy • cash bar



Civic Plaza by Erik Sletten – one of 48 paintings featured in *Bloomington Mapworks III*.

Tickets are available for \$20 at www.btacmn.org (look for the link to *Bloomington Mapworks III* on our home page) or by calling 952-563-8575. I look forward to seeing you at the party!

Kind regards,

Andrea Specht
Executive Director



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Office of Executive Director



August 7, 2013

City of Edina

Attn: Mayor James Hovland

4801 W. 50th St.

Edina, MN 55424

Mayor Hovland,

I am following up on our discussion about the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) review of the partial implementation of Area Navigation (RNAV) procedures at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). As you know, the FAA has expressed concern that there are possible safety barriers to the partial implementation of RNAV at MSP. The FAA is continuing to conduct its safety review to determine if the partial RNAV implementation proposal can be executed safely. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is awaiting the findings of the FAA's safety analysis.

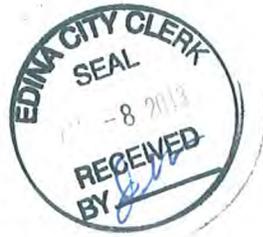
I assure you that upon receipt of the FAA safety study findings, the MAC will share the information with all interested stakeholders, including the City of Edina.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Hamiel

MAC Executive Director/CEO

Paul Allenburg
6224 Loch Mar
DC 55439
Edina, MN



Dear Mayor of Edina.

I don't like the way people use Loch Mar Drive as a cross road to Glenside Market etc. Also the pool NEEDS to be cleaned.

Sincerely,

Paul Allenburg

P.S. Don't respond like Joe Mauer Cakes Secretary with a check note by the secretary, I can tell the difference!

P.S.S. I like to write notes.

P.S.S.S. People are going to fight on Loch Mar Dr

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August 5, 2013

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



RE: July 28 fatal house fire in the City of Hawley

Dear Mayor Hovland:

I want to personally thank the City of Edina and specifically the Edina Fire Department for its assistance fighting the fire and stabilizing the structure in Hawley.

I was personally at the scene and the fire fighters knew exactly what to do and how to react as the scene commander directed all of the teams. Because of the length of time needed to bring the fire under control and to recover the body, we needed many air tanks and trained fire personnel. The communications were great, the team preparedness was superb and the fire fighters attitudes were great. Every fire fighter would do anything asked of them to help bring the fire under control and find and recover the young girl, Rylie Efterfield.

It was a very difficult morning for everyone at the fire scene. I was able to talk to and thank many of the teams that came to assist in this tragic event. Please do pass on Hawley's sincere appreciation to your department members. You have a talented, well trained department.

Respectfully,

Gary E. Johnson
Mayor

Deb Mangen

From: timothydeangelo@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 7:40 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Braemar Priority Use Policy

City leaders,

This will be my oldest son's (7 yrs old) 4th year in the EHA and the hockey experience has been priceless for him. The coaches and administration have been second to none! My younger son (4 yrs old) is starting hockey this fall and we decided to put him in the Minnesota Made program as all the practices and games are at one location. That way my older boy can still be part of the EHA league where his friends are. My wife is a RN and works weekends so I alone have to coordinate the kids activities on the weekend (including my oldest daughter's activities also). We felt that I could not juggle driving the two boys all over the metro area for hockey and the MM program was the only option for both boys to play hockey. Long story short, I was appalled that a city facility did not put the EHA organization first. I do not know all the details on the subject but based on the figures that I have seen the large majority of the residents in the EHA are bearing a much larger burden then the figure skating club, who the majority are not even residents. In my eyes it is simple if city dollars go into the facility the residents that pay those taxes get priority first, period. Otherwise stop using our money for the faculty, sell it to a private owner and the can do what they want.

Tim DeAngelo
4616 Concord Terrace, Edina

Sent from my HTC on the Now Network from Sprint!

Deb Mangen

From: Pat Manion <pmanion@originalmktg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 8:42 AM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Braemar Ice solution

Good Morning,

As Past President of the EHA and District 6 hockey I watched in amazement you meeting last evening. Without detailing all of the errors presented last night I wanted to give a potential partial solution. Since you have shifted both the EHA ice and the Skating Club ice why not ask the EHS teams to shift ice as well? High school begins I believe at 8:30. Why not ask both the Boys and Girls team to take SOME ice at 6:30-8:00a am? With the brand new locker rooms the players no longer need to schlep their equipment back and forth. It is left in the locker rooms. They could shower after practice and head off to school. I believe the HS calls this Zero hour. These teams then could use after school as off ice training at Velocity. While this is not a perfect solution it would let all teams using Braemar participate in the current ice shortage.

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Deb Mangen

From: Herm Finnegan <HFinnegan@loffler.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 9:55 AM
To: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Disappointing

Dear Council Members,

I was in attendance last night for the council meeting and I was extremely disappointed with the decision made on the priority use agreement for Braemar. The disappointment doesn't come from the number of hours allocated to EHA for the next two years (which equals less than two hour per team per year), it is about wasting City employees time and making tough decisions.

You asked City employees (and used tax payer dollars) to research the situation and come to the board with a recommendation. They did their job, you didn't take any part of their recommendation and you want to create another task force to resolve this matter at another date. You already had the task force and you didn't value their input.

The community looks for you to make tough decisions to more Edina forward. Last night you failed and cowardly pushed this issue off for two more years. Now, there is no clear direction for either group and this issues hangs around for two more year. Needless to say, very disappointing.

Sincerely,

Herm Finnegan

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Deb Mangen

From: shmakredes@q.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 7:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: steve.makredes@target.com
Subject: Fwd: Braemar Priority Use Agreement

Honorable Mayor Hovland;

I applaud your leadership! I attended the City Council Meeting last night and thought you had a firm grasp of the issues facing BCLFSC and EHA.

You managed the conversation around ice time very well with your fellow Council Members. I feel you came up with a solution that will preserve figure skating in Edina.

I hope that staff will now cooperate in working out the details of the agreement.

I know we can count on your continued support.

Edina is very fortunate to have you as Mayor!

Thank You,

Steve Makredes
4916 West Sunnyslope Road
Edina, MN 55424

From: shmakredes@q.com
To: mail@edinamn.gov
Cc: "Steve Makredes" <steve.makredes@target.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2013 10:20:44 PM
Subject: Braemar Priority Use Agreement

Honorable Mayor Hovland;

I am a resident of Edina and my daughter has been a member of BCLFSC since 2004 and a member of Team Braemar.

I would like to thanking you for your leadership at the July 16th City Council Meeting. I attended that meeting and thought that you were able to understand the impact the proposed Priority Use Agreement would have on BCLFSC. I thought your recommendation for the two sides to meet was a wise one.

Unfortunately, my understanding of those meetings was the EHA position was not **if** BCLFSC would loose significant ice time but, **when**. The reason I was told EHA did not support the Park Board recommendation was it did not give them ice time fast enough. Hardly the spirit of compromise.

I have just finished reading the Agenda for the August 5th City Council Meeting and the Park Board's staff revised recommendation for a Priority Use Agreement. If accepted, I believe this will ultimately lead to the end of the 47 year Figure Skating tradition in Edina.

Figure Skating is a different sport than hockey. EHA is looking at ice time through a hockey lens. While it was nice of them to offer up their ice scheduler, a quick look at open ice times at the arenas they proposed show no consecutive open ice hours.

I would like you to consider a few other thoughts as you weigh your options for tomorrow's meeting:

- Great cities provide services to a variety of activities
- 2014 is an Olympic year and Figure Skating plays a major role in broadcast television. We can expect to see an increase in Edina citizen's desire to enter the sport.
- Figure Skaters are athletes for sure, but are also artists, in fact they are a perfect blend of athletics and the arts.
- Not all Edina residents support the dominance of Hockey. EHA has developed a very successful program with the resources they have and so has BCLFSC. The changes proposed will result in the end of BCLFSC and further dominance of hockey in Edina.
- The year round cash flow generated by BCLFSC to the Braemar Arena

As a parent of a figure skater, I was open to negotiate a compromise, the reality is there is not enough ice time to allow EHA to increase its ice hours at Braemar the way they want to.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting tomorrow night. For now the only course of action I can see is accept option 1 (maintain the status quo) or require EHA to be more flexible in negotiating ice hours so we can come up with a mutual agreement.

Steve Makredes
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Edina, MN 55424
952-927-8422

Deb Mangen

From: scottbell <sbell321@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 11:11 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Mayor Hovland

Dear Mr. Hovland,

I am disappointed in your decision not to support the EHA in their request for priority ice time for the families of Edina. I will make certain to express myself with my vote and by devoting my time during the election to make certain we have a mayor who will support its residents in the future.

You have made it clear with your current vote on the EHA issue how you feel about the families of Edina.

Thank you,

Scott Bell

Deb Mangen

From: Alex & Ted Christianson <tofte@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 11:15 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you Mayor Hovland

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thank you for your leadership during the “icky ice time issue” as we call it in our hockey & figure skating house. I know it has been a very contentious issue and we are grateful for your help and support. Thank you for listening, reading, meeting and researching the issue thoroughly. The skaters that were there last night learned a lot about city government and were able to discern some good roles models!! Thank you!!!

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Best-

The Christianson Family

Ted (Assitant hockey coach and father of a figure skater) Alex (Hockey mom/team manager and Figure skater mom/equipment manager) Addie (Figure skater and Team Braemar member) Calvin (1st year Pee Wee Hockey player)

Deb Mangen

From: Ann Makredes <amagr@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 11:04 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Priority Use Agreement for BCLFSC and EHA

Dear Honorable Mayor Hovland,

I was present at last night's council meeting and I just would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your leadership in this very difficult situation. You clearly had listened to us and had read all the emails we sent you over the last few weeks. Figure skating is a complex sport but I am hopeful that, with the flexibility of Team Braemar being able to purchase some ice elsewhere, the club will be able to remain at Braemar arena.

My 14 year old daughter, who was also present yesterday, learned a lot about standing up for your rights, member representation, democracy and strong leadership.

Thank you again for your support,

Ann Makredes
4916 West Sunnyslope Road
Edina, MN 55424

Deb Mangen

From: Paul F. Puerzer <ppuerzer@spacecenterinc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Edina City Council - BCLFSC

Mayor Hovland –

Thank you for your tireless efforts to find a workable solution to the ice time issues at the Braemar Arena. It takes a brave leader to admit that they don't always have all of the answers; especially when others want to push ahead without regard to the consequences. In two years we might find that the result of this slower path is the difference between a check-up and an autopsy.

I must admit that I am still a little concerned about the staff's role in this process. Although they were supplied with all the same information that allowed you and the council to arrive at a more compromised solution they would have recommended cutting so many hours as to eventually make the BCLFSC unviable. I hope that they will realize all the efforts our coaches took to find the hours that we are being required to give up – not just the number but the times and days – and not attempt to reallocate those numbers over a schedule that will not allow us to meet training schedules.

Sadly even though their proposal might have proved disastrous for BCFFSC it would still not have been sufficient to resolve EHA's issues.

Construction of the 4th sheet contained in the sports dome proposal might also not seem enough to EHA but perhaps it will provide them with some additional time and help to not further diminish BCLFSC's ability to survive.

I know cost is always an issue but believe that given how passionate both EHA and BCLFSC are about our athletes that there would be interest by private parties to assist in the expansion.

Thanks again,

Paul Puerzer

From: Brent Hall <bhall@WLHall.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2013 2:57 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Comment for Jim Hovland

Mayor Hovland,

I am a resident of Edina and a business owner in Hopkins. My building is a potential victim of the Hopkins OMF location so I went to today's Corridor Management Committee meeting to better understand the process. I sat directly behind you and, I believe, in front of one of your associates.

First of all, I was extremely impressed by your probing and insightful questions. As a tax payer and business owner, it makes me feel much better about the utilization of my tax dollars when I see how thorough the process is and how inquisitive and engaged the committee members are. I also thought that your compliments to the Met Council staff on the quality and quantity of their work was also a very classy gesture on your part.

As a small business owner who doesn't throw around denominations like "million" and "billion" lightly, I very much appreciated the comments you directed to Peter Wagenius from the City of Minneapolis regarding keeping all three land users (LRT, freight & bike path) above ground assuming there is enough space available. This seems to be a common sense, cost effective solution. Why are 65 trains (LRT) a day OK (and something Minneapolis must always have been willing to accept) but 71 (LRT + freight) anathema and something that cannot even be discussed? If the freight train traffic is so objectionable, is the City of Minneapolis willing pay for the tunnel with its own money? As a Republican, my biggest concern with large public works projects such as this is how the cost / value tradeoff gets distorted when you are not spending your own money. If the City of Minneapolis had to pay for the tunnels themselves, the deep tunnel would be off the table and the shallow tunnel would barely be a consideration. They would manage through the design and accommodate everyone as best they could and realize that putting a project this ambitious through an existing residential area is never easy and that some cost / benefit tradeoffs simply have to be accepted. Whether or not this is just a preliminary bargaining position against the railroads or FTA I don't know.

Thank you again for your hard and thoughtful work on this project,

Sincerely,

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57 Woodland Circle, Edina

&

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Deb Mangen

From: Tass von Schmidt-Pauli <tassvsp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 9:27 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Tass von Schmidt-Pauli
Subject: Sally Lane obstruction

Dear Council members,

I suggest a possible solution to the "tree obstruction" issue on Sally Lane and ValleyView rd intersection.

I refer to the Driveway mirror. As one travels west on Valleyview just past Gleason rd, the old Moore House has a large driveway mirror to allow its occupants to see what is coming down Valleyview before exiting their driveway.

Why couldn't a large mirror be placed on the northeast corner of the SL and VV intersection to allow cars to see what is coming west on Valleyview??

It would be less expensive than tearing down beautiful arbutus.

Tass von Schmidt-Pauli
tassvsp@yahoo.com

Deb Mangen

From: Diane Wabbe <dwabbe@co.carver.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Meeting request from Commissioner Maluchnik

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Carver County Commissioner, Randy Maluchnik, requested that I contact you to set up a time for him to meet with you over lunch. Would you be available to meet him either on Monday, August 19th or Tuesday, August 20th, at a restaurant and time convenient for you.

If these dates don't work, perhaps you can suggest a day the first week of September that will work for you.

Thank you for your help.

Diane
Carver County Administration
952-361-1503

Deb Mangen

From: James Hovland <jhovland@krausehovland.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 2:17 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Andrea Nelson
Subject: RE: Meeting request from Commissioner Maluchnik

Diane, thanks for the email. Please let the Commissioner know that Monday the 19th for lunch will work for me. I suggest Salut at 50th & France at noon. Thanks for setting this up.

James B. Hovland, Esquire
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From: Lynette Biunno [<mailto:lbiunno@EdinaMN.gov>] **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 1:59 PM
Cc: Jane Timm
Subject: FW: Meeting request from Commissioner Maluchnik



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Diane
Carver County Administration
952-361-1503

Deb Mangen

From: Paul Grette <pgrette@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 11:00 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Cc. Letter to Governor Dayton Regarding Air Traffic Noise
Attachments: My Flight Log.docx

Cc. Mayor Hovland

August 8, 2013

Dear Governor Dayton,

I am Kim Harkins-Grette. I live at 5709 York Ave. S. in Edina, MN and I am asking for your help. Since 2010, after Delta Airlines moved in as our new airport neighbors, the number of low flying flights over my house and block has increased to an unbelievable level (more flights in a day than previously in a week). They are louder than before because they are flying lower. I can't even get away from the noise and disruption inside my house with all the doors and windows completely shut.

On a regular basis, the flights start at 7 AM and continue until 10 PM. Frequently they start just after 5 AM and continue until 11PM. I am a person who loves gardening, walking in my neighborhood, entertaining on my patio with friends and family, and enjoying my family room. I can't hear the person next to me on my patio. In my family room, I can't hear the TV or radio, or someone on the phone. The planes are so low and so loud and my house wasn't specially made to handle all the constant low-flying planes. My house isn't the problem.

I moved to Edina because of location. The constant noise has left me with lack of sleep, headaches, and it is very stressful not to have any relief from it. Now it is like I live in a cheap motel at the end of a runway instead of a nice neighborhood over 6 miles from the airport. I did not choose this. Increased noise was forced upon me with no discussion.

Sending complaints to the MAC don't seem to have any effect. I really need you to exert your influence to get this noise out of our neighborhoods and start accommodating neighborhoods over commerce. There are runways that send planes over industrial or sparsely populated areas that are being underutilized, such as Runway 17 (which cost taxpayers \$700 million), instead of the ones that send planes right over neighborhoods.

I have attached a sampling of the planes that went over my home and block I live on during a stretch of a typical day.

I would appreciate anything you can do to help. <<...>>

Thank you so much,

Kim Harkins-Grette

Cc. Mayor Hovland

My Flight Tracking Log

29-Jul-13	30-Jul-13		1-Aug-13			3-Aug-13
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			10:07 AM	11:24 AM	12:00PM	7:54 AM
			10:10 AM	11:25 AM	12:03 PM	
			10:12 AM	11:26 AM		
			10:13 AM	11:28 AM		

Deb Mangen

From: JulieA.Swenson <JulieA.Swenson@target.com>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 7:01 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thanks!

Hi!

We are a figure skating family, living in Edina, and appreciate the work preserving our ice time. We were all set to move our daughter to the Bloomington Figure Skating Club, but since we can still get ice time at Breamar we will very happily stay here.

We spend a fortune on skating with ice time and we employ an expensive coach. We spend a lot more money in Edina than hockey families. And our skaters compete all over the world. I'd much rather do that from Edina than Bloomington.

Deb Mangen

From: jdeets@att.net
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 8:01 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you for the support of figure skating in Edina!

The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor of Edina,

Thank you for the support of figure skating in Edina!

Jennifer Deets

(Maddie loves to skate!)

Deb Mangen

From: Tom Incantalupo <skoach92@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 10:13 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Subject: EHA and BCLFSC Resolution

To: Edina City Council members in support of the BCLFSC
From: Tom Incantalupo - Braemar City of Lakes figure Skating Club - Staff Coach
Date: 8/9/13
Re: Edina City Council meeting on Monday, August 5th 2013

I would like to thank all of you for your time, energy and your obvious care you have given to the matter that was presented before you on Monday evening regarding EHA and BCLFSC. With the pressure the EHA attempted to apply, all of you were able to demonstrate a wisdom that is nothing short of remarkable by achieving a rational, fact based resolution that allows the Figure Skating Club to function to a major degree.

There may be some difficulty for BCLFSC accommodating the higher level skaters and BCLFSC may be having to ask for more/additional ice-time in the future (especially with an Olympic year on the horizon), but because of your commitment to figure skating, I personally, will do everything I can to continue training my higher level athletes at Braemar Arena before considering another facility. I am grateful that all of you were able to see a bigger picture as to how this might impact our club. Comparing Figure Skating to Hockey, Golf to Football, Tennis to Basketball, etc. is just not possible as they are completely different sports, but you did not let this happen.

I try not to get too involved with any type of political conflicts, but this was a conflict way too important not for me to share my concerns with you and, of course, my sincere gratification. If there is anything that I may be able to assist with in the future by offering a professionals' view of our sport, I would not hesitate.

Respectfully,
Tom Incantalupo

TOM INCANTALUPO

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ALL AGES, ALL LEVELS, ALL DREAMS...

From: Lina Garcia <lgarcia@usmayors.org>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 1:17 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Kay Scrimger; Lina Garcia; mayorsoffice@rochesterhills.org; Tom McClimon
Subject: International Affairs Committee Chair Oakland Mayor Jean Quan: Report on Committee Meeting (August 2013)
Attachments: KANE presentation.docx; Russian Olympics and LGBT.pdf

August 9, 2013

TO: Members of the International Affairs Committee

FROM: Mayor Jean Quan of Oakland, Chair of the Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting in Los Vegas, June 22, 2013

The International Affairs Committee met on Saturday afternoon, June 22, in Las Vegas at the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 81st Annual Meeting and considered a variety of international areas, including international trade and investment, nuclear disarmament, and international human rights.

The committee passed the following policy resolutions:

- Advancing U.S. Metro Economic Growth through Collaboration and Trade in the Americas;
- Promoting and Encouraging International Human Rights;
- Calling for U.S. Leadership in Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Redirection of Military Spending to Domestic Needs; and
- Calling on the U.S. Government to Support Free and Fair Elections in Venezuela and in All Countries.

The Mexican Consul in Las Vegas Julian Adem discussed the strong trade relationships between the U.S. and Mexico and listed several promising product areas that will increase trade even more.

David Fransen, Canadian Consul General in Los Angeles, emphasized the powerful and extensive trade relationship between the U.S. and Canada. Canada and the U.S. are the world's largest trading partners, with \$742.5 billion in goods and services in 2012.

Jackie Cabasso, Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator, discussed the most recent international efforts devoted to nuclear disarmament as well as the 8th General Conference of Mayors for Peace to be held August 3-6, 2013, in Hiroshima, continuing Mayors for Peace' strong stand for a world without nuclear weapons.

Mary D. Kane, President and CEO of Sister Cities International, described the variety of international city relationships her organization fosters in the 136 nations on six continents. At my request, Ms. Kane has provided a summary of her presentation at our committee meeting, which is attached.

As mayors, we are always seeking opportunities to build global connections to create jobs and investment in our cities. I had the opportunity to travel to China in May 2011 to meet with business leaders in Beijing, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong as part of my city's efforts to attract additional trade and investment.

Also, our new USCM President Mesa, AZ Mayor Scott Smith stopped by our committee meeting to discuss a resolution that he sponsored (Advancing Trade in the Americas, as listed above) and reiterated that one of his priorities as incoming President is to increase support for trade between the U.S., Canada and Mexico to help spur economic growth.

I also wanted to call the committee's attention to my concern about the upcoming Winter Olympics to be held in Sochi, Russia, in 2014. Russian Parliament and President Vladimir Putin has made it clear that anyone who openly supports gay rights or is openly gay in public could be subjected to time in prison. I have written a letter to International Olympics Committee General Christophe de Kepper expressing my view that Olympic athletes may be ill treated and requesting that the IOC work with the Russian government to change its discriminatory laws or relocate the 2014 Olympics to another country. I am attaching my letter to this email.

I would like to thank all members of our committee for your continuing support and participation. Our committee meeting sparked much discussion on the resolutions.

We look forward to seeing you at our January meeting in Washington DC to continue our consideration of these and other international issues. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the following USCM staff: Lina Garcia, Director of International Programs, 202-341-6113 or lgarcia@usmayors.org or Kay Scrimger at 202-861-8772 or kscrimger@usmayors.org.

**Presentation by Mary D. Kane, President and CEO, Sister Cities International
United States Conference of Mayors, 81st Annual Meeting
June 22, 2013, Las Vegas, NV**

Sister Cities International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 at the White House conference on citizen diplomacy. The sister city network today is comprised of 500 U.S. cities with nearly 2,000 partnerships in 140 countries on six continents.

Sister city relationships are grassroots-level, long-term connections that can be leveraged for the overall benefit of the community. Today, sister city relationships are key avenues for cities to connect globally. As cities today become hubs for export and import, movement of goods, and innovation, Sister Cities International firmly believes that these global connections help communities thrive.

In recent years, the network is seeing a trend of more sister cities working together in the realm of business and trade. Several economic development opportunities are borne out of sister city connections. A prime example of a sister city connection leading to a business opportunity is that of Lakeland, FL and its sister city Chongming, China. In August 2011, ECON Inc., a Lakeland-based engineering firm with 22 employees, leveraged the city's sister relationship to receive a five-year, one billion U.S. dollar contract to build a theme park on Chongming Island.

In addition to bringing in business and trade, global connections help communities reap countless benefits, including more jobs, better infrastructure, and international education programs for its youth. We encourage cities to strengthen and rejuvenate existing relationships and start new ones as an avenue for collaboration.

In the coming years, Sister Cities International will continue to engage youth from all over the world through programs. We also look forward to growing relationships in the Middle East and North Africa.

In this new era of citizen diplomacy, Sister Cities International has embraced technology. We are on Facebook and Twitter and we also have a new, interactive website – making us more accessible.

The President of the United States has been the Honorary Chairperson of Sister Cities International since Eisenhower in 1956. This past January, we celebrated the inauguration of the President of the United States with the very first Sister Cities International Inaugural Gala. The Sister Cities International Inaugural Gala will now be a fixture every four years.

In 2014, we will be hosting a U.S.-China sister city conference to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the first sister city relationship with China. We invite all Mayors to join us to mark this important milestone.

As we connect globally, we thrive locally.

Christophe De Kepper
Director General
International Olympic Committee
Château de Vidy
1007 Lausanne
Switzerland

Dear Mr. De Kepper,

I am writing to you about the recent escalation of discrimination and violence against the LGBT community in Russia. The Russian Parliament and President Vladimir Putin have made it clear that anyone who openly supports gay rights or is openly gay in public could be subjected to time in prison. This raises huge concerns about the Winter Olympics being held in Sochi, Russia in 2014.

Mr. Putin has taken a number of actions hostile to the LGBT community including a ban on the adoption of Russian children by gay couples, allowing the police to arrest gay or pro-gay tourists and allowing them to be detained for up to 14 days and imposing fines on "homosexual propaganda," which includes any positive portrayal of gays.

During the 2012 London Summer Olympics there were 21 openly gay and lesbian athletes who competed. If the Russian laws were enforced the 2014 Winter Olympic athletes could be subject to imprisonment. These policies are the antithesis of what the Olympic spirit represents, which according to your own website states, "Building a peaceful and better world..in the Olympic Spirit which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play."

The Russian government's actions are also incompatible with the Olympic Charter's promotion of "human dignity," as well as a violation of Russia's international legal obligation to ensure non-discrimination and respect for freedom of expression.

Your own Olympic Charter bars any form of discrimination and the IOC's role is explicitly "to act against any form of discrimination affecting the Olympic Movement" [Article 2(6) of the Charter].

The City of Oakland has sent 12 athletes the Olympics over the years, an illustrious list that includes Tiffany Chin, Stephen Clark, Peter Rocca, Marcus Jensen, Geoffrey Picard, Albert White, Archie Williams, Austin Sperry, Gary Payton, Brad Gilbert, Brad Gilbert and Buster Crabbe, Our City is one of the most diverse cities in America and we celebrate our differences and thrive on our individuality. We have strong anti-discrimination laws and as a community are appalled at the actions of the Russian government.

I encourage you to work with the Russian government in changing their discriminatory and repressive laws. If not, I strongly encourage you to find a new location for the 2014 Winter Olympics that celebrates the diversity of all people and upholds your own Olympic charter.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jean Quan



Sandra Cramer
4205 Chestnut Lane N.E.
Prior Lake, MN 55372

August 9, 2013

Greetings:

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

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

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

Today I am attending a scrapbook weekend and I am reflecting of my daughter's year on Team Braemar. As I work on her Team Braemar year scrapbook I am remembering the great friendships she gained and the growth and confidence as a synchronized skater and individual skater.

Even though we are Associate Members with Braemar, she still continues to skate on Wednesday's at Braemar with Coach Kathleen Gazich. We have been with Kathleen for three years now and she also continues being coach by Loni Keenan at Burnsville MN Valley Figure Skating Club. We became Associates with Braemar the year before joining Team Braemar and I can truly appreciate the growth Rachel has had of these two talented Coaches and the great year with Pam May and Toni Swiggum with Team Braemar. Rachel wants to be the best figure skater she can be so we go where the talented coaches are.

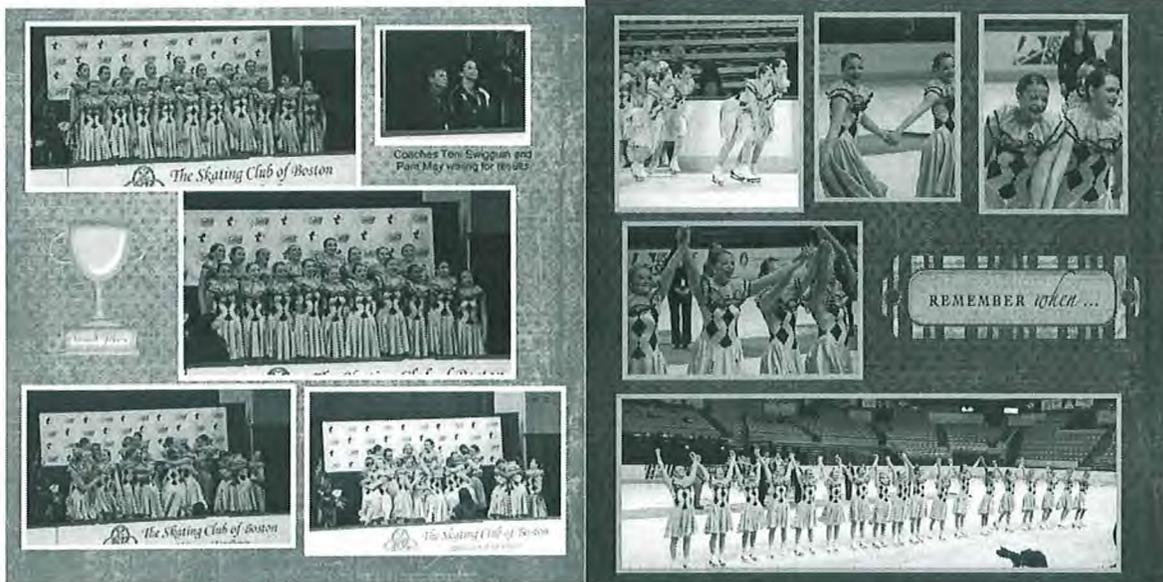
Rachel is 16 years old and a Junior at Prior Lake High School this fall, she has been skating since she was four years old and wouldn't trade it for any other sport. She is dedicated and wanted to skate with the world renowned Team Braemar of Edina and a highly recognized club which is why we come from afar to skate.

As we are not residents of Edina, I do have an interest in the ice time for my skater and want to write to thank you for your support in the Braemar City of Lake Figure Skating Club and the importance it has on the communities...not just Edina but other surrounding cities that want to have their skater skate with a wonderful club!!

Sincerely,

Sandra and Rachel Cramer (daughter)

Prior Lake, MN



2011-2012 Team Braemar waiting for Novice results!! 2nd Place!!!!

2011-2012 Team Braemar Novice receiving their silver medals!!!

Deb Mangen

From: Kathleen Gazich <kathleen.gazich@gmail.com> on behalf of Kathleen Gazich <kgazich@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 09, 2013 5:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you for your service

Dear Honorable James Hovland,

I just wanted to take the time to thank you for all that you do for Edina. I am the Co-Head Professional and Lead Instructor (director) for the Skating School at Braemar Arena. I really feel that you did an excellent job of addressing the issues for ice allocation. There was no way to please both organizations and you were able to find some common ground. You have great mediation skills. I have attended the last two City Council meetings was it quite a learning experience on City government and I appreciate your service to this position.

I appreciate the fact that a less drastic reduction in our ice was taken. I am hoping that we can still grow our program and give opportunities to future Edina figure skaters. I feel that the 20 year agreement that we made with the management needs to be upheld. It is sending the wrong message to our children that an agreement can be made and broken at a later date. It's like a bait and switch. Our money was accepted and no notice was received that our agreement was not a valid contract.

Again, Thank you for your support of the Braemar City of Lake Figure Skating Club,

Respectfully,

Kathleen Gazich

Deb Mangen

From: Bernie Beaver <bbeaver44@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2013 7:51 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: braemar

Good vote re the figure skating club use of Braemar.
Not an easy one but it seems that the two sides should be able to compromise.

Deb Mangen

From: wrh wrh <wrhdesign@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 10, 2013 2:00 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Mayor James B. Hovland important info

Mayor James B. Hovland
City of Edina, Minnesota

8/10/2013

Mayor Hovland:

Recently, I read your most insightful and important quote in the Minneapolis StarTribune. "why the light-rail line, freight trains and recreational trails couldn't run above ground and next to one another in the Kenilworth corridor, Wagenius replied, "That is not at all remotely on the table". Actually this verbiage was recorded by an excellent journalistic article by reporter Patrick Doyle at the Trib!

In very practical reality of today's urban design principles concerning (TOD) Transportation Oriented Development, your viewpoint mayor is right on the money and very practical. Concerning the pragmatic and most economic approach to the very messy project called SW LRT, you have a solid opinion!

Wagenius in my estimation is a city employee charged with publicity aiming for the elimination of DM&E railroad freight operations through the western lakes area of Minneapolis. The alternate and not-as-yet approved re-route through St. Louis Park could be a future transit advantage for the City of Edina!

As the rail line running north and south through the cities of St. Louis Park and Edina owned and operated by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, has future possibility that will put the City of Edina on a world map of high-speed rail destinations.

When I retired from the City of Minneapolis Engineering Services Division as a infrastructure land surveyor I decided to finally establish my own consultancy; William R. Hume Design (WRHDesign).

I have a background in rail design and am one of America's leading writers concerning the future of high-speed rail in America. Please Google; william hume high speed rail. There you will find just a few of the many journalistic articles I have authored concerning the engineering design, operation, advantage and life-changing experience of true high-speed rail. I have been published in Washington, DC., in the (AAR) American Association of Railroads "Smartbrief daily news".

I have a very interesting and reachable design concept for the City of Edina using incredible high-speed rail. No other rail authority in the state of Minnesota has even dreamed of this concept.

When an individual uniquely qualified such as myself with a background in engineering and journalism (BA degree English), has the practical construction experience and creativity to realize great infrastructure transit designs, some city will benefit greatly.

Let us talk soon about what I can help in future planning for the excellent City of Edina!

Best regards,

William

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Deb Mangen

From: USCM/Cochran <actionalert@usmayors.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 8:32 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: The August 12, 2013 edition of U.S.Mayor

The August 12, 2013 edition of U.S.Mayor is now available at
http://usmayors.org/usmayornewspaper/documents/08_12_13

Inside you will find:

- Summer Leadership Meeting - Mayors to Washington: Partnership Needed for Jobs, Economic Growth, Built on Local Innovation
- Bi-Partisan Support Builds in House for "Don't Mess with our Bonds" Coalition
- HUD, Transportation Funding Bills Collapse in Congress
- LED Lighting Will Save Independence \$4 Million
- President Obama Offers New Housing Proposals
- Apply Now: \$400,000 in Obesity Prevention Grants

... and so much more!

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Deb Mangen

From: USCM/Cochran <actionalert@usmayors.org>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 11:44 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Register for Mayors' Day Thursday, September 12 During Empowerment Week in Birmingham
Attachments: MayorsEmpowermentWeek.pdf



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To: The Mayor

From: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

Birmingham Mayor William A. Bell, Sr. has invited all mayors to be with him in Birmingham during September 11-15 to participate in Empowerment Week which will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church which killed four young girls as well as Birmingham's civil rights movement of 1963.

Thursday September 12 will be mayors' day and will feature two panel discussions by mayors in the 16th Street Baptist Church – one on Reaching Economic Justice, the other on Building Tolerance. The U.S. Conference of Mayors Vice President Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson will preside at the events. Among the mayors participating in the panels will be Conference of Mayors Past President Michael Nutter of Philadelphia, Paul Soglin of Madison, Marilyn Strickland of Tacoma, Mitch Landrieu of New Orleans, Chris Cabaldon of West Sacramento and Greg Fisher of Louisville.

We will have a press conference in front of the Church following the panel discussions and then go across the street to the Civil Rights Institute for a luncheon with an address by Charleston Mayor and Conference Past President Joe Riley. The day will begin with a breakfast at the Westin Hotel.

Registration and hotel information are available on line at <http://usmayors.org/Empowerment13>. The number of rooms available is limited, so if you plan to attend please reserve your room as soon as possible. You will be able to reserve your room to stay on for other events during Empowerment Week. Mayor Bell will provide Mayors with access to all events. Please contact Mayor Bell's Chief of Staff, Chuck Fausch, at Erskin.Fausch@birminghamal.gov for information. Information on Empowerment Week is at 50yearsforward.com.

Empowerment Week Schedule

Birmingham officials are planning a full schedule for Empowerment Week:

- Wednesday, September 11 will focus on **Service**, and include volunteer clean-up projects throughout the City.
- Thursday, September 12 will focus on **Reflection** and include the mayors' panels.
- Friday, September 13 will focus on **Restoration** and include sessions with members of Congress, mayors from other countries, civic and opinion leaders, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.
- Saturday, September 14 will focus on **Reconciliation** and will include Dr. Bill Cosby, filmmaker Spike Lee and other national arts, culture, and entertainment figures hosting a day of conversations and a screening on the civil rights movements and its effects.
- Sunday, September 15 will focus on **Commemoration** and include an afternoon worship service, live theatrical events in several Birmingham parks, and other special events.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact the Conference's Public Safety Director Laura DeKoven Waxman at lwaxman@usmayors.org. or (202) 489-7534.

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The United States Conference of Mayors

Mayors' Empowerment Week

September 11-15, 2013

The Westin Hotel

Birmingham, AL

REGISTRATION FORM

(You may register on line at <http://usmayors.org/Empowerment13> or complete this registration form and fax to U.S. Conference of Mayors Meetings Department at 202 467 4276).

(Any staff who accompanies a Mayor must register separately)

NAME _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Preferred Name on Badge: _____

Name of Partner/Accompanying Spouse: _____

Attendee has special needs: Yes ___ No ___ (If yes, USCM will contact)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Room reservations must be made by calling the hotel directly. Please identify yourself as an attendee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting to ensure the group rate.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the following hotel:

The Westin Birmingham
2221 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N.
Birmingham, AL
1-888-627-7108

RATE/TAXES:

\$159.00 Single/Double Occupancy

Taxes: 17.5%

Reservations must be made before September 4, 2013 to receive the discounted rates. Reservations made after the cutoff date of September 4, 2013 cannot be guaranteed at the discounted rate. Reservations may be cancelled up to 72 hours without loss of first night's deposit. Please note that all NO SHOWS will be charged one (1) night's room deposit. Also any early departure fee of \$50 will apply if you check prior to your confirmed checkout date.

Please return this form to:

The U.S. Conference of Mayors

Attention: Carol Edwards

1620 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: (202) 293-7330 Fax: (202)467-4276

Deb Mangan

From: sbaer@mercatorxxi.com
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 12:37 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Emilie Kastner; Jesse Berst; Jim Whittaker; Chris Williams
Subject: FW: Smart Cities Council Readiness Guide "Beta-Test" for Edina
Attachments: How to Download the Readiness Guide.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Mayor Hovland and Emilie,

I wanted to follow up with you to set a time for a kick off call with the Smart Cities Council Staff. Please let me know a time that suits your schedule in the next week if possible and I will send out a meeting invitation.

Best regards,

Sandy

From: Chris Williams <cwilliams@mercatorxxi.com>
Date: Monday, August 5, 2013 11:56 AM
To: "Edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us" <Edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us>
Cc: Sandra Baer <sandrabaer@mindspring.com>, Jesse Berst <jesse.berst@GlobalSmartEnergy.com>, Jim Whittaker <jwhittaker@mercatorxxi.com>
Subject: Smart Cities Council Readiness Guide "Beta-Test" for Edina

Dear Mayor Hovland,

We are pleased that Edina has agreed to help us beta-test the Smart Cities Council Readiness Guide. Our goal is to give you an early start in the process of becoming a smart city.

This is a learning process for the Smart Cities Council (www.smartcitiescouncil.com) and for each city testing our Guide.

To be clear about expectations, this exercise will help position your city for the next steps; in fact it should be the first step in your planning process. In turn, we are relying on your feedback to bridge the gap between our technological and subject matter expertise and your real world knowledge and experience. There is no fee associated with this testing; the Smart Cities Council appreciates your willingness to help us create a useful tool that will help your city and other municipalities across the globe.

Importantly, we see technology as a means to an end. We rely on you to establish the end point you want to reach -- that is, to tell us your vision for your city and your unique strengths and priorities. With your goals at hand, we can then determine whether and when smart technology can help you get there. Our intent is to help you in the transformation process to enhance citizen services and the quality of life.

Below, we outline the process and schedule for our Readiness Guide beta-test. Please review the process, and then respond to us with an email addressing the following three points:

1. Confirm that we have the appropriate point of contact.

2. Select a Readiness Guide team from your staff who will be responsible for reading and reviewing the Readiness Guide. This team will be included in all of our calls throughout the testing period.
3. Set a time for a kick-off call (see below) with the SCC staff and your team **as soon as possible**.

Readiness Guide Beta-Test Process:

Kick-off call (Edina team and SCC staff)

Time frame: week of August 5th

The purpose of our kick-off call is to review all of the elements of the beta-test process outlined in this note. We want to put everyone on the same page about expectations and timing. We also want to get to know you! During this call, we will also identify a time for the midterm call.

Midterm call (Edina team and SCC staff)

Time Frame: week of August 19th

The midterm call will allow us to connect with you and see how you are coming along with your read through and review of the Readiness Guide. We will not ask for specific feedback on this call; we will host this call to answer any questions you may have and ensure that you are making progress in the planning process. We will also identify a time for the Feedback call.

Feedback call (Edina team and SCC staff)

Suggested time: week of September 2nd

The feedback call is the opportunity to deliver your specific feedback to the Readiness Guide. This call, and your preparation for it, will be incredibly valuable to us as we look to create a bridge between our technology experts and your real-world understanding of city and citizen needs. Here are the questions that we would like you to answer during this call:

- A. Is the Guide useful to you? How? How not?
- B. What elements are missing from the Guide? What could be added that would increase the Guide's usefulness to you?
- C. What did you find confusing?
- D. Do you think a completed Readiness Guide will help you plan and procure services to achieve your vision and objectives? Why, or why not?

These questions can be answered over the phone, in an email note, or on the PDF of the Readiness Guide itself (see below, 'How to Download the Readiness Guide' for specific instructions). During this call, we will also identify a time for the Priority Setting call.

Priority Setting for Mentoring Session call (Edina team and SCC staff)

Time Frame: Week of September 9

The priority setting call is designed to make sure that you get the most from your mentoring session. The Smart Cities Council has an ecosystem of Partners and Advisors—experts who will mentor you based on your top priority decisions for innovation. We will learn of your priorities on this call and then select those Partners and Advisors with the most relevance to your agenda for your mentoring session. During this call, we will also identify a time for the Mentoring Session call.

Mentoring Session call (Edina team, SCC staff, and select SCC Partners)

Time Frame: Month of October

The mentoring session call is an opportunity for you to receive some expert guidance on a topic of your choosing from the experts themselves – our Partners and Advisors. Indeed, our Partners and Advisors will appreciate this opportunity to learn from you. They will be grateful to understand your problems and aspirations as they endeavor to determine how they can help. During this call, we will identify a time for a Final Follow-up call.

Final Follow-up call (Edina team and SCC staff)

To conclude our beta-test, we will have a final call to assess any additional feedback. In addition we will provide you the latest information about the SCC's formal launch of the Readiness Guide in November at the time of the Barcelona Smart Cities Expo and World Congress. With your permission, we will acknowledge Edina and express our appreciation for your contribution to shaping the Smart Cities Council Readiness Guide.

How to Download the Readiness Guide

Central to this entire process is, of course, the Readiness Guide. We have attached simple instructions for downloading and viewing the Readiness Guide.

The Readiness Guide is hosted in Dropbox. Dropbox is a straightforward file-sharing system that you can use for free. The attached instructions will walk you through the simple steps to downloading and reading the Readiness Guide.

Please feel free to contact Chris Williams or Sandra Baer at any stage of this process with questions. Finally, kindly do not distribute the Readiness Guide or this note to anyone outside of your organization.

We look forward to hearing back from you, and scheduling our beta-test kick-off call, at your earliest convenience.

Best Regards,

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How to download the Readiness Guide

The Readiness Guide is hosted in a file-sharing cloud called Dropbox. Dropbox is easy to use, easy to access, and free. Because the Readiness Guide is a large file with many images, and because we are still in test mode, the Guide is currently broken down into individual chapters. Let's get started!

1. Click the link below to go to Dropbox. Immediately below you will find a link to a Dropbox containing the chapters. Once you click it, your browser will open a Dropbox window containing all of the Readiness Guide chapters.

[Link to the Readiness Guide chapters in Dropbox](#)

2. Click on the chapter you wish to review, then click the Download button. The chapter will open in a browser tab. On top is a bar with Dropbox at the left and a blue 'Download' button on the right. Click the "Download" button (shown below).



3. Save the file to your computer. To save you the trouble of constantly having to access our Dropbox just to read the Readiness Guide, save the file to a location of your preference on your computer once you have downloaded it.

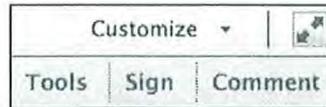
Optional: how to make edits to the actual Readiness Guide PDFs

If you want to add comments directly to the PDFs of the Guide (the alternative is to verbally transmit them on the phone, or to write them in an email or a Word document), then please follow these additional steps.

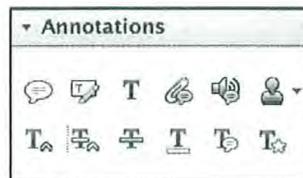
4. Open the file with Adobe Reader. If you do not already have Adobe Reader, you may obtain it for free [by clicking this link](#). In case you are new to Adobe Reader, we have provided detailed instructions for its use.

5. Read and comment on the text.

- a. In Adobe Reader, look in the top right. You will see 3 bars – ‘Tools’, ‘Signs’ and ‘Comment’. **Click on ‘Comment’.**



- b. If necessary, click on the Annotations pane under the ‘Comment’ bar to show Annotations functions (usually this pane is already expanded).



- c. Use the Annotations functions to write your comment. *The most helpful tool is the Text Correction Markup button* in the lower right of the Annotation pane. It displays as a capital "T" with a star to the right. Now you can delete, insert and replace text as you would in a word processor.



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Select the text that you wish to comment upon. The text should now be highlighted yellow. Double click on the yellow text to bring forth a text box, and write your comment.

6. Save the file and email it to Chris Williams. If you have any questions, please contact SCC Research Director Chris Williams at cwilliams@mercatorxxi.com or (202) 349-2094.

Deb Mangen

From: Nell Gelhaus <ngelhaus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 5:00 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: HRC Honorary Committee Invite
Attachments: Honorary Letter 2013.pdf

Hello Mayor Hovland,

I'm following up on the recent letter sent to you to be a part of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Honorary Committee for the 23rd Annual Twin Cities Dinner on Saturday, September 21; a copy of the invitation letter is attached.

If you are interested in being part of this year's HRC Honorary Committee, please respond at your earliest convenience to Jason Bryan at k.jasonb3@gmail.com or by phone at [651-592-2803](tel:651-592-2803).

Please feel free to let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Thanks!
Nell Gelhaus

Twin Cities HRC



July 15 2013

Dear Friend of HRC:

On behalf of the Twin Cities Human Rights Campaign (HRC), we invite you to become a member of the Honorary Committee for the 23rd Annual Twin Cities HRC Dinner on Saturday, September 21st at the Minneapolis Hilton. We are anticipating 1,000+ HRC members and supporters to join us to make this year's theme – “Engage: Join the Momentum” – both a celebration of our victories this past year, as well as a call to action as we continue our work for equality on many fronts.

We have much to celebrate! Since last year's Twin Cities HRC Dinner, Minnesota became the first state to defeat an anti-marriage constitutional amendment, and then went on to pass equal marriage for all. The US Supreme Court struck down California's Proposition 8, and ruled Section 3 of DOMA unconstitutional, creating Federal marriage recognition for same-sex couples in 13 states (plus D.C.).

HRC's work also continues to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), to protect students from bullying, ensure equal access to healthcare, and strive for inclusive immigration reform.

Joining the Honorary Committee lends your name to support HRC's work and puts you in the impressive company of elected officials as well as business, academic, religious and community leaders who have all served as previous Honorary Committee members.

Becoming an Honorary Committee member is simple. We ask only that you purchase a dinner ticket (www.twincitiesdinner.org) and lend us the use of your name for the evening to promote GLBT equality. We also invite you to attend the VIP Reception at no extra cost, and mingle with other Honorary Committee members, corporate sponsors, and other HRC supporters. The VIP reception is from 5:00 PM to 6:00 pm with dinner following at 7:30 pm.

To confirm your acceptance, sponsor a table, purchase additional tickets, or for any other questions, please contact K. Jason Bryan at 651-592-2803 or k.jasonb3@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of HRC!

Sincerely,
Corey Smith and Arouna Phommasouvanh
2013 HRC Twin Cities Dinner Committee Co-chairs

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest non-profit advocacy organization working to ensure basic equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens. With more than 700,000 members from all walks of life, HRC's mission is, in part: *“...to ensure that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work, and in the community.”*

Deb Mangen

From: Carl Schreiner <carl_aundria@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 12:20 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: [WARNING: MESSAGE ENCRYPTED - POSSIBLE VIRUS]Braemar followup - thank you
Attachments: 2013-08-05 CC correspondence 3.pdf; 2013-08-05 letter to city council.pdf

Please forward this to Mayor Hovland.

Mayor Hovland,

Our family's 3 kids all figure skate and play hockey in Edina. All 3 were thrilled to meet you at the Mayor's Walk. They had to leave early to go to their figure skate competition. They represent Edina well, all 3 took first place. They will be representing Edina again this Fri and Sat at the MN State championship.

Thank you for recognizing the value of the BCLFSC to Edina. I am concerned the motion the City Council approved 8/5 will deter future success of the Club. Ms Bennett's opening comment that the BCLFSC does not receive hours but pays full market price and that they are not a tenant but a co-founder was spot on. I wish it had resonated further with the Council.

We experience both sides of this issue and it is hard to stomach the antagonist actions of Braemar management towards the BCLFSC. The 8/5 Priority Use Agreement proposal says, "In order to assist BCLFSC with the proposed transition, city staff would assist BCLFSC with securing ice time at other facilities in block scheduling that would allow BCLFSC to operate its programs and services." The Assumptions page shown at the 8/5 meeting said, "Arena General Manager will assist BCLFSC in obtaining blocks of hours at convenient facilities." Ms. Miller was asked what she has obtained, and she had nothing. She did say the EHA would be helping locate ice. My letter to the City Council from earlier 8/5 (attached - see points 5&6) raised the suspicion that no good ice would be found and any offered would be junk. That is exactly what Ron Green, EHA president, included in his packet of info to the Council (attached - see page 32). North St Paul? Burnsville during the school day? The list is absolutely insincere and offensive. The language at the meeting of experimenting to see how many hours can be stripped from the Club without it imploding or moving was shocking. Since when has Edina been about minimal support for excellence? It is obvious that Ms. Miller and Ms. Kattreh want nothing more than to turn Braemar into a hockey only facility. This is not the Edina way. Our various sports need full support to thrive.

The City Council will be re-visiting the \$20/user - 20 year agreements/board resolutions from both the EHA and BCLFSC. The EHA is receiving 800 hours/season from the Hornets Nest. That is great value for their \$20/user fee. Please ensure the approvals reflect concessions to the BCLFSC for their contributions to a project that does nothing to serve them. The BCLFSC board resolution is only asking for a promise to continue the status quo with some needed updates to the East rink that will benefit both figure skating and hockey. It is more that reasonable. The BCLFSC is a great neighbor to the EHA. Our kids would not have the hockey success they enjoy if it were not for the support of their BCLFSC instructors.

The 4th rink proposal would bring much needed seasonal ice to the EHA - about 1000 hours/season by my estimate. Seasonal ice is a perfect solution for a seasonal renter as the City fights to minimize losses at Braemar. Please support this addition with the condition that the BCLFSC receives their full allotment of ice (quantity and time) back with no additional concessions from the BCLFSC. It will be a great trade for the EHA and allow them to show they are a good neighbor to the BCLFSC.

Thank you for your service to Edina. Our kids are amazed at the length of time you spend on such a wide variety of issues.

Thanks,

Carl Schreiner
5264 Lochloy Dr
Edina, MN 55436

Carl Schreiner
612-554-1311

August 5, 2013

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I am writing concerning the August 5, 2013 proposed Priority Use Policy for Braemar Arena. My family skates in the EHA and BCLFSC. The success of both organizations is important to us. The proposal should be rejected and the status quo maintained (page 6, option 1). There are a number of reasons why the proposed hasty and drastic shift of historic policy is premature and damaging.

1) Page 2 of the proposal indicates that the policy is attempting to recognize an official sport for Braemar Arena. Since when has the purpose of Priority Use Policies in Edina been to pit sport against sport? The Edina Youth Sports Task Force states "It is the City of Edina's view that the public is best served when there is only one independently incorporated youth athletic association per sport." It does not say one sport per facility or field. The proposal would set a destructive precedent that could pit soccer vs football vs lacrosse vs baseball, etc to become the popular, higher priority sport for Edina's various facilities and fields. Contention and elimination of sports would be the result. The City Council must recognize the historic contributions and importance of figure skating in Edina and continue to recognize a club/association as the official figure skating club for Edina. The BCLFSC is still the obvious and wise choice. Any Priority Use Policy the City Council approves must ensure the future success of the legacy sports of Edina.

2) Resident participation is mentioned frequently in the proposal. This or other apples to oranges comparisons should not be a factor to favor hockey or figure skating over the other. The EHA has 90%+ residency because its governing body, Minnesota Hockey, requires it. The BCLFSC cannot be expected to maintain that % because its governing body, US Figure Skating, dictates that they have an open membership policy. This is very similar to the swim club scenario. The City did not use residency percentages to eliminate the sport, but set the % low enough to qualify an official club. Because Braemar Arena is an Enterprise facility, it could be reasoned that profitability of organizations should be the standard. This would shift the priority to organizations that rent consistent hours year round. The BCLFSC does, the EHA does not. However, just like a 90% residency policy is unfair to the BCLFSC, this standard would be unfair to the EHA because MH dictates their official season. The EHA and BCLFSC have successfully served Edina residents for 47 years at Braemar. The City should seek to help each Club without sabotaging the other.

3) The impact of the Hornets Nest and proposed 4th ice sheet has not been taken into account. Nowhere in the proposal are the training hours of either included in the calculations. Will the 4th ice sheet be an exclusive benefit to figure skating as the Hornets Nest was to hockey? Or will it be an additional blessing to the EHA, providing far more ice as compared to receiving BCLFSC hours in the East arena? How well would building additional seasonal ice sheets - ala Minnesota Made and St. Paul - satisfy the ice needs for Edina's skating clubs?

4) The proposal is giving Velocity Hockey Center a higher priority than an Edina Youth Athletic Association and equal priority to another and also priority over other organizations that have previously rented from Braemar. This is a dangerous precedent to set. Do we want for profit organizations to have priority access over our youth associations/clubs at Braemar and other City facilities and fields? Should a "new kid on the block" be allowed to trump historic renters? Should the City favor a for profit business with priority access when a direct competitor (Minnesota Made) is going at it alone?

5) The City staff and EHA president both state they support figure skating. Yet City staff is giving vague promises to help secure non-Braemar ice for the BCLFSC. None has been secured and there is no guarantee. And the EHA's offer to help schedule ice is also non-reassuring. The EHA president said in an email to the City Council 8/2, "Both the City and EHA have offered to assist the Club with getting ice time that closely matches any hours they would lose at Braemar." If the EHA wants to take the cream of the ice that they don't control (Braemar ice), what makes the City Council think the EHA will give a comparable quality and quantity of ice to the BCLFSC for ice they, the EHA, controls? The EHA focus is on hockey and their own needs - as it should be. As they work to serve their membership, why would they give prime blocks of ice at other arenas to the BCLFSC? Braemar staff attitude is alarming. They are supposed to support hockey and figure skating, yet have no solid guarantee to replace ice needed by the BCLFSC. And we are to believe the BCLFSC will be able to survive and Braemar Arena will still have the Club call it its home?

6) Is there really available ice to be picked up? From the 8/2 email, "parents purchased additional ice once the teams were picked to supplement what the EHA provides (we estimate 500-750 hours). Bottom line: Ice is available. And it's available in similar time blocks at other arenas." If this large quantity of prime time, nearby ice is available after hockey tryouts, why didn't the EHA reserve it in advance of the season? Why instead has the EHA rented ice at Mariucci and Ridder? Staff also mentions in the proposal that St Louis Park, Hopkins, and Richfield could accommodate ice times for the BCLFSC. We have never had an EHA practice at SLP. I do not recollect any EHA team being assigned ice at SLP. Why hasn't the EHA jumped on this "accommodative" ice? Once again, why would the EHA not secure prime time, nearby ice but instead leapfrog close arenas like SLP, Hopkins, and Richfield to buy ice at Mariucci and Ridder? Let's be honest, if the EHA hasn't been able to secure it, there isn't prime time, nearby ice for the BCLFSC to easily acquire.

7) City staff states in the June 11, 2013 Park Board minutes included in the proposal that "figure skaters can skate right after school because they can arrive at 3pm." Edina HS lets out at 3:10, Edina elementary schools let out at 3:05 and 3:50. These Edina residents cannot skate "right after school at 3pm." The Junior high schools get out at 2:40. Valley View students must rush over to make a 3pm time. I would not be comfortable committing to a 3pm time if my child was at South View. Such obvious misrepresentations by staff should be a warning to the City Council.

8) There is also the matter of the 20 year agreement to maintain BCLFSC ice times. From the Star Tribune 7/22, "The club agreed to pay \$20 per year per member to help pay for new hockey locker rooms at Braemar, which was renovated last year. In return, the city said it would give the Skating Club priority scheduling for its current ice times. 'We want the city to honor our good-faith agreement,' Wright said. Said Miller: 'I'm not proud of that part of it.' If the city breaks the agreement..." Do we want to be known as a City whose word cannot be trusted?

My family loves hockey and figure skating. I am grateful the City is willing to supplement the EHA for only renting ice part of the year. I am grateful the City supported the EHA's project to build the Hornets Nest. I am grateful the City is considering a proposal to add a 4th ice sheet. I hope the City will continue to support hockey and the EHA. I am grateful the City has supported figure skating so well in the past. I am hopeful that figure skating and the BCLFSC will continue to be highly valued and supported by the City - not just in word, but in deed.

I implore the City Council not to allow these organizational errors and tragic lack of vision to stain any part of the reputation of Edina and Braemar Arena. It would truly be a shame if the quality of programs in Edina was tainted by the loss of the internationally acclaimed Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club.

Sincerely,

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Edina, MN 55436

CC:

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

Deb Mangen

From: Elaine Tarone <etarone@umn.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: SAVE THE DATE: CARLA OPEN HOUSE • Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am very pleased to invite you to join me in a small VIP reception at 3:00 pm Oct. 15 in the Minnesota Room in the McNamara Center to meet and chat with Mr. Clay Pell, the U.S. Dept. of Education Deputy Assistant Secretary for International and Foreign Language Education (Title VI). Title VI supports several centers at the University of Minnesota that whose goal is to improve the quality of language and culture learning in the state; one of those centers is CARLA. Mr. Pell, a strong advocate for language and culture learning in an internationalized curriculum, will be introduced by President Kaler as the invited speaker at CARLA's 20th Anniversary Open House, which will take place 4:00-6:30 pm in Memorial Hall of the McNamara Center. I hope you will be able to stay for Mr. Pell's lecture and discussion, and the reception as well.

Please RSVP to this email address to let me know whether you will be able to join me for this exciting event. In the event that you are unable to attend, and want to designate a representative from your office to replace you, please let me know who that will be.

Best wishes,

Elaine Tarone
Director, Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA)

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CARLA's 20th Anniversary Open House and Invited Speaker

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center
200 Oak St SE, Minneapolis, MN**

Clay Pell, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for International and Foreign Language Education (Title VI) in the U.S. Department of Education*, will be the featured speaker at this special event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA). Mr. Pell's remarks will be followed by a reception featuring delicious food and informational booths highlighting CARLA-sponsored projects along with other Title VI centers on campus.



Mark your calendar to join us in celebrating 20 years of supporting language learning!

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August 12, 2013

Dear Governor Dayton,

I have a concern for my well being that I 'm hoping someone may be able to consider and be able to remedy the cause.

I'm an eighty-two year old resident of Edina. I have lived in my own home for fifty six years. I have been widowed for the last twenty-two years. I have been self sufficient all these years & enjoyed living in Edina without any major problems. However, now I have a major problem I did not create, nor have any way of changing the problem – I need your help and understanding.

Problem – The increase in airplane noise over this area of Edina. The change in airplane noise has affected how we live and sleep. Conversations between neighbors & family inside or outside the house become impossible when the planes fly continuously. It is impossible, with frequencies as much as two to three times a minute, to hear the phone or TV because of noise.

There are necessary noises that we citizens adjust to for our well being - garbage trucks, school buses, trucks, etc. – are a few + routine deliveries. These noises are different than the constant repeating all day noise of the airplanes overhead!! - many per minute.

The airplane flyover could possibly be re-routed over the freeway or shopping centers in the area until they reach a higher altitude.

To lose sleep in the morning with planes to wake you up rather than birds or an alarm clock is not a good way to start the day. And then have that noise continue many times an hour. In the many years I have enjoyed living in my home, I have never been so affected by the increased plane noise – due to the flight patterns.

Hopefully you will help get these flight patterns adjusted and reduce the noise in our area. My only options to eliminate the affect of the noise on my life would be to MOVE or DIE! Each of these options is unacceptable to me.

Please consider my request to make some changes in the flight patterns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "MaryAnn Lavoie".

MaryAnn Lavoie

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Cc. Mayor James Hovland

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August 14, 2013

Edina City Hall
Council Chambers
ATTN: City Council Members
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Edina, MN 55424

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing you regarding the Edina Masters Swim Team. I have been a faithful member on the swim team since 1990. I have had a business in Edina, Edina Plastic Surgery and now Gryskiewicz Twin Cities Cosmetic Surgery since 1985. I currently am a resident of Edina and have lived here since 1995.

This is the first summer we were unable to swim outside at the beginning of the summer. Instead of starting the first week of June for outdoor swimming, we had to start the first week of August. We missed two months of outdoor swimming which I greatly anticipate during the long, cold winter. This was a huge disappointment to both myself as well as our coach Erich Welton and to my teammates. It is our understanding that many individuals participate in the use of the outdoor Edina pool in the summertime that do not live in Edina, but come from Eden Prairie.

I don't think it is fair that we Edina residents should have to take the scraps off the table. We should be sitting at the table and have first choice with our swimming as opposed to people from other suburbs. I think the people from other suburbs should be relegated to either no pool use or pool use at other times and certainly we should be assured of the fun outdoor swimming with the morning sunrise like we have experienced over the past 23 years.

Sincerely yours,

DR Joe

Joseph M. Gryskiewicz, MD, FACS

Past-President Minnesota Society of Plastic Surgeons,

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“Change is objective-
Progress is subjective-
Don't confuse the two-”

R. Ernest Ladifor

Hi Jim.
Edina is exceptional,
but remember

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Nice seeing you at Proamar
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Residents: Edina really is exceptional

• But redevelopment creates tension for some.

By MARY JANE SMETANKA
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Ask Edina residents what the most serious issue facing their city is and their most frequent response is ... "nothing."

That's right, nothing.

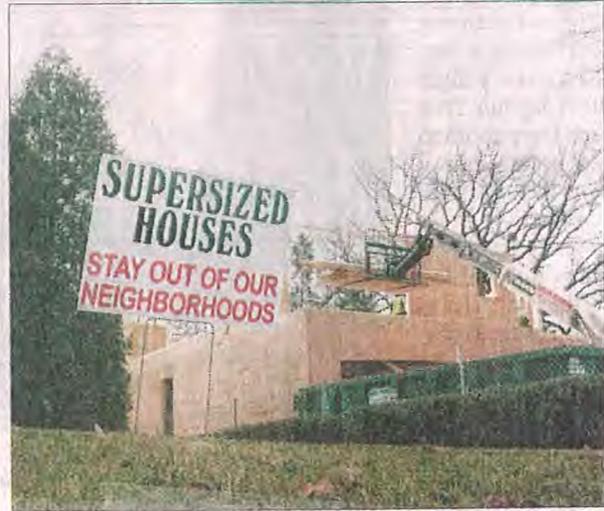
Those people are what Decision Resources President Bill Morris calls community "boosters." When his firm surveyed Edina residents in July and gave them the chance to hammer away at their city with whatever criticism they wanted, 34 percent said they couldn't think of a single

serious issue that faced the city.

That's extraordinary, Morris told the City Council last week. The next-highest "nothing" response among area cities is 25 percent, he said, and in most cities only about 6 percent can't find a bone to pick with their hometown.

Edina surveys residents every two years, as a way for the council to track the opinions of their city's silent majority. While this year's survey showed that residents are less likely to rate their quality of life

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Neighbors expressed their displeasure with the construction of a large house on Oaklawn Avenue in Edina in 2007. Redevelopment, especially the increasing size of single-family homes, remain a concern for Edina residents.

Star Tribune file

Residents say Edina really is exceptional

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as "excellent" than they did two years ago — 73 percent did this year, vs. 90 percent in 2011 — 99 percent still said life was good or excellent in Edina.

A hint at why that superior rating faded was in the 10 percent of residents who said housing teardowns are the most serious issue facing the city. Morris said those people were more likely to call their quality of life good rather than excellent.

The only city services that residents were lukewarm about were the quality and taste of drinking water and street repair. Eighty-four percent said they would like better drinking water, and 47 percent they would like better street repair.

The survey showed growing concerns about juvenile crime and speeding, but 22 percent of residents could think of no serious safety concerns. Some 72 percent said there isn't an area in the city where they would feel unsafe walking at night.

Survey results show a population that generally feels financially secure, is willing to pay more property taxes if they think it's warranted, is pleased with government services and feels more empowered than residents in any metro city that Morris surveys. A large majority of people — 79 percent — said they intend to live in Edina for over 10 more years.

"The overarching theme here is that the city is still regarded as a special place," Morris said. The only other city in the area with such high ratings is St. Louis Park, he said.

Other survey findings include:

- 84 percent of residents said they felt they could influence city affairs, which Morris said is "15 points higher than any other community."

- Edina schools are a huge draw. "Good schools" was the top reason for moving to the city, and was cited by 35 percent of residents. Asked what city feature should be preserved for the future, respondents mentioned Edina High School second-most frequently.

- Almost half of residents said they thought their property taxes are "about average," 40 percent said they are somewhat or very high. Almost two-thirds of respondents said they'd support a tax increase if it was needed to maintain city services at their current level.

- 93 percent said the city services they get in return for property taxes are good or excellent. Morris said that was the highest satisfaction ranking with city services in the region.

- Though redevelopment has been a controversial subject in Edina, 75 percent of residents said they supported continued redevelopment. The most common objection cited by the 18 percent who opposed redevelopment was "houses are too large."

The telephone survey involved 400 randomly selected households, with a nonresponse rate of almost 4 percent.

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Deb Mangen

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To: Edina Mail
Subject: Rep. Ellison RNAV Forum
Attachments: RNAV Forum 082713.pdf

Mayor Hovland—

I've been remiss in not including you on the info on this forum. 8/27 in the evening Rep. Ellison will be hosting a forum about the future of RNAV implementation at the airport. The flyer for the event is attached. Feel free to contact me, or have any staff contact me at 612-522-1212 or 612-720-6233 or at this email address.

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Community Representative, District Scheduler
Congressman Keith Ellison (MN 05)
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you to a forum to discuss
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**What it means for you, your family, and
your community**

Tuesday – August 27, 2013

5:30-7:00 PM

**Washburn High School
201 W 49th St, Minneapolis, MN 55419**

If you have any questions about this event, please call (612) 522-1212.

Deb Mangen

From: wrh wrh <wrhdesign@hotmail.com>
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To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you Mayor! WRHume

*Mayor James B. Hovland
City of Edina, Minnesota*

Mayor Hovland (Jim)

8/15/2013

Thank you for your time in phone conversation recently.

Regional and individual city planning for the future of public transit will be critical in enhancing the image and residential desirability of a suburb such as Edina!

Advance planning and the proper public relations may demonstrate the advantages for a young couple selecting a neighborhood to establish a home. It is quality by association, in combination with a cities features that attract upper demographic families.

It is not out of the realm of possibilities that Edina could lead the TC metropolitan area in forward transportation design and concept.

In a rather entertaining manner in application of media; Edina could "hijack" so-to-speak all the focus of rail transport attention. The city of Edina could put the local populous on alert that huge leaps in transportation advancement are in the works!

Best regards,

William Hume

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Deb Mangen

From: gerard greene <gerry.greene@gmail.com>
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To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: In Support of A Dome in Edina

Dear Board Members,

I am writing you to encourage your support for the Edina Dome project at Braemar. My family of 4 (Gerry - 47, Rhonda always 29), Paige (10) and Paddy (7) have lived in Edina, at 6108 Westridge Blvd, for the last 4 years. Our children play hockey, tennis, golf, touch football, and soccer, all in the confines of Edina.

Our family quality of life would be greatly enhanced, as we would be able to utilize a local option for Winter training. We presently make 25-30 trips a winter to Holy Angels dome.

I am particularly encouraged by the indoor walking track proposal, which will have appeal to all ages of Edinaians. Anything the city does to mitigate the obesity epidemic is positive. I look forward to our city being named, at some point, as a desitnation place to live in a national publication.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself into the financial aspects of the dome. I personally contributed to it, and see it operating at a breakeven with all the support from Baseball, Soccer, Lacrosse and Football. I think the financials were completed conservatively and accurately. The cooperation of many sporting associations was unprecedented.

I look forward to your comments and your votes on the topic.

Sincerely,

The Greene family

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Gerry Greene
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From: Safety In the Park <safetyinthepark@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 3:57 PM
Subject: Freight Rail Re-route This Week

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Monday - Jami and Thom had conference call with Susan Haigh, Met Council Chair and Jim Brimeyer Met Council Representative for St. Louis Park. There is nothing drastically new to report. It was an opportunity for them to listen to our concerns that we articulated as:

- There is a true lack of public process on this whole project since the new route debuted (no hearings, no public study groups, just open houses)
- Lack of information since the new route debuted (no DEIS study, no derailment/noise/vibration studies, etc)
- The decision criteria that put four of the six co-location options on the shelf should really mean that the Brunswick central line be removed from consideration.

Chair Haigh listened and said she would take the information under advisement. Representative Brimeyer mentioned that he could see our point when we discussed the third bullet point.

Tuesday – Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) Meeting

HCRRA Chair, Peter McLaughlin interrupted the presentation by Met Council engineer Mark Fuhrman to give a detailed HCRRA version of the freight rail history. This version was a litany of half-truths that created the misunderstandings, such as the TC&W railroad had earlier accepted the re-route. This misinformation wasted years of planning and cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

County Commissioner Gail Dorfman focused on the press release letter by TC&W President, Mark Wegner from last January. This letter points out that there was a possible re-route design in 2008 that was somewhat acceptable to TC&W. Dorfman wants Southwest Planning Office (SPO) to look for that design and discuss it again with TCW. Future meetings with Mark Wagner are in the works. We wonder, does a 2008 completed plan even exist?

Had audience members been able to ask questions at the HCRRA meeting, Safety in the Park would have asked Commissioner Dorfman why Hennepin County had not looked for and found the 2008 design and used it in their SWLRT - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The TC&W rejected the DEIS re-route design more than 18 months before the DEIS was issued.

Wednesday - Corridor Management Committee (CMC) – This committee is made up of Mayors (or their representatives), three County Commissioners, some Met Council Members. City Council Member Jake Spano represents St. Louis Park.

A full summary of the meeting can be found at <http://www.startribune.com/local/south/219707771.html?page=all&prepage=1&c=y#continue>

Points to highlight from the CMC meeting:

- Edina Mayor Hovland is the champion of St. Louis Park. His insistence to keep all of the co-location options on the table could save SLP if the tunneling options are found to be impractical. We don't know why our Mayor won't speak up for our city or even attend the CMC the meetings.
- It is clear Hennepin County and Minneapolis have not given up on relocating freight though SLP
- SLP has two very expensive stations area "betterments" on the "wish list." Just in case we cant have both, residents should think about which would be more important to our community and let our City Council know their thoughts. 1.) Moving the Louisiana Station closer to Methodist Hospital
2.) Separating car/pedestrian traffic from freight/LRT traffic at Beltline Blvd.

New important meeting dates (most times are not yet public):

August 28 - 9:30-11:30 CMC at SLP City Hall – Discussion of SWLRT issues including freight alignment

September 4 - CMC - Finish discussion and give recommendation to the Met Council

September 11 - Met Council will be given a presentation - (we don't know the content of presentation at this time)

These last two meetings are the big ones. - Approval of scope and cost (all SWLRT including freight)

September 23 – Met Council Transportation Committee

September 25 - Met Council - final re-route/co-location decision

Safety in the Park will have representatives at all of these meetings and issue updates.

Deb Mangen

From: Intergovernmental Affairs <LocalGovernment@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 3:58 PM
Subject: Invitation to a Local Leaders Call with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius - Tuesday, August 20



The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs cordially invites you to join U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on a Local Leaders Call to discuss the Affordable Care Act and how state and local leaders can help expand access to quality, affordable health coverage for millions of Americans in the Health Insurance Marketplaces starting October 1.

Call Information

Date: Tuesday, August 20
Time: 1:00 pm EDT
RSVP: [Click here to RSVP and receive the call-in information](#)

This call is off the record and not for press purposes.

We hope you will join us for this important discussion.

Deb Mangen

From: William Larson <cedarlake@q.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 5:56 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Southwest Light Rail and Edina Community Lutheran Connection

Hi Jim,
Rich and I are members at Edina Community Lutheran Church, like you.

We read your recent comments in the Star Tribune recommending co-location of the new Southwest Light Rail line and freight line at grade with great interest. You see, this affects us directly, as we will lose our home if the co-location at grade occurs. About half of our condominium complex, Cedar Lake Shores, will be demolished to make room for both rail lines at grade.

We recognize that the deep tunnel option is a very expensive option. As a fiscally responsible mayor, you would like to show that you can contain costs on this project. But unless you have visited our neighborhood recently, driven on Cedar Lake Parkway where it crosses the tracks during the 4-6 pm rush hour, biked the Kennilworth Corridor, or enjoyed a dip in nearby Cedar Lake, it's easy to suggest the best option is to knock down a few homes to save some money building light rail.

We ask you to not support going from this:



To this:



Jim, you probably are familiar with our neighborhood, but we cordially invite you to come over and have a glass of lemonade with us so we can show you our home and our neighborhood. Just let us know when you have a little time, and we'll set it up.

Yours friends,
Bill Larson and Rich Space
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Deb Mangen

From: Xiaoxi Jannsen <xiaoxi.jannsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 8:19 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Letter to Mayor Hovland regarding airplane noise

To who it may concern,

Could you please forward the follwing message to Mayor Hovland?

Dear Mayor Hovland,

We are writing to you since we are deeply concerned with the current flight patterns traveling over our house on a daily basis. We have a large quantity of planes flying overhead almost every 3 -5 minutes every day for the past month. There are days when the planes travel together head to tail causing non-stop noise. During the summer, we have not seen a reprieve from this pattern. And in fact, we believe the number of planes flying overhead is increasing.

We are concerned the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) flight tracker application is inaccurately recording flight paths. There have been many occurrences where flights are traveling directly overhead, but when the application displayed flights for the specific time period during which this occurred, there were supposedly no flights flying overhead.

From July 11th to August 15th 2013, we have only had 5 days in this span where the planes did not fly near our home. The worst time in the day is from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, during which we endure constant head to tail noise. This diminishes our quality of life as it inhibits us from spending time outside.

Can you please give pressure to FAA and MAC to avoid flying over our residential area? Instead, have FAA and/or MAC send more flights along highways and commercial/industrial regions. Would you please help us in this regard?

Sincerely,

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Deb Mangen

From: aporter@refinedllc.com
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 10:23 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: enelson@refinedllc.com
Subject: New residential building code

Please forward to Mayor and City Council Members:

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I understand at the upcoming City Council meeting you will be determining the final amendments to the residential building/zoning ordinances. The changes that you are planning to pass are, assumably, equal to or an improvement over the current ordinances. Is it not reasonable that we allow these "better" ordinance requirements asap? I understand why it is reasonable to allow the old ordinance through the end of the year, but isn't it logical to allow the new ordinance immediately as well if the applicant chooses?...Of course, as long as the applicant doesn't apply for a blending of the old and the new ordinances.

Please consider allowing the new ordinances to be implemented now and not mandate an outdated, less desirable ordinance through the end of the year. Thanks

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From: USCM/Cochran <actionalert=usmayors.org@mail27.atl11.rsgsv.net> on behalf of USCM/Cochran <actionalert@usmayors.org>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 10:02 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Maximize Energy Savings- Tradition Energy Awarded New Energy Consulting & Management Services Contract

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TO: The Mayor and City Representatives

FROM: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

As a founding sponsor of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, the U.S. Conference of Mayors is excited to announce that Tradition Energy has been awarded a three-year contract to provide energy consulting and management services. This exclusive contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process conducted by lead public agency City of Mesquite, TX and is eligible for use as of August 1st. Join an upcoming webinar to learn more.

The contract delivers services that will help cities maximize savings on energy expenditures, provide better budget and cost control, and improve procurement efficiency. Through the contract, Tradition Energy will provide a comprehensive suite of services, which include procurement for the following:

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- energy bill processing and payment
- energy risk management, market research and intelligence reporting
- energy bill auditing and rate analysis

Various energy services are offered in each state depending on the legislative and regulatory developments. To view services in your area, [click here](#). Find out more by registering for an upcoming webinar. If you are unable to attend one of the webinar dates, [contact Tradition Energy](#) for additional information.

Date: **Tuesday, August 20, 2013**

Time: 8:00 a.m. PDT/11:00 a.m. EDT

[Register Here](#)

Date: **Wednesday, August 21, 2013**

Time: 10:00 a.m. PDT/1:00 p.m. EDT

[Register Here](#)

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Deb Mangen

From: Rick Windham <rick.windham@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 10:58 AM
To: James Hovland; Brian Olson; Jeff Frahm; rick.windham@aol.com
Subject: New Street Driveway

I live at 6233 Belmore lane and have asked several times that my driveway entrance be left intact, (I have two entrances.) I have recently found that I have been turned down for this request and would like to escalate the issue.

My house sits on a large lot (approx. 200 ft square) and we have been in the house for 34 years in September. When we moved into the house there was a drive around the house that goes from a breezeway around the back of the house on a drive that was Class 5 crushed rock to the west side of the lot. The driveway was graded so that it is well defined. We use this driveway several times a year to move large items around the yard and a variety of other reasons. In addition our yard serves as a connection from the 400 block to the 300 block of John Street and walkers and bikers use the driveway to push strollers and other items while on a walk. The loss of the driveway will make this trail less convenient.

The driveway entrance is not cracked or in anyway in need of repair, it is only being replaced because in the word of someone on the project, there cannot be a driveway to nowhere. Well we use the driveway and in our opinion it should not be replaced, as we will now not be able to enter the yard as we have bee able to do for all these years. In fact in the next few weeks, we will be having a tree removed and if we do not have the entrance, we will incur additional expense to get the equipment that the tree service needs to remove the tree.

I would ask that the driveway be left in place, so that we continue to have access to our yard the way we always have.

Rick Windham
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From: Jeff Northrup <jeff.northrup@concordusa.com>
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2013 12:17 PM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; Edina Mail; James Hovland
Subject: Dome

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I just wanted to email you and show my support for the Dome and Field initiative. I am hoping that you will find a way to finally make this dream happen.

I was born in Edina, raised in Edina, and currently live in Edina. I grew up playing Baseball, Football and Soccer on the very same fields that my four daughters play on. I am proud of our city, our programs, and our community.

However, we, as a city, have not stayed current. We are far from the concept of "excellence" when it comes to the infrastructure of our athletic fields and facilities. My daughters are playing on fields that have had little or no changes since I played on them 30 years ago. Many are in rough shape and, quite frankly, are bordering on dangerous. Meanwhile, many of our neighboring communities have state of the art domes and turf fields that they can leverage for extended seasons and into the winter.

Where Edina sits today is foreign territory for me. "Why doesn't Edina have a dome?", I am frequently asked by my Minnetonka and Eden Prairie friends. "Wow, the fields are in rough shape", I hear from families at my kids' games. I am not used to defending Edina's excellence, or the pursuit thereof.

Our pursuit of excellence is well known. Our schools are first rate. Our streets are plowed of snow faster than any other community. Our athletic programs hire the best coaches. Our arts programs are awesome. And our Hockey Team is the talk of the universe.

But just take a visit to most of our practice and game fields during the spring and summer field sports seasons. When you walk them you can see with your own eyes some of the overcrowding, over-utilization, and poor conditions.

Here are some things to consider:

- **Our fields are in disrepair.** Many of them were built on dumping grounds for Minneapolis street and curb waste and are almost impossible to improve through irrigation or landscaping. Garden Park, for example, has about 3 inches of top soil on top of asphalt and cement. Others are built on swamps or in lowlands. Creek Valley is sinking and looks like a rippled carpet right now. Meanwhile, Walnut Ridge is barely above the water table. This spring, most of my kids' soccer practices were cancelled – not because of inclement weather, but because of saturated fields.
- **Our fields are in high demand and in short supply.** We don't have enough field space. And much of the field space that we do have access to is in disrepair and/or over-utilized. Who could have known 50 years ago that soccer and lacrosse would have, literally, *thousands* of Edina kids playing? And yet, as a parent, what is our option? Realistically it is a screen. Yes a screen in the form of a TV, Computer, video game, Instagram, or Facebook. Parents are desperately trying to keep their kids healthy and active by minimizing screen time. How do we do that? We sign them up for athletics, music, and arts programs. We need more (and better) field options so that our kids can stay healthy and active.
- **We are trying to stay competitive.** Our families measure wins and losses. When we compete against other communities, we care about the outcome. Probably too much, to be honest. But that "excellence expectation" is woven into us in Edina. The fact is, other communities have better training facilities – better fields and a dome to train in the winter.
- **Sports are year round now.** We can argue whether or not that is a good reality or not. But it is a fact. Our soccer players are training year round. Same for hockey, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and other sports. We need a dome.

- **There is no opposition (not really, anyway).** Who is organizing to oppose a dome that everyone in the community can use? There are no neighbors to the Braemar site who can complain. There are no Screen-Time-Advocacy-Groups that oppose healthy, active kids. In fact, I would guess that the only opposition you will get to this initiative is the typical financial opponents who don't want the city to spend money on anything (hyperbole, I know). But that should not stop us. We need this dome. We need better fields. This is good for Edina, it's residents, and its future. With no real opposition, why kick this can down the road any longer?

I hope I have illustrated some valid, and even less obvious, reasons why this dome and field initiative is important. I am hoping that the City Council will vote to finance the "wide-footprint" dome that the Park and Rec has proposed, will finance some field improvements immediately, and will make future field improvements a major priority as we keep our city striving for excellence.

Thank you for your work. Please reach out to me if I can help in any way.

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