

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: September 2, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Mr. James Hovland, Mayor
Ms. Joni Bennett, City Council Member
Ms. Mary Brindle, City Council Member
Mr. John Sprague, City Council Member
Ms. Ann Swenson, City Council Member
Mr. Cary Teague, Community Development Director

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

August 19, 2014

Re: Letter opposing rezoning the Regional Medical area

Dear Council Members,

After attending the City Planning meeting on August 13, 2014, I left with many unanswered questions. Primarily, how does providing "supportive" service i.e.: money management, employment coaching and help with job internships remotely fit in with medical services?

It appears this project is being pushed through without thorough planning and true fiduciary responsibility. Dozens of public meetings have been held in major cities to create affordable housing. Who has researched best practices used around the country that provide clear, measureable outcomes to curb homelessness?

While the apartments would apply toward 39 affordable housing units in the city, have you considered the revenue in property taxes lost in a premier Regional Medical area? While Beacon has worked on this project for years, has the city engaged citizens (Tom Nelson, a real estate agent has offered his assistance) to find a neighborhood for this project? More space availability at a much lesser cost would be beneficial. Sustainability of 66th West is over 80% dependent on government funding while less than 20% is private donations.

I listened to how important the neighbors are to homeless young people. I agree. The 66th West proposal does not offer neighborhood support. From 8PM to 8AM there will be a front desk worker opening the door. There are no citizens nearby to help, guide and hold them accountable for unacceptable behaviors on the grounds and surrounding areas. Teenagers make poor decisions. Homeless young adults according to Beacon are victims. Keep in mind, many victims become perpetrators. Mental illness, addiction and physical/sexual abuse issues will arise. While there is a no drug/alcohol policy included in the lease, who is ultimately responsible for infractions? Look at dorm rooms and the risky behaviors that occur. At least there are Resident Assistants and a Head Resident living with the young people. It takes a neighborhood community to support and sometimes provide tough love to nurture productive members of our society.

Look at the police reports and you do the math regarding monthly calls to 3710 Nicollet Ave. Interview all their neighbors to ascertain their concerns. Look at the facts, not the emotional aspect.

Respectfully,



Terri Merz 6525 Barrie Rd Edina, MN 55435

Heather Branigin

From: Todd Olson <todd@metrocitiesmn.org>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 2:30 PM
To: Todd Olson
Cc: Laurie Jennings; Patricia Nauman; Charlie Vander Aarde
Subject: 2014 Transportation and General Government Policy Committee Members
Attachments: meeting 2 packet (final draft).pdf

To: Transportation and General Government Policy Committee Members

From: Todd Olson

Attached are the materials for our second Transportation and General Government Policy Committee meeting, next Monday, August 18th, from 11:00 – 1:30 at the LMC Building located at 145 University Ave W in St. Paul 55103. We will be hearing from Ali Elhassan, The Water Supply Planning Manager at the Metropolitan Council on water supply issues in the metropolitan area from 11:00-12:00.

Parking is available in the lot located on the west side of the building. Make sure you sign in with the LMC front desk when you arrive. **Please take the time to read through the policies before the meeting.** Please come with your ideas and suggestions. **We will provide Subway again or feel free to bring your own lunch.**

The remaining committee schedule is as follows:

Monday, August 18

11:00-1:30

Monday, September 8

11:00-1:30

August 11, 2014

TO: Transportation & General Government Policy Committee Members
FROM: Scott Lund, Committee Chair and Mayor of Fridley
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda -Monday, August 18, 2014 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, August 18, 2014
Transportation and General Government Policy Committee
A G E N D A

1. Call to order.
2. Adopt minutes.
3. SPEAKER:Ali Elhassan, Metropolitan Council Environment Services, regarding overview of MCES' work on water supply
4. Discussion of potential policy modifications and new policies.
5. Other business.
6. Adjourn. (1:30 p.m.)

Agenda Item 2

Transportation and General Government Committee
Monday, July 14, 2014
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lund at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Steve Albrecht, Susan Arntz, Michelle Beaulieu, Joni Bennet, Brooke Bordson, Bob Cardinal, Scott Cordes, Steve Elkins, Anne Finn, Mary Gaasch, Gary Hansen, Katie Knutson, Denny Laufenburger, Lorrie Louder, Scott Lund (Chair), Mark Maloney, Loren Olson, Gene Ranieri, Michael Ridley, Dan Ryan, Sue Sanger, Steve Schmidt, Dick Swanson, Kevin Watson, Ady Wickstrom, Susan Young

Chair Lund welcomed committee members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Ms. Nauman went over the policy development process with the committee.

Mr. Olson provided a legislative recap, noting the shorter duration of the session, various pieces of legislation around street improvement districts, groundwater, and fire sprinklers. Mr. Maloney asked whether we were back to “ground zero” with respect to street improvement districts. Mr. Olson said that we are essentially having to start the process fresh in 2015.

Mr. Olson provided an update of Metro Cities’ General Government policies and applicable legislative activity.

Ms. Arntz noted additional legislation with respect to policy 2-O passed this year, stating that the new law requiring cities to post financial filings on their web sites.

Ms. Sanger asked about a new issue related to Comcast and the new merger, and the complication with the transfer of cable franchise to companies around specific timelines, when the companies don’t yet exist. She suggested we may need legislative assistance with this issue.

Mr. Ryan asked about extending the Clean Air Act to e-cigarettes.

Ms. Knutson asked about a policy around supporting funding for emerald ash borer.

Mr. Olson stated that staff has been discussing the need for a more comprehensive water policy for Metro Cities. Discussion followed.

Mr. Olson provided a brief review of Metro Cities’ Transportation related policies. Discussion followed regarding the underfunding of transportation. Mr. Elkins noted that MNDOT underfunds arterials and that they have admitted these are underfunded. The committee discussed around local tools like street improvement districts.

Ms. Louder asked about the TED fund versus the Corridors of Commerce; Mr. Olson explained the key differences between the two.

Ms. Sanger noted that several committee members are on the TAB and that last year, TAB members were asked to approve a selection of Corridors of Commerce routes for certain projects but had no input into the decision making beforehand. A second issue she raised was around the fact that electric cars pay less in gas taxes and the issue of finding equitable ways to pay for transportation funding needs to be paid from these vehicles. A third issue she raised for committee consideration was to suggest that Metro Cities should rescind its support or be silent around supporting the ability to discuss the Dan Patch line; there are many issues already with freight and rail. Mr. Olson clarified Metro Cities' position in that our support is to lift the gag, but does not go further around support for a line.

Ms. Wickstrom noted the broader issues around rail traffic and safety. If we have a policy, we should discuss the issue more broadly. Further discussion followed. Ms. Young noted that metro area cities need to band together around these issues; there are many underground issues, safety issues, issues that transcend city boundaries, etc., to address. Ms. Hamann Roland suggested we should seek the new technologies for monitoring, etc. Mr. Swanson stated that the state needs to take responsibility for their facilities when streets are being re-constructed. He stated that the state generates traffic but does not take enough responsibility and cities therefore end up bearing the costs.

Ms. Young said as the metro area grows, there are issues with borders, and the use of transit. She noted that it is difficult for Forest Lake residents to get buses that go across county lines and vice versa, and that businesses serve both areas and residents that live within and outside of metro lines. These are "edge" transit issues that require cooperation and discussion.

Ms. Young noted the issue of speed limits in her community and the fact that gravel roads still have 55 MPH limits. She would like to see local control around speed limits.

Ms. Knutson asked about transportation and street improvement districts and noted the city is facing shortfalls, and that cities need a new infusion of resources.

Mr. Olson discussed the potential need for a more comprehensive water policy for the organization. He said the issue of water is at the forefront of regional and state discussions, and that Metro Cities needs to consider how it should weigh in with respect to these issues that are surfacing at the Capitol and Met Council, as well as at the DNR and other agencies. Discussion followed. Mr. Maloney noted that this is a big issue with many different agencies, task forces, etc., and that we want to make sure that agencies are not contradicting each other and that there is a clarification of roles.

Mr. Watson noted the need for a clarification of the issues, and the importance of maintaining local control.

Ms. Bennett noted that many of these issues transcend city boundaries; aquifers are not based on city boundaries for example. We need a regional approach.

Ms. Arntz noted the importance of clarity; how do we make the decisions that need to be made? How deep should our policies go?

Mr. Albrecht noted that one size does not fit all and that this must be reflected in our policies. We should not be too specific but should help to take leadership on these issues as we are key stakeholders.

Mr. Maloney asked about the Met Council's role; discussion followed. Staff will bring further information to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Agenda Item 4

August 11, 2014

TO: Transportation and General Government Policy Committee
FROM: Todd Olson, Metro Cities Staff
RE: Items for Discussion at August Meeting

At our first meeting, the policy committee discussed at length a number of potential edits for the committee to consider on several policies, and some potential new policies, for which staff has drafted language for your review and consideration. The committee did not adopt any policies at the first meeting. Staff recommends adoption of the following General Government policies without changes:

- 2-A Mandates, Zoning & Local Authority
- 2-B City Enterprise Activities
- 2-C Firearms on City Property
- 2-D 911 Telephone Tax
- 2-E 800 MHz Radio System
- 2-F Building Codes
- 2-H Residential Care Facilities
- 2-J Housing Ordinance Enforcement
- 2-K Statewide Funding Sources for Local Issues with Regional Impact
- 2-L Dangerous Substance Regulation
- 2-M Private Well Drilling Restriction Authority
- 2-N Organized Waste Collection
- 2-O Election Administration Costs
- 2-P Utility Franchise Fees, Accountability and Cost Transparency

The following policies include new policies or amendments for consideration by the committee:

- 2-G Administrative Fines – amendment drafted eliminate outdated references
- 2-I Annexation – amendment drafted to eliminate outdated references
- 2-Q Water Supply (New policy) - Staff drafted a new policy to reflect the discussion by the committee at the July meeting. The new policy speaks to support for the removal of barriers to wastewater re-use, improved inter-agency coordination, clarifying the roles of local, regional and state governments with respect to water, streamlining and consolidating permit approval processes and the availability of statewide resources to plan for and ensure the future sustainability of water supply in the metropolitan area.

Staff recommends adoption of the following Transportation policies without changes:

- 5-E Highway Turnbacks & Funding
- 5-G Photo Enforcement of Traffic Laws
- 5-H Airport Noise Mitigation

- 5-I Cities Under 5,000 Population
- 5-J County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Distribution Formula
- 5-K Municipal Input/Consent for Trunk Highways and County Roads
- 5-L Plat Authority
- 5-O Transit Taxing District
- 5-P Complete Streets

The following policies include amendments for consideration by the committee:

- 5-A Transportation Funding –amendment drafted to clean up language and to further emphasize the importance of the role of the municipal system in transportation needs
- 5-B Regional Transit System –amendment drafted to eliminate outdated references and to express support for the Met Council to address transit issues for cities on the border of the metropolitan area
- 5-C Transit Financing –amendment drafted to more clearly express support for the expansion of regular route service
- 5-D Street Improvement Districts –amendment drafted to more clearly state that all properties should pay to maintain and improve streets
- 5-F “3C” Transportation Planning Process: Elected Officials’ Role –amendment drafted to eliminate outdated references and express the importance of local official participation in planning and prioritization decisions
- 5-M City Speed Limit Control – amendment drafted to support allowing cities to decrease speed limits on roads with changing characteristics that are not yet sufficient to justify a reduction through a speed study
- 5-N MnDOT Maintenance Budget – amendment drafted to include right-of-way and sound walls as infrastructure that needs to be maintained by MNDOT

We have also invited speakers from the Met Council on water supply and transportation planning over the next two meetings, and the committee can use this information to help develop its recommendations for the 2015 Transportation and General Government legislative policies.

1 **General Government (2014)**

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3 **2-A Mandates, Zoning & Local Authority**

4
5 **Metro Cities opposes statutory changes that erode local control and authority or create**
6 **additional mandated tasks requiring new or added local costs without a corresponding**
7 **state appropriation or funding mechanism. Metro Cities believes that zoning decisions**
8 **should be made at the local level. Metro Cities supports legislation that gives local officials**
9 **greater authority and discretion to approve variances in order to remain flexible in**
10 **response to the unique land use needs of their own community.**

11
12 New unfunded mandates potentially cause increased property taxes which impede cities' ability
13 to fund traditional service needs. To allow for greater collaboration and flexibility in providing
14 local services, Metro Cities also encourages the removal of barriers or hurdles to cooperation and
15 coordination between cities and other units of government or entities. **Metro Cities supports**
16 **local decision-making authority.**

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18 **2-B City Enterprise Activities**

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20 Creation of an enterprise operation allows a city to provide the desired service while maintaining
21 financial and management control. The state should refrain from infringing on this ability to
22 provide and control services for the benefit of community residents.

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24 **Metro Cities supports cities having authority to establish city enterprise operations in**
25 **response to community needs, local preferences, state mandates or to ensure residents'**
26 **quality of life.**

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28 **2-C Firearms on City Property**

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30 Cities should be allowed to prohibit handguns and other weapons in city-owned buildings,
31 facilities and parks. This would allow locally elected officials to determine whether to allow
32 permit-holders to bring guns into municipal buildings, liquor stores, city council chambers and
33 city sponsored youth activities. It is not Metro Cities' intention for cities to have the authority to
34 prohibit legal weapons in parking lots, on city streets, city sidewalks or on locally approved
35 hunting land.

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37 **Metro Cities supports local control to allow or prohibit handguns and other weapons on**
38 **city-owned property.**

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40 **2-D 911 Telephone Tax**

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42 Public safety answering points (PSAPs) must be able to continue to rely on state 911 revenues to
43 pay for upgrades and modifications to local 911 systems, maintenance and operational support,
44 and dispatcher training.

1 **Metro Cities supports state funding for the technology and training needed to provide the**
2 **number and location of wireless and voice over internet protocol (VoIP) calls to 911 on**
3 **computer screens and transmit that data to police, fire and first responders.**
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5 **2-E 800 MHz Radio System**
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7 Metro Cities urges the Legislature to provide cities with the financial means to obtain required
8 infrastructure and subscriber equipment (portable and mobile radios) as well as provide funding
9 for operating costs, since the prime purpose of this system is to allow public safety agencies and
10 other units of government the ability to communicate effectively.
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12 **Metro Cities supports the work of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (previously**
13 **the Metropolitan Radio Board) in implementing and maintaining the 800 MHz radio**
14 **system, as long as cities are not forced to modify their current systems or become a part of**
15 **the 800 MHz Radio System unless they so choose.**
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17 **2-F Building Codes**
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19 Thousands of new housing units are constructed annually in the metro area. Structural and water
20 intrusion problems have surfaced in many houses and commercial buildings built in the last 20
21 years. These problems have resulted in dissatisfied homeowners and conflicts among the state,
22 builders and cities.
23

24 **Metro Cities supports an equitable distribution of fees from the Construction Code Fund,**
25 **with proportional distribution based on the area of enforcement where the fees were**
26 **received. Metro Cities further supports a joint effort by the state, cities and builders to**
27 **collectively identify appropriate uses for the fund, including education, analysis of new**
28 **materials and construction techniques, building code updating, building inspector training,**
29 **and development of performance standards and identification of construction “best**
30 **practices.”**
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32 **Metro Cities supports including the International Green Construction Code as an ‘optional**
33 **appendix’ to the State Building Code to allow cities to utilize appropriate parts of those**
34 **guidelines in their communities. Metro Cities also supports adopting the international**
35 **energy conservation code to the state building code without amendments. Metro Cities does**
36 **not support legislative solutions that fail to recognize the interrelationships among builders,**
37 **state building codes and cities. Metro Cities supports efforts to increase awareness of the**
38 **potential impacts and benefits of requiring sprinklers in new homes and townhouses, and**
39 **supports discussion and the dissemination of information around these impacts via the**
40 **code adoption process through the Department of Labor and Industry.**
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42 **2-G Administrative Fines**
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44 Traditional methods of citation, enforcement and prosecution have met with increasing costs to
45 local units of government. The use of administrative fines is a tool to moderate those costs.
46 Metro Cities supported expansion of supports the administrative fine authority, enacted in 2009,

1 granted to allow cities to issue administrative fines for defined local traffic offenses, but supports
2 further modifications ~~are necessary~~ to enhance the workability of the authority. Metro Cities
3 continues to support all cities' authority to use administrative fines for regulatory ordinances,
4 such as building codes, zoning codes, health codes, and public safety and nuisance ordinances.
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6 **Metro Cities supports the use of city administrative fines, at a minimum, for regulatory**
7 **matters that are not duplicative of misdemeanor or higher level state traffic and criminal**
8 **offenses. Metro Cities also endorses a fair hearing process before a disinterested third**
9 **party.**

10 11 **2-H Residential Care Facilities**

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13 Sufficient funding and oversight is needed to ensure that residents living in residential care
14 facilities have appropriate care and supervision, and that neighborhoods are not
15 disproportionately impacted by high concentrations of residential care facilities. Under current
16 law, operators of certain residential care facilities are not required to notify cities when they
17 intend to purchase single-family housing for this purpose. Cities do not have the authority to
18 regulate the locations of group homes and residential care facilities. Cities have reasonable
19 concerns about high concentrations of these facilities in residential neighborhoods, and
20 additional traffic and service deliveries surrounding these facilities when they are grouped
21 closely together. Municipalities recognize and support the services residential care facilities
22 provide. However, cities also have an interest in preserving balance between group homes and
23 other uses in residential neighborhoods.
24

25 Providers applying to operate residential care facilities should be required to notify the city when
26 applying for licensure so as to be informed of local ordinance requirements as a part of the
27 application process.
28

29 Licensing agencies should be required to notify the city of properties receiving licensure to be
30 operated as residential care facilities.
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32 **Metro Cities supports statutory modifications to require licensed agencies and licensed**
33 **providers that operate residential care facilities to notify the city of properties being**
34 **operated as residential care facilities. Metro Cities also supports the establishment of non-**
35 **concentration standards, similar to those allowed for the core cities, for residential care**
36 **facilities to prevent clustering and require the appropriate county agencies to enforce these**
37 **rules.**
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39 **2-I Annexation**

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41 ~~A 2006 Municipal Boundary Adjustment Task Force was charged with developing~~
42 ~~recommendations regarding best practices annexation training for city and township officials to~~
43 ~~better communicate and jointly plan potential annexations. Attempts have been made in recent~~
44 ~~years to reduce tensions between cities and townships around annexations. A Municipal~~
45 ~~Boundary Adjustment Task Force, whose work was published in 2009, worked to develop~~
46 ~~recommendations regarding best practices annexation training for city and township officials to~~

1 better communicate and jointly plan potential annexations. While the task force was able to
2 define the differences between cities and townships on the issue of annexation, no significant
3 advancements were made in creating best practices.

4
5 **Metro Cities supports continued legislative efforts to develop recommendations regarding**
6 **best practices annexation training for city and township officials to better communicate**
7 **and jointly plan potential annexations. Further, Metro Cities supports substantive changes**
8 **to the state's annexation laws that will lead to better land-use planning, energy**
9 **conservation, greater environmental protection, fairer tax bases, and fewer conflicts**
10 **between townships and cities. Metro Cities also supports technical annexation changes that**
11 **have been agreed to by cities and townships.**

12 13 **2-J Housing Ordinance Enforcement**

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15 In 2008, the Minnesota State Supreme Court ruled in *Morris v. Sax* that certain provisions of the
16 city of Morris' rental housing code were invalid because there were subjects dealt with under the
17 state building code and the city was attempting to regulate these areas "differently from the state
18 building code." Minnesota Statutes section 16B.6s subdivision 1 states:

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20 "The state building code applies statewide and supersedes the building code of any municipality.
21 A municipality must not by ordinance or through development agreement require building code
22 provisions regulating components or systems of any residential structure that are different from
23 any provision of the state building code."

24
25 **Metro Cities supports the ability of cities to enforce all housing codes passed by a local**
26 **municipality to maintain its housing stock.**

27 28 **2-K Statewide Funding Sources for Local Issues with Regional Impact**

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30 Many issues including, but not limited to, the implementation of a metropolitan area
31 groundwater monitoring network, emerald ash borer eradication and the cleanup of storm-water
32 retention ponds, come with significant local costs, and have impacts that reach beyond municipal
33 boundaries.

34
35 **Metro Cities supports the availability of statewide funding sources to address local issues**
36 **that have regional or statewide significance. Metro Cities opposes the requirement of**
37 **enacting ordinances more restrictive than state law in exchange for access to these funds.**

38 39 **2-L Dangerous Substance Regulation**

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41 In metropolitan regions where most cities share boundary lines with other cities, local bans of
42 dangerous products and substances do not eliminate access to these products unless all cities take
43 the same regulatory action.

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45 In circumstances where there is broad local support for a ban and any regulatory issues under
46 consideration are regional or statewide in nature, as evidenced by recent synthetic marijuana and

1 analog drug situations, **Metro Cities supports statewide regulation and prohibition of**
2 **products or substances found to present a danger to anyone who uses them.**

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4 **2-M Private Well Drilling Restriction Authority**

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6 Cities are authorized to enact ordinances that disallow the placement of private wells within city
7 limits to ensure both water safety and availability for residents and businesses. Municipal water
8 systems are financially dependent upon users to operate and maintain the system. A loss of
9 significant rate payers as a result of unregulated private well drilling would economically
10 destabilize water systems and could lead to contamination of the water supply.

11
12 **Metro Cities supports current law authorizing cities to regulate and prohibit the placement**
13 **of private wells within municipal utility service boundaries and opposes any attempt to**
14 **remove or alter that authority.**

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16 **2-N Organized Waste Collection**

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18 Cities over 1,000 in population are required by law to ensure all residents have solid waste
19 collection available to them. A city can meet the statutory requirement by licensing haulers to
20 operate in an open collection system, authorize city employees to collect waste, or implement
21 organized collection through one or multiple haulers to increase efficiency, reduce truck traffic
22 and control costs to residents.

23
24 **Metro Cities supports new laws enacted during the 2013 legislative session to streamline**
25 **statutory requirements to allow cities to work with existing haulers to achieve the benefits**
26 **of organized collection or investigate the merits of organized collection without the**
27 **pressure of a rigid timeline and requirement to pass ‘an intent to organize’ at the beginning**
28 **of the discussion process. Metro Cities opposes any legislation that would further increase**
29 **the cost or further complicate the process cities are required to follow to organize waste**
30 **collection or prohibit cities from implementing or using organized waste collection.**

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32 **2-O Election Administration Costs**

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34 Cities play a critical role in managing and ensuring the integrity of elections. Any changes made
35 to election laws to implement a voter ID requirement should not place undue financial or
36 administrative burdens on local governments. **Any additional costs brought on by election law**
37 **changes should be the responsibility of the state.**

38
39 **Metro Cities also supports the adoption of legislation to establish early voting as an**
40 **alternative to no excuse absentee voting. Early voting has been proven to be a cost effective**
41 **and efficient process in other states by reducing the burdensome administrative mandates**
42 **as required for absentee ballots.**

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44 **2-P Utility Franchise Fees, Accountability and Cost Transparency**

45
46 Minnesota cities are authorized by Minnesota statutes M.S. 216B and 301B.01 to require a

1 public utility (gas or electric) that provides services to the city or occupies the public right of
2 way within a city to obtain a franchise. Several metro area cities have entered into such
3 agreements which require that the utility pay a fee to help offset the costs of maintaining the
4 right of way.

5
6 Cities are also adopting energy policies that often result in the use of renewable energy resources
7 to light or heat public facilities. Policies and programs have also been instituted in cooperation
8 with the public utility franchisee to increase energy efficiency for all users. Cities also contract at
9 city expense with public utilities to “underground” wires.

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11 The State of Minnesota has also adopted legislation that requires energy companies to provide
12 more of its electric energy from renewable sources. The specific amounts vary by type of utility.

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14 **Metro Cities supports:**

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16 **State policies adopted by legislation or through rules of the Public Utility Commission that**
17 **provide cities with the authority to include city energy policies and priorities in a franchise**
18 **or similar agreement with a franchisee.**

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20 **Greater accountability and transparency for city paid costs associated with underground**
21 **utility and similar work performed by electric utilities as part of a local project.**

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23 **2-Q WATER SUPPLY –(NEW POLICY)**

24 Municipal water suppliers are charged with meeting the water supply needs of their communities
25 and attempt to do so with safe, reliable and cost effective systems that are sustainable both for
26 established cities and for all future growth.

27 The layers of available groundwater in the metropolitan area cross municipal boundaries and
28 therefore requires a coordinated regional approach to planning for its future availability.
29 Currently, approximately 75% of municipal water supply in the metropolitan area comes from
30 groundwater. Metropolitan Council projections predict declines in aquifer availability due to
31 population growth estimates and current use strategies. However, the current water supply in the
32 region is abundant and there is no data suggesting we are in danger of widespread water
33 shortages in the region.

34 Regulation of water is complex and compartmentalized. Various agencies permit its use, plan
35 for its availability, regulate stormwater, treat wastewater and protect the safety of water. To
36 ensure that water supply remains abundant and sustainable across the region, we must understand
37 how much water can be sustainably drawn from the aquifers and what effect increases in re-use,
38 conservation and recharge can have on the sustainability and availability of both groundwater
39 and surface water. Many of these strategies cross agency jurisdictions and will require improved
40 coordination and cooperation.

41 Municipal water suppliers have made significant infrastructure investments in their systems
42 based on calculated water availability and DNR permits. Proposals to reduce the reliance on

1 groundwater by switching municipal water systems from groundwater to surface water supplies
2 will come with significant costs.

3 The outcomes and benefits of re-balancing the mix of groundwater and surface water use for
4 specific municipalities and the region must be identifiable before any projects are undertaken.
5 The sustainability of our water supply is an issue of regional and statewide significance and the
6 expense of any necessary projects that benefit the region should not fall on individual cities. Any
7 attempts to address water supply sustainability must also take into account all water users,
8 including municipal water suppliers, industry, private wells, agriculture, and contamination
9 containment.

10 The metropolitan region must consider the effects of groundwater use beyond the borders of the
11 metropolitan area on the region's groundwater availability and the cost of treating contaminants
12 in surface water that comes into the metropolitan area for use.

13 **Metro Cities supports the removal of barriers to wastewater re-use, improved inter-agency**
14 **coordination, clarifying the roles of local, regional and state governments with respect to**
15 **water, streamlining and consolidating permit approval processes and the availability of**
16 **statewide resources to plan for and ensure the future sustainability of water supply in the**
17 **metropolitan area.**

1 **Transportation (2014)**

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3 **5-A Transportation Funding**

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5 A comprehensive transportation system is vital in planning for and meeting the physical, social
6 and economic needs of our state and metropolitan region. Adequate and stable sources of
7 funding are necessary to ensure the development and maintenance of a high quality, efficient and
8 safe transportation system that can meet these needs, and will position the state and region to be
9 economically competitive in the years ahead.

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11 Under the current financing structure, transportation needs in the metropolitan region continue to
12 be severely inadequate and underfunded. Our transportation funding system relies heavily
13 primarily on the gas tax for roads and the motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) for transit.
14 Automobiles are becoming more fuel efficient and MVST receipts continue to lag behind
15 projections, resulting in funding levels that continually fail to meet demand.

16
17 Transportation funding and planning must be a high priority for state, regional and local
18 policymakers so that the transportation system can sufficiently meet the needs of the state's
19 residents and businesses and its projected population growth. Funding and planning for our
20 regional and statewide systems must be coordinated at the federal, state, regional and local levels
21 to optimally achieve long term needs and goals. ~~We must maximize existing resources until a~~
22 ~~more sufficient and equitable transportation financing is put in place, we must maximize existing~~
23 ~~resources.~~

24
25 In addition, cities lack adequate tools and resources for the maintenance and improvement of the
26 authority to use additional tools municipal systems, with resources restricted to property taxes
27 and special assessments. It is imperative that alternative revenue generating authority be granted
28 to municipalities for this purpose to relieve the burden on the property tax system.

29
30 **Metro Cities strongly supports stable and sufficient statewide transportation funding and**
31 **local tools to meet the long term transportation system needs of the region and local**
32 **municipal systems. Metro Cities also supports state financial assistance, as well as**
33 **innovations in design and construction, to offset the impacts of regional transportation**
34 **construction projects on local communities and businesses.**

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36 **5-B Regional Transit System**

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38 The Twin Cities Metropolitan Area needs a multi-modal regional transit system as part of a
39 comprehensive transportation strategy that serves both commuters and the transit dependent. The
40 transit system should be composed of a mix of HOV lanes, Bus Rapid Transit, express and
41 regular route bus service, exclusive transit ways, light rail transit and commuter rail corridors
42 designed to connect residential, employment, retail and entertainment centers. The system should
43 be regularly monitored and adjusted to ensure that routes of service correspond to the region's
44 changing travel patterns.

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46 ~~Metro Cities strongly supported the ¼ cent sales tax passed by the 2008 Legislature. This~~

1 ~~tax is levied in the metropolitan area and dedicated to transit. The sales tax represents a~~
2 ~~commitment to investment in our region's transitways.~~ Metro Cities opposes using the
3 currently dedicated Metropolitan Transportation Area sales tax proceeds to further
4 subsidize funding for Metro Transit and suburban transit providers that are the
5 responsibility of the Legislature and Metropolitan Council. Any increase to the sales tax
6 already dedicated to transit should be used to benefit the transit system as a whole.

7
8 Metro Cities is also opposed to legislative or Metropolitan Council directives that constrain
9 the ability of metropolitan transit providers to provide a full range of transit services,
10 including reverse commute routes, suburb-to-suburb routes, transit hub feeder services or
11 new, experimental services that may show a low rate of operating cost recovery from the
12 fare box.

13
14 In the interest of including all potential options in the pursuit of a regionally balanced transit
15 system, Metro Cities supports the repeal of the law passed in 2002 which imposed a gag order on
16 the Dan Patch Commuter Rail Line.

17
18 Current congestion levels and forecasted population growth require a stable, reliable and
19 growing source of revenue for transit construction and operations so that our metropolitan region
20 can adequately and strategically meet its transportation needs to remain economically
21 competitive. Metro Cities supports an effective, efficient and comprehensive regional transit
22 system as an invaluable component in meeting the multimodal transportation needs of the
23 metropolitan region and to the region's economic vibrancy and quality of life.

24
25 Metro Cities supports a regional governance structure that can ensure a measurably
26 reliable and efficient system that recognizes the diverse transit needs of our region and
27 addresses the funding needs for all components of the system. Metro Cities also recognizes
28 the unique needs of cities at the edges of the 7-county metropolitan area and the need for
29 flexibility in transit systems to ensure users can get to points outside of the 7-county service
30 area. Metro Cities encourages the Met Council to work with border counties to help
31 coordinate planning so transit dependent users can get to appointments beyond the
32 boundaries of the region.

33 34 5-C Transit Financing

35
36 The Twin Cities metropolitan area is served by a regional transit system that is expanding to
37 include rail transit and dedicated busways. Any operating subsidies necessary to support this
38 system should come from a regional or statewide funding source. The property taxpayers of
39 individual cities and counties should not be required to fund the operation of specific transit lines
40 or routes of service within this regional system. MVST revenue projections have not been
41 reliable and the Legislature has repeatedly reduced general fund support for Metropolitan
42 Transit. As a result the regional transit providers continue to operate at a funding deficit.

43
44 **Shifting demographics in the metropolitan region will mean increased demand for transit**
45 **in areas with and without current transit service. Metro Cities supports stable and growing**
46 **revenue sources to fund the operating budget for all regional transit providers at a level**

1 sufficient to meet the growing operational and capital transit needs of the region and to
2 expand the system to areas that currently have little or no transit options.

3
4 **Metro Cities supports an increase in the regional sales tax to fund the expansion of regular**
5 **route service, the continuing capital expenses and expanded operational needs of the**
6 **metropolitan transit system if the increase is accompanied by sufficient local controls over**
7 **the collection and expenditure of the new revenue and geographic balance is maintained in**
8 **the expansion of service to allow cities to appropriately plan for growth in population and**
9 **service needs along new and expanded transit service. Metro Cities opposes diversions of**
10 **the uses of this tax for any other purposes.**

11 12 **5-D Street Improvement Districts**

13
14 Funding sources for local transportation projects are limited to the use of Municipal State Aid
15 (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, and cities under 5,000 in population are not
16 eligible for MSA. With increasing pressures on city budgets and limited tools and resources,
17 cities are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain aging streets.

18
19 Street improvement districts allow cities in developed and developing areas to fund new
20 construction as well as reconstruction and maintenance efforts.

21
22 The street improvement district is designed to allow cities, through the use of a fair and objective
23 fee structure, to create a district or districts within the city where fees will be raised on all
24 properties in the district, and that must be spent within the boundaries of the district. Street
25 improvement districts would also aid cities under 5,000, giving them an alternative to the
26 property tax system and special assessments.

27
28 **Metro Cities supports the authority of local units of government to establish street**
29 **improvement districts. Metro Cities also supports changes to special assessment laws to**
30 **make assessing state-owned property a more predictable process with uniformity in the**
31 **payment of assessments across the state.**

32 33 **5-E Highway Turnbacks & Funding**

34
35 Cities do not have the financial capacity, other than significant property tax increases, to absorb
36 the additional roadway responsibilities without new funding sources. The existing municipal
37 turnback fund is not adequate based on contemplated turnbacks.

38
39 **Metro Cities supports jurisdictional reassignment or turnback of roads on a phased basis**
40 **using functional classifications and other appropriate criteria subject to a corresponding**
41 **mechanism for adequate funding of roadway improvements and continued maintenance.**

42
43 **Metro Cities does not support the wholesale turnback of county or state roads without the**
44 **consent of municipality and the total cost, agreed to by the municipality, being reimbursed**
45 **to the city in a timely manner.**

1 **5-F "3C" Transportation Planning Process: Elected Officials' Role**

2
3 The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) was developed to meet federal requirements,
4 designating the Metropolitan Council as the organization that is responsible for a continuous,
5 comprehensive and cooperative (3C) transportation planning process to allocate federal funds
6 among metropolitan area projects. Input from local officials is an important element in the
7 planning and prioritization of transportation investments in the region. ~~This process requirement~~
8 ~~was reinforced by the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), the 1998~~
9 ~~Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century (TEA21) and the 2005 Safe, Accountable,~~
10 ~~Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).~~

11
12 **Metro Cities supports continuation of the TAB with a majority of locally elected officials as**
13 **members and participating in the process.**

14 **5-G Photo Enforcement of Traffic Laws**

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17 Enforcement of traffic laws with cameras has been demonstrated to improve driver compliance
18 and safety.

19
20 **Metro Cities supports the use of photo enforcement technology.**

21
22 **5-H Airport Noise Mitigation**

23
24 The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the state should seek long-term solutions to
25 fund the full mitigation package as adopted in 1996 for all homes in the 64-60 DNL impact area.
26 Noise abatement efforts should be paid for by fees and charges collected from airport users, as
27 well as state and federal funds. Furthermore, unless mitigation funding is provided, Metro Cities
28 opposes any legislation that requires a property owner to disclose those properties that lie within
29 64-60 DNL noise contours.

30
31 Acknowledging that the communities closest to MSP and reliever airports are significantly
32 impacted by noise, traffic, and other numerous expansion-related issues:

33
34 **Metro Cities supports the broad goal of providing MSP-impacted communities greater**
35 **representation on the MAC.** Metro Cities wants to encourage continued communication
36 between the MAC commissioners and the cities they represent. Balancing the needs of MAC, the
37 business community and airport host cities and their residents requires open communication,
38 planning and coordination. Cities must be viewed as partners with the MAC in resolving the
39 differences that arise out of airport projects and the development of adjacent parcels. Regular
40 contact between the MAC and cities throughout the project proposal process will enhance
41 communication and problem solving.

42 **Metro Cities supports noise abatement programs and expenditures to minimize the impacts**
43 **of MAC operated facilities on neighboring communities. The MAC should determine the**
44 **design and geographic reach of these programs only after a thorough public input process**
45 **that considers the priorities and concerns of impacted cities and their residents.**

1 **5-I Cities Under 5,000 Population**

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3 Cities under 5,000 in population do not directly receive any non-property tax funds for collector
4 and arterial streets. Current County State Aid Highway (CSAH) distributions to metropolitan
5 counties are inadequate to provide for the needs of smaller cities in the metropolitan area.
6 Possible funding sources include the five-percent set-aside account in the Highway User Tax
7 Distribution Fund, modification to county municipal accounts, street improvement districts,
8 and/or state general funds.

9
10 **Metro Cities supports establishing criteria, such as the number of average daily trips, to**
11 **provide funding qualifications and a distribution method, in a small city local road**
12 **improvement program.**

13
14 **5-J County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Distribution Formula**

15
16 Even with the additional resources provided in 2008 by the Legislature through the
17 transportation finance bill, significant needs remain in the metro area CSAH system. The
18 additional revenue for the CSAH system will result in more projects being completed faster,
19 however, greater pressure is being placed on municipalities to participate in cost sharing
20 activities, encumbering an already over-burdened local funding system. When the alternative is
21 not building or maintaining roads, cities bear not only the costs of their local systems but also
22 pay upward of fifty percent of county road projects. Metro Cities supports special or additional
23 funding for cities that have burdens of additional cost participation in county road projects.

24
25 CSAH eligible roads were designated by county engineers in 1956 and although only 10% of the
26 CSAH roads are in the metro area, they account for nearly 50% of the vehicle miles traveled.
27 The new CSAH formula passed by the Legislature in 2008 increased the amount of CSAH
28 funding for the metropolitan area only from 18% in 2007 to 21% in 2011. The new formula will
29 better account for needs in the Metropolitan Area, but the new formula must only serve as is a
30 first step in providing additional resources for the Metropolitan Area.

31
32 **Metro Cities supports a new CSAH formula more equitably designed to fund the needs of**
33 **our metropolitan region.**

34
35 **5-K Municipal Input/Consent for Trunk Highways and County Roads**

36
37 Minnesota Statutes direct the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to submit
38 detailed plans with city cost estimates at a point one and a half to two years prior to bid letting, at
39 which time public hearings are held for citizen/business/municipal input. If MnDOT does not
40 concur with requested changes, it may appeal. Currently, that process would take a maximum of
41 three and a half months and the results of the appeals board are binding on both the city and
42 MnDOT.

43 **Metro Cities opposes changes to current statutes that would allow MnDOT to disregard the**
44 **appeals board ruling for state trunk highways. Such a change would significantly minimize**
45 **MnDOT's need to negotiate in good faith with cities for appropriate project access and**
46 **alignment, and would render the public hearing and appeals process meaningless. Metro**

1 **Cities also opposes the elimination of the county road municipal consent and appeal**
2 **process for these reasons.**

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4 **5-L Plat Authority**

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6 Current law grants counties review and comment authority for access and drainage issues for city
7 plats abutting county roads.

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9 **Metro Cities opposes any statutory change that would grant counties veto power or that**
10 **would shorten the 120-day review and permit process time.**

11
12 **5-M City Speed Limit Control**

13 Cities are moving to incorporate multiple modes of transportation within existing right of way
14 through local Complete Streets policies on residential roads where traffic safety also affects
15 pedestrians and users of alternative transportation modes. **Metro Cities supports design**
16 **standards that result in slower speeds on local roads. Any statutory speed limit change**
17 **must be uniform and provide adequate state funding for education and enforcement to**
18 **ensure public awareness and compliance.**

19
20 At cities' or counties' discretion, Metro Cities also supports a year round reduction of speed
21 limits within 500 feet of any city or county parks and schools or on roads whose characteristics
22 are becoming more residential or developed but will not yet justify a reduction under a MNDOT
23 sanctioned speed study.

24
25 **5-N MnDOT Maintenance Budget**

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27 The state has abrogated its responsibility for maintaining major roads throughout the state by
28 requiring, through omission, that cities bear the burden of maintenance on major state roads.
29 Cities should be compensated equitably for providing a service that traditionally has been borne
30 by the state. MnDOT should also be required to meet standards adopted by cities through local
31 ordinances or reimburse cities for labor, equipment and material used on the state's behalf to
32 improve public safety or meet local standards.

33
34 **Metro Cities supports MnDOT taking full responsibility for maintaining state owned**
35 **infrastructure and property, including sound walls and right of way, within city limits.**

36
37 **5-O Transit Taxing District**

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39 The transit taxing district, which funds the capital cost of transit service in the Metropolitan Area
40 through the property tax system, is inequitable. Because the boundaries of the transit taxing
41 district do not correspond with any rational service line nor is being within the boundaries a
42 guarantee to receive service, cities in the taxing district or out of the taxing district are
43 contributing unequally to the transit service in the Metropolitan Area. This inequity should be
44 corrected.

45
46 **Metro Cities supports a stable revenue source to fund both the capital and operating costs**

1 **for transit at the Metropolitan Council. However, Metro Cities does not support the**
2 **expansion of the transit taxing district without a corresponding increase in service and an**
3 **overall increase in operational funds. To do so would create additional property taxes**
4 **without a corresponding benefit.**

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6 **5-P Complete Streets**

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8 A complete street may include: sidewalks, bike lanes (or wide paved shoulders), special bus
9 lanes, comfortable and accessible public transportation stops, frequent and safe crossing
10 opportunities, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, curb extensions, narrower travel
11 lanes and more.

12
13 A complete street in a rural area will differ from a complete street in a highly urban area, but
14 both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road.

15
16 **Metro Cities supports options in state design guidelines for streets that would give cities**
17 **greater flexibility to:**

- 18
19 • **safely accommodate all modes of travel**
20 • **address storm water needs**
21 • **ensure livability in the appropriate context for each city.**

22
23 **However, Metro Cities opposes state imposed mandates that would increase street**
24 **infrastructure improvement costs in locations and instances where providing access for**
25 **alternative modes including cycling and walking are deemed unnecessary or inappropriate**
26 **as determined by local jurisdictions.**

August 20, 2014

Mayor James Hovland & City Council Members
4801 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I am an Edina resident who attended the Edina Planning Commission meeting August 13, 2014. I was appalled at the events of the evening and feel compelled to express my concerns to you.

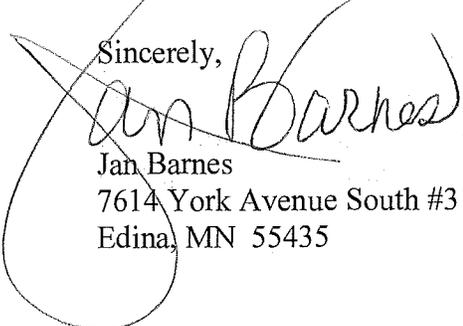
As one speaker so succinctly stated (after 3+ hours of public comment regarding the proposed 66 West), this meeting was not about who lives in Edina, who raised their family in Edina, or even homeless adolescents. The purpose of **this** meeting was for the Planning Commission to examine the zoning codes currently in place relative to a request for re-zoning and changes to the existing Comprehensive Plan.

I would encourage each of you to view the Planning Commission meeting videotape relating to this topic, as I believe it clearly demonstrates the significant confusion experienced by the members of the Commission around various aspects of the issues at hand. Earlier in the evening, Chairman Staunton made a comment along the line of "let's get this done so we can send it on to the City Council for approval" – completely inappropriate, having been made before all concerns from the Commission members had been expressed and addressed.

A proposal to recommend approval of the re-zoning request was voted on and FAILED. **That should have been the end of this discussion.** It wasn't, and Chairman Staunton, clearly biased toward allowing Beacon Interfaith to locate a multi-unit housing development into an area designated as a Regional Medical District, continued to push for it. The Commission members had tremendous difficulty even articulating the wording for a second vote – which shouldn't have taken place - and which appeared to be rendered under duress.

I urge each of you to deny the request for re-zoning of this property, and to accept Tom Nelson's offer of assistance in finding a more appropriate and suitable location for this worthy cause.

Sincerely,



Jan Barnes
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August 21, 2014

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Mayor Jeff Jacobs
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Re: Proposed Sale of Minneapolis-Owned Land at 40th and France

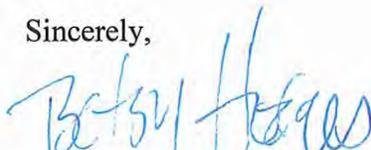
Dear Mayor Hovland and Mayor Jacobs,

In 2012, City of Minneapolis staff initiated discussions with your City Managers about our intention to sell the 15 acre parcel at 40th St West and France Ave South. Our position, as consistently communicated to your respective City Managers, is Minneapolis is willing to sell the property at fair market value and that we would like to offer our neighboring cities the first opportunity to acquire.

To facilitate the discussion, Minneapolis staff obtained a boundary survey, soil borings and geo-technical data. This information has been provided to your staff. It is our understanding the underlying zoning is residential and the appraisal is based on that intended use. While there have been several meetings between our representatives the past two years, these meetings have not led to an agreed upon outcome and we have not received an offer to date.

Minneapolis intends to move forward with selling the site. We are asking that this issue be given proper attention and we are requesting that we receive written offers that are reflective of fair market value by November 14, 2014, with closing planned by December 31, 2014. We remain hopeful that an amicable agreement can be reached. The lead staff person for Minneapolis is Greg Goeke, Director of Property Services, who has worked with your staff to date.

Sincerely,


Betsy Hodges, Mayor


Barbara Johnson, Council President

cc: Kevin Reich, Chair of Transportation & Public Works Committee
Linea Palmisano, Vice Chair of Transportation & Public Works Committee
Kevin Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Kotke, City Engineer



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Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:24 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

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Referrer: google

Message: I get off Highway 100 at the 70th Street exit every day and really enjoy the plantings in the median that were planted in the past few years (the hawthorn trees and native grasses). I think that is my favorite median i have seen anywhere. It really captures the regional identity of this area. I also love that the grasses are left in place through the winter and not cut back until the spring. Winter is so long, it is such a nice visual relief to see the dormant native grasses along that median through the winter. Thank you

6450 York Ave. S. # 419
Edina MN 55435
August 25, 2014

Mayor Howland
City Council
Edina MN

Re: 66 West

I have lived in Edina 46 years. I have lived at 6450 York Avenue South 18 years. Weather permitting, I walk outdoors daily, and know this area very well.

Providing housing for homeless youth is a worthy cause. But the TCF site should not be the location.

I am compassionate for struggling youth. I call myself a depression kid = I began first grade in 1929 = I have vivid memories of hardship.

Converting the TCF site into 66 West would have a tremendous negative impact.

- ① it is not compatible with current commercial / medical district,
- ② it is not compatible with the hundreds and hundreds of us residents
- ③ increased traffic density
- ④ the construction disruption for months and months would be excruciating.

Lack of transparency is disappointing. The most affected did not receive notice about the July hearing.

I did attend the August hearing.
The Deacon Interfaith presentation was
informative, Planning Commission responded.

At the close, attendants could speak.
I did get into line = but Pastor Strand's
flock dominated. When I realized about
2 dozen were ahead of me = I realized
my 90 year old body could not
stand an additional hour, so
did drop out.

The majority speaking did not even
line nearby = they would not be
impacted by 66 West location.

BOTTOM LINE = proposal for 66 West
should be rejected by the City Council.

THANK YOU,

Gladys Erlandson



Gladys Erlandson
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Heather Branigin

From: Sue Neuhart <sueneuhart@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 2:29 PM
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Subject: Walk with friends
Attachments: photo.JPG; ATT00001.txt



Heather Branigin

From: katherine thomson <kk.thomson1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 3:19 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: backyard chickens

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From: **katherine thomson** <kk.thomson1@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 19, 2014 at 3:15 PM
Subject: backyard chickens
To: swensonann1@gmail.com

Sorry Ann, I accidentally hit send before I finished my email...

Bottom line, these chickens have been an overall terrible experience to live in close proximity to.

1. They are attracting foxes/coyotes at a rate that we have never seen before. The fox/coyote seems to know where there is a steady flow of chicken dinner. The sounds of birds being eaten/feathers all over our lawn is disgusting and disturbing. The fox/coyote even scaled my 6 ft privacy fence in front of my eyes the other day. I am concerned about my dog's safety in an enclosed back yard. Now, we see the fox/coyote (not sure which one is terrorizing our neighborhood) on a daily basis. Our neighbors are currently on our 4th batch of chickens... the first set were all roosters, the other three sets have all been dinner to the fox/coyote. My neighbor's have lost 3 of their cats due to the coyote in the past 30 days... the chickens have attracted these animals on a steady basis. My husband even said that the fox/coyote (I need to get out an animal identification book) had a small dog pinned up against our front door in early July that he rescued when he got home from work one day.
2. While my neighbors do keep their coops clean, they do smell. Anytime a strong north wind is blowing, we can smell them. It is not pleasant. The subdivided lots in Edina are too small for the most part to house chickens. I can't even imagine if someone in country club decided to keep chickens on those tiny tiny lots.
3. Even hens are not "silent". They are nothing like the Rooster's morning alarm clock at 4a... but, they have a sort of noise that they make when they are laying eggs.
4. When our neighbors let their chickens out to get some exercise, they end up in my lawn eating my boxwoods and scratching up my green lawn. It is not like an invisible fence will contain a chicken... no fence will for that matter, as they have been known to be found in our back lawn over our privacy fence and then we have to shoo them back over (they fly).
5. As far as the bees go, as someone who is highly allergic, this one terrifies me the most. While chickens are annoying, bees are life threatening to me. I don't want to end up 'dead' because my chicken raising neighbors have decided to become beekeepers with 300+ bees as well... It would change the way that I use my property, and that is not fair. We had a honey bee hive in our norway pine at the back of our property this spring, and we paid \$400 to have it removed, as I could not be outside and feel safe. The honey bees fed off of my flowers and meyer lemon trees that surround our pool/landscaping constantly. They don't understand "no fly zones" much

like chickens don't understand property lines. Like I said, the lot sizes are just too small to house livestock/bees without making a neighbors life less peaceful.

I get the current craze for a bucolic life in this busy world. Don't we all want to escape to the lake for the entire summer? I just wonder why so many chickens end up in rescue situations every year. Seems to me, that we "urban hipsters" have perhaps bitten off more than we can chew. I foresee a huge rise in calls to animal control over allowing these animals to dwell on 55 x 120 ft lots with such close proximity to another residence.

Just my 2 cents... I spoke with Tim at animal control today, as I have "had it" with my neighbors chickens. He suggested that I contact my council members regarding these chickens and my experience.

Best,
Katherine (KK Strand)

Heather Branigin

From: K B Montgomery <kmschoolmail@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 3:29 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: GrandView

Hi Lynette,

Could you kindly forward copies of this letter to the City Council as well as the members of the GrandView CAT?

Thank you much,
Kim

K B Montgomery
kmschoolmail@aol.com

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

From: K B Montgomery <kmschoolmail@aol.com>
To: sneal <sneal@edinamn.gov>
Cc: mail <mail@edinamn.gov>
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Subject: GrandView

Hi Scott,

I wanted to follow up with you on the progress of GrandView. Now that the response period (for the RFI's) has closed, I understand that there will be a winnowing process to narrow the respondents to 2 to 4 candidates.

As you know, the original process for this CAT as described by Bill Neuendorf in the April 2013 work session and approved by the Council was for the CAT to review and weigh in on all of the respondents, in other words, to be involved in the selection of the RFI candidates. This was also affirmed by the Council in September 2013, when the Council made clear that they wanted the CAT to review RFI responses and make a recommendation to the Council.

Given that the CAT has been disbanded and the original process dismantled, I have the following questions:

1. Who will be responsible for reviewing the RFI responses?
2. Who will be given access to the RFI responses? Bill Neuendorf has stated that the City intends to post all responses to the RFI on the GrandView webpage early in the week of August 18. Is that still the intention?
3. With uses for the 5146 Eden Avenue undefined, what criteria will be used to narrow the field? How will the City ensure that the developers who are advanced to the next step of the process will be the 'right fit' for the project if the uses are not first defined?
4. Will members of the public have an opportunity to be involved in the process? If yes, who?
5. Will members of the second CAT be invited to participate in the process given their knowledge of GrandView and the time contributed to the process?

6. Both CAT members supporting (2 members) and opposing a development partner (6 members) called for a process to define community/public uses of 5146 Eden Avenue. What, if anything, has been done to respond to their requests?"

As you know, I first became involved in the GrandView process when I learned of the proposed land swap that had happened without an open and involved citizen process. If, after 3 years of City process and countless citizen hours, the decision making again moves behind closed doors, I and many others in the community who care about public land will publicly voice our concerns.

Thank you for your time and attention, as always. I hope you are well.

Kim

K B Montgomery
Citizens for a Better GrandView

Heather Branigin

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Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 4:53 PM
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Cc: Margo Geffen; Catherine M Gold

Subject: Hennepin County Consortium Consolidated Plan Survey

All:

Hennepin County's Department of Housing, Community Works and Transit invites you to complete the following survey regarding the Hennepin County Consortium Consolidated Plan for 2015-2019.

This survey is a critical part of identifying needs in Suburban Hennepin County which could be addressed through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. Your input will contribute to formulating strategies as part of the consolidated planning process; we ask you please contribute your expertise of your locale by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014**.

Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HennepinCty_ConPlan

Feel free to extend any comments and questions our way:

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Thank you in advance,

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Heather Branigin

From: Johnson, Aya <Aya.Johnson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 5:26 PM
Subject: REMINDER: August 27, 2014 GSA Stakeholder Meeting Immigration Office Move
Attachments: Aug27 StPaul Stakeholder invitation.doc.pdf

This is a friendly reminder about next week's stakeholder meeting about the new location of the USCIS office. **Make sure to RSVP by Friday, August 22 directly to USCIS at Outreach.SPM@uscis.dhs.gov.**

Aya Johnson
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From: Johnson, Aya
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:43 PM
Subject: FW: August 27, 2014 GSA Stakeholder Meeting

Greetings!

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

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

Warm regards,

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From: Goudge, Laurie A [<mailto:Laurie.A.Goudge@uscis.dhs.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 3:42 PM
Subject: August 27, 2014 GSA Stakeholder Meeting

To all –

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

Thank you,

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

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



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

August 11, 2014

Dear Stakeholder:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Leslie Tritten
St. Paul Field Office Director

Heather Branigin

From: M.J. Bauer <mjbauer8495@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 9:27 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 Street West

Please support the 66th street project.

I am a lifetime Edina resident. My Husband and I live at 7609 Gleason Road , we raised 2 children in Edina. There are hundreds of Homeless youth in the western suburbs every night. Beacon Interfaith is a superb partner with a proven track record in Homeless Youth Housing and support services. I have visited their Nicollet Property and found it to be attractive and well run with grateful young people leading busy and productive lives, going to school and work.

Let's find a way to get this done and make a big step forward on Edina's commitment to Affordable housing .

M.J. Bauer

Heather Branigin

From: Kay Bochert <kbochert@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Mike; Allison Johnson
Subject: 66 West

As you know from your tour of Nicollet Square, Beacon is a very reliable landlord. Their program for teens will be for those who want to make a change and live a productive life. They will not sabotage their chances with vandalism or violence.

These are young people like those who live in Edina, but were not lucky enough to have parents with a stable home and resources, we in Edina had. This is their chance.

Thank you for voting for a wonderful housing program which will benefit our city.
Thank you for voting for these young people who are our future, Edina's future.

Kay and Mike Bochert
Residents of Edina

Heather Branigin

From: Mike Manhard <mike@mesh-mn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 12:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please support 66 West for homeless youth

Mayor Hovland.

Greetings. As a resident of Edina, I wanted to send a note to ask for your support for the youth supportive housing project being proposed for 66 West. As the executive director of a nonprofit whose sole mission is to end homelessness, I want to stress how development like this is vital to meeting the needs of youth in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Resources for unaccompanied youth and young adults are extremely insufficient in our metro area. I am thrilled that Edina has the opportunity to step up and be a vital partner in meeting the needs of homeless youth in our community. Please help lead Edina in this role.

I have long worked as partner with the developer, Beacon Interfaith. Lee Blons and her program are solid and have proven to be extremely valued community partners in the places where their housing has been developed. This project's access to transportation, groceries, jobs, medical clinics, library, the YMCA—this location is truly ideal.

I ask for your support for the project on September 2nd. Danielle and I hope to be in attendance on 9/2 (as we were 8/14) to voice our support.

If you have any concerns about the project that I could help address, I would love to talk. Thanks so much for your service to the community. Thanks and take care.

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Heather Branigin

From: tpaulson@1992ventures.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 6:42 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Arden Park D Neighborhood Roadway Reconstruction

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I'm writing today to thank you for your recent vote to remove Indianola Ave, Juanita Ave, and W 51st Street from the proposed sidewalk plan. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Troy Paulson
5116 Juanita Avenue

Heather Branigin

From: Julie Baker <djbaker2@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 7:21 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: To Jim Hovland In Support of 66 West

Hi Jim:

Greetings! I hope you've had a nice summer. It is hard to believe it has just been a few months since I saw you at the City Volunteer Awards ceremony at Braemar Clubhouse. The Edina High School student I attended with, Danzhen Lajia, is preparing to head off to Mankato State as I write this. And Doug and I are dropping our youngest off at college today. Signs of fall for sure.

I am emailing today to let you know that I am a strong supporter of the 66 West development and to urge you to vote in favor when it comes before City Council on September 2nd. I first learned about the project at St. Stephen's Church, where I am a member and serve on the governing board. But my support stems from my personal experience working with students at Edina High School. That is how I met Danzhen, and how I have met a number of other students whose housing is precarious at best. These kids stay variously with aunts and uncles and grandparents, and on friends' couches. They are doing their best to finish high school, but what then?

One young woman I know of — an Edina High School graduate — is working at Target. Her mother is an alcoholic and has unstable housing herself, so this young woman is on her own. She struggled to find an affordable apartment close to public transportation. Further it was virtually impossible for her to save enough money to pay a deposit and a month's rent while she was paying a nightly rate to live at a motel. Finally, she moved in with one of the EHS parent volunteers for several months to save some money. She ended up getting some assistance from a Minneapolis housing program that places young people with families until they can get their feet on the ground. Her story may have a happy ending. But there are others like her who may not be so "lucky." We need 66 West to help young people like her — people who are hard working and need a helping hand to get their feet on the ground. And I firmly believe Edina will be a better community when we do that. I understand opponents' concerns, but I think there is ample evidence from other places where similar projects have been located to suggest we can make this work.

Thanks for taking the time to read this email and for your consideration. If you think it would be beneficial, I would be happy to share this email with other council members. Just let me know.
And thanks too for your service to Edina. We appreciate all you are doing for our city.

Julie Baker

Heather Branigin

From: Christine Ott <extramileamericafoundation@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Extra Mile Day in Edina

Dear Lynette,

Thank you for talking with me for a moment this morning and for passing on this information to the Mayor and City Clerk.

Last year, 444 inspirational mayors and city leaders stood up and jointly recognized November 1, 2013, as ***Extra Mile Day***...*a day to recognize the people and organizations who are creating positive change in our communities through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service.*

Proudly, we hold up Edina as a 2013 *Extra Mile Day* city, and we hope that you will join the mission again by making the proclamation in 2014. (Proclamation language is at the end of this email.)

This year, our mission continues...and builds. Supported by a volunteer staff, Extra Mile America (www.ExtraMileAmerica.org) is unwavering in its commitment to remind individuals and organizations that creating positive change is not just a water cooler topic, but it is unselfishly tied to go-the-extra-mile action. We continue to be an organization that casts a bright light on the "*Extra Mile Heroes*" and change-makers who surround us and who continue to give their best.

Started in 2009 by Founder Shawn Anderson's vision that one person CAN make a difference, *Extra Mile Day* has grown from 23 participating cities in its inaugural year (2009)...to an awesome goal of 500 cities this year.

Whether it is one elected official or one non-elected government employee, whether it is one citizen or one business with 1,000 amazing people, ONE does make a difference. By declaring November 1, 2014, *Extra Mile Day*, your city continues to be a part of this nationwide movement.

Will you join us again this year and proclaim November 1 as *Extra Mile Day*?

If the Mayor would like to do something beyond a proclamation, we have two options:

- 1) **Submit names of local "Extra Mile Heroes."** In addition to a November 1 declaration, submit 1-5 names of amazing extra mile people and/or organizations that are making significant contributions to your city. These people/organizations will be included on our website with their specific contribution, and their names will be sent to the White House as extra-mile change makers whose service truly stands out and deserves to be recognized.
- 2) **Submit a quote from your Mayor.** In addition to a November 1 declaration, your Mayor's quote of what it personally means to "go the extra mile" will be highlighted on our website and shared with your local media.

We are looking forward to your city once again leading the way, and if there is anything we can do to help you plan something special, we are happy to jump forward with our best effort on your behalf.

Can we confirm you as a November 1, 2014, *Extra Mile Day* city?

We look forward to "going the extra mile" with you again!

Christine

Christine Ott
Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org
310-619-3205

Here is sample wording:

EXTRA MILE DAY

WHEREAS, (city, state) is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, (city, state) is a community which encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, (city, state) is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, (city, state) acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create 500 Extra Mile cities in America and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of (city, state) do hereby proclaim November 1, 2014 to be Extra Mile Day. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

* Proclamations can be scanned and emailed to Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org or mailed to 5034 Runway Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

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Heather Branigin

From: Samuel Rahamim <mayors=everytown.org@mail360.us2.mcsv.net> on behalf of Samuel Rahamim <mayors@everytown.org>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 10:48 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please join us



MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Two years ago, my father was killed along with five of his co-workers when a former employee went on a murderous rampage at Accent Signage, our family business. I'm writing to ask you to become a member of **Mayors Against Illegal Guns**, which is a program of **Everytown for Gun Safety** and stand up for common-sense, life saving laws to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and other dangerous people.

Today I work as a Field Assistant for [Everytown for Gun Safety](#) here in Minnesota. This advocacy work is deeply personal to me. It's a way for me to honor my father's legacy.

To build support for this movement, I often reach out to fellow Minnesotans who have been affected by gun violence and to be there for them if they decide to share their stories. In the years since my father was killed, I've found that sharing my experiences allows others to grasp in a more personal way the pain that pervades too many cities and towns in this country. I know that by sharing our stories, we can inspire others to take action.

It is in that spirit of inspiring action that I'm reaching out to you today. It means a great deal to myself and other gun violence survivors that more than 1,000 current and former mayors all over Minnesota and across America have added their voices to this movement. **Mayors Against Illegal Guns** is now a program of **Everytown for Gun Safety**, which is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country and being a member of **Mayors Against Illegal Guns** will give you a national voice on this issue and the opportunity to meet

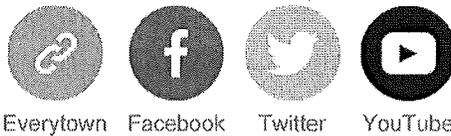
and learn from our staff and from other mayors.

To join, you only need to print, sign and return our statement of principles, [available here](#). You can return it by email at mayors@everytown.org, by fax at 917-410-6932 or mail it to:

Mayors Against Illegal Guns MN
2751 Hennepin Avenue South, Suite 262
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Mayors are the ones who receive a call when a cop is shot or a child is killed by gun violence. I hope you will consider being a leader on this issue by speaking out and joining this coalition. Thanks for your time today. Together — and with your courage and leadership — we can help reduce gun violence.

Sincerely,
Samuel



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Heather Branigin

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Subject: MCWD - Webcast/Broadcast of Public Meetings
Attachments: Spring_Park_8-20-14.pdf

Dear Mayors,

I thought you would be interested to learn that Spring Park has become the sixth city in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to formally call upon the MCWD Board of Managers to broadcast its public meetings.

Attached is a copy of the letter from Spring Park Mayor Reinhardt issued this week.

If you, your Council or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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



August 20, 2014

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers
Attn: James Spartz
15320 Minnetonka Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Dear Mr. Spartz and Managers,

The City of Spring Park is requesting that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers begin broadcasting your regular board meetings via on-line web streaming and/or local community access cable. The Spring Park City Council feels there is a significant benefit to our residents and other communities within the watershed to have the ability to watch the board deliberations, discussions, and ultimately the decisions made by the board.

The MCWD is inherently involved in many issues of importance to our community including water quality, surface water management, and AIS management. Having a broader and more convenient access to your meetings is important for the education of our residents and decision makers.

Many Lake Minnetonka cities are members of the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission (LMCC). The LMCC is an affordable and immediate option available to the MCWD. Regardless of the vendor you select, we feel it is an important part of government transparency to broadcast your board meetings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah Reinhardt'.

Sarah Reinhardt, Mayor

City of Spring Park

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Heather Branigin

From: Lori Grotz <lori@lorigrotz.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 12:34 PM
To: Patrick Frimat; 'Tara Frimat'
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Subject: Can't get copies of surveys for 5508 Dever Dr

Hi Patrick & Tara,

We received our notice about the neighborhood teardown meeting for 5508 Dever Drive in the mail today, but see the email below about the change of date to Sept 2.

I don't understand how Cary Teague can state in the email below that the house at 5508 Dever Drive can be torn down, when we don't know if the City has yet received accurate surveys and a working storm water management plan. It has been over 9 months since surveys/storm water management plans were first submitted. Jim stopped at Planning at least two times this week to attempt to get copies of the 5th set of surveys and the storm water management plan by Advance Surveying and Engineering. He had time to briefly look at the surveys but was not allowed to obtain copies. It was something about Planning still reviewing the information and the documents had not yet been booked in. The last time Jim was told to come back in a week.

After you, Jim, and I met with Cary Teague and Ross Bintner at City Hall on July 8th, we were told by Cary that we would be notified when another set of surveys and storm water management plans came in. If the house is torn down before an accurate existing site conditions survey, proposed site conditions survey, and storm water management plan is on record, important information can disappear, like it never existed. We have been waiting for accurate surveys and storm water management plans FOR OVER 9 MONTHS.

Since we have found so many inaccuracies, deficiencies, and omissions (not found by staff) in the previously submitted existing site conditions surveys, proposed conditions surveys, and storm water management plans, I am wondering if the owner is pushing for fast demolition before we can review plans again.

The house cannot be torn down until all of the Edina survey requirements and the requirements of the MSBC/ IRC, and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District have been fulfilled.

In my opinion, this doesn't pass the smell test.

Lori

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

From: Cary Teague [mailto:cteague@EdinaMN.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 9:29 AM
To: Cindy Larson; 'Andrew Brown'
Cc: Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; James Grotz; lori@lorigrotz.com; Jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
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Subject: RE: Neighborhood Construction Meetings

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From: Andrew Brown [mailto:andrew.r.brown@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 5:07 PM
To: Cary Teague; Cindy Larson; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; James Grotz; lori@lorigrotz.com; Jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
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Heather Branigin

From: Anne Mavity <AMavity@beaconinterfaith.org>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 1:37 PM
To: Edina Mail; jhovland@krausehovland.com
Cc: Lee Blons
Subject: 66 West clarifications

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of 66 West, the 39-unit apartment building for suburban youth experiencing homelessness, that will be on the Council's agenda on Tuesday, September 2nd. A number of issues have been raised recently, at the Planning Commission meeting and in letters submitted to the city, to which we would like the opportunity to respond and provide some clarity. Beacon's Executive Director Lee Blons will be out of the office this coming week and as the recently hired Director of New Projects, I'll look forward to personally following up with you next week to further clarify any questions you might have.

Why this site?

Beacon is a professional housing developer with expertise in identifying and acquiring appropriate sites and buildings. Beacon hired a commercial real estate broker to assist in this search. Beacon met with Edina city staff and council members to request advice about a good location in general as well as ideas about specific sites.

As you know, the majority of Edina is zoned for single family homes. There is not much area zoned for multi-family development. So we knew that to be able to create multi-family housing it would be likely that we would need to ask the City Council to rezone. We felt that the Greater Southdale Area was the best location to seek a site for several reasons. First, this area provides entry-level jobs, access to public transit, and already has other multi-family housing development interwoven into the business/retail developments. Second, the greater Southdale area is also mentioned in the comprehensive plan: "Development in the Greater Southdale Area can meet the housing needs of Edina with options that may not fit in other locations within the city." (Greater Southdale Area Final Land Use and Transportation Study). Third, based on the needs of our tenants, this area provides access to jobs, services and transit that can be easily accessed.

Beacon selected this site after almost 18 months of conducting a thorough and methodical site search. We did look at a number of other sites. Initially, we were very excited about the former Best Buy site at the corner of York and 66th; only to find out that despite a sign that said "for sale" that it was only "for lease". We went the extra mile and had our former board chair making calls and were not able to interest the owner in entertaining an offer on the property. We made an offer on another site on Ohms Lane that was turned down. We clearly were not in the ball park since they didn't even counter our offer. That property was zoned Planned Industrial and would have required the city to rezone as well. It would also have isolated our tenants from the community. One of our major concerns on that site was that there were no sidewalks for our tenants to walk on from the closest bus stop that was 4 blocks away from the front door. We followed up all the leads given to us including the suggestion that there might be undeveloped land near the Southdale Y but we learned that there was no available land for development.

We believe that this site is an appropriate site from the perspective of the city's policies and guidance, as well as a great location for the tenants. It is integrated into an area that has a mix of uses; within three blocks there are offices, multi-family housing and retail. The density that we are proposing fits with the variety of density currently in use in this area; which varies from one story buildings to 18 story buildings within a few blocks.

Cost and financing

With nearly 500 units of housing that we currently own and operate, we are sophisticated purchasers of property and understand the value of the property that we are acquiring. This property would be too expensive if we planned to tear down the existing building. We did not make our offer until we determined that we could convert the building into housing. Our project is small because of the limits of available public funding. We cannot add units to bring down the cost per unit. Also, the current real estate market did not include very many small parcels and a survey of purchase prices of commercial parcels of similar size to our site show a similar cost per square foot to this site and that larger parcels have a lower cost per square foot. So the comparison of \$59,000 per unit for "our site" to \$29,000 per unit for "other sites", which are larger and able to spread cost over more units, is an oranges to apples comparison.

We do develop quality housing at affordable rents. We do not develop cheap housing. Public funders of affordable housing expect a high level of quality and durability to safeguard the public's investment. Ensuring the development includes industry standards of quality design and construction now, will lower the operating and capital costs over the life of the public's investment - the funders know this well from their experience over many years of funding affordable housing. Our total development cost is on par with the development occurring in Edina like Lennar and One Southdale Place.

We realize that there can be some "sticker shock" about the cost of affordable housing development but this is not unique to this site or unique to Beacon. We will be scrutinized by our public funders to ensure that we are good stewards of the funds invested in this development. Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has determined that the average Low Income Housing Tax Credit project in the Twin Cities costs \$34,000 per unit higher than non-tax credit projects. We are working with our public funders and the industry on cost containment strategies but we want to assure you that the cost of this particular site is not an issue.

Why now?

Having spent the time to ensure that we have the right project at the right site, we have now applied for funding from our public funding partners. As you may know, developing affordable housing turns the development rules on their head, by first requiring site control and designing a project, prior to when financing is secured. Each June, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) solicits applications for funding and this year, the MHFA has an additional \$100 million for affordable housing, that has not been available in past years, making it an especially timely application year. A funding request for 66 West was submitted this year to MHFA and our application is specific to this site. Changing sites would disqualify our application. Any delays in the project will require us to wait until the following June 2015 to re-apply as this opportunity only occurs once annually.

We take our site selection seriously: Beacon and it's collaborative of congregations in Edina have already invested over \$100,000 in this project and this site, much of which would be lost if this project does not proceed.

Creating a safe and welcoming place for our tenants and neighbors

Beacon is committed to ensuring a safe place for our tenants and our neighbors. We will have professional on-site property management with high-tech key card entry and security cameras. We are committed to providing the level of staffing to ensure a positive environment for our tenants and neighbors, including overnight staffing.

We are very concerned about the portrayal of our properties as unsafe by Step by Step. Their statement, "What this information shows is that there is an average of 14 police visits to the average Beacon property each month", is highly inaccurate and borders on the libelous. The information that their own letter contains shows that there is an average of 14 "911" calls (not police visits) for 10 properties; in other words, an average of 1.4 "911" calls per property which is significantly less than the 2.75 calls per month that they cite for the Colony.

The averages that are listed individually for each property are also in error. All of the call totals should have been divided by 24 months to get the accurate "per month" average. However, they greatly exaggerated the averages by removing the months with no calls from the average. For example, Third Avenue Townhomes had 6 phone calls in 24 months which they inaccurately calculated as 1.5 calls per month on average—rather than 1 call every 4 months which is the actual rate. When calculated correctly Nicollet Square averaged 2.8 "911" calls per month—virtually the same as The Colony.

As Lee Blons has discussed previously, "911" calls must be put in context and are not always a reflection on the behavior of our tenants. They can reflect on issues within the broader neighborhood in which our properties are located. If there is an issue with the behavior of a tenant, we believe the appropriate evaluation of a landlord is based on the responsiveness of the landlord and we have a good reputation with the neighborhood associations and the Minneapolis Police Department to take appropriate action.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify these issues. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions at 952-913-1108. Do note that Lee Blons will be out of town until September 2nd.

Sincerely,

Anne

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative | Anne Mavity *Director of New Projects* |
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Heather Branigin

From: Patrick Frimat <Patrick.FRIMAT@rsivideotech.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 2:00 PM
To: Lori Grotz; 'Tara Frimat'
Cc: David Fisher; bwisner@minnehahacreek.org; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; Jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Cary Teague; Cindy Larson; Breanne Rothstein
Subject: RE: Can't get copies of surveys for 5508 Dever Dr

If the builder and homeowner have been informed that their plan would not be approved as is and that they will need variances for front and back set back, they may think twice before proceeding with demolition... But if they want to turn the corner lot into a park for neighbors to enjoy....

Patrick Frimat

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

From: Lori Grotz [mailto:lori@lorigrotz.com]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 12:34 PM
To: Patrick Frimat; 'Tara Frimat'
Cc: dfisher@edinamn.gov; bwisner@minnehahacreek.org; sneal@edinamn.gov; jhovland@edinamn.gov; Jonibennett12@comcast.net; mbrindle@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; cteague@edinamn.gov; clarson@edinamn.gov; brothstein@edinamn.gov
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Hi Patrick & Tara,

We received our notice about the neighborhood teardown meeting for 5508 Dever Drive in the mail today, but see the email below about the change of date to Sept 2.

I don't understand how Cary Teague can state in the email below that the house at 5508 Dever Drive can be torn down, when we don't know if the City has yet received accurate surveys and a working storm water management plan. It has been over 9 months since surveys/storm water management plans were first submitted. Jim stopped at Planning at least two times this week to attempt to get copies of the 5th set of surveys and the storm water management plan by Advance Surveying and Engineering. He had time to briefly look at the surveys but was not allowed to obtain copies. It was something about Planning still reviewing the information and the documents had not yet been booked in. The last time Jim was told to come back in a week.

After you, Jim, and I met with Cary Teague and Ross Bintner at City Hall on July 8th, we were told by Cary that we would be notified when another set of surveys and storm water management plans came in. If the house is torn down before an accurate existing site conditions survey, proposed site conditions survey, and storm water management plan is on record, important information can disappear, like it never existed. We have been waiting for accurate surveys and storm water management plans FOR OVER 9 MONTHS.

Since we have found so many inaccuracies, deficiencies, and omissions (not found by staff) in the previously submitted existing site conditions surveys, proposed conditions surveys, and storm water management plans, I am wondering if the owner is pushing for fast demolition before we can review plans again.

The house cannot be torn down until all of the Edina survey requirements and the requirements of the MSBC/ IRC, and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District have been fulfilled.

In my opinion, this doesn't pass the smell test.

Lori

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From: Cary Teague [mailto:cteague@EdinaMN.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 9:29 AM

To: Cindy Larson; 'Andrew Brown'

Cc: Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; James Grotz; lori@lorigrotz.com; Jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com

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Heather Branigin

From: Jean Coltz <jean.coltz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 2:13 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Questions Concerning Proposal for Rezoning 3330 66th St. West-

Friday, August 22, 2014

To: The Planning Commission and Members of the City Council

As a one-time resident of Edina for 30 years--my career, working with troubled youth, spanning three and half decades--I am understandably drawn to the issue of rezoning the TCF Bank property at 3330 66th St. West.

Question 1: In my viewing of a meeting with the City Council (Lee Blons presenting), the council asked a number of relevant questions concerning the aesthetics of the proposed site. However, I did not see any attention given to the specificity of the internal program at all: restrictions (all temporary-rental- living residences in Edina do state them within their leases), expectations and goals. I would think a handbook, not only given to each resident, but reviewed as an orientation would serve as the foundation to attaining success.

Question 2: The operative goal seems to be that every resident will be either attending school, working or both. However, in examining a page on the Beacon Interfaith website, which has now been deleted, there was a chart profiling the Lydia Apartment residents (located on Lasalle). The bottom 2 categories took me aback; (1)100% of the residents are Mentally Ill and (2) 75 % have a criminal background. My question is this: Guesstimating the population makeup of your proposed residence in Edina, how would that Lydia profile compare in these 2 areas?

Question 3: The Edina Liquor Store is only 2 1/2 blocks away. Your proposal states that resident ages will span from 17 years of age to those in their early twenties. Since your population will include legal and under age drinking ages, specifically how will you control the intake of alcohol on the premises to those who might 'party' and are underage? Will alcohol use be restricted on the premises? I address this as a 21 year former resident in a high density building in Edina. As a daily stairwell walker for exercise, I had the experience of coming upon under age drinkers who would 'party' quietly at night with a bottle of whiskey in a stairwell, letting in their friends from the neighborhood by strapping flat the back door security latch with multiple layers of strapping tape.

Question 4: Since illegal substances have become a factor in our culture, what policy will be in place and enforced in regard to both usage and marketing of those drugs?

Question 5: It is my understanding that Beacon Interfaith does not manage the properties that they acquire; companies such as Common Bond serve in that capacity. If this is the case, why aren't we hearing the voices from the eventual management company? Speaking with the everyday people who will be in charge is, I believe, is not only important, but essential.

Thank You,

J. L. Coltz

Heather Branigin

From: jean coltz <jean.coltz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 3:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: BEACON chart (now deleted)

Attention: Deb
Could you kindly attach this to my letter of concern sent just moments ago?
It is important. Thank You.

J. L. Coltz

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: jean coltz <jean.coltz@gmail.com>
Date: August 18, 2014 2:35:15 PM CDT
To: jean coltz <jean.coltz@gmail.com>
Subject: BEACON PROFILE OF RESIDENTS

[http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/sites/default/files/Beacon_Newsletter%20Fall%202013_WEB.p
df](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org/sites/default/files/Beacon_Newsletter%20Fall%202013_WEB.pdf)

Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Jean Coltz <jean.coltz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2014 12:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: CORRECTION TO MY LETTER SENT 8-22-2014

8-24-2014

TO: The Planning Commission and The City Council:

My Question 2, Lines 3 and 4 stated, in reference to the Lydia Apartments, which were featured by BEACON on their website this May-- now deleted

"100% of the residents are mentally ill".

That statement is incorrect and should have read (as their chart reads)

"100% have a a Disability of any kind**-Disabilities include mental illness, alcohol or drug abuse, HIV/AIDS."

THANK YOU!
J.L. COLTZ

Heather Branigin

From: Mindy Ahler <mindy@coolplanetmn.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2014 9:25 AM
To: Edina Mail; Joni Bennett; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; cmilner@edinamn.gov; Scott H. Neal
Subject: Acres DuBois concern - we need more public input

Dear City Council and City Staff,

In talking with my neighbors more questions and concerns have come to light in the development of Acres DuBois in the Morningside neighborhood. I have heard unconfirmed rumors that the plan might be approved by the city without further public input. I attended one of the public meetings with City Homes and I appreciated meeting those involved with the project, their forward thinking and their concern to do what is best for the neighborhood in this development. To truly find the solution that is best for the neighborhood (and provide a model of best practices for development in Edina) I believe that a public hearing is necessary before approval of this plan. Conversations before the approval of the plan must include the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and water management experts. I'm sure there are other cities that could also provide suggestions from their experience managing water in development. It is critical that we get this development right and properly manage the storm water runoff to prevent disastrous and costly consequences to neighboring homes and to properly manage the adjoining public property. Edina is known as a leader in so many ways - this is an opportunity to show our leadership in storm water management and the best way to redevelop Edina that strengthens our neighborhoods and builds community. Please require a public hearing with water management experts before approval of the Acres DuBois project.

Thank you for your continued hard work for the City of Edina that makes this community a great place to live!

Mindy Ahler
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Heather Branigin

From: David Braden <dbbraden@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2014 9:40 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Dear Council Members,

My husband and I have lived in Edina for nearly 30 years and recently moved from the Brookview Heights neighborhood to a townhouse at Coventry Lakes. We love the city and all of the wonderful amenities we have enjoyed over the past three decades. It would be a credit to Edina to welcome others such as the young adults who would live at 66 West. We are not affiliated with the group or churches sponsoring the project but are writing independently to encourage you to vote in support of 66 West.

Ann and David Braden
616 Coventry Lane
Edina, MN 55435

Heather Branigin

From: Tom Geng <gengt@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2014 11:50 AM
To: wcbushnell@frontiernet.net; prechelbacher@msn.com; erdahl@spacestar.net; lekelee@aol.com; Tfbaltutis@gmail.com; prisbue6@gmail.com; slivcarlson@usinternet.com; tcasey@frontiernet.net; kingslynn25@yahoo.com; dovolis@cs.umn.edu; kgothberg@msn.com; lucymilt@msn.com; h20_johnson@hotmail.com; mkjol@kjolhaugenv.com; jlofgren@cahillswift.com; richardmanser@icloud.com; srmohn@comcast.net; dmoltmans@comcast.net; mto@umn.edu; mrosenberg@advanceins.com; nw@weberarchitects.com
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Subject: MCWD Transparency, Openess and Accountability - LMCC
Attachments: 2012_Lundberg-Mamayek_emails.pdf

Mr. Bill Bushnell, Chair
Ms. Peter Rechelbacher, Vice Chair
Mr. Jerry Ciardelli, Treasurer
Ms. Lee Keeley, Secretary
All Members
MCWD Citizens Advisory Committee
Dear CAC Officers and Members:

I am compelled to bring another misrepresentation of material fact made by MCWD President White in both versions of President White's now-withdrawn Op-Ed to the Sun Sailor and Sun Current newspapers.

As you will recall, President White withdrew that Op-Ed from both newspapers after Michael Osterholm, Ph.D. and Eric Evenson-Marden brought to her attention the fact that she had made a number of misrepresentations of law and fact, some of which were clearly defamatory in nature.

In both versions of her Op-Ed, President White asserted, in relevant part, as follows:

"Speaking of transparency, the District has a long-standing commitment to openness and accountability in its meetings. . . The financial implications of expanding video recording to board meetings, which would require an investment in additional equipment, professional services and staff time, is under consideration. It is important to note we are not aware that any local cable stations throughout the 29 communities served by the MCWD are interested in televising our meetings."

In the context of her Op-Ed, the clear implication of President White's highlighted assertion is that, historically, there has been no interest in televising MCWD Board meetings to MCWD communities.

Having doubts about the truth of this asserted "fact," former Senator Gen Olson dropped in on the Lake Minnetonka Cable Commission ("LMCC") on August 18, 2014. Contrary to the implication of Present White's assertion, Senator Olson learned from LMCC staff that the LMCC had in fact contacted the MCWD several years ago with a proposal for the LMCC to televise recordings of the public meetings of the MCWD Board of Managers. Senator Olson suggested I investigate this matter further.

Yesterday, as reflected in the email below, I spoke with LMCC Operations Manager Jim Lundberg, who confirmed that he had discussions with MCWD Communications Director Telly Mamayek in November and December 2012 about the LMCC's proposal to televise MCWD public meetings. Operations Manager Lundberg also sent me the attached emails which confirm that he met with MCWD Communications Director Mamayek on December 3, 2012 at the Shorewood City Hall to discuss this proposal.

Significantly, President White has been a MCWD Manager since March 2012. Consequently, President White either knew, or reasonably should have known, that her assertion about the alleged lack of interest in televising MCWD Board meetings was untrue.

Now, in all fairness to President White, the LMCC is not a "local cable station." Rather, "[t]he Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) is an agency formed by a Joint Powers Agreement between 12 area communities, whose purpose is to oversee the franchise agreement with the cable operator, currently Mediacom, and to promote awareness and use of community television." <http://www.lmcc-tv.org/about-lmcc.html>

Nevertheless, in the context of President White's now-discredited and withdrawn Op-Ed, I submit this is a distinction without a difference.

I further submit this is yet another example of the controlling majority of the MCWD Board to play fast and loose with the legal and factual aspects of the truth and the historical record in an effort to justify the controlling majority's votes and actions.

I respectfully urge the CAC to consider, discuss and, if appropriate, make an appropriate recommendation to the Board of Managers regarding President White's assertion of "fact" as part of the CAC's statutory duty under Minnesota Statute §103D.331, Subd. 1a (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103D.331>) to:

"(4) consider issues pertinent to the functions and purposes of the watershed district;
(5) review and comment on reports, minutes, activities, and proposed projects of the managers; and
(6) report to the managers the general content of advisory committee meetings and resulting recommendations."

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Geng
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Lundberg <jim@lmcc-tv.org>
To: 'Tom Geng' <gengt@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Aug 22, 2014 10:25 am
Subject: RE: MCWD - LMCC

Mr. Geng,

By now, you should have received any and all of the e-mails that reference my 12/3/12 meeting with MCWD Communications Director Telly Mamayek.

At our meeting, I offered the MCWD a means of broadcasting their meetings on our Government Channel 20. Ms. Mamayek noted that they would be moving from their Deephaven location to a new office in Minnetonka. That she hoped they would be outfitting their new facility with similar recording capabilities as the City of Shorewood and that once they did, she was hopeful that the LMCC would be contacted to begin airing their meetings.

I never heard back from Telly after that and the LMCC experienced a very tumultuous 2013 and I did not get a chance to follow up with her regarding the status of broadcasting these meetings.

Jim Lundberg
Operations Manager
LMCC

From: Tom Geng [<mailto:gengt@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 8:58 AM
To: jim@lmcc-tv.org
Subject: Fwd: MCWD - LMCC

Jim,

Thank you for taking my call this morning.

It is my understanding from our conversation that the LMCC approached the MCWD in 2012 with a proposal to broadcast recordings of the MCWD's public meetings of its Board of Managers, and that you met with MCWD Communications Director Telly Mamayek in December 2012 to discuss the LMCC's proposal.

Would you please forward to me a copy of the emails you have confirming that you met with Ms. Mamayek in December 2012?

Would you also briefly describe what happened to this proposal?

Thank you very much for your time and assistance. Please feel free to call if I can ever be of assistance to you or the LMCC.

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

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

From: Gen Olson <gen.olson@frontier.com>

To: Tom Geng <gengt@aol.com>

Cc: szerby <szerby@gmail.com>; scott <scott@gamersdigital.com>; dsiakel <dsiakel@gmail.com>; dkind100 <dkind100@gmail.com>; PaulSkrede <PaulSkrede@mchsi.com>; marvdjohnson <marvdjohnson@gmail.com>; ahunt <ahunt@ci.minnetrista.mn.us>

Sent: Tue, Aug 19, 2014 9:32 am

Subject: Re: MCWD - LMCC

Tom,

LMCC is a public access channel as I was reminded in my conversation at their office. They will broadcast any MCWD recorded meetings provided to them. If MCWD has the equipment, a volunteer could operate it. What extra costs would need to be incurred? There is no charge for the broadcasting to the people in the cities they cover whether those city councils use their service or not.

Thanks for pursuing this further .

Gen
Sent from my iPhone

From: Jim Lundberg <jim@lmcc-tv.org>
To: gengt <gengt@aol.com>
Subject: FW: Monday's meeting
Date: Fri, Aug 22, 2014 9:45 am

From: Telly Mamayek [<mailto:TMamayek@minnehahacreek.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 12:46 PM
To: Jim Lundberg
Subject: Re: Monday's meeting

I'm on my way!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2012, at 9:41 AM, "Jim Lundberg" <jim@lmcc-tv.org> wrote:

Hi Telly,

I can make the 1pm.

See you there!

Jim Lundberg

Operations Manager

LMCC

(952)471-7125 x104

From: Telly Mamayek [<mailto:TMamayek@minnehahacreek.org>]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 9:30 AM
To: Julie Moore; jim@lmcc-tv.org
Subject: Monday's meeting

Hi Julie and Jim,

I'm hoping we can move up our 2pm meeting at Shorewood City Hall on Monday, Dec 3 to 1pm. Please let me know if that works for you. If not, let me know your availability later in the week. I'm pretty booked on Wednesday, but I'm flexible the rest of the week.

Thanks,

Telly

Telly Mamayek || Communications Director

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

Direct 952.641.4508 || Cell 952.594.5672

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From: Jim Lundberg <jim@lmcc-tv.org>
To: gengt <gengt@aol.com>
Subject: FW: Last Night's Meeting and MCWD Meeting on Monday
Date: Fri, Aug 22, 2014 9:45 am

From: Julie Moore [<mailto:JMoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 12:02 PM
To: Jim Lundberg
Subject: RE: Last Night's Meeting and MCWD Meeting on Monday

New location will be by the Marsh on Minnetonka Blvd. I think it is supposed to be spring that they move, but I can't remember for sure.

From: Jim Lundberg [<mailto:jim@lmcc-tv.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Julie Moore
Subject: RE: Last Night's Meeting and MCWD Meeting on Monday

I'll look at your system for a headphone solution on Monday. I think I can take an audio out off the back of the dvd recorders. Not sure what audio port you are seeing on the front of a deck but will look at that as well.

Discussions with the MCWD are preliminary. If it isn't too far, we would be willing to go into Minnetonka as the water shed district does affect a number of our LMCC cities. At this point, they are just exploring the possibility. They haven't been given approval yet from their board.

Jim Lundberg
Operations Manager
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From: Julie Moore [<mailto:JMoore@ci.shorewood.mn.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 11:53 AM
To: Jim Lundberg
Subject: RE: Last Night's Meeting and MCWD Meeting on Monday

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Heather Branigin

From: Tom Geng <gengt@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2014 12:21 PM
To: wcbushnell@frontiernet.net; prechelbacher@msn.com; erdahl@spacestar.net; lekelee@aol.com; Tfbaltutis@gmail.com; prisbue6@gmail.com; slivcarlson@usinternet.com; tcasey@frontiernet.net; kingslynn25@yahoo.com; dovolis@cs.umn.edu; kgothberg@msn.com; lucymilt@msn.com; h20_johnson@hotmail.com; mkjol@kjolhaugenv.com; jlofgren@cahillswift.com; richardmanser@icloud.com; srmohn@comcast.net; dmoltmans@comcast.net; mto@umn.edu; mrosenberg@advanceins.com; nw@weberarchitects.com
Cc: tfurlong@ci.chanhassen.mn.us; PaulSkrede@mchsi.com; Edina Mail; mgaylord@ci.excelsior.mn.us; sharris@goldenvalleymn.gov; dkind100@gmail.com; emax33721@aol.com; marvdjohnson@gmail.com; thultmann@longlakemn.gov; jeff.pederson@ci.medina.mn.us; betsy.hodges@minneapolis.gov; tschneider@eminnetonka.com; ahunt@ci.minnetrista.mn.us; lmcmillan@ci.orono.mn.us; kslavik@plymouthmn.gov; dgoettel@cityofrichfield.org; szerby@ci.shorewood.mn.us; sreinhart@ci.spring-park.mn.us; rick@rgvisions.com; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; AnneMavitySLP@comcast.net; gerryd@terradek.com; toconnor@ci.victoria.mn.us; cjohnson@ci.watertown.mn.us; kenwillcox@wayzata.org; jdoak.woodland@hotmail.com
Subject: MCWD - Failure to Timely Make Meeting Minutes Available

Mr. Bill Bushnell, Chair
Ms. Peter Rechelbacher, Vice Chair
Mr. Jerry Ciardelli, Treasurer
Ms. Lee Keeley, Secretary
All Members
MCWD Citizens Advisory Committee

Dear CAC Officers and Members:

In both versions of her now-discredited and withdrawn Op-Ed, President White asserted, in relevant part, as follows:

"Speaking of transparency, the District has a long-standing commitment to openness and accountability in its meetings. Agendas, meeting materials and minutes are posted in a timely fashion on the District's website."

It appears from visiting the District's website this morning that President White's concept of "timeliness" is at odds with any reasonable person's concept of timeliness.

As of 12:00 p.m. this afternoon, the District has no minutes from any Board meetings conducted after June 26, 2014. <http://minnehahacreek.org/minutes>

In addition, the District's website contains agendas, but no minutes, from the following other 2014 meetings conducted *before* June 26, 2014:

Board Meetings

- June 12, 2014; and
- January 30, 2014

Board Committee Meetings

- June 19, 2014 (Policy and Planning Committee);
- April 30, 2014 (Policy and Planning Committee);
- April 3, 2014 (Operations and Program Committee);
- March 20, 2014 (Policy and Planning Committee);
- March 6, 2014 (Operations and Program Committee);
- February 20, 2014 (Policy and Planning Committee);
- February 6, 2014 (Operations and Programs Committee); and
- January 16, 2014 ((Policy and Planning Committee).

Moreover, the only minutes from 2014 CAC meetings are those from January 16, February 12 and June 18.
<http://www.minnehahacreek.org/cac-minutes/>

At the very least, one would think that President White would visit the District's website before making assertions of fact about the timely availability of meeting minutes.

I submit this is yet another example of President White's proclivity for asserting "facts" that are contrary to the record.

I therefore respectfully urge the CAC to consider, discuss and, if appropriate, make an appropriate recommendation to the Board of Managers regarding:

- The MCWD's failure to timely make all approved meeting minutes available on its website; and
- President White's erroneous assertion that the District "timely" posts all meeting minutes on its website.

These matters, I submit, clearly fall under the CAC's statutory duty pursuant to Minnesota Statute §103D.331, Subd. 1a (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=103D.331>) to:

- “(4) consider issues pertinent to the functions and purposes of the watershed district;
- (5) review and comment on reports, minutes, activities, and proposed projects of the managers; and
- (6) report to the managers the general content of advisory committee meetings and resulting recommendations.”

Very truly yours,

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

Heather Branigin

From: Judith Andersen <judyandy@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2014 5:00 PM
To: swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net;
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Edina Mail
Subject: 66th Street Proct for Homeless Youth

We wish to let you, as a city council member, know that we are strongly in favor of establishing the apartments for homeless youth at the 66th St site in Edina. It is the right thing to do for the young people who need our help and for the city of Edina which needs to offer affordable housing and services for this population. Thanks in advance for a positive vote.

Kay Larsen and
Judy Andersen
6313 Halifax Ave South
Edina, MN 55424

Heather Branigin

From: Claire Dempsey <dempseymn@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2014 12:54 PM
To: Edina Mail; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com
Subject: 66 West Housing - please vote YES

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have lived in Edina for 19 years with my husband and our three children. I ask you each to vote YES on the question of 66 West Housing for homeless teens.

What an opportunity we have to do good in our community and help these young people continue on a positive path for their life. The proposed location is perfect -- near jobs, transportation, and many potential places of employment. The need is great -- it is hard to believe that there are homeless teens in this part of the metropolitan area, but there are. Our capacity is huge as a COMMUNITY to make a difference and share our abundant resources and volunteer spirit with these emerging adults that will in turn contribute back to our community as they grow up.

So, please vote yes. It will make a positive difference in so many ways for Edina.

Thank you for your consideration,

Claire Dempsey
4624 Browndale Ave
Edina MN 55424
dempseymn@aol.com

Heather Branigin

From: Dave Horan <davehoran03@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2014 3:24 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66th st youth shelter

Mayor Hovland - We wish to let you know that we are strong supporters of the youth homeless shelter project on 66th street. This is something our city needs to do to put our money where our mouth has been. This is something we can truly be proud of along with so much else this city does well. Thank you for your continued service to this city. Dave and Michelle Horan 4215 Lynn Ave

Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Ward <wgoodsall@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2014 8:31 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for the 66 West Project

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members: Swenson, Brindle, Bennett, and Sprague:

This letter is in support of the 66 West Project, that is being proposed for the Southdale area , to provide affordable, supportive housing for homeless teens.

As a parent who has lived in Edina for 21 years and raised and educated two children in our public schools, I have been very grateful for the services that the city provides for our youth. However, as difficult as it is to accept, all of our children are not "above average", and some of the youth in the Western Suburbs have not been successful, for various reasons. As a community, we have the opportunity to reach out to these people and give them a second chance, by providing a healthy, safe and nurturing environment, enabling them to get back on track in their growing process. We should take advantage of this opportunity to support these youth with a program such as this, which has been proven to work in other neighborhoods.

The decision in front of the council is apparently one of zoning. This area is zoned for regional medical services. I have practiced medicine for 30 years, the last 21 here in Edina, both at Fairview Southdale Hospital and now with Allina Health at 7500 France Avenue. The paradigm for medicine is shifting from managing illness to promoting health. Both Allina and Fairview have focused on this idea with branding changes – Allina changed its name from Allina Hospitals and Clinics to Allina Health, recognizing the importance of its mission as a promoter of health.

The longer one is in medicine, the more one realizes how much of the “illness” we see is based in social and psychological problems rather than purely medical ones. Maintaining the health of our youth, which is key to the future of the community, will be aided significantly by providing a healthy and nurturing environment for those youth who are at risk for the social and psychological problems which will result in medical problems. In that sense, this project would fit with the medical zoning of the Southdale area.

Every society will be judged by how it cares for its disadvantaged members, its widows and orphans. As a community, Edina should extend care to its members who need this help, thereby strengthening the community in the future. For these reasons, I urge you to approve this proposal so that it can move forward.

Sincerely,

J. Ward Godsall, MD

5601 Johnson Drive

Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: ellyrw@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2014 9:49 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Teen Supportive Housing Project

Dear Council Members--I am a longtime Edina resident, and I am writing to urge your support for the 66 West Teen Supportive Housing Project. Although teen homelessness is sometimes invisible, we know it exists in Edina and other southwest suburbs, and these young people need help and support to become productive members of society. I am concerned that even though there has been a stated commitment to having affordable housing in Edina, we have very few affordable units, and I believe we need to increase that number. Supporting the 66 West Teen Project is a wonderful way to do that. I believe the proposed site is an excellent spot for this project and that the project is well planned. As with other similar projects by the people proposing this project, I feel confident it will be very successful and well run. I hope you will vote "yes" for this project on September 2nd. Eleanor Wagner, 5529 Vernon Ave. South, Edina, MN

Heather Branigin

From: Stephanie A Tesch <stephanie.tesch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 11:38 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council: proposed Youth Housing project

Dear Council,

Please give your approval to the proposed housing project for homeless youth, to be constructed near Southdale. The city does a great deal to promote the welfare of affluent children through sports facilities, rec programs and more. Teenagers on their own deserve support, too, especially at such a crucial point in their lives. Not every young person has family that cares or can help. The proposed location seems ideal, next to businesses that can offer employment. Transportation is a huge barrier for young people. Please show that Edina cares!

Thank you,
Stephanie Tesch
5605 Johnson Drive
Edina

Heather Branigin

From: Cathleen Godsall <cgodalls@live.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 12:25 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please Vote Yes to Support 66 West Apts

Dear Mayor Hovland, City Council members: Swenson, Brindle, Bennett, and Sprague,

This is the third letter I have written to you all over the course of the past 6 months in support of the 66 West teen supportive apartment project scheduled for your final review and hopefully "super-majority" approval at the September 2, 2014 City Council public hearing. As a licensed social worker who has had to deal professionally with the challenges of access to affordable housing and the reasons for homelessness, I was still shaken to realize the magnitude of teen homelessness in our southwest suburban communities--where on any given night 200+ teens are experiencing the anxiety and safety issues of homelessness.

During these past 6 months I have immersed myself in learning and sharing with others the details of the 66 West Apartments supportive housing project for 18-22 year olds who through no-fault of their own, find themselves struggling to survive and meet their daily needs while trying to mature into adulthood---without a home that can provide safety and stability. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and our area churches' 18 month "logistical research journey" have identified a solid location for this supportive housing project across from Southdale with access to entry- level jobs, mass transit to get to jobs and school as well as being a safe neighborhood to call home.

The discussion at the Planning Commission about these apartments fitting into the comprehensive zoning plan as a medical district seems to fit nicely when one views medical care progressively, as **healthcare**, which is much more comprehensive than traditional medical services. A community that offers multi-faceted health and wellness services is a community that is healthy physically, mentally and spiritually. Edina can be that community for these teens! (These teens would be screened as appropriate and "learning- ready" to capitalize on the benefits of the supportive services the apartments offer to help them mature into self-sufficient citizens).

Lastly, I believe safety is of utmost importance to our planners for both the teen residents and their neighbors, in order to make this endeavor successful. Please refer to the detailed e-mail you were each sent on August 22 from Anne Mavity, Beacon's Director of New Projects, in which she describes the safety measures that are built into the plan and clarifies the mathematical errors in the 911 call statistics that the Montessori school presented at the City Planning Commission public hearing on August 13.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration to this request to vote to **approve 66 West Teen supportive housing apartments**. Together we can make our communities accessible to all our neighbors, no matter what their needs!

Sincerely,
Cathleen Godsall, LSW
5601 Johnson Drive
Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: Deb Grossfield <debgrossfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 4:26 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Morningside Development

Dear Mayor Hoveland,

We've met several times and I've supported you with yard signs, humble cash, & my good recommendation. I think you've been doing a wonderful job.

I'm writing to you today with the hope that you'll turn your attention to our neighborhood regarding an important issue.

I live on 42nd Street in Morningside and am concerned about the plan to change the drainage system in my neighborhood. While this change may not affect my home, there is a serious risk that it will affect many of my neighbors. I'm also concerned that the developer involved has created a division between Morningside neighbors that has upset the friendly environment we are known for.

I've spoken with several neighbors and we'd like this development to stick with the originally proposed drainage system for reasons I've outlined below.

Please slow down this development and allow the neighborhood to get enough information to understand the risks involved. We'd also like another public meeting to discuss the plan. In addition, the risks & design problems involving drainage is so complicated, it would be wrong to have such a meeting without a truly knowledgeable advocate for the neighborhood. A commercial developer cannot be expected to properly educate our homeowners about these decisions.

Please read the following and let me know your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Deb Grossfield

4406 West 42nd Street

Edina, MN 55416

1) The developer has an option that was already approved that would mean quite a bit of excavation on their private land. This option allows for a duplicate drainage system (which we currently have) and improves upon that system. It could mean cutting down trees but the number of trees is within the discretion of the developer. They could choose new drainage chamber routes with any number of trees. They could also plant trees to replace any trees they cut down.

2) The developer initiated a petition with the folks that live at the top of the hill with the goal of saving more trees by changing the already approved drainage system plan to a 2nd option. Since they can already choose to cut down very few trees, this petition was misleading and unfortunately pits the homeowners at the top of the hill against those at the bottom.

3) The 2nd drainage option is to change the already working double drainage system into one drainage system. This drainage change has uncertain basement flooding consequences for those that live at the bottom of the hill. This option would move the excavation from the private land at the top of the hill to public land at the bottom of the hill. It shifts the risk & responsibility from private land to public. This option would benefit the developer but would not benefit the neighborhood as a whole.

4) Another problem with the 2nd option for drainage is that the neighborhood will not be able to plant trees on the changed public land. Trees would interfere with the drainage system and the drainage system will interfere with the growth of trees. While the developer has mentioned putting a soccer field on this public land, the promise of a soccer field is not a good trade for the option of future trees.

5) There has also been talk about reducing the risk of flood for homeowners at the bottom of the hill with shifting the drainage to a pond near 42nd Street & France. This pond is already overloaded with drainage and many of the basements near there already have flooding issues.

Debra Grossfield
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Heather Branigin

From: Robert Hobbins <hobbins.robert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 10:25 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

Imagine in your mind's eye an otherwise welcoming, caring community that has posted at its municipal boundaries signs reading, "Those seeking affordable housing are not welcome" and "Those wishing to develop affordable housing need not apply." That would be shocking, wouldn't it? Yet, as a result of our dismal record in providing affordable housing, that is essentially what we in the City of Edina have done.

As a community, we have raised to an art form the matter of finding reasons to reject affordable housing proposals. The process begins by indulging the dubious assumption that anyone in need of affordable housing must present a serious risk of criminal behavior. From this basic assumption, we proceed to create a pervasive climate of fear and stigma around the persons to whom such housing might be provided -- whether it be youth, single parent families, or even the elderly. For good measure, we seek out supportive "data," erroneously equating 911 calls with police action and misinterpreting (or even misstating) facts to support a predetermined conclusion. This predictably results in a groundswell of opposition, however misinformed, that is sufficient to kill most initiatives.

Lest there be any lingering doubt about the outcome, however, there is plenty left in the playbook. There is the tried and true "kill it with kindness" approach. The script for this tactic goes something like this: "This is a great idea. We support the concept. It is just that this is not the right place. There just has to be a better place somewhere else. If you can find that other place, we're behind you 1,000%."

The genius of this tactic is that it can always be clothed in terms to be found in the comprehensive plan or the zoning ordinances, lending a veneer of civility to what is actually the classic "not in my backyard" response. What goes unnoticed is: (1) that the comprehensive plan expressly embraces the expansion of affordable housing as one of its professed goals, (2) that both the planning commission and the city council are vested by that plan with discretion to depart from its terms to achieve other civic goals(see, e.g.,6500 France Project), and (3) that neither the plan nor the zoning ordinances designate any specific area for affordable housing, leaving no place for such proposals to call "home" in either document. This last fact can easily be perverted into finding a basis in the plan and/or the zoning ordinances for rejecting any affordable housing proposal in any location within the City without fear of stumbling over any conflicting terms in either source.

If all else fails, there remains the old stand-by of delay, based on the assertion that more public discussion is needed, that more time should be taken to explore alternative locations, etc., etc., etc. In the meantime, options to purchase expire, funding opportunities are missed, costs mount, and most proposals will die a natural death, giving the City yet another credible basis to deny any accountability.

No one doubts for a moment the Council's ability to reject this proposal to create an affordable housing opportunity with supportive services for homeless youth. Our community track record on affordable housing leaves no question of that. I appeal to you to seize this opportunity -- with a reliable and proven developer, a proposed site in the very locale now frequented by our homeless youth, and a demonstrable need -- to begin to take down those virtual signs at our community borders and to finally live up to our professed commitment to provide affordable housing in our City. I appeal to you to accept and adopt the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Please give us all something we can at last be proud of on this front. Thank you.

Robert L. Hobbins
4708 Upper Terrace
Edina, MN 55435
Church of St. Patrick

Heather Branigin

From: Lili McMillan <LMcmillan@ci.orono.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 8:54 AM
To: Debra Kind; Tom Geng
Cc: ahunt@ci.minnetrista.mn.us; marvdjohnson@gmail.com; Paul Skrede; Scott Zerby; tfurlong@ci.chanhassen.mn.us; Edina Mail; Mark Gaylord; sharris@goldenvalleymn.gov; emax33721@aol.com; thultmann@longlakemn.gov; jeff.pederson@ci.medina.mn.us; betsy.hodges@minneapolis.gov; Terry Schneider; kslavik@plymouthmn.gov; dgoettel@cityofrichfield.org; sreinhart@ci.spring-park.mn.us; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; AnneMavitySLP@comcast.net; Gerry De La Vega; toconnor@ci.victoria.mn.us; cjohnson@ci.watertown.mn.us; Ken Willcox; Jim Doak; gen.olson@frontier.com; woody@woodylove.com; Jan Callison
Subject: Orono Letter to MCWD
Attachments: MCWD Letter.pdf

The Orono City Council approved 4-0 the attached letter to be sent to the MCWD regarding broadcasting of their monthly meetings.

Lili McMillan
Mayor • City of Orono, Minnesota
612-840-8484



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August 25, 2014

MCWD Board of Managers
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Minnetonka, MN 55345

To the MCWD Board of Managers:

The MCWD is intrinsically involved with so many issues of importance to our community including water quality, surface water management, land use permitting and the control of aquatic invasive species. The ability to easily view the discussions, debates and decisions that are made on these issues is critical to the understanding and education of our residents and decision-makers. Due to this importance, the Orono City Council requests the Board of Managers immediately consider broadcasting the Board's regular monthly meetings for its constituents.

In an effort to provide transparency and easy access to decision-making, most of the cities in the watershed district videotape and provide convenient viewing of their council meetings. This is becoming standard in promoting government accountability and building public trust. With its significant impact on residential and economic activities, the MCWD should join with its member cities in utilizing this digital technology to be as transparent as possible in its operations.

We would be glad to share our knowledge gained in recently updating our website to handle videotaping, live streaming and web streaming of our meetings. Please feel free to speak with our city administrator, Jessica Loftus, if you would like to learn more details of our system.

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Lili McMillan
On behalf of the Orono City Council.

Heather Branigin

From: Tom Geng <gengt@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 9:15 AM
To: LMcmillan@ci.orono.mn.us; dkind100@gmail.com
Cc: ahunt@ci.minnetrista.mn.us; marvdjohnson@gmail.com; PaulSkrede@mchsi.com; szerby@ci.shorewood.mn.us; tfurlong@ci.chanhassen.mn.us; Edina Mail; mgaylord@ci.excelsior.mn.us; sharris@goldenvalleymn.gov; emax33721@aol.com; thultmann@longlakemn.gov; jeff.pederson@ci.medina.mn.us; betsy.hodges@minneapolis.gov; tschneider@eminnetonka.com; kslavik@plymouthmn.gov; dgoettel@cityofrichfield.org; sreinhart@ci.spring-park.mn.us; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; AnneMavitySLP@comcast.net; gerryd@terradek.com; toconnor@ci.victoria.mn.us; cjohnson@ci.watertown.mn.us; kenwillcox@wayzata.org; jdoak.woodland@hotmail.com; gen.olson@frontier.com; woody@woodylove.com; jan.callison@co.hennepin.mn.us
Subject: Re: Orono Letter to MCWD

Déar Mayor McMillan,

Thank you very much for your timely email this morning.

Orono has now become the seventh city in the District (joining Deephaven, Greenwood, Independence, Minnetrista, Shorewood, and Spring Park) to call upon the MCWD to broadcast or webcast its public meetings.

In light of the fact that that MCWD is currently considering the amount of its tax levy increase for 2015, the need for greater openness, transparency and accountability by the MCWD Board of Managers in the way conducts itself has never been greater.

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Geng
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Shorewood, Minnesota 55345
(612) 275-6776

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

From: Lili McMillan <LMcmillan@ci.orono.mn.us>
To: Debra Kind <dkind100@gmail.com>; Tom Geng <gengt@aol.com>
Cc: ahunt <ahunt@ci.minnetrista.mn.us>; marvdjohnson <marvdjohnson@gmail.com>; Paul Skrede <PaulSkrede@mchsi.com>; Scott Zerby <szerby@ci.shorewood.mn.us>; tfurlong <tfurlong@ci.chanhassen.mn.us>; mail <mail@EdinaMN.gov>; Mark Gaylord <mgaylord@ci.excelsior.mn.us>; sharris <sharris@goldenvalleymn.gov>; emax33721 <emax33721@aol.com>; thultmann <thultmann@longlakemn.gov>; jeff.pederson <jeff.pederson@ci.medina.mn.us>; betsy.hodges <betsy.hodges@minneapolis.gov>; Terry Schneider <tschneider@eminnetonka.com>; kslavik <kslavik@plymouthmn.gov>; dgoettel <dgoettel@cityofrichfield.org>; sreinhart <sreinhart@ci.spring-park.mn.us>; jjacobs1956 <jjacobs1956@yahoo.com>; AnneMavitySLP <AnneMavitySLP@comcast.net>; Gerry De La Vega <gerryd@terradek.com>; toconnor <toconnor@ci.victoria.mn.us>; cjohnson <cjohnson@ci.watertown.mn.us>; Ken Willcox <kenwillcox@wayzata.org>; Jim Doak <jdoak.woodland@hotmail.com>; gen.olson <gen.olson@frontier.com>; woody <woody@woodylove.com>; Jan Callison <jan.callison@co.hennepin.mn.us>
Sent: Tue, Aug 26, 2014 8:53 am
Subject: Orono Letter to MCWD

The Orono City Council approved 4-0 the attached letter to be sent to the MCWD regarding broadcasting of their monthly meetings.

Lili McMillan
Mayor • City of Orono, Minnesota
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Heather Branigin

From: Allison Johnson <AJohnson@beaconinterfaith.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 11:18 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: support for 66 West
Attachments: Support 66 West Endorsements.pdf

Members of the Edina City Council:

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

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



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

Name * Judith Semsch

Address * 8056 Pennsylvania Road
Bloomington, MN 55438
United States

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * We lived in Edina for 30 years and have been members of St. Stephen's Episcopal church for most of that time. We are passionate about housing and especially for youth. We took our god-daughter in for a couple of weeks, until she realized that being home with her mom was better than not having a bed. Her first inclination was that it would be cool to live on the streets....how scary for a lovely 15 year old girl. We need alternatives for those youth who do not have good parents.

Name * Jay Rudi

Address * 5124 Hankerson Ave
Edina, MN 55436
United States

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

As an Edina resident, I believe that we have a unique opportunity to show our care for young adults with this project. Helping young people learn skills, hold a job, and maintain a residence are important for the success of our community. As a person of faith, I believe it's important to serve others, especially those who have had challenges in their life. The 66 West project offers structured support that addresses systemic issues, not just a band aid on a problem. Affordable housing offers hope and new life, and I believe that these are important gifts we can give to "our neighbors" in need.

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

Name * Barb Turner

Address * 6805 Normandale rd
Edina, Mn 55435
United States

Please share a few words about why you endorse this project. * I believe that this is the right thing to do... The right population to serve, the right message to send about the importance of supporting our youth and the right way to teach our children how compassion can bring hope and opportunity to all.

Name * Edward Larkin

Address 9602 Utica Road
Bloomington, MN 55437
United States

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

I grew up in Edina, and spent a large part of my adulthood living there. I still shop, attend church and go to restaurants in my hometown, and keep abreast of Edina sports and activities.

I find it ludicrous and astonishing that anyone would believe that providing affordable housing in Edina would in any way "threaten" the community, its standards/values, or business potential.

I find it egregious that, in every community (Edina included,) local businesses knee-jerk assume that the presence of affordable housing for vulnerable persons (of any description) or group homes for disabled persons, in some way would "harm" business or business prospects.

Maintaining homeless citizens homeless has been shown to cost over \$100K/year EACH, while helping them become "homed" costs less than \$20K/year. These are costs we ALL share, across the board, and do not land solely or even primarily on the backs of local business owners.

EVERY community has to permit affordable housing, so that the difficulties faced by lower-income persons are not concentrated, that is, "ghetto-ized," into segregated areas where those problems multiply.

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

Integrating citizens who are have reason to be struggling in life, into our healthy communities, is the best way to give them – and us – a chance at safety, sanity and access to prosperity.

"Kicking" those who are already unwilling victims while they are down serves no purpose.

Support this initiative to help abused and victimized homeless youngsters to a place of safety!

Thank you!

Heather Branigin

From: Mary Tomback <mktomback@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:07 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Youth Housing

Mayor Hovland and members of the City Council,

I am writing in strong, enthusiastic support of the proposed youth housing facility at 66 West.

I am an active member of St. Stephen's Episcopal church and have diligently helped rally support for this project among St. Stephen's parishioners, most of whom are Edina residents. I reside in St. Louis Park, and no doubt many teens and young adults in my community as well as Edina's and others in the west metro will benefit from this facility.

I am personally aware of the challenges homeless youth face. During the 2013-2014 school year, my parents took in a homeless 18 year old (Derek) struggling to complete high school. His father was a drug dealer evading arrest; his mother abandoned him repeatedly. Derek couch hopped and slept in his car. He worked throughout the school year, most nights until 12 am, bussing tables at a Mexican restaurant. The \$700 he had managed to save from that job was stolen by one of the people who let him crash on her couch.

My mother was one of his high school teachers. She and my dad let him move into their spare bedroom. For the first time in years, he had regular meals, a bed of his own, and some help with transportation when his car broke down (which happened often). My mom helped him coordinate with city agencies and school officials to apply for college, financial aid, and scholarships. This past year, Derek moved into his dorm at a local university, majoring in nursing. Derek would likely not have gone to college (and perhaps not even graduate high school) if it wasn't for the stability and assistance he received during his last year in high school.

Too many young people have had such stability taken away from them, through no fault of their own. We have an opportunity to return that to them so they can get their lives on track, and this proposed site in Edina is uniquely suited to offer these young adults the BEST possible chance for success. We ALL benefit by helping these young people become contributing, successful members of our society. I am so proud to be part of Edina's community -- through our church, our many close friends who are Edina residents, and all of the many businesses and restaurants we are loyal to in Edina - - and I would be incredibly proud to know that Edina chose to be part of the solution to the problem of youth homelessness, rather than a contributor of it.

Please don't turn your backs on these kids.

Respectfully,
Mary K. Tomback

Heather Branigin

From: laurieb@tcq.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 1:36 PM
To: Edina Mail

Dear decision makers,

I am an Edina resident, senior, and concerned citizen. I respectfully request that you vote to approve the 66 West development. This development is consistent with the long range plan to add affordable housing.

I understand and respect individuals concerns about changes within their neighborhoods. It is normal to fear change and to see change as a loss. I trust that we as a community along with Beacon will be able to provide the jobs, homes and support that future young residents need to become productive adults in our community and society.

This is an opportunity for us to show that we are indeed a community who care about all youth.

Respectfully,

Laurel Bruno
7244 York Ave So
Edina, MN
55435

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Laurie B

Heather Branigin

From: Lambert, Anna Mae <AnnaMaeLambert@edinarealty.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 3:09 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Teen housing project

Dear City Council Members,

Please, please support this wonderful opportunity to help our young "homeless" citizens with housing so they can experience stable, comfortable, home life at a reasonable cost. These young people are eager to work hard, be responsible citizens, go to school.....start a new life! We need to give them a chance!!!!

Doug & Anna Mae Lambert

Heather Branigin

From: bettyworker@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:56 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Please vote yes, Jim. The kids who will live there are kids who will have shown that they have goals to make something of their lives. They are not trouble makers - just good kids who need a leg up. thanks, Betty Worker

Heather Branigin

From: Jane Dosedel <jdosedel22@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 7:17 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

I live at 4370 Brookside Ct Edina I support the 66West housing and hope you will. Jane Dosedel

Heather Branigin

From: DKO777 <dko777@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:53 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: The Fred

Good Morning Mr. Mayor,

The golf season is starting to wind down and soon, unless there is a change in the position of City Gov., The Fred will close down.

We have had a summer of many comments around our fair city regarding repurposing.

You have been a ""lone voice in the wilderness" regarding this issue. You have told everyone to slow down and do this right!

Just want to tell you I appreciate your stand on The Fred...Thank You Very Much!

Next spring two things will happen:

1. Nine ((9) beautiful "greens" will turn to weeds.
2. The Juniors and Seniors who played there at an affordable fee, will leave the city and play elsewhere.

It's sad!

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Heather Branigin

From: Helen Wood <hwood.md@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 8:54 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please Support 66 West Apartments

My name is Helen Wood. My business address is 6525 Drew Ave South in Edina, I am a member of Edina Community Lutheran Church Youth Housing Task Force, a resident of Edina, and also a former Step by Step Montessori Parent as my child now attends our local Edina neighborhood school.

Although the groundswell of community support for this project is inspiring, the lack of appropriate sites for this project is equally uninspiring. As a member of the ECLC Youth Housing Task Force I would like to the City Council to know that we would have loved to have built this project on a site that the city has zoned for supported housing.

As no such zoning exists, we have had to make the best of the current situation and proceed with faith, hope, research, and reason to create this opportunity. The search for this site has taken over a year, and we have considered several alternatives. I believe that we have done our due diligence in site selection and have balanced the interests of our neighbors and community by presenting the best option. Now is the time to move forward. The opportunity cost of not proceeding is too great.

As a local business owner, I believe that this project will be an asset to our community – the beautiful building will be an attractive visual presence on 66th Street. Having residents there will reduce potential for crime as there will be fewer unoccupied office buildings on evenings and weekends.

As an Edina resident, I would like to reassure the City Council that the 66 West Apartment Project is congruent with the values of the community of Edina which include providing a strong foundation for youth to achieve their goals. As a former Step by Step Montessori parent, I would like to reassure the City Council that the 66 West Apartment Project is congruent with the values and mission of Montessori schools - providing a solid foundation to young people – cultivating independent thought, empathy for others, social ease, and confidence.

Please support the 66 West Apartments Project. It will restore housing and hope for homeless young adults. Edina is a great community and has a lot of resources for children and families including early childhood education, before and after school programs, wonderful public schools and communities of faith, neighbors, libraries, and parks. Unfortunately there are still young adults who do not have stable housing. While providing affordable housing may be a goal that many can agree on, we cannot afford to outsource this issue any longer. We have the community support, commitment and resources locally to do this now. By adding this resource to our community we will increase the vitality and health of our community and decrease crime as more basic needs are met. Many who grow up in Edina return here to share it with their

children. It is my hope that those young adults who benefit from these apartments will consider doing this as well.

Helen Wood

Edina Business Owner, resident, and parent

Heather Branigin

From: Melanie A. Stratmoen <Melanie.Stratmoen@hennepin.us>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 9:36 AM
To: Valerie M. Hutchinson
Cc: Margo Geffen; Abby Shafer; Catherine M Gold; Kevin D Dockry
Subject: 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Public Comment/Public Hearing

Importance: High

A draft of the 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report on suburban Hennepin County housing and community development programs, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is available for public comment. Written comments must be submitted by September 12, 2014 to Hennepin County, Housing, Community Works and Transit, 701 4th Avenue South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

The CAPER reports on the Hennepin County Consortium's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program activities during the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. CDBG, HOME and ESG funds are used for housing, community development, and public service activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The 2013 CAPER will be available for review at the information desk at the Hennepin County Libraries (Ridgedale, Southdale and Brooklyn Center). The report is also available by contacting the Hennepin County Housing, Community Works & Transit Department at 612-348-9260. The CAPER is available on the Hennepin County website at www.hennepin.us/CAPER.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this material is also available in alternative forms. Please call 612-348-9260 (voice).

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners has established a public hearing before the Public Works, Energy and Environment Committee on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, in the Hennepin County Commissioner Board Room (A-2400) at the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 South Sixth Street, in Minneapolis, for the purpose of providing public comment on the overall progress in implementing the goals of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for the Hennepin County Consortium. The hearing provides an opportunity for citizens to comment on the overall program performance and the consolidated plan program goals and priorities.

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Heather Branigin

From: Martinez, Gene <martinezzgene@arcgreatertwincities.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 10:36 AM
Subject: RE: Publicity for The Arc Home Visit on Monday October 6 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM - 7221 Tara Road, Edina 55439
Attachments: Home Visit District 49 Postcard October 2014.pdf; Home Visit Hulbert Release Oct 2014.docx

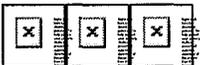
Dear Elected Officials,

We hope to see you at the Arc Home Visit on Monday, October 6 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the home of Alice and John Hulbert, 7221 Tara Road, Edina, 55439. If you have questions or have not sent your RSVP, contact Gene Martinez at genemartinez@thearcgtc.org or 952-915-3615. We are looking forward to this gathering on October 6 where issues of concern to the disability community will be discussed. Attached is publicity for the event. Thanks!
Gene

Gene Martinez
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Achieve with Us.... Ask me how!

Explore housing options for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at **Creative Housing: Bringing the Pieces Together**. This information-packed conference will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2201 Burns Ave., St. Paul. Click [Creative Housing Conference](#) to register or get more details.



VISIT WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Achieve with us.

Share your story - educate your state and local representatives

Monday, October 6, 2014 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by Alice & John Hulbert, 7221 Tara Road, Edina

Minnesota's 2015 legislative session is on the horizon, and our elected officials need to know about the concerns of their constituents with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. **The Arc Greater Twin Cities invites you to educate representatives from Senate District 49 about issues that matter to you!**

This Arc Home Visit is an opportunity to tell your story and offer your perspective on transportation, special education, Consumer Directed Community Supports, county case management services, Medical Assistance, state budget issues impacting Hennepin County and more. This event is free, but your RSVP is requested.

Elected officials invited: Sen. Melisa Franzen, Rep. Ron Erhardt, Rep. Paul Rosenthal, Hennepin County Commissioner Jan Callison, Edina Mayor James Hovland, Edina City Council Members Joni Bennett, Mary Brindle, Josh Sprague and Ann Swenson, Edina School Board Members Randy Meyer, Cathy Cella, Regina Neville, Leny Wallen-Friedman, Sarah Patzloff, David Goldstein and Lisa O'Brien, Metropolitan Council Member Steve Elkins and House Candidates Dario Anselmo and Barb Sutter.

To register, email peterfricke@thearcgtc.org

or call (952) 915-3631 by Friday, October 3

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Heather Branigin

From: Luke Appert <luke.appert@cushwakenm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 11:41 AM
To: Edina Mail; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'jonibennett12@comcast.net'; 'joshsprague@edinarealty.com'
Cc: Jon Rausch
Subject: 66 West Project
Attachments: SKMBT_C554e14082711450.pdf

After speaking with Beacon's staff, we understand there may be some additional questions regarding the Edina market as well as the site for the 66 West project. Please see the attached letter. We are available to discuss further if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you, Luke

Please Visit Our New Team Website www.landmnwi.com

Luke Appert

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To Whom It May Concern:

We wanted to summarize our thoughts as it relates to the Edina land market as well as our efforts to find a site on behalf of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. We are the land acquisition specialists at Cushman & Wakefield/NorthMarq for the Twin Cities real estate market and have a combined 20 years of experience. We have represented numerous clients within the City of Edina and we understand the land/development market well. In June 2013, after Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative had searched for over six months, we were hired to assist with site acquisition. We had recently analyzed the Edina market for multiple clients in need of land sites within Edina. In addition, we had recently represented a bank in the search for a new site within the Edina City limits. We were ultimately able to find a land lease for them, at an extremely high price (higher than what Beacon was able to pay). In our opinion, Edina is an expensive market with very little opportunity for most uses. Currently, Numerous Users and Developers are looking for sites within the Edina area and not finding willing Sellers. Edina, in our opinion, is one of 4 most difficult and expensive micro markets within the Twin Cities metro. The others are the 494 strips, 394 strip from MPLS to 494, and Minneapolis CBD. (Uptown is also tough and expensive for housing).

Finding Beacon Interfaith a site within budget was nearly a "miracle" and a task that we did not think possible at the out-set. In our opinion, this is the perfect marriage between Buyer and Seller. Beacon's ability to re-use a significant portion of the existing infrastructure is what makes this development work. It is very clear that this IS NOT a land purchase but a specialized conversation.

We did an in depth market search of Edina when we began working with Beacon. After understanding the search criteria and budget, we encouraged Beacon to look outside the City of Edina due to lack of options within the search area and budget. Edina is a very strong market and one that is not easily penetrated. Beacon Interfaith directed us to not only look for vacant development sites and re-development sites (which do not exist within budget) but also look for anything within the search parameters that could be acquired for a conversion. We contacted numerous existing apartment owners with the hopes of converting the use to affordable housing. We found no willing sellers. We looked at industrial conversions as well. Land prices in Edina are at all-time highs today and there is a lack of vacant land opportunities. We are currently representing two market rate developers looking for development opportunities in Edina, but we haven't been able to find any opportunity for them, despite searching for over one year.

After countless calls and analysis, we were able to locate a vacant industrial property on Ohms Lane that the owner was potentially willing to sell. We submitted an offer and ultimately could not come to terms. In addition, informal conversations with the service provider and City leaders indicated that the industrial area of Edina was not the preferred location for the project.



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We continued to call on properties that were not on the market looking for any opportunity, including existing multi-family properties. We located two contiguous commercial properties on Xerxes that had potential. The combined lot size of the two parcels was just over a half acre (smaller than the TCF site). Seller expectation for the sites exceeded the price of the TCF property and Beacon could not utilize any of the existing improvements. This was a very common theme throughout conversation with many Edina property owners.

In February 2014, we were able to get some traction on the TCF property. The property was not being openly marketed for sale but TCF indicated a willingness to sell the site. We had previously toured the property with another Bank client. Given TCF's requested price, the deal would only work if Beacon could re-use the existing building. After determining that the building could be converted we were able to come to an agreement for the acquisition of the property.

In nearly all real estate transactions you either get value for the existing improvements or value for the land, not both. In this extremely rare transaction, there is value in both the existing vertical improvements and the land. Both the Buyer and Seller benefit from a strong land value while also receiving additional value for the existing improvements. In our combined twenty year careers, we have yet to see a situation as unique as this transaction. If Beacon were unable to re-use the existing building, the economics of the transaction would not have worked. We can't think of another transaction similar to this situation where an existing building is converted into a different use while still allowing for an expansion. It truly is a win-win scenario and one that Beacon could not duplicate elsewhere in Edina.

We continue to look in Edina on behalf of our other clients. If you are aware of any development/re-development opportunity please let us know as we have willing and eager buyers. We are available to discuss further if needed.

Sincerely,

Luke Appert
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Heather Branigin

From: Kim Andrews <kim@safecoicesecurity.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:16 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Minnesota's Safest Cities - Edina #16
Attachments: Safest-Cities-Award-Badge-MN.png

Good Afternoon!

I just wanted to let you all know that Edina, MN has been selected as the #16 city on our list of Minnesota's Safest Cities! Congratulations!

To ensure the accuracy of our rankings, we compared crime statistics (including both property and violent crimes) of over 300 cities in Minnesota to determine our list of the safest cities. Edina, MN should be very proud to have made it to the top of our list! Check out Edina's listing and the full list of Minnesota's safest cities here: <http://www.safecoicesecurity.com/blog/safest-cities-minnesota/>

Thank you for helping to provide your residents with a safe and beautiful city to live in.

Feel free to show off the award and badge (attached) on your website or social media channels to let future and current residents know about the city's high safety ratings! We have included an easy to embed code at the bottom of the list if you want to show off your award!

Thanks,

Kim Andrews
Community Relations Coordinator
Safe Choice Security



Heather Branigin

From: Edina Student Council <edinastudentcouncil@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:54 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Homecoming Parade 2014

Hello Mr. Mayor,

This is Anna Cerf from Student Council. As you know our homecoming parade is scheduled for Friday, September 12th at 4:30. We would love if you were able to attend. We are asking participants to arrive at the tennis/pool parking lot off 50th street at 3:45. Per usual, you would have your own convertible! If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me back.

Thanks,
Anna Cerf
Edina Student Council

Heather Branigin

From: Sarah "Sal" or Tom Hussian <hussianth@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:55 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for 66 West Apartments

Dear Mayor and fellow City Council members,

I am writing to express my support of the zoning approval for the 66 West Apartments. As an Edina resident, a mother of EHS students, and a mental health therapist I feel our community has a great opportunity to serve our homeless youth. The location and easy access to employment opportunities is a plus. I work with at risk youth and am aware of the issue of homelessness in suburban teens. Living independently is the answer for many and this program will provide stability. Many of them currently "couch surf" which is unsafe and gets in the way of their goals.

Our community is prospering and the 66 West Apartments is a way we can give back! It will show that we are following through with Edina's "affordable housing" goal and encouraging diversity.

Thank you,

Sarah B. Hussian
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Heather Branigin

From: Maura Schnorbach <mschnorbach@stpatrick-edina.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 5:08 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Hello Mayor Hovland and City Council members,

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of 66 West Apartments. I urge you to vote, "Yes!" to the variance to allow the project to be approved. I also urge you to vote, "Yes!" again to approve Beacon Interfaith Ministries to develop the project! St. Patrick's Office of Social Justice believes this is a, "highest and best" use of the property. It will support the vision created by Edina in its 20/20 plan. We believe that it will be a community asset and bring value to our community.

The Southdale business sector is a vibrant area with an excellent mix of restaurants, retail, and access to mass transportation. It has also developed a reputation for quality professional services from medical to dental and with cutting edge rehabilitation in the medical district. These businesses need committed, reliable employees to continue to be successful! 66 West will have ambitious, entry-level workers who will live nearby. They will want to be a part of our flourishing business community.

Why this quadrant? Limited available commercial property in Edina dramatically narrowed the scope of the search to approximately 10% of Edina. After an exhaustive search for 18 months, Beacon and Edina Community Lutheran Church found a site with a commercial real estate broker. They presented a proposal and worked with city staff to meet all of the requirements. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to building community support. This is reflected by over 200 individuals that have shown up at the two scheduled City Planning Commission meetings to support the project. This group represents a wide cross section of our community including congregations, business owners and neighbors.

Beacon and ECLC have demonstrated a willingness to alleviate concerns about crime, property values, etc. by holding public meetings. I became familiar with the project by attending an Open House that was hosted by Colonial Church of Edina. I was inspired by the passion and commitment of Edina Community Lutheran Church and Beacon. I attended the meeting with two of our Social Justice Commissioners at St. Patrick's.

We were all impressed by their beautiful architectural drawings of 66 West, quality construction plans and success with past projects. Beacon has built over 500 units of affordable housing in the Twin Cities. I was also deeply moved by the stories of hardship that homeless and precariously housed young adults face. It is not only difficult day to day, trying to find a place to stay, but young adults are also vulnerable to violence, sexual assault, and often become victims of crime.

This is something I didn't hear about at our last public meeting. Even though several people spoke passionately about, "crime." What I didn't hear about is our concern for these kids, because the truth is if you are 18, you are still young and vulnerable. No one mentioned sex trafficking. This is the number one crime in the world. By all media accounts, it is a billion dollar industry. Young adults who are on the streets without protection or a home, often become used by predators. This criminal activity is not limited to the inner city.

When confronted with all of these issues, the natural instinct in a Social Justice Office is to say, "yes" immediately to a project like this. But, as I have shared previously in correspondence to you, we spent six months doing our, "due diligence" by visiting Nicollet Square, meeting with one of the residents, and speaking with members of the staff.

After our tour, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Butter Bakery. They employ four young people from Nicollet Square. We were impressed with the delicious food, service and great, "vibe"... It is a stylish restaurant in South Minneapolis! I

would have never known that they were employing previously homeless young adults if I had not heard about it on our tour!

I can say after our tour and lunch, we were more enthusiastic! We knew this is something our parish would be proud to be a part of! We still had lots of questions which Beacon promptly answered! We invited them to speak at our Social Justice meeting. Our Pastor, Fr. Tim also joined us. They obliged us and spent a couple of hours answering questions. We were all impressed and by consensus voted to support the project. It was unanimous!

In a parish of our size, we also needed to have approval from our Pastor, Fr. Tim. He enthusiastically supported it too! Next, we went to Catholic Charities Office of Social Justice to seek their approval to write a letter of endorsement. As you can see there are many steps involved with our process. At every step, we received excellent feedback about the quality projects, diligence in screening tenants, operation of the properties, quality of the programs, etc.

As you may be aware, Catholic Charities is one of the most dynamic and engaged agencies in the Twin Cities on issues related to poverty and affordable housing. When we received their recommendation to move forward, we knew we had another, "green light"...

I can honestly say, that the longer I have been involved with supporting the project, the more I have admired the team of people who is working so hard to build this project. They care about doing it, "right." And, they are doing it for all of the "right" reasons. This doesn't always happen.

I think this project represents the best of what we can be as a community. Witnessing so many congregations and individuals coming together to create something new, and visionary is incredible. I believe that the time is now! I urge you to vote for 66 West!

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,

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Subject: Project 66

It is our responsibility as citizens to aid and work for those less privileged and supporting the 66th St. Apartments for the under served homeless and hungry children is a must for our community. Lets join together to increase health and vitality to our community and decrease temptation for crime by offering these folks a decent, clean and healthy place to live and build their lives.

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Heather Branigin

From: Kay Erickson <kerickson@visi.com>
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To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please support 66 West

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am a resident of the western suburbs and support the 66 West project. We first learned about teen homelessness when my children were in high school and knew kids who were not able to live at home. Other than couch surfing, there was nowhere for them to go in the western suburbs. There is still nowhere for them to go.

The proposed location for 66 West is near transportation and jobs. The project provides ongoing help for young people as they finish schooling and learn to live on their own.

The western suburbs are not immune from problems and poverty. There are many reasons kids cannot stay at home. It's time to provide the help they need and get them off the streets and into stable housing so they can have healthy, productive lives.

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Subject: Council Members - West 66

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Members -

I am excited to attend the hearing on 66 West on September 2nd. This is such an important opportunity for Edina. I think it is helpful to consider what the city of Golden Valley learned in reversing their denial of a treatment facility for children -

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials/246431811.html>. (copied and pasted below). I know Mayor Shep Harris from graduate school, and I'm sure he was trying to do the right thing, but ended up with the wrong outcome and needed to correct course. I'm hoping Edina's path will be less rocky and roundabout.

I have visited Beacon's sister facility, Nicollet Square. It is a clean, secure, beautiful apartment building with motivated young adults trying to get their lives started. Unfortunately, there are youth in our community today who do not have a place to call home. But we have the right place at the right time with the right partner - Beacon Interfaith Housing - to address this need. Please support 66 West. Thanks!

Jen Augustson
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How Golden Valley officials earned their city its 'black eye'

- Article by: Editorial Board
- Star Tribune
- February 20, 2014 - 6:39 PM

There were welcome calls at Tuesday's Golden Valley City Council meeting for "facilitative discussion" — including facts and public education about mental illness.

The problem is that the council's newfound sensitivity came after a three-member majority that included Mayor Shep Harris effectively ran out of town a developer who had planned to turn an aging building into a day-treatment center for school-aged children. The center would have served those who have a range of mental health disorders such as depression, autism, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or trauma caused by abuse.

The developer's proposed tenant: LifeSpan, a respected Minnesota company that already runs centers in Shoreview and Burnsville. At a Feb. 5 meeting, Harris and Council Members Joanie Clausen and Larry Fonnest voted to deny a conditional-use permit for LifeSpan on a property zoned for mixed-use development, despite a unanimous recommendation for approval by a planning commission. The center would have had kids on site from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays.

Had the officials sought out facts instead of swallowing the unvetted information presented by a small, hysterical group of nearby homeowners, they would not have found themselves belatedly scrambling this week to undo an ignominious chapter in the city's otherwise proud history. The council voted unanimously on Tuesday to rescind its previous vote. But the Twin Cities developer already had announced it was looking elsewhere.

The hardworking crew at King Pin Transmission would have been happy to help anyone who reached out for information. Owner Curt DeLange has shared a building with LifeSpan's Shoreview facility for years. "There's been no problems with LifeSpan. No problems at all," said DeLange, whose father owns the building. He added that the kids are respectful and that there's never been any vandalism of the vehicles parked outside awaiting repairs or pickup.

As for the Golden Valley homeowners' contention that the proposed facility was different from the other two because it's close to nearby homes, DeLange laughed and said: "Stick your neck out the door."

A sprawling apartment complex is within easy view, and within a five-minute walk of the Shoreview building is a neighborhood of single-family homes. It's also worth noting that LifeSpan's Burnsville facility shares a building with a Grand Slam kids' recreation facility and that it's close to a day-care center and the southern suburb's "Heart of the City" development.

Calls to these two cities' law enforcement agencies also would have provided context for city leaders to more accurately assess homeowner's fears that kids "escaping" from the school would do harm.

There have been no home invasions by LifeSpan students, according to the agencies. Nor do records indicate that nearby residents or business owners have been threatened or harmed. Nor are police contacts cited by Golden Valley residents prima facie evidence that someone outside the facilities had been harmed. Law enforcement may have been called to LifeSpan when a child needed to be hospitalized, for example.

Homeowners were also frightened by "emotional breakdown" calls attributed to LifeSpan. However, these calls are among the most common requests law enforcement agencies get in any community because mental illness is so common.

It's disturbing that an editorial writer was the one presenting this information this week to Harris, who should have been informed before he cast his first vote. In an interview, Harris said City Council members deserved credit for apologizing and rescinding the vote. Harris also fretted about the media giving his city a "black eye."

The reality is that Harris and his two colleagues tarnished the city's reputation with their lack of leadership and stunning initial insensitivity. They didn't scrutinize the information presented by opponents at the Feb. 5 hearing. Worse, they allowed residents to equate children in treatment with criminals. Harris, who was in charge, let a homeowner with the loudest voice in the room take control of the hearing and carry the day.

Other communities in Minnesota have poorly handled proposed treatment facilities. The shameful opposition in Orono in 2010 to an eating-disorder program still raises questions about values in that community.

One Golden Valley council supporter pointed out this week that the vote to rescind means his community isn't another Orono. That's not saying much, but rescinding the vote is indeed a worthy step. However, Harris and the council also need to personally make sure the project works.

The mayor should quit blaming the controversy on LifeSpan and the Minnesota chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Harris, 41, is a first-term mayor with ambition and potential. Assuming responsibility for this situation and straightening it out with sincerity, goodwill and hard work will only enhance his future, not diminish it.

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From: Jackie Prince <j.m.prince@earthlink.net>
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Subject: 66 West

Dear Mr. Mayor and members of the Edina City Council,

I was interested to see the map of the Regional Medical District and hear the discussion at the recent Planning Commission meeting. It appears to me that, despite its Comprehensive Plan designation, this area functions well as a mixed-use area: the Montessori School, the Colony and other senior housing have been there for decades and every indication is they will remain. As the school has pointed out, they are less than 150 feet from the TCF property: 66 West will hardly be an island. With the approval of the assisted-living building on France, the mixed-use character of the area is validated and extended. A development area focused on medical but with other compatible uses is a sustainable design, I believe. 66 West is certainly a compatible use: area businesses, including the hospital, need dependable workers for entry-level jobs. These young people need the jobs to find their career paths. They will be responsible employees: not only are they coached, but also they have to pay rent. They will need the proximity to a transportation hub to get to post-secondary educational institutions.

I sincerely hope you will see your way clear to approve the necessary changes to the Comprehensive Plan and the zoning ordinance to enable 66 West to be built. We as a city will never have a better opportunity nor a better location to build quality affordable housing units. More importantly, this building will allow our homeless young people to become successful Edina citizens.

With many thanks for all you do for our city,
Jackie Prince
7200 York Ave S. #602

P.S. By far the overriding concern of my neighbors at York Plaza Condominiums is the effect of all the current building on traffic in this area. A project whose residents really will walk and bike and use public transportation will be applauded!

Aug. 27, 2014

Edina City Hall

Please make copies of my letter &

distribute to:

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City Council

Finance Dept

Public Works

Eric Roggorman

before Tuesday.

My address is 312 Harrison Ave S

I am a resident of almost 15 years.

I am only 1 of only 10 residents who
have the touch pad water meter reader

customer # 97995, ACCT # 305529005.

My concern is that the fee is excessive.

I live with a very limited income, now
also facing expenses with a new leg fracture.

\$20 is pocket change for many, but I
feel the impact. ST Paul charges \$12
which is also high.

I wish to appeal the amount of \$20
as of current bill. Thank you - Mary Pass
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August 26, 2014

Mayor Hovland & City Council Members
City of Edina
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Edina, MN 55424

Re: City Council: Beacon Interfaith Supportive Housing Project Proposal for 3330 West 66th Street

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

We are writing this letter to reiterate our previously stated opposition to the Beacon Interfaith proposal for a supportive housing project for homeless teens at 3330 West 66th Street in Edina, located in the Edina Regional Medical District. We have previously voiced our significant concerns about the Beacon project on multiple occasions, including letters of opposition, dated May 15, 2014, and July 18, 2014, both attached. Additionally, on August 11, 2014, we provided staff with a petition with more than 150 signatures of patients and customers of Advanced Dermatology & Cosmetic Institute and Advanced Skin Therapeutics, expressing opposition to the Beacon supportive housing project.

As we have described in detail in the attached letters, we strongly believe that adopting a comprehensive plan amendment to permit a supportive housing project is bad public policy in one of the state's premier medical districts. The proposed changes would erode the significance of the Regional Medical District by allowing the introduction of land uses that are wholly unrelated to the purpose of the district. Approving the project would send a clear message to business owners, property owners, and medical clinics in the Regional Medical District that the City is indifferent to the ongoing viability of the district. This would have an injurious impact on the economic viability of investments in the district and discourage future investment. As our July 18, 2014 letter points out, the proposed comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning has already caused us to put on hold an additional \$150,000 investment into our property above and beyond more than \$2,000,000 we have already invested. The proposed project would also require a significant deviation from off-street parking requirements that would exacerbate an already strained parking situation in the district and negatively impact our business and clinic operations.

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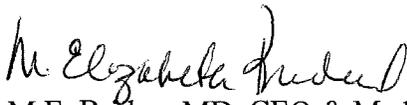
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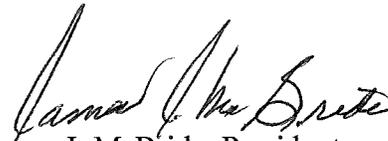
It is apparent that the City is going to great lengths to help the Beacon project locate in Edina, but we encourage you to not abandon the Edina Regional Medical District and make such incompatible zoning changes. As an alternative to the proposed location, we ask that the City Council provide direction to City staff to work with Beacon to look at other possible sites for their worthy development. We know that a prominent real estate developer, Tom Nelson, has offered his expertise in assessing several alternative sites and our attorney, Bob Long has offered his lobbying expertise to assist also. Possible alternative sites should include the City-owned former public works site which could integrate the proposed project into the development which is being called "Grandview District." The site presents an opportunity for the City to integrate the proposed project into a mixed-use setting with ample transit. Other possible sites would include the acreage next to Edina Community Lutheran church on 54th Street near the France Ave bus lines, and possibly the State Farm property on 65th and Xerxes.

The introduction of supportive housing to our community is very important and deserves a thoughtful and deliberate analysis, and not the rushed approach that the City has taken to date. We strongly urge you to deny the proposed comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning.

Sincerely,



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May 15, 2014

Mayor Hovland & City Councilmembers
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Re: Strengthening the Edina Regional Medical District

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the medical office property owners and tenants of the area north of 66th Street West and East of France Avenue in the City of Edina, known as the Edina Regional Medical District. We are proud to be a part of one of the premier medical office districts in the entire State of Minnesota and, as a group and individually, we have spent considerable resources to locate, build, and expand our businesses in this district. We hope that the City will continue to encourage this type of development and protect the investments that we have made in the community, and further attract new investments to the Edina Regional Medical District. In light of this, we strongly encourage the City to strengthen and protect the integrity of the Edina Regional Medical District and deny any request to rezone the property, located at 3330 66th Street West (formerly TCF Bank), to allow a lower-density multi-family development.

Premier Regional Medical District

The Edina Regional Medical District is one of the premier medical districts in the state. The City has a history of supporting this district where medical and dental offices and clinics, laboratories, and other health service-related businesses can thrive. The City's commitment has helped to attract a range of health services-related businesses to the area. With every one of these businesses comes a significant investment in building and staffing our offices and clinics. We attract an educated, highly-paid workforce, many of whom establish roots in the City and make Edina their home. Our investments have, in turn, attracted further investments into the district, as other businesses seek to take advantage of the central medical office location, suitable infrastructure, and nearby amenities. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Edina Regional Medical District.

Opposed to Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Rezoning

If the proposed residential project proceeds, it would require a rezoning of the property and an amendment to change the City's policy set forth in the Edina Comprehensive Plan. We strongly oppose any change that would erode the zoning integrity of this district, negatively impact ongoing investments

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that we have made in this medical office district, and discourage future investments from other medical offices that would otherwise locate in the community. If the Comprehensive Plan is amended to allow

lower-density multi-family residential uses, such as the proposed housing project, it would permit any type of lower-density multi-family residential development to occur in the Edina Regional Medical District. In light of the current development pressures, this slippery slope could quickly attract further lower-density multi-family residential development, and eventually eliminate the significance of the Edina Regional Medical District; thus, discouraging future growth and investment in the area from the medical industry.

Approval Would Discourage Future Investment

A rezoning and Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow the proposed lower-density multi-family development would destabilize and create zoning uncertainty in the Edina Regional Medical District. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that we, as medical office building owners and tenants, have relied upon to guide and protect the integrity of the City's vision for this medical district. Changing the Comprehensive Plan to cater to the pressures of added lower-density multi-family development in the City would have a chilling effect on future investment in the Edina Regional Medical District. It would send a message that the City has abandoned the vision of making the area a premier medical office center, in favor of attracting lower-density multi-family development. The prosperity of the businesses in the Edina Regional Medical District requires confidence that encourages growth and investment, and approving this development would raise significant concerns and discourage future investment by the medical industry in the district.

Loss of Property Tax Base Due to Rezoning

As property owners and business taxpayers in the City, we are concerned that any rezoning from commercial to residential districts would erode the tax base and decrease revenues for the City. The inevitable outcome would be that the deficit would fall upon us, the existing taxpayers, to make up the difference. This would be a bad precedent. Other cities have seen the impacts of an eroding tax base and gone to great lengths to preserve existing businesses and business districts. We feel strongly that the City should protect the Edina Regional Medical Center District and any action to rezone a portion of this district would be the beginning of a downward trend. Moreover, there are numerous sufficient areas zoned as multi-family in the city that would allow the proposed residential development to proceed without damaging the integrity of the district and the commercial tax base. We encourage the City to work with the developer to find an appropriate location already zoned and guided for such residential development.

Detrimental Parking and Traffic Impacts of Proposed Development

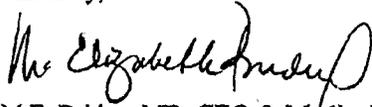
We also strongly oppose any development that could not meet the requirements of the City's Ordinances. As it is currently proposed, the building would nearly double in size and eliminate existing surface parking. Despite the creation of 39 new dwelling units, there would only be 25 surface parking stalls on site. The proposed parking is not nearly enough to accommodate the overflow for both the residents and

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visitors. This will increase traffic and, with no on-street parking in the vicinity, it will create conflict with neighboring properties, who maintain parking for customers and employees.

We strongly encourage you to strengthen the integrity of the Edina Regional Medical District as a premier regional medical destination and deny any request to amend the City's existing policy to allow lower-density multi-family residential development in the district. We have made significant investments to establish and build our businesses in this district in reliance on the City's commitment to preserving the area's medical-centric character. Any decision to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan and rezone the property for residential development would be a reversal of course and put future investment in this district in question.

Sincerely,



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July 18, 2014

Planning Commission Chair Kevin Staunton and
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Edina Planning Commission
4801 W. 50th St
Edina , MN 55424

Re: Planning Commission Hearing: Beacon Interfaith Supportive Housing Project Proposal
for 3330 West 66th Street

Dear Chair Staunton and Commission Members:

We are filing this letter in opposition to the Beacon Interfaith proposal for a supportive housing project for homeless teens at 3330 West 66th Street in Edina and to request an opportunity to voice our opinion at the July 23 Planning Commission Hearing.

We are writing this letter on behalf of several of the medical office property owners and tenants of the area north of 66th Street West and East of France Avenue in the City of Edina, known as the Edina Regional Medical District. We are proud to be a part of one of the premier medical office districts in the entire State of Minnesota and, as a group and individually, we have spent considerable resources to locate, build, and expand our businesses in this district. We hope that the City will continue to encourage this type of medical office development and protect the investments that we have made in the community, and further attract new investments to the Edina Regional Medical District. In light of this, we strongly encourage the City to strengthen and protect the integrity of the Edina Regional Medical District and deny any request to amend the city's comprehensive plan and rezone the property, located at 3330 West 66th Street (formerly TCF Bank), to allow a multi-family supportive housing development.

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If the proposed residential project proceeds, it would require a rezoning of the property and an amendment to change the City's policy set forth in the Edina Comprehensive Plan. We strongly oppose any change that would erode the zoning integrity of this district, negatively impact ongoing investments that we have made in this medical office district, and discourage future investments in our properties and other medical offices that would otherwise locate in the community. If the Comprehensive Plan is amended to allow multi-family supportive housing residential uses, such as the proposed housing project, it would permit any type of multi-family supportive housing residential development to occur in the Edina Regional Medical District. In light of the current development pressures, this slippery slope could quickly attract further multi-family supportive housing residential developments, and eventually eliminate the significance of the Edina Regional Medical District; thus, discouraging future growth and investment in the area from the medical industry.

Approval Would Discourage Future Investment

A rezoning and Comprehensive Plan amendment to allow the proposed multi-family supportive housing development would destabilize and create zoning uncertainty in the Edina Regional Medical District. The Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that we, as medical office building owners and tenants, have relied upon to guide and protect the integrity of the City's vision for this medical district. Changing the Comprehensive Plan to allow exceptions for certain types of multi-family supportive housing developments in the City would have a chilling effect on future investment in the Edina Regional Medical District. It would send a message that the City has abandoned the vision of making the area a premier medical office center, in favor of attracting multi-family supportive housing developments. The prosperity of the businesses in the Edina Regional Medical District requires confidence that encourages growth and investment, and approving this development would raise significant concerns and discourage future investment by the medical industry in the district.

Loss of Property Tax Base Due to Rezoning

As property owners and business taxpayers in the City, we are concerned that any rezoning from commercial to low-density or supportive housing residential properties would erode the tax base and decrease revenues for the City. The inevitable outcome would be that the deficit would fall upon us, the existing taxpayers, to make up the difference. This would be a bad precedent. Other cities have seen the impacts of an eroding tax base and gone to great lengths to preserve existing businesses and business districts. We feel strongly that the City should protect the Edina Regional Medical Center District and any action to rezone a portion of this district would be the beginning of a downward trend. Moreover, there are numerous sufficient areas zoned as multi-family in the city that would allow the proposed supportive housing development to proceed without damaging the integrity of the district and the commercial tax base. We encourage the City to work with the developer to find an appropriate location already zoned and guided for such multi-family residential development.

Chair and Planning Commission Members

July 19, 2014

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Detrimental Parking and Traffic Impacts of Proposed Development

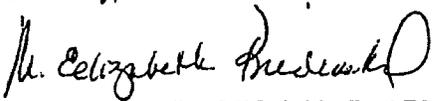
We also strongly oppose any development that would not meet the requirements of the City's Ordinances. As it is currently proposed, the building would nearly double in size and eliminate existing surface parking. Despite the creation of 39 new dwelling units, there would only be 25 surface parking stalls on site. The proposed parking is not nearly enough to accommodate the overflow for both the residents and visitors. This will increase traffic and, with no on-street parking in the vicinity, it will create conflict with neighboring properties, who maintain parking for customers and employees.

Not a Financially Viable, Cost-Effective or Sustainable Project

We also believe that a \$10 million project cost for 39 units of supportive housing, which comes out to \$256,410 per unit or \$732 per square foot per unit, will make this project unable to get financing from traditional private and public sources, and so the project will never get built. The City will have then created a significant new zoning change to allow for a supportive and multi-family housing project that will never be completed. The new zoning change will then allow any other future supportive or multi-family housing project to get built in the Edina Regional Medical District.

We strongly encourage you to strengthen the integrity of the Edina Regional Medical District as a premier regional medical destination and deny any request to amend the City's comprehensive plan and zoning code to allow multi-family supportive housing residential development in the district. We have made significant investments to establish and build our businesses in this district in reliance on the City's commitment to preserving the area's medical office character. Any decision to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan and rezone the property for residential multi-family supportive housing development would be a reversal of course and put future investment in this district in question.

Sincerely,



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Heather Branigin

From: Ronald Molony <molony.ron@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 3:37 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Housing for Homeless Youth

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to APPROVE the proposal to develop affordable housing for homeless teens. Youth are our future, and it's our community responsibility to provide options for young people who have no family support.

Thank you,
Ronald Molony, MD
5605 Johnson Drive
Edina

Heather Branigin

From: Nick Pearce <nickjp6@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 6:47 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Cary Teague
Subject: I SUPPORT 66 West Apartments!

Hello -

I am writing to indicate my FULL SUPPORT of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative "66 West Apartments" project in Edina. *I hope you will vote in favor of the proposed zoning change on September 2nd.*

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

Nick and Sara Pearce
4367 Thielen Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

August 28, 2014

To: Dave Fisher, Edina Building Official

Please enter this into the public record

CC: Scott Neal, Edina City Manager
Ross Bintner P.E. – Environmental Engineer
Chad Milner – City Engineer

Mayor Hovland
Council Members: Bennett, Brindle, Sprague
Swenson

From: Jim & Lori Grotz
5513 Park Place
Edina, Mn 55424

Brandon Wisner, MCWD

RE: 5509 Park Place – Permit 133045

Dear Dave,

We are writing to state our concern that construction planned for the lot adjacent to ours will increase storm water drainage to our property. We have read Ross Bintner's August 5, 2014 report on 5509 Park Place, Permit 133045 and have some concerns and comments.

From the Edina Survey/Site Plan Requirements MSBC 1300.0130 Policy SP-005-B, Ross found deficiencies or missing items for:

- A separate permit may be required from Minnehaha Creek Watershed. * Note -We have been told by the Watershed that an application was made but rejected as it was incomplete.
- #10.4 Lowest point of entry of proposed and existing construction (show proposed egress window wells).
- #11 Placement and method of erosion control, including construction entrance location.
- #12 Arrows indicating direction of existing and proposed drainage.

We have found some additional Policy SP-005-B deficiencies that we believe should be properly reviewed during a site visit by an Edina Engineer, who as a licensed Engineer, has the proper expertise to review these issues:

- 1. Property lines showing monument locations. –

No benchmark shown on:

1. Certificate of Survey Existing 140368 2014 07 29 A JP;
 2. Certificate of Survey Proposed 140368 2014 07 26 A JP;
 3. Storm Water Management and erosion Control Plan 140368 2014 07 27 A JP
- 6. Locations and dimensions of all EXISTING building/structures on the lot.

The following are not shown:

1. Telephone pole in the backyard.

2. Catch Basin/Drain Tile located near SE corner of house.
 3. Five buried roof drains tiled to direct water to Park Place.
 4. Two Sump Pumps with drains tiled to catch basin or separate drain tile and then to Park Place.
 5. A second set of steps in a backyard stone retaining wall.
 6. A smaller retaining wall in the backyard is not shown.
 7. A four inch lip on the south property line retaining wall.
- 8. Side yard and setback dimensions of building/structures on adjacent lots. –Side yard setback dimensions not shown for adjacent properties.
 - 9. Location of all easements as shown on record plats. – None shown. The Torrens certificate and plat as filed with the office of Hennepin County Surveyor for this property shows a utility easement. There is no drainage easement on the 5509 Park Place Torrens property. There is no easement for drainage on Torrens Property at 5513 Park Place.
 - 10. National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD-1929) elevations at the following specific locations:
 - 10.1 Each lot corner (existing and proposed). –Proposed survey does not show elevations.
 - 10.2 Grade at the foundation and top of foundation of structures on adjacent lots. –Not shown.
 - 10.5 Lowest floor of proposed and existing construction. – Lowest of existing is not shown on existing drawing.
 - 10.6 Top of wall and bottom of wall elevations at regular intervals for all retaining walls. – Elevations not shown. (Also, not all retaining walls are not shown)

Storm Water Utility

Mr. Bintner writes, “The subject site rear and side yard also drains to subwatershed MHS_11. This drainage path is through private property to the south and then to Park Place or Dever Dr.”

The rear and side yard drainage path for 5509 Park Place is not through private property to the south (5513 Park Place, our property) and then to Park Place or Dever Dr. The statement as to how the property drains needs to be corrected by a revised letter sent to all parties concerned.

A visit to the site would have revealed:

1. A catch basin on the SE corner of the home. See attached photo.
2. Drain tile that runs from along the south side of the house behind a block retaining wall that day lights at the western property boundary at Park Place.
3. Three buried roof drains on the east are tiled to the catch basin
4. Two buried roof drains on the north are tiled to drain to Park Place.

5. Sump pump #1 drain (SE part of house); drain was buried and tiled to the catch basin. The PVC sump drain was unearthed when the property owner had vegetation removed to take with her to her new house and the end of the drain is at the catch basin.
6. Sump pump #2 drain (SW corner of house); drains to a buried tile which daylights at the western property boundary at Park Place.
7. The roof drain on the SW front corner of the house has a 14.5 foot extension that drains to Park Place.
8. The block retaining wall on the south has a 4" lip that prevents storm water from draining over the wall to our property.
9. The grade between the south block retaining wall and the house is level and the soil is covered with a heavy mill poly and several inches of rock. No water drains to our property.
10. The retaining wall is leaning outward approximately 6 inches towards our property; it will most likely fall down onto our property during house demolition. Property Owner/Builder, Mr. Sullivan claims he is not replacing the wall.
11. South side of home has a gabled roof which doesn't shed water to our property.
12. All 7 downspouts are 3" X 4"
13. The backyard is graded at the south end with a shallow basin to catch and direct water to the catch basin.
14. Even with all the above existing storm water drainage features listed above, after a hard rain, 5509 Park Place will have standing water in the grass for a few days. 5509 Park Place has a wet yard.

At this time we don't have impact from the water at the house and yard at 5509 Park Place due to the existing drainage. During the hard rains this spring and summer, I stood out in the yard and there was not a problem.

We don't have drain tile in our basement. We stayed dry.

At the July 8th Neighborhood pre-demolition meeting, Mr. Sullivan, Owner/Builder, assured us and a neighbor that after construction was complete, no water would come from 5509 Park Place into our (5513 Park Place)yard. He said he would not put water into our yard and that Edina would not let him put water into our yard.

9. The 4" service connection to a 6" sump drain is NOT located on Park Place at the northwest corner of the lot as listed in Mr. Bintner's report. The 4" service connection to the 6" sump drain is located on the SOUTHWEST corner of the lot, 69 inches due east of the small black arrow marked on the curb. The statement by Mr. Bintner in his August 5, 2014 report needs to be corrected and a revised letter sent to all concerned parties. The rear and side yard of 5509 Park Place drain to Park Place and NOT to 5513 Park Place.

LiDAR Data:

It appears Edina Engineering is using LiDAR data (aerial data used for creating elevation contours) obtained from Hennepin County through LOGIS to establish the existing drainage patterns of properties without a site visit to those properties.

However, LiDAR data will not reveal conditions/features that will alter drainage patterns, such as catch basins, drain tile, buried roof drains, and buried sump drains. Not all retaining walls will show on LiDAR data. Leaves on trees and other foliage overhanging the structure will deflect the laser and the retaining wall will not show. The aerial data shows contours running through houses. LiDAR data may not accurately reflect the existing elevations and existing drainage patterns.

This is why Hennepin County GIS puts a disclaimer on LiDAR data. See below:

- “This data (LiDAR) is furnished “AS IS” with no legal representation as to completeness or accuracy; (ii) is furnished with no warranty of any kind; and (iii) is **NOT SUITABLE for LEGAL, ENGINEERING or SURVEYING purposes.**”

According to the Office of the Hennepin County Surveyor, LiDAR data must be validated.

In order to validate the data, a visit to the site is needed to see existing conditions/drainage and to take spot elevations to validate LIDAR elevation contours.

It appears Edina Engineering is using un-validated LiDAR to establish existing drainage patterns. We have been told it is not City policy for an Engineer to visit each site to verify existing drainage patterns and to check to see if the existing site conditions as submitted by the Builder are accurate. If existing conditions do not show on the survey, then they never existed. We need an accurate Survey of Existing Site Conditions.

Site Storm Water

Ordinance Chapter 10, Article 4-Demolition Permits and Building Permits for Single and Two Family Dwelling Units (Sec. 10-110): The storm water management plan as submitted does NOT detail how storm water will be controlled to prevent damage to the adjacent property at 5513 Park Place.

The 5509 Park Place storm water drainage plan shows the water starting at the north end of the house, draining to the east, at the NE corner, the water makes a 90 degree turn and drains south down the entire backyard via a narrow swale. At the SE corner, the water makes a second 90 degree turn and drains west down a narrow path between the retaining wall and the 2 egress windows on the south side of the house. (2 egress windows, not shown on survey of proposed measure 12' X 5'8", 5' 4" X 5'8"). At the SW corner, the water makes a third turn to go to a filtration basin (incorrectly labeled as an INFILTRATION) pond in the front yard. There it is supposed to soak into the ground and drain into a perforated pipe which will then daylight and drain over the curb to Park Place. After a hard rain, who wants water pooling in basin for a few days in their now treeless front yard when the yard already naturally slopes to the curb. Two mature trees will need to be removed from the front yard to create the filtration basin: a hackberry tree with a trunk diameter of approximately 27 inches and a maple tree with a trunk diameter of approximately 47 inches.

The backyard is a very narrow grass path, not unlike a runway. There are stacked stone retaining walls along the east, with extensive plantings and two sets of steps leading up the walls. In one area it appears there will be only be approximately 12 feet between the house and the retaining wall. Not far from my property, there will be a large stone patio in the path of the swale. With more impervious surface being moved closer to our property, we have concerns of increased volumes of water right near our property line. A mature Maple tree, at the south end of the yard, with a trunk diameter of 44 inches will be cut down. A tall privacy hedge of arborvitae will also be removed.

I don't believe the storm water will make three 90 degree turns to get to the front yard infiltration basin. The water will most likely not make the second 90 turn at the SE corner of the house, but the water will flow over the stone patio and down into our backyard being towards our NE foundation. Swales fill up from erosion over time.

Currently, the water from the backyard and the roof water drain either to a catch basin by the SE corner of the house or to buried and tiled roof drains.

The new house has:

- No gutters or downspouts
- The sump pump location and drain are not shown and we assume it will not be tiled to the street. The existing house requires 2 sump pumps.
- The roof has multiple valleys which will increase rate of flow and volume.
- This will be a 2 story house with complicated steep roof lines.
- There will be shedding roof lines on the south.
- No catch basin and no drain tile
- The existing elevation of the top of the block retaining wall on the south side of the house is approximately 885. The lip on the retaining wall currently extends 4 inches above grade. The grade between the retaining wall and the house foundation is basically level (N to S) with a very slight pitch from east to west. The grade between the south foundation and the retaining wall will NO LONGER BE LEVEL. Dirt will be brought in and the grade at the south foundation will increase by almost 2 feet (from 885 to 886.9) over the existing grade. The grade will drop about 3.9 feet, from an elevation of 886.9 to 883 to the bottom of a small swale, in a distance of approx. 8.5 feet, creating a 46% grade. In another area it will drop 3.9 feet within approx. 9.5 ft., creating a 41% grade. The grade could be steeper in some areas as there are also 2 egress windows in this area. Currently, approximately 27 inches of foundation is exposed on the SE and 30 inches is exposed on the SW. If the Builder increases the grade by 2 feet at the foundation water will drain to our property if the retaining wall is not increased in height. A new retaining wall with elevations and materials as required by code is not shown. A boulder wall would require a larger footprint than a block wall.
- With the mature trees gone, there will be more storm water.
- The storm water management plan shows water flowing to our backyard.

Mr. Sullivan, (the owner and Builder) needs a permanent barrier at the southern property border in the backyard extending to the East property line to stop the water so it does not flow down to our property at the first 90 degree turn (right towards our NE foundation). With two egress windows on the south of the house, there will only be a narrow lane for above ground drainage. With a 2 foot increase in grade and the resulting steep slope, the retaining wall will not stop water from coming into our yard. We do not have waterproofing in our basement. Our furnace and water heater are only a few inches from the basements walls. If we have to put in waterproofing, the furnace, the ductwork, and the water heater will have to be moved at an unaffordable cost.

The existing contours in the south portion of the backyard do not appear to be accurate. There is a basin, which is not depicted in the survey, which holds and directs water to the catch basin.

12. b. No increase in peak rate or volume to private properties on side lot.

The City does not require volumetric calculations from the Builder. The Builder has NOT submitted an: accurate survey of existing conditions, an accurate survey of proposed conditions, an accurate storm water drainage plan. No trees are shown on the existing and proposed surveys.

We had a drainage Engineer come to the site, and also review the 7/26/14 proposed survey, the 7/29/14 survey of existing and the 7/27/14 storm management plan the Builder submitted. We had considered having volumetric calculations performed, but have been told by the Engineer that the information as submitted is insufficient and not accurate enough to do the calculations.

- Sec. 36-1257. Drainage, retaining walls and site access. See (a) below. This is the City Drainage Code.
 - (a)Surface water runoff shall be properly conveyed into storm sewers, watercourses, ponding areas or other public facilities. My yard is none of the above.

 - (b) Retaining walls. ALL retaining walls must be shown on a grading plan as part of a building permit application. Plans must demonstrate MATERIALS to be used for the retaining wall construction. - Not Shown.

On July 10, Mr. Sullivan came to our home and told Lori that he had contacted the previous owner of 5509 Park Place to get the locations of the buried tiles from the roof drains. He planned to mark and preserve the buried drain tiles to be re-used. He said, they might have to hand dig around those locations. Lori told him that she had a copy, which he could have, of the Sunde Engineering drainage plan and the catch basin/drain detail that the City required the homeowner to install in 1997. He wanted the copy and Lori left it for him in the 5509 mail slot on July 14th. He believed he could re-use the catch basin and drain tile (No catch basin, drain tile, and buried roof and sump drains are shown on the storm water management and erosion control plan 140368 dated 2014 07 27). A copy of the 1997 Sunde Engineering plan is in the City permit file for 5509 Park Place.

We would like:

- ***The City to enforce City / Minnesota State Building code. Reject the Demolition and Building Permit applications as the Survey/Site Plan Requirements of MCBC 1300.0130 Policy SP-005-B are incomplete. Surveys cannot be accepted when they are incomplete and inaccurate.***
- An accurate and complete Survey of Existing Site Conditions as required by MSBC and Edina. ***If an existing site condition is not shown on the Survey of Existing Site Conditions then it never really existed.***
- An Accurate and complete Survey of Proposed Site Conditions as required by MSBC and Edina.
- After the above plans are re-submitted, we would like volumetric calculations performed by a company independent of the surveying company.
- Verify contours in the southern portion of the backyard where they don't appear to be accurate.
- A City Engineer to visit the site to see the existing site conditions and to compare them to what was submitted on the Survey of Existing Site Conditions. Take spot elevations to validate the LiDAR data.
- Implement the 1997 Sunde drainage plan for 5509 Park Place. The City required the homeowner to implement that plan in 1997. City Manager, Ken Rosland said; The water at 5509 Park Place will go to the street and not to the Grotz property.
 1. Gutters
 2. Buried and tiled downspouts
 3. Catch Basin/Drain Tile
 4. Grade backyard to drain ½ of the water to the North and ½ of the water to the South.
 5. Extend the retaining wall to the East property line. A durable permanent barrier.

We are not opposed to redevelopment in Edina, but we expect the City will not to allow the Builder to take away our property rights. We are trying to address drainage at the beginning so there will not be problems with drainage at the end, when it is difficult and costly to make corrections.

Would you please contact us when the revised plans are submitted as we will be having a Civil Drainage Engineer do a review. Please do not issue permits before our Engineer has had the opportunity to review and comment. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Jim & Lori Grotz
5513 Park Place

Attachments: August 5, 2014 5509 Park Place – Permit 133045 Letter from Ross Bintner to David Fisher with our comments, Sec 36-1257. Drainage, retaining walls and site access, Policy SP-005-B with highlighted area and comments.

5509 Park Place SE Catchbasin





DATE: August 5, 2014
TO: David Fisher – Building Official
CC: Chad Milner – City Engineer
 Permit Applicant
FROM: Ross Bintner P.E. - Environmental Engineer
RE: 5509 Park Place - Permit 133045

The Engineering Department has reviewed the subject property for street and utility concerns, grading, storm water, erosion and sediment control and adherence to:

- Chapter 10, Article 4 – Demolition Permit Stormwater and Erosion Control (10-106 to 10-113)
 - Chapter 10, Article 7 – Littering in the Course of Construction Work (10-341 to 10-345)
 - Chapter 10 Article 17 – Land Disturbing Activities (10-674 to 10-710)
 - Chapter 24, Article 4 Division 2 – Roadway Access (24-129 to 24-133)
 - Chapter 36, Article 12 – Drainage, Retaining Walls and Site Access (36-1257)
1. A separate permit may be required from Minnehaha Creek Watershed District: www.minnehahacreek.org/
 2. Site survey should follow the standard described in policy SP-005-B included in the building permit application packet. Survey missing the following:
 - a. #10.4 Lowest point of entry of proposed and existing (show proposed egress window wells)
 - b. #11-12 ESC and drainage can be shown on grading, stormwater management, or erosion control plan.
 3. City Standard Plates available here: http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=construction_standards

Street and Curb Cut

4. Application proposes relocation or modification of curb cut, Follow standards in curb cut permit application: http://edinamn.gov/edinamfiles/files/City_Offices/Public_Works/CurbCutApplication.pdf
5. Describe removal and restoration of existing driveway and curb cut. The area is within the 5 year moratorium.

Sanitary and Water Utilities

6. Show utility connections. See figure below.

Storm Water Utility

7. The subject site front yard drains to Park Place and is part of subwatershed MHS_11. Downstream public system stormwater capacity is limited.
8. The subject site rear and side yard also drains to subwatershed MHS_11. This drainage path is through private property to the south and then to Park Place or Dever Drive. *INCORRECT SEE BELOW*
9. A 4" service connection (Plate 241,310) to a 6" sump drain is available on park place at the northwest corner of the lot. Connections can be made along the line if needed. *INCORRECT, SOUTHWEST CORNER IS CORRECT*

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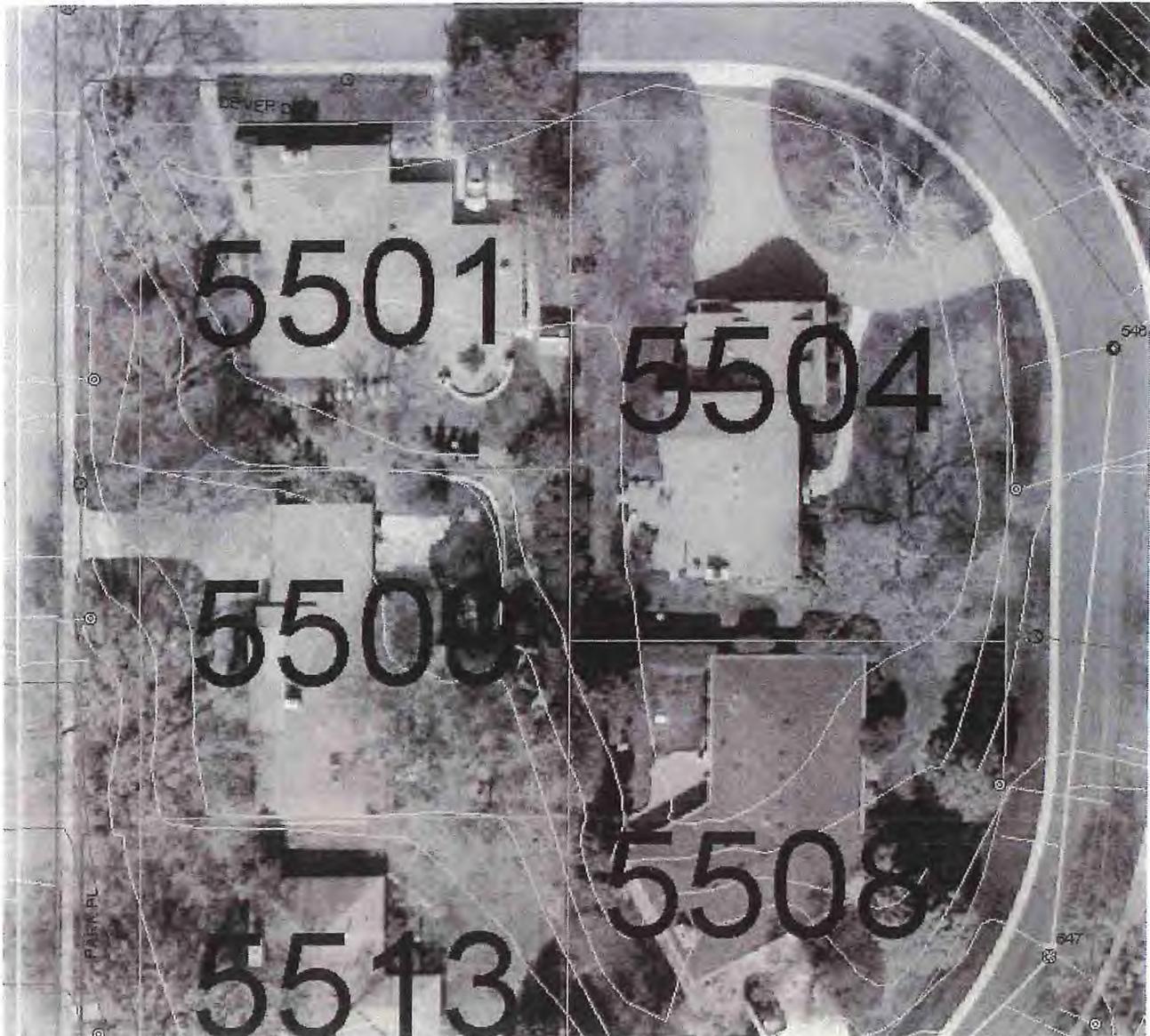
LOCATION

2 N ROCK DRAINS TILED TO PARK PLACE

8.) DRAINS TO CATCH BASIN AT S.E. CORNER OF HOME, THEN TO PARK PLACE. 3 REAR ROOF DRAINS AND SE SUMP PUMP



10. Applicant may review local drainage features at the following links: <https://maps.barr.com/edina/> and http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=engineering_water_resource
11. Required storm water and erosion control precautions are described below.



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NOT USED

Site Storm Water

Ordinance Chapter 10, article 4 - Demolition Permits And Building Permits For Single And Two Family Dwelling Units (Sec.10-110), states:

For a building permit, the applicant must submit stormwater and erosion control plans prepared and signed by a licensed professional engineer. The plans must be approved by the City Engineer and the permit holder must adhere to the approved plans. **The stormwater management plan must detail how stormwater will be controlled to prevent damage to adjacent property and adverse impacts to the**

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public stormwater drainage system. The erosion control plan must document how proper erosion and sediment control will be maintained on a continual basis to contain on-site erosion and protect on and off-site vegetation. Permit holder must protect all storm drain inlets with sediment capture devices at all time during the project when soil disturbing activities may result in sediment laden stormwater runoff entering the inlet. The permit holder is responsible for preventing or minimizing the potential for unsafe conditions, flooding, or siltation problems. Devices must be regularly cleaned out and emergency overflow must be an integral part of the device to reduce the flooding potential. Devices must be placed to prevent the creation of driving hazards or obstructions.

12. The following comments apply to the storm water management plan:

- a. Mitigation of increased volume to MHS_11.
 - i. Connect underdrain of infiltration feature to 4" sump service. Describe or show extent of facility.
- b. No increase in peak rate or volume to private properties on side lot.
 - i. Recommended to direct offsite concentration of drainage on NW corner of property along the north property line to Park Place.
 - ii. It appears the existing retaining wall along south property line is proposed to be modified to direct drainage. This is not a durable solution.
- c. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District standards, if applicable.

Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control

13. The following comments apply to the erosion and sediment control plan:

- a. Describe stockpile locations.
- b. Provide inlet protection for all storm sewer inlets downstream of the site within one block or as directed by the City.
- c. Provide sediment control precautions, including downstream perimeter sediment barrier.
- d. Note 11 is blank.

SEE ATTACHED NEXT PAGE

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



EDINA BUILDING SAFETY POLICY/INFORMATION ₁			
subject Survey/Site Plan Requirements		code reference MSBC 1300.0130	
department Inspections Department		approval <i>David A. Wickham</i>	
policy number SP-005-B ₂	revision number 6 on 1/19/12	effective date 12/4/00	page number 1 of 1
1. All Building Safety sheets adopted by Fire Department and Inspections Department. 2. Sheet numbers with B suffix developed by Inspections Dept. Sheet numbers with F suffix developed by Fire Dept.			



Purpose: To provide adequate and accurate site information to all City departments involved in the review and approval of projects, as well as providing information for future reference.

Scope: All required surveys

Surveys are required for construction of structures, additions to structures, demolition of structures, moving of structures and grading.

Exception: When no grading is to occur on the property, the NGVD-1929 elevation at the existing and proposed main floor level is indicated on the site plan and the bottom of all footings for all structures on the property are above the Flood Fringe, the Building Official, Planning Director and City Engineer may approve a site plan in lieu of a survey when one of the following conditions is met:

- The proposed structure is setback at least twice the required setback distance from property lines, and property corners and property lines adjacent to the proposed structure have been located and marked by a surveyor.
- The proposed structure is setback at least twice the required setback distance from property lines, and property corner irons or monuments have been located and the **entire** length of property lines adjacent to the proposed structure have been marked.

Surveys for proposed work must be submitted at the time of permit application. In addition, as-built surveys are required to be submitted during the course of construction.

1. An as-built survey indicating the floor level of the existing home at the main entry must be submitted with an application for a demolition permit.
2. An as-built survey indicating the top of foundation and structure setbacks must be submitted prior to foundation backfill approval.
3. An as-built survey indicating actual site conditions including all structures and contours must be submitted prior to final building permit approval.

Surveys submitted to the City for permits must include:

1. Property lines showing **monument locations**. Registered surveyor must prepare survey. *No Benchmark Shown*
2. Scale of drawing. Minimum scale 1' - 50'. Maximum sheet drawing size 24" x 36".
3. Full legal description.
4. Dimensions of lot including square footage and north arrow.
5. Dimensions of front, rear and side yards, proposed and existing.
6. Locations and dimensions of all existing buildings/structures on the lot.
7. Location and dimensions of proposed building/addition/structure, including cantilevers beyond the foundation.
8. **Side yard and setback dimensions of buildings/structures on adjacent lots.** *SIDEYARDS NOT SHOWN*
9. **Location of all easements as shown on record plats.** *NONE SHOWN. UTILITY?*
10. National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD-1929) elevations at the following specific locations:
 - 10.1 **Each lot corner (existing and proposed).** *NOT ON PROPOSED*
 - 10.2 **Grade at the foundation and top of foundation of structures on adjacent lots.** *NOT SHOWN*
 - 10.3. Grade at the foundation, **top of foundation**, main floor and garage floor of **proposed new construction.** *NOT NOT SHOWN*
 - 10.4. Lowest point of entry (i.e. door sill or top of window well) of **proposed and existing construction.** *PROP GARAGE W/L NOT SHOWN*
 - 10.5. **Lowest floor of proposed and existing construction.** *LOWEST OF EXISTING NOT SHOWN*
 - 10.6. **Top of wall and bottom of wall elevations at regular intervals for all retaining walls.** *SOUTH SIDE (BANK TOP) NOT SHOWN*
11. **Placement and method of erosion control, including construction entrance location.** *NOT SHOWN*
12. **Arrows indicating direction of existing and proposed drainage.** *NONE SHOWN ON EXISTING (NO CONCRETE) DRAWING, USED BLUE SHAP PAPER x 2)*
13. One foot contours indicating existing and proposed grades.
14. Lot coverage calculations
15. Location of pylon sign (for commercial project only).
16. Record of revisions, with revision date, number and description.
17. Signature, date and certification of surveyor.

Sec. 36-1257. Drainage, retaining walls and site access.

- (a) *Drainage.* No person shall obstruct or divert the natural flow of runoff so as to harm the public health, safety or general welfare. Surface water runoff shall be properly conveyed into storm sewers, watercourses, ponding areas or other public facilities. As part of the building permit, the applicant must submit a grading and erosion control plan along with a stormwater management plan that is signed by a licensed professional engineer. The stormwater management plan must detail how stormwater will be controlled to prevent damage to adjacent property and adverse impacts to the public stormwater drainage system. The plans must be approved by the city engineer and the permit holder must adhere to the approved plans.
- (b) *Retaining walls.* All retaining walls must be shown on a grading plan as part of a building permit application. Plans must demonstrate materials to be used for the retaining wall construction. Retaining walls taller than four feet must meet a three-foot setback.
- (c) *Site access.* In an R-1 or R-2 Zoning District, a residential maintenance access of at least three feet in width is required on one side of a single or two dwelling unit from the front yard to the rear yard.

(Code 1970; Code 1992, § 850.07(7); Ord. No. 2013-7, § 2, 8-5-2013)

Heather Branigin

From: Regina Neville <regineville@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 11:18 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West Apartments for Homeless Teens

Dear Edina City Council,

Thank you for serving our community and for your consideration of housing for homeless teens. I'm writing to express my support for the proposed apartments at 66 West. There is a need to serve our teens and we have the ability to offer resources within our own community. Teens experiencing crisis should not have to navigate services in Minneapolis, rather, they should be served and supported in the community they know in order to maintain as much stability as possible in their education and in their lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Regina Neville
6113 Arctic Way
Edina, MN 55436



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RE: 66 West Apartments

Dear Council Members:

We are writing on behalf of the Edina Challenge Team to request your approval of the request by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and Edina Community Lutheran Church for supportive housing for youth and young adults at West 66th Street in Edina.

The Edina Challenge is an initiative of the Edina Community Foundation that involves collaboration among the following community organizations and grant-makers working together to maximize our collective effectiveness in enabling youth in poverty to participate in the community, educational, and recreational programs that lead to success in adult life:

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| Connecting With Kids | Edina Community Foundation |
| Edina Community Lutheran Church | Edina Education Fund |
| Edina GiveAndGo | Edina Morningside Rotary Club |
| Edina Park & Recreation Department | Edina Public Schools |
| EPS Community Education Services | Edina Resource Center |
| Oasis for Youth | Questscope/One2One |
| Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church | Southdale YMCA |

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DICK CROCKETT

This Edina Challenge Team identified housing as one of the top five priorities for helping Edina youth in need develop to be healthy, productive adults, and it has endorsed this initiative as an important step toward that goal.

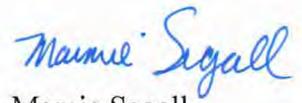
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We request your approval of this project and look forward to having the community benefit from the initiative by these organizations to meet the needs of homeless youth in our community.

Sincerely,


Dick Crockett
Executive Director


Mamie Segall
Edina Challenge Chair