

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: September 16, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

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

From: Kathleen O'Dea [<mailto:kodea.mn@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 11:05 PM

To: Jennifer Bennerotte

Subject: Pls forward

To: City Council

Re: 66 West

I am proud to live in Edina. Thorough and thoughtful decision process. Job well done. Thank you.

Kitty

Heather Branigin

From: Robert Strachota <value@shenehon.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:13 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Beacon Project Memorandum

To: Mayor Jim Hovland

From: Shenehon Company

Date: September 2, 2014

Beacon Project Memorandum

I have discussed the approval process for MHFA tax credit financing with several affordable housing developers. The funding cycle typically occurs two times per year. From what I have been told, it is nearly certain that Beacon does not have the tax credits in hand. The next funding cycle is late October / early November 2014. It is then that Beacon would submit their project for funding. The high cost of the project per dwelling unit is a highly risky feature of this project. I will discuss more about this later in the memorandum.

The suggestion that Beacon will lose the tax credits if Edina does not approve this project now is a pressure tactic. Beacon does not have the credits yet. They hope to get approved this fall but the high cost of the project is a serious issue and might cause the project to be denied. However, a suburban project in Edina is rare so the high cost might be overlooked unless there is a less expensive property to accomplish the project. Beacon will tell MHFA this is the best deal that they could get done in Edina and MHFA will not know about other options unless someone else speaks up. It is true that the TCF parcel is the only Edina project Beacon could get approved in this funding cycle because a different parcel would have to be in the next funding cycle. But if there is another parcel with a lower cost and MHFA knew the City Council was prepared to approve the lower cost project, it would be highly likely the MHFA would approve a different project in the next funding cycle.

The Commissioner of MHFA wants to be a good custodian of public dollars. So if the same project can be done on an Edina HRA parcel with fewer subsidies, MHFA would be highly motivated to wait and fund the project in the next cycle.

The Commissioner of MHFA would be most interested to know that the Mayor and City Council support the project. The high cost of this project and the non-conformance with existing zoning are important issues in an environment of limited resources. Edina's willingness to involve the HRA and to facilitate a lower cost property will not be known by MHFA unless the Mayor calls the Commissioner. Beacon will not offer the MHFA any alternatives because this is the one they have submitted and will get paid a healthy development fee when approved. I believe with a little more time and the Edina HRA involvement, a lower cost parcel with suitable zoning can be secured. It would be a win / win for Beacon, the church, MHFA, the Planning & Zoning Department and the neighboring commercial properties to TCF. Of course, the Council must stay committed to the affordable project because unfortunately, some NIMBY'S will show up for any subsidized project.

MHFA Commissioner is Ms Mary Tingerthal at 651-296-5738

Regards,

Bob Strachota | President



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Cc: Laurie Jennings; Charlie Vander Aarde; Patricia Nauman
Subject: 2014 Transportation and General Government Policy Committee Members
Attachments: meeting 3 packet.pdf

To: Transportation and General Government Policy Committee Members

From: Todd Olson

Attached are the materials for our final Transportation and General Government Policy Committee meeting, next Monday, September 8th, from 11:00 – 1:30 at the LMC Building located at 145 University Ave W in St. Paul 55103. We will be hearing from Amy Vennewitz from the Metropolitan Council who will provide an update on the Transportation Policy Plan 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.

September 2, 2014

TO: Transportation & General Government Policy Committee Members
FROM: Scott Lund, Committee Chair and Mayor of Fridley
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda -Monday, September 8, 2014 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Please take the time to read through the policies before the meeting and come with your ideas and suggestions. We will provide Subway lunches for committee members again.

Monday, September 8, 2014
Transportation and General Government Policy Committee
A G E N D A

1. Call to order.
2. Adopt minutes.
3. SPEAKER: Amy Vennewitz, Metropolitan Council, 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Draft
4. Discussion of potential policy modifications.
5. Other business.
6. Adjourn. (1:30 p.m.)

Agenda Item 2

Transportation and General Government Committee
Monday, August 18th, 2014
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Chair Lund welcomed committee members to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

Present: Steve Albrecht, Susan Arntz, Michelle Beaulieu, Bob Cardinal, Steve Elkins, Danna Elling Schultz, Mary Gaasch, Mary Hamann-Roland, Gary Hansen, Dan Kealey, Katie Knutson, Denny Laufenburger, Scott Lund, Paul Oehme, Loren Olson, Gene Ranieri, Sue Sanger, Steve Schmidt, Dick Swanson, Kevin Watson, Ady Wickstrom, Angel Smith, Susan Young

Ali Elhassen from the Metropolitan Council's Environment Services Division presented to the committee with an update of the feasibility study in addressing issues in the northeast metropolitan area with respect to water supply. The study was authorized by the Legislature in 2013.

Discussion and questions followed. Mr. Olson noted that Metro Cities had received a copy of a letter from the City Engineers group and that the group has asked the Met Council to slow down their analyses on these issues in order to ensure that data are adequate and local professional staff are appropriately consulted.

Mr. Lund noted that the memo included a series of policies that staff is recommending could be adopted without amendments: 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D, 2-E, 2-f, 2-H, 2-J, 2-K, 2-L, 2-M, 2-N, 2-O, 2-P. Motion by Wickstrom, seconded by Hamann-Roland, to adopt these existing policies as written. Motion adopted.

Mr. Olson discussed policies that had suggested amendments as well as a new policy on water supply.

Policy 2-G, Administrative Fines. Mr. Olson stated that staff is recommending amending the policy to eliminate outdated references. Motion by Wickstrom, seconded by Gaasch to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

Policy 2-I, Annexation. Mr. Olson noted that staff is recommending eliminating outdated references. Motion by Arntz, seconded by Wickstrom to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

2-Q, Water Supply. Mr. Olson stated that per the discussion at the first meeting, staff has drafted a water supply policy for the organization, that is intended to serve as a comprehensive policy. Motion by Wickstrom, seconded by Hamann Roland to adopt the policy. Discussion. Mr. Olson noted that Metro Cities also has a specific water supply policy in the Met Agencies section of our policies. Discussion followed. Ms. Wickstrom suggested removing lines 32-33 on page 12, which states that the region's water supply is abundant and that we have no widespread shortage.

Discussion. Mr. Albrecht suggested that the word “abundant” could be “adequate”. Ms. Nauman noted that staff could reorganize some of the language to ensure appropriate emphasis on the points members are suggesting should be emphasized. It was noted that the policy also does not reference security in terms of supply. Ms. Sanger suggested there should be language promoting conservation efforts. Ms. Wickstrom withdrew her motion. Further discussion followed. Mr. Swanson noted that we need to think about protecting surface water if we are moving toward using more surface water in the region. Ms. Young noted drops in wells, and that changing systems is an expensive proposition. Ms. Arntz questioned where this policy should be located, noting the existence of the water supply policy and some overlap. Chair Lund noted that staff would take the suggestions and discussion, and provide a reworked draft of the policy at the next meeting.

Discussion followed regarding transportation policies. Motion by Hamann Roland, seconded by Sanger, to adopt policies 5-E, 5-G, 5-H, 5-I, 5-J, 5-K, 5-L, 5-O, 5-P, as written. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed on policy 5-A. Motion by Sanger, seconded by Arntz, to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed regarding policy 5-B. Mr. Olson noted the changes drafted per the last meeting discussion. Ms. Sanger suggested removing lines 14-16, regarding the Dan Patch line policy and that we should have a study first on the impacts of freight rail. Discussion. Mr. Olson noted our policy does not weigh in on whether to do the line, but to repeal the gag on studying the line. Ms. Wickstrom suggested on line 31 that “transit dependent” should be “transit” and “appointments” should be “destinations”. The committee concurred. After further discussion, motion by Hamann Roland, seconded by Sanger, to set aside the policy. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed on policy 5-C. Motion by Sanger, seconded by Arntz, to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

Discussion on policy 5-D. Mr. Olson noted the new language is clarifying language. Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Arntz, to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed on policy 5-F. Motion by Hamann Roland, seconded by Arntz to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed on policy 5-M. Motion by Young, seconded by Swanson to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

Discussion followed on policy 5-N. Ms. Sanger suggested that the clause “but not limited to” be inserted on line 35, after “including”. Motion by Young, seconded by Sanger to adopt the policy as amended. Motion adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 4

September 2, 2014

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

At our second meeting, the policy committee discussed at length a number of potential edits and adopted all but two policies. The amended language is still presented with the adopted strikeouts and underlined new language in this packet. The committee has adopted the following policies:

- 2-A Mandates, Zoning & Local Authority *(St. Paul has requested to re-open this policy to consider an amendment to address a zoning ordinance amendment process issue they are experiencing. The new language is located at the end of the General Government chapter.)*
- 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-G Administrative Fines –AS AMENDED**
- 2-H Residential Care Facilities
- 2-I Annexation –AS AMENDED**
- 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

- 5-A Transportation Funding –AS AMENDED**
- 5-C Transit Financing –AS AMENDED**
- 5-D Street Improvement Districts –AS AMENDED**
- 5-E Highway Turnbacks & Funding
- 5-F “3C” Transportation Planning Process: Elected Officials’ Role –AS AMENDED**
- 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-M City Speed Limit Control –AS AMENDED**
- 5-N MnDOT Maintenance Budget –AS AMENDED**

5-O Transit Taxing District

5-P Complete Streets

We have two policies left to consider:

2-Q Water Supply (New policy) – The new policy language was discussed at length and the committee set the policy aside for further consideration with new language requested to address conservation and water quality and to rework the language address the availability of water now and into the future.

5-B Regional Transit System –Further changes were recommended by the committee to delete support for repealing the Dan Patch gag order supporting further study of rail safety and congestion issues in the metro area and to clean up the support for coordinating transit issues on the borders of the 7 county metropolitan area with collar counties.

We will be hearing a presentation on updates to the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan from the Met Council at the beginning of our committee meeting and have an opportunity to ask questions of Met Council staff on the draft plan.

1 **General Government (2014)**

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3 **2-A Mandates, Zoning & Local Authority – POLICY ADOPTED**

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.**

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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 – POLICY ADOPTED**

19
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.

23
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 – POLICY ADOPTED**

29
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 – POLICY ADOPTED**

41
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.

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2 **Metro Cities supports state funding for the technology and training needed to provide the**
3 **number and location of wireless and voice over internet protocol (VoIP) calls to 911 on**
4 **computer screens and transmit that data to police, fire and first responders.**

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6 **2-E 800 MHz Radio System – POLICY ADOPTED**
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8 Metro Cities urges the Legislature to provide cities with the financial means to obtain required
9 infrastructure and subscriber equipment (portable and mobile radios) as well as provide funding
10 for operating costs, since the prime purpose of this system is to allow public safety agencies and
11 other units of government the ability to communicate effectively.
12

13 **Metro Cities supports the work of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (previously**
14 **the Metropolitan Radio Board) in implementing and maintaining the 800 MHz radio**
15 **system, as long as cities are not forced to modify their current systems or become a part of**
16 **the 800 MHz Radio System unless they so choose.**
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18 **2-F Building Codes – POLICY ADOPTED**
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20 Thousands of new housing units are constructed annually in the metro area. Structural and water
21 intrusion problems have surfaced in many houses and commercial buildings built in the last 20
22 years. These problems have resulted in dissatisfied homeowners and conflicts among the state,
23 builders and cities.
24

25 **Metro Cities supports an equitable distribution of fees from the Construction Code Fund,**
26 **with proportional distribution based on the area of enforcement where the fees were**
27 **received. Metro Cities further supports a joint effort by the state, cities and builders to**
28 **collectively identify appropriate uses for the fund, including education, analysis of new**
29 **materials and construction techniques, building code updating, building inspector training,**
30 **and development of performance standards and identification of construction “best**
31 **practices.”**
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33 **Metro Cities supports including the International Green Construction Code as an ‘optional**
34 **appendix’ to the State Building Code to allow cities to utilize appropriate parts of those**
35 **guidelines in their communities. Metro Cities also supports adopting the international**
36 **energy conservation code to the state building code without amendments. Metro Cities does**
37 **not support legislative solutions that fail to recognize the interrelationships among builders,**
38 **state building codes and cities. Metro Cities supports efforts to increase awareness of the**
39 **potential impacts and benefits of requiring sprinklers in new homes and townhouses, and**
40 **supports discussion and the dissemination of information around these impacts via the**
41 **code adoption process through the Department of Labor and Industry.**
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43 **2-G Administrative Fines – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
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45 Traditional methods of citation, enforcement and prosecution have met with increasing costs to
46 local units of government. The use of administrative fines is a tool to moderate those costs.

1 Metro Cities supported expansion of supports the administrative fine authority, enacted in 2009,
2 granted to allow cities to issue administrative fines for defined local traffic offenses, but supports
3 further modifications ~~are necessary~~ to enhance the workability of the authority. Metro Cities
4 continues to support all cities' authority to use administrative fines for regulatory ordinances,
5 such as building codes, zoning codes, health codes, and public safety and nuisance ordinances.
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7 **Metro Cities supports the use of city administrative fines, at a minimum, for regulatory**
8 **matters that are not duplicative of misdemeanor or higher level state traffic and criminal**
9 **offenses. Metro Cities also endorses a fair hearing process before a disinterested third**
10 **party.**

11 12 **2-H Residential Care Facilities – POLICY ADOPTED**

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14 Sufficient funding and oversight is needed to ensure that residents living in residential care
15 facilities have appropriate care and supervision, and that neighborhoods are not
16 disproportionately impacted by high concentrations of residential care facilities. Under current
17 law, operators of certain residential care facilities are not required to notify cities when they
18 intend to purchase single-family housing for this purpose. Cities do not have the authority to
19 regulate the locations of group homes and residential care facilities. Cities have reasonable
20 concerns about high concentrations of these facilities in residential neighborhoods, and
21 additional traffic and service deliveries surrounding these facilities when they are grouped
22 closely together. Municipalities recognize and support the services residential care facilities
23 provide. However, cities also have an interest in preserving balance between group homes and
24 other uses in residential neighborhoods.
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26 Providers applying to operate residential care facilities should be required to notify the city when
27 applying for licensure so as to be informed of local ordinance requirements as a part of the
28 application process.
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30 Licensing agencies should be required to notify the city of properties receiving licensure to be
31 operated as residential care facilities.
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33 **Metro Cities supports statutory modifications to require licensed agencies and licensed**
34 **providers that operate residential care facilities to notify the city of properties being**
35 **operated as residential care facilities. Metro Cities also supports the establishment of non-**
36 **concentration standards, similar to those allowed for the core cities, for residential care**
37 **facilities to prevent clustering and require the appropriate county agencies to enforce these**
38 **rules.**
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40 **2-I Annexation – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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

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

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

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14 **2-J Housing Ordinance Enforcement – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

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

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

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29 **2-K Statewide Funding Sources for Local Issues with Regional Impact – POLICY**
30 **ADOPTED**

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

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37 **Metro Cities supports the availability of statewide funding sources to address local issues**
38 **that have regional or statewide significance. Metro Cities opposes the requirement of**
39 **enacting ordinances more restrictive than state law in exchange for access to these funds.**
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41 **2-L Dangerous Substance Regulation – POLICY ADOPTED**

42
43 In metropolitan regions where most cities share boundary lines with other cities, local bans of
44 dangerous products and substances do not eliminate access to these products unless all cities take
45 the same regulatory action.
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1 In circumstances where there is broad local support for a ban and any regulatory issues under
2 consideration are regional or statewide in nature, as evidenced by recent synthetic marijuana and
3 analog drug situations, **Metro Cities supports statewide regulation and prohibition of**
4 **products or substances found to present a danger to anyone who uses them.**

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6 **2-M Private Well Drilling Restriction Authority – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

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

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18 **2-N Organized Waste Collection – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

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

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34 **2-O Election Administration Costs – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

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

1 **2-P Utility Franchise Fees, Accountability and Cost Transparency – POLICY**

2 **ADOPTED**

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4 Minnesota cities are authorized by Minnesota statutes M.S. 216B and 301B.01 to require a
5 public utility (gas or electric) that provides services to the city or occupies the public right of
6 way within a city to obtain a franchise. Several metro area cities have entered into such
7 agreements which require that the utility pay a fee to help offset the costs of maintaining the
8 right of way.

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

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

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18 **Metro Cities supports:**

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

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

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27 **2-Q WATER SUPPLY –(NEW POLICY)**

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

31 The aquifers in the metropolitan area cross municipal boundaries and therefore require a
32 coordinated regional approach to planning for its future availability. Currently, approximately
33 75% of municipal water supply in the metropolitan area comes from groundwater. With proper
34 management of the resource, the current water supply in the region is adequate, however,
35 Metropolitan Council projections predict localized declines in aquifer availability due to
36 population growth estimates if current usage levels are maintained.

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

1 Municipal water suppliers have made significant infrastructure investments in their systems
2 based on calculated water availability and DNR permits. Proposals to reduce the reliance on
3 groundwater by switching municipal water systems from groundwater to surface water supplies
4 will come with significant costs.

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

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

15 Metro Cities supports the removal of barriers to wastewater re-use, improved inter-agency
16 coordination, clarifying the roles of local, regional and state governments with respect to
17 water, streamlining and consolidating permit approval processes and the availability of
18 statewide resources to plan for and ensure the future sustainability of water supply in the
19 metropolitan area. Metro Cities also encourages the Met Council to find ways to re-use
20 wastewater as a means to improve conservation.

21 Metro Cities supports the availability of state funds to encourage and promote water
22 conservation as a strategy to improve water sustainability and the availability of state
23 funds to improve and protect water quality.

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28 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO POLICY 2-A Mandates, Zoning & Local Authority –**

29
30 **Metro Cities opposes statutory changes that erode local control and authority or create**
31 **additional mandated tasks requiring new or added local costs without a corresponding**
32 **state appropriation or funding mechanism. Metro Cities believes that zoning decisions**
33 **should be made at the local level. Metro Cities supports legislation that gives local officials**
34 **greater authority and discretion to approve variances in order to remain flexible in**
35 **response to the unique land use needs of their own community. Metro Cities also supports**
36 **legislation to remove barriers to uniform zoning ordinance amendment processes for all**
37 **cities, regardless of city size classification.**

38
39 New unfunded mandates potentially cause increased property taxes which impede cities' ability

- 1 to fund traditional service needs. To allow for greater collaboration and flexibility in providing
- 2 local services, Metro Cities also encourages the removal of barriers or hurdles to cooperation and
- 3 coordination between cities and other units of government or entities. **Metro Cities supports**
- 4 **local decision-making authority.**

1 **Transportation (2014)**

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3 **5-A Transportation Funding – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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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.

10
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.**

35
36 **5-B Regional Transit System**

37
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.

45
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 operational funding for Metro Transit and suburban transit providers that are
5 the 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 safety and traffic management including all potential options in the pursuit of a
15 regionally balanced transit system, Metro Cities supports the repeal of the law passed in 2002
16 which imposed a gag order on the Dan Patch Commuter Rail Line. Metro Cities supports further
17 study of rail safety issues relating to water quality protections, general public safety concerns
18 relating to derailments, traffic implications from longer and more frequent trains and the delicate
19 balance between rail commerce and the quality of life impacts on the communities through
20 which they pass.

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

28
29 Metro Cities supports a regional governance structure that can ensure a measurably
30 reliable and efficient system that recognizes the diverse transit needs of our region and
31 addresses the funding needs for all components of the system.

32
33 Metro Cities also recognizes the unique needs of cities at the edges of the 7-county
34 metropolitan area and the need for flexibility in transit systems to ensure users can get to
35 points outside of the 7-county service area. Metro Cities encourages the Met Council to
36 work with border counties to help coordinate planning so riders can get to destinations
37 beyond the boundaries of the region.

38 39 **5-C Transit Financing – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

40
41 The Twin Cities metropolitan area is served by a regional transit system that is expanding to
42 include rail transit and dedicated busways. Any operating subsidies necessary to support this
43 system should come from a regional or statewide funding source. The property taxpayers of
44 individual cities and counties should not be required to fund the operation of specific transit lines
45 or routes of service within this regional system. MVST revenue projections have not been
46 reliable and the Legislature has repeatedly reduced general fund support for Metropolitan

1 Transit. As a result the regional transit providers continue to operate at a funding deficit.

2
3 **Shifting demographics in the metropolitan region will mean increased demand for transit**
4 **in areas with and without current transit service. Metro Cities supports stable and growing**
5 **revenue sources to fund the operating budget for all regional transit providers at a level**
6 **sufficient to meet the growing operational and capital transit needs of the region and to**
7 **expand the system to areas that currently have little or no transit options.**

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

16
17 **5-D Street Improvement Districts – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

18
19 Funding sources for local transportation projects are limited to the use of Municipal State Aid
20 (MSA), property taxes and special assessments, and cities under 5,000 in population are not
21 eligible for MSA. With increasing pressures on city budgets and limited tools and resources,
22 cities are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain aging streets.

23
24 Street improvement districts allow cities in developed and developing areas to fund new
25 construction as well as reconstruction and maintenance efforts.

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

32
33 **Metro Cities supports the authority of local units of government to establish street**
34 **improvement districts. Metro Cities also supports changes to special assessment laws to**
35 **make assessing state-owned property a more predictable process with uniformity in the**
36 **payment of assessments across the state.**

37
38 **5-E Highway Turnbacks & Funding – POLICY ADOPTED**

39
40 Cities do not have the financial capacity, other than significant property tax increases, to absorb
41 the additional roadway responsibilities without new funding sources. The existing municipal
42 turnback fund is not adequate based on contemplated turnbacks.

43
44 **Metro Cities supports jurisdictional reassignment or turnback of roads on a phased basis**
45 **using functional classifications and other appropriate criteria subject to a corresponding**
46 **mechanism for adequate funding of roadway improvements and continued maintenance.**

1
2 **Metro Cities does not support the wholesale turnback of county or state roads without the**
3 **consent of municipality and the total cost, agreed to by the municipality, being reimbursed**
4 **to the city in a timely manner.**

5
6 **5-F “3C” Transportation Planning Process: Elected Officials’ Role – POLICY**
7 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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

17
18 **Metro Cities supports continuation of the TAB with a majority of locally elected officials as**
19 **members and participating in the process.**

20
21 **5-G Photo Enforcement of Traffic Laws – POLICY ADOPTED**

22
23 Enforcement of traffic laws with cameras has been demonstrated to improve driver compliance
24 and safety.

25
26 **Metro Cities supports the use of photo enforcement technology.**

27
28 **5-H Airport Noise Mitigation – POLICY ADOPTED**

29
30 The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and the state should seek long-term solutions to
31 fund the full mitigation package as adopted in 1996 for all homes in the 64-60 DNL impact area.
32 Noise abatement efforts should be paid for by fees and charges collected from airport users, as
33 well as state and federal funds. Furthermore, unless mitigation funding is provided, Metro Cities
34 opposes any legislation that requires a property owner to disclose those properties that lie within
35 64-60 DNL noise contours.

36
37 Acknowledging that the communities closest to MSP and reliever airports are significantly
38 impacted by noise, traffic, and other numerous expansion-related issues:

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

1 communication and problem solving.

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

6
7 **5-I Cities Under 5,000 Population – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

15
16 **Metro Cities supports establishing criteria, such as the number of average daily trips, to**
17 **provide funding qualifications and a distribution method, in a small city local road**
18 **improvement program.**

19
20 **5-J County State Aid Highway (CSAH) Distribution Formula – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

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

37
38 **Metro Cities supports a new CSAH formula more equitably designed to fund the needs of**
39 **our metropolitan region.**

40
41 **5-K Municipal Input/Consent for Trunk Highways and County Roads – POLICY**
42 **ADOPTED**

43
44 Minnesota Statutes direct the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to submit
45 detailed plans with city cost estimates at a point one and a half to two years prior to bid letting, at
46 which time public hearings are held for citizen/business/municipal input. If MnDOT does not

1 concur with requested changes, it may appeal. Currently, that process would take a maximum of
2 three and a half months and the results of the appeals board are binding on both the city and
3 MnDOT.

4 **Metro Cities opposes changes to current statutes that would allow MnDOT to disregard the**
5 **appeals board ruling for state trunk highways. Such a change would significantly minimize**
6 **MnDOT's need to negotiate in good faith with cities for appropriate project access and**
7 **alignment, and would render the public hearing and appeals process meaningless. Metro**
8 **Cities also opposes the elimination of the county road municipal consent and appeal**
9 **process for these reasons.**

10
11 **5-L Plat Authority – POLICY ADOPTED**

12
13 Current law grants counties review and comment authority for access and drainage issues for city
14 plats abutting county roads.

15
16 **Metro Cities opposes any statutory change that would grant counties veto power or that**
17 **would shorten the 120-day review and permit process time.**

18
19 **5-M City Speed Limit Control – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

20
21 Cities are moving to incorporate multiple modes of transportation within existing right of way
22 through local Complete Streets policies on residential roads where traffic safety also affects
23 pedestrians and users of alternative transportation modes. **Metro Cities supports design**
24 **standards that result in slower speeds on local roads. Any statutory speed limit change**
25 **must be uniform and provide adequate state funding for education and enforcement to**
26 **ensure public awareness and compliance.**

27
28 At cities' or counties' discretion, Metro Cities also supports a year round reduction of speed
29 limits within 500 feet of any city or county parks and schools or on roads whose characteristics
30 are becoming more residential or developed but will not yet justify a reduction under a MNDOT
31 sanctioned speed study.

32
33 **5-N MnDOT Maintenance Budget – POLICY ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

34
35 The state has abrogated its responsibility for maintaining major roads throughout the state by
36 requiring, through omission, that cities bear the burden of maintenance on major state roads.
37 Cities should be compensated equitably for providing a service that traditionally has been borne
38 by the state. MnDOT should also be required to meet standards adopted by cities through local
39 ordinances or reimburse cities for labor, equipment and material used on the state's behalf to
40 improve public safety or meet local standards.

41
42 **Metro Cities supports MnDOT taking full responsibility for maintaining state owned**
43 **infrastructure and property, including, but not limited to, sound walls and right of way,**
44 **within city limits.**

1 **5-O Transit Taxing District – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

9

10 **Metro Cities supports a stable revenue source to fund both the capital and operating costs**
11 **for transit at the Metropolitan Council. However, Metro Cities does not support the**
12 **expansion of the transit taxing district without a corresponding increase in service and an**
13 **overall increase in operational funds. To do so would create additional property taxes**
14 **without a corresponding benefit.**

15

16 **5-P Complete Streets – POLICY ADOPTED**

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

22

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

25

26 **Metro Cities supports options in state design guidelines for streets that would give cities**
27 **greater flexibility to:**

28

- 29 • **safely accommodate all modes of travel**
- 30 • **address storm water needs**
- 31 • **ensure livability in the appropriate context for each city.**

32

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

37

Heather Branigin

From: Wayne Freeman <wayne@exsmn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:29 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Edina City Council

Mayor James Hovland and the Edina City Council:

My Wife Sandy and I have lived in 3 residences in Edina since 1967. We have also owned two businesses, both of which have had locations in Edina since 1967. This is the first time in 47 years I have written the Mayor and City Council.

I am writing this on the behalf of myself and the fellow residents of the Highlander Townhomes on Cahill Road just south of 70th Street. There is currently road work on Cahill Road about 5 blocks south of our development.

There is a sign titled "Road Work Ahead", which is in a very dangerous position as Highlander Townhome residents try to drive out of our development. The sign blocks the view of north bound traffic. It is impossible to tell if there is another vehicle coming. Since many people speed on Cahill Road, this could lead to an accident.

There is no reason that the sign could not be moved an additional 20 feet south of where it is. I moved this heavy sign myself, just to have some person (I can only assume a City of Edina employee) move the sign back.

I did place a call to City Hall, and nothing has happened. Please take the time to see that this sign is moved so that the residents of Highlander Townhomes are safer.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

Wayne and Sandy Freeman

Heather Branigin

From: Sheriff Stanek <Sheriff.Stanek@hennepin.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 3:25 PM
Subject: SAVE THE DATE: Ribbon cutting Oct. 3 Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 911 Emergency Communications Facility

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Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Hennepin County Sheriff's Office 911 Emergency Communications Facility. The ceremony takes place on Friday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m.

The new facility is located at 1245 Shenandoah Lane, Plymouth, MN (adjacent to the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility in Plymouth).

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Heather Branigin

From: Alison Pence <akpence@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 4:01 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Dear Mayor Hovland and Councilmembers Bennett, Brindle, Sprague and Swenson,

I am writing to express my support for the rezoning of the City's Comprehensive Guide Plan to accommodate the request by the Beacon Project to acquire the property at 66 West and convert it into studio apartments for homeless youth.

Homelessness is an issue that is affecting all communities and the Edina/Richfield/Bloomington area is no different. The component that makes me strongly support this program is the support services that this organization will be bringing with it. That tells me that this project takes on more of a "teach to fish" model, rather than "give a fish", which is truly the only way that an issue such as homelessness will be effectively reduced.

Thank you,
Alison Pence
5904 Tamarac Lane
Edina

Heather Branigin

From: bthacherbell@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: Becky

Organization: resident

Website:

Address_1: 6305 Rose Ct

Address_2:

City: Edina

State: MN

Zip_Code: 55424

Email: bthacherbell@comcast.net

Phone: 952 474 3343

Referrer: google

Message: My husband and I recently moved to Edina and have been following the Beacon Interfaith Housing Proposal. We were impressed that residents will be encouraged to complete their education and find jobs. We are in support of the proposal at this time.

Heather Branigin

From: Allan Johnson <allanjohnsonmn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 5:07 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Please do not support the homeless youth facility

Dear Mayor, Please do not support the homeless youth facility at the TCF location on 66th street. This is not the right location.

Allan Johnson
6566 France Ave
Edina, MN 55435

Heather Branigin

From: Jim Korslund <korslund@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 10:15 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: we support 66 West

Please know that my family & I fully support the rezoning request in favor of 66 West (Beacon Interfaith) to support affordable housing HERE, in Edina. I'd be happy to have this in our town!
I'm an active parishioner at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and we, as a parish, support this as well.

Please vote to approve this request. We'll be noting your actions.

-- Jim Korslund
4606 Casco Avenue
Edina, MN 55424

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Heather Branigin

From: Cindy Meuwissen <cmmeuwissen@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 5:41 AM
To: Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Edina Mail
Subject: Proposed housing project - Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative

As an owner of a condominium at The Colony at Edina, I am not in favor of this project moving into my neighborhood. The number of female residents of various ages, with or without small dogs is huge. There are also residents with small children. While we should never take safety for granted, this has been a very safe neighborhood, and based on statistics at their Minneapolis Beacon housing site, there are 14 visits by police per month. This is horrible! I'm all for helping young people; I do help young people. Dropping a bunch of young people into housing without close supervision is ridiculous and a recipe for disaster for residents and business owners in the area.

Thank you.

Cindy Meuwissen
Owner of 6320 Barrie Road, #1B
Edina, MN 55343

952-220-1727

Heather Branigin

From: Margaret Shaw <margaretshaw@edinarealty.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:37 AM
To: sean.broom@mail.house.gov; johnpaul.yates@mail.house.gov;
rep.paul.thissen@house.mn; rep.frank.hornstein@house.mn;
sen.scott.dibble@senate.mn; sen.melisa.franzen@senate.mn;
betsy.hodges@minneapolismn.gov; Edina Mail
Subject: Thanks For Your Leadership

TO:

U.S. Representative Keith Ellison
U.S. Representative Erik Paulsen
Paul Thissen, Minnesota Speaker of the House of Representatives State Senator Scott Dibble State Senator Melisa Franzen State Representative Frank Hornstein Mayor Betsy Hodges, City of Minneapolis Mayor James Holvand, City of Edina John Quincy, Minneapolis City Council Linea Palmisano, Minneapolis City Council Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Scott Neale, City Manager, City of Edina Loren Olson, Policy Aide John Dybvig, Policy Aide

CC:

Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator Al Franken
Governor Mark Dayton

Thank you for your leadership with the airport issues. The recent FAA announcement indicating that they will not implement Area Navigation (RNAV) departure routes at MSP would not have been possible without representatives like you and the community coming together in a unified front to find a solution.

We look forward to your active leadership as we continue to push for other changes impacting this issue, including:

- Mandating an environmental impact study (EIS) for all changes at MSP - land and air
- Changing how noise is measured to be fair for all our neighborhoods
- Creating a long-term statewide aviation plan that addresses the inevitable airport growth at MSP

Our community is always better when we come together. Thanks, again, for all you do.

Regards,

--
Margaret Shaw
margaretshaw@edinarealty.com
4611 Lakeview Drive
Edina , MN

Heather Branigin

From: Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:00 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Candidate Forums

Please forward to the Mayor, Council and members of Boards and Commissions.

Thank You,

Suzanne Kerwin

League of Women Voters Edina



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of Edina

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Heather Branigin

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Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:30 AM
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From: Maura Schnorbach <mschnorbach@stpatrick-edina.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Steve Yanda; Bob Hobbins; Timothy Rudolphi; Allison Johnson; Imorsewendt@ecl.org
Subject: Thank you!

Good morning Mayor and Edina City Council Members,

On behalf of the Office of Social Justice at St. Patrick's, I wanted to thank you for unanimously passing 66 West! This was a big night for the Social Justice Community. I also see this as a big, "win!" for our community. It shows what is possible when the community galvanizes to support an important, ground breaking project! But the biggest winners of all will be the young adults who will get a chance to have a home and to build a new life!

A project like 66 West does not happen without individuals like you who are elected to create a broad vision for what is possible in our city. It is also a reflection of months of work by not only the lead organizations, Beacon and Edina Community Lutheran, but Edina City staff members and the Edina Planning Commission and the Edina City Council. We are grateful for all of the hard work and leadership across all city agencies, including engineering and the police department too!

We are grateful that the Edina Comprehensive Plan will include affordable housing for young adults. As Councilmember Bennett shared last night, it is a, "living document!" You have created a plan that can respond to changing needs in the community and seize the moment of opportunity. Truly the, "stars" aligned!

As I have shared at St. Patrick's, I believe that 66 West is the right project at the right time with the right people! We are proud to be a part of a community that in its pursuit of excellence in all areas, creates a space for those who are seeking a better life and simply need a chance to make it a reality! We are confident that this will be an exciting opportunity for Edina and another great community asset!

Thank you for your passion and commitment to creating a flourishing community for all!

Best,

Maura Schnorbach
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From: Bill and Lu VanBenthuisen <billandluvan@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:55 AM
To: Edina Mail; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you for your courage and foresight in the approving of 66West!

Lu VanBenthuisen,
Edina

Heather Branigin

From: James Cross <james.crossmn@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 12:02 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West votes -- a HUGE THANK YOU!

Mayor Hovland and Councilmen,

A quick note to thank you for your approval to proceed to the next step of Beacon's 66 West project. This was my first City Council meeting and I was impressed with the process and mostly the thoughtful discussion and comments from each of you. This is an excellent project and a great location and as was stated last night, will impact hundreds of young adults in just the first five years. I am sure you are getting e-mails today from those that disapprove of your vote but I truly believe when these young people occupy the building, there will be a feeling of "what was all the fuss about."

Again, thank you.

Jim Cross
5928 Abbott Ave S, Edina
612-205-6199

Heather Branigin

From: Judy Semsch <jbs1949@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 12:06 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you!

We are so pleased with your decision to approve the Apts for homeless young people in the Edina location. Thank you for your thoughtful and thorough approach to this issue.

Sincerely,
Mike and Judy Semsch
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Edina MN

Judy Semsch

Heather Branigin

From: sueward92458@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:53 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

My husband Dick and I watched the Council meeting last night on television. I thought you and the whole Council did an excellent job of addressing concerns from the Project's opponents but not letting those concerns derail the project.

I volunteer with kids up at the High School that will benefit from a place like 66 West.

You made us proud to be from Edina and to say that we supported your campaign and have always voted for you.

Thank you for all you do to make Edina a place to be proud of.

Sue Ward
6809 Galway Drive

Sent from Windows Mail

Heather Branigin

From: Dennis Fernkes <fern7313@scc.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 12:21 PM
To: Edina Mail; Ann Swenson; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Josh Sprague; Joni Bennett
Subject: Thank you for your support of 66 West

Thank you to Mayor Hovland and the other city council members for your support of the 66 West project. The lives of many young people will be forever changed as a result of your confidence in them.

Dennis Fernkes, Edina resident

- Sent from my iPad.

Heather Branigin

From: Lonni Skrentner <lonni.skrentner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 1:09 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank You! Please forward to all city council

I am enormously proud to be an Edinan today, after you unanimously approved the 66 West complex! I've always hated NIMBY arguments, and I'm glad we didn't fall for them! The old TCF building is a perfect spot for this.

Be proud!

Lonni Skrentner

Heather Branigin

From: Marty Roers <Marty.Roers@cctwincities.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:32 AM
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Subject: RE: 66 West Passed!

Congratulations!!!! This is wonderful news!!!

Marty Roers
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Heather Branigin

From: laurieb@tcq.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 2:58 PM
To: Edina Mail

Dear Mayor and city council members,

I thank you for your careful consideration and courageous vote for the 66 West development. It makes me proud to say that I live in Edina.

Respectfully
Laurie B
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Heather Branigin

From: ckfrisch@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 3:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you, Jim!

Dear Jim,

Jan and I are proud of the Edina City Council for its action last night for youth housing. We are pleased with the success of Nicollet Square and are sure the with Beacon as the collaborator behind it, this project will be equally beneficial for youth and the southwest suburbs.

Thank you for all the patience it took to get to this point!
Carol and Jan Frisch

Heather Branigin

From: Doris Pagelkopf <dorispagel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 4:50 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: THANK YOU

JIM,

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR GUIDING THE DEBATE LAST NIGHT. IT WAS THRILLING TO HEAR THE CLOSING STATEMENT OF EACH COUNCIL MEMBER BEFORE THE VOTE. ALL GOOD PEOPLE!

Doris Pagelkopf - A MEMBER OF ECLC AND WORKED IN EDINA FOR 19 YEARS.
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joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: GrandView Phase 1 Frauenshuh Thank You Letter
Attachments: 09.03.14 GrandView Phase 1_Frauenshuh.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

Please see the attached letter from David Frauenshuh in connection with the GrandView Phase 1 Team Interview yesterday, September 2nd, 2014.

Kind regards,

Tara Tostenson
Assistant to David Frauenshuh

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FRAUENSHUH
Commercial Real Estate Group

September 3, 2014

Delivered via electronic mail

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

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

Thank you again for the opportunity to introduce our team for the role as the City's development partner for the GrandView Phase 1 Redevelopment Project.

We are committed to working with the City of Edina to create a development plan that embraces the *GrandView District Development Framework* and will be a catalyst for long term private and public investment in the GrandView District.

As mentioned during our interview, we have completed projects incorporating private-public use elements in a variety of ways. We use our internal sources to finance our projects, and offer extensive financial depth and the capacity to complete this project. Where creative financing of public elements and amenities are needed, we've used private financing and when appropriate, a combination of public tools such as tax increment financing and/or philanthropic sources to achieve desired project outcomes. In our experience, this has been a proven strategy to achieve alignment and the best outcomes for all interested parties.

The GrandView Phase 1 project should reflect the values of our Edina community and be the beginning of the new centerpiece district for the Twin Cities region. We are excited to get started with the City of Edina, its staff and community stakeholders to begin this exciting project.

Sincerely,

David R. Frauenshuh
CEO and Founder

Heather Branigin

From: malostad@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 6:42 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thanks for supporting 66 West. My appreciation for the complexity of the job you do every day has been expanded during this approval process, so my thanks goes well beyond this project. You and your colleagues are nothing less than stewards of the city of Edina, rarely an easy job. Thank you for accepting and carrying these responsibilities. It is a gift to all of us.

The Rev. Catherine Malotky
member of ECLC

Heather Branigin

From: Robert Hobbins <hobbins.robert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 8:55 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you

To the Mayor and Members of the Edina City Council,

Thanks to all of you for the careful homework, the discerning thought, and the courage that each of you exhibited in making the decisions last night on the approvals required for 66 West to go forward. It was most edifying to hear you articulate the reasons for your decision, making clear to all that this was the product of a very thoughtful consideration.

Robert Hobbins

Heather Branigin

From: Sue Welna (welavender@aol.com) <welavender@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:13 PM
To: Edina Mail; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com
Subject: Thank you

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

Thank you for your unanimous vote in support of changes necessary to move the Beacon Housing Project forward. It is so gratifying to know Edina is a leader in addressing the needs of homeless young adults.... and in such a profound manner. Well done!

Sue and Jim Welna

Heather Branigin

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Subject: Future of my Education

When do we as students get a say in what we learn? When will our needs be met and we should not be used as a tool for the competition of using our students to get higher marks than all of the other schools? I am just asking because well i feel unfairly treated in the ways I am forced to learn and request a say in my education.

Lake Harriet Area Regional Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Construction Update August 29, 2014 (all dates are approximate and depend on weather and construction conditions)

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

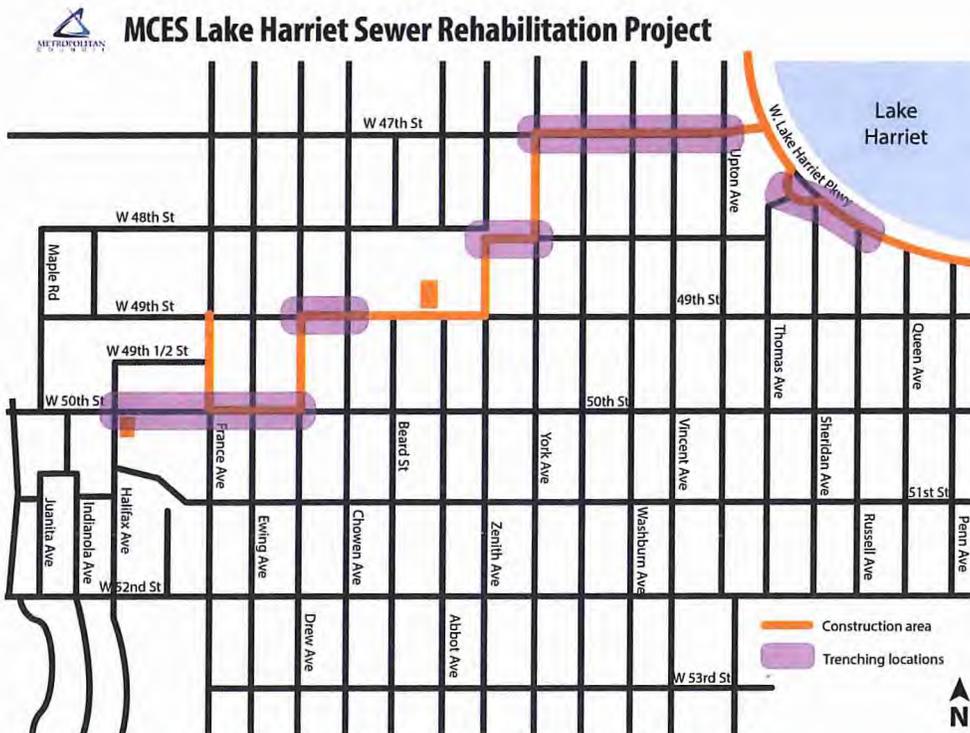
Upcoming Work in Fulton and Linden Hills Neighborhoods

Work is expected to start the week of September 8, 2014 at several locations (see figure), starting at 49th Street and Drew Avenue and proceeding east. This work will involve digging a trench across the street (or alleyway or driveway), installing a temporary pipe section, and covering the excavated area with steel plates. The steel plates will be removed and excavations repaved before the start of each weekend. Work at each crossing will typically take less than one day. Although steel plates will temporarily cover excavations while work is underway, please drive with caution in these areas. No roadway closures are expected at this time, and flaggers will direct traffic around construction. While the work will be noisy, all work is expected to occur during the daytime.

Who Should You Contact?

For questions or concerns about this work, contact MCES staff:

- **Tim O'Donnell**, Project Citizens Liaison, 651-602-1269, tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us
- **Sarah Hachey**, Assistant Contract Administrator, 651-325-6219, sarah.hachey@metc.state.mn.us
- **Dave Elzinga**, Construction Contract Administrator, 651-602-8924, david.elzinga@metc.state.mn.us



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Additional information about the Lake Harriet Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project will be posted and updated periodically on the Metropolitan Council's website:

www.metrocouncil.org/sewerconstructionupdates



To sign up for project e-mail updates, send an e-mail to MCESLakeHarriet@zanassoc.com stating that you would like to receive Lake Harriet Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project e-mail updates.

**Lake Harriet Area Regional Sewer Rehabilitation Project –
Construction Update August 29, 2014**
(all dates are approximate and depend on weather and construction conditions)

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

Work at 50th Street and Halifax

Work is expected to **start next week** on the corner of 50th Street and Halifax. This work will involve digging a deep shaft and installing equipment to help with temporary water conveyance during the sewer rehabilitation process. This work will require the sidewalk to be closed at the corner of 50th and Halifax to eastbound foot traffic on the south side of 50th Avenue and to north and southbound foot traffic on the east side of Halifax. A detour route for pedestrians will be signed. The area will be fenced off on all sides for safety reasons.

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

Work is expected to **begin in mid-September** in the 50th Street and France Avenue area. This work will include installing temporary wastewater conveyance pipes, installing a new structural lining inside existing pipes, testing, removing the temporary pipes, and installing a new liner inside existing manholes. Work will start at 49th and France, continue south to 50th Street, and then proceed east along 50th Street to Drew, and north on Drew Avenue. Most of this work will be completed at night (8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.) to minimize impact to traffic and to businesses in the 50th Street and France Avenue area.

While access to water will be maintained, businesses directly along France Avenue, 50th Street, Drew Avenue, 49th Street, and west of Drew Avenue will be asked to refrain from discharging water into the sewer system during the nighttime work hours since the sewer system will be disrupted. Regular water usage and drainage may resume after 5 a.m. until work begins again the next evening. Businesses will be notified 48 hours in advance by project personnel with a door hanger of sewer service disruption.

No roadway closures are expected at this time as work takes place in the center lane of 50th Street and France Avenue. Flaggers will direct traffic through the work site and parking will be periodically prohibited on both sides of Drew Avenue between 49th Street and 50th Street starting next week and lasting until approximately the end of October.

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Heather Branigin

From: Christopher Rorwick <crowick@etievents.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 9:36 AM
To: Edina Mail; Brian Olson
Subject: Residential water leak for 4 days

Importance: High

Mr. Olson and Council Members:

I live on Gloucester Dr and have been seeking a solution to a neighbor who has water running from their yard since at least Monday, possibly as early as Saturday or Sunday. The address is 7213 Gloucester Dr. I am no engineer, but I would estimate the flow at close to 10 gallons per minute. At 5760 minutes in just 4 days, we're talking 57,000 gallons of water that has been flowing. Even if you cut that flow rate in half we're talking about more than 25,000 gallons of water.

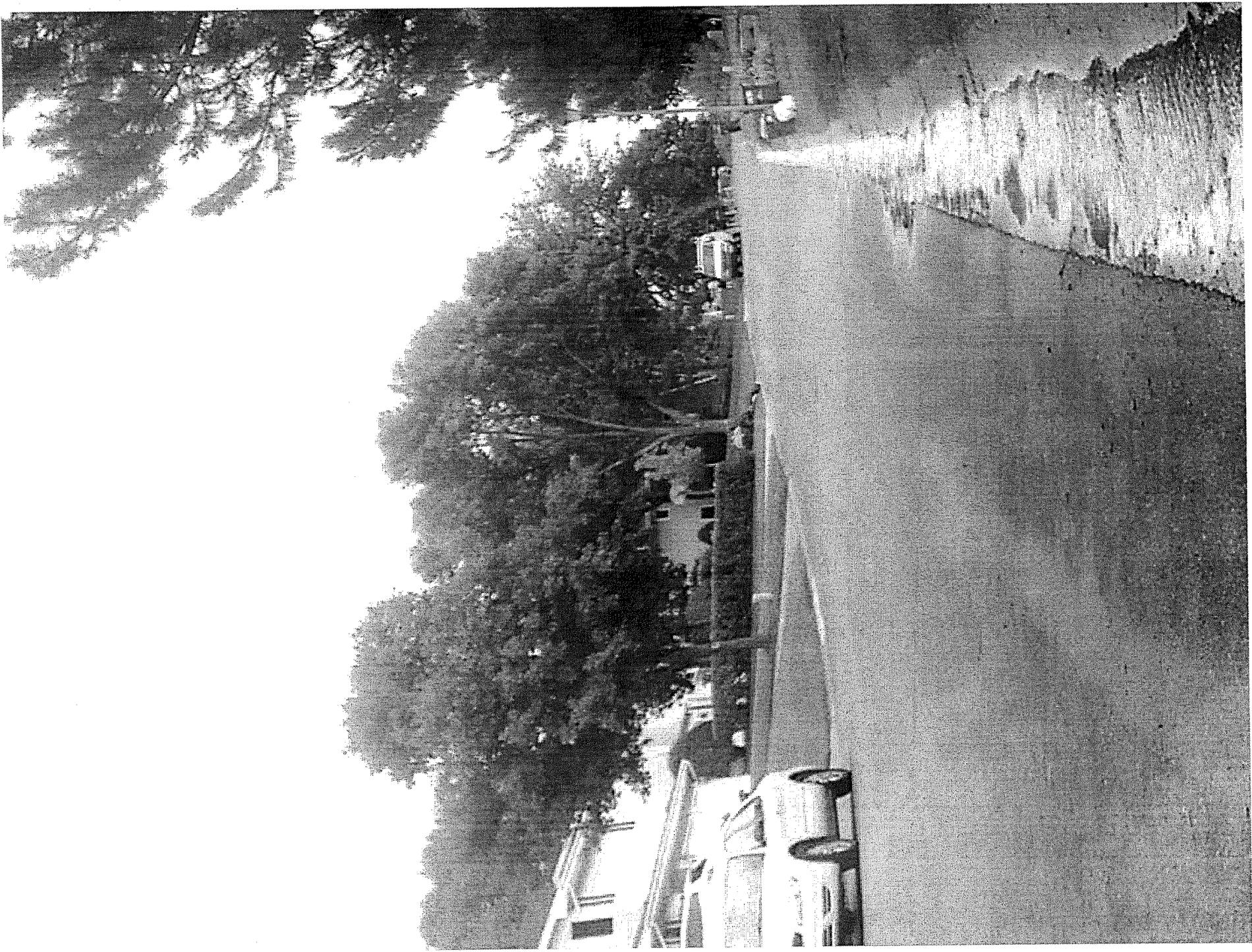
I called public works on Tuesday morning and was told it was a known issue and that the homeowner was expecting a repair that day. I tried to call again at 4pm to report nothing had been done, but found voice mail. I called Wednesday morning and got the same response, but was transferred to a Manager's voicemail. I have not received a return call. My question was, and still is, at what point does the city take responsibility for this gross waste of resources?

I assume there is some division of responsibility between the city and homeowner depending on what is actually leaking (it could very well be an irrigation system), but that is no excuse to let it go on. If the homeowner cannot get it repaired in a timely manner, the city must step in and either assist or turn off the water. Please help me understand the course of action the city will take as we enter the 5th day of flowing water.

A photo is attached, and no, the truck with the cones is not there to make this repair, it's servicing a resident across the street.

Regards,

Christopher Rorwick
Event Transportation International, Inc
+1.206.774.8410 ofc
+1.206.499.8773 mob



Heather Branigin

From: LAURA HOPE MELTON <hopemelton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 10:24 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank You for 66 West Vote

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members

Thank you for your compassionate and fiscally responsible affirmative votes for the 66 West project. This is what makes me proud to live in Edina.

Sincerely,

Hope Melton

Heather Branigin

From: Olson <joloz3@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 11:18 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Re 66 West

Jim, Mary, Ann, Joni, and Josh,

>> Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you (one for each of you) for your affirmative vote, supportive words and underlying confidence in the 66 West project at Tuesday's council meeting. I am a member of the Edina Community Lutheran Church housing task force and a 5-0 vote saying yes to 66 West is a powerful testimony to what a caring faith community working together with their elected representatives can do. I live in St. Louis Park and it is important for all of you to know your decision is far reaching. This morning my husband happened to be working out with an attorney from Golden Valley and 66 West came up in conversation. This person has not been involved in any way but said he had been following the process and waiting to see the outcome...his comment was, "I am so proud of Edina!" He relayed that it seems every time a controversial affordable and/or supportive housing project comes up in most of the western suburbs, it is typically defeated. Edina changed that and it is being seen by many as groundbreaking. I believe, even with the sincere and valid opposing comments and arguments, building 66 West on this site in Edina is the right thing to do and this is the right time to do it. We still have a lot of hard work ahead of us and again thank you for giving us the yes to move forward. As a member of the ECLC task force, the emerging collaboration across the west metro suburban churches and communities has been inspirational, the wise and thoughtful decision making and guidance from city leaders has been remarkable and the community spirit of care and compassion has been humbling...66 West will make you proud!

Lois Olson
3917 Lynn Av So., SLP
Member, Edina Community Lutheran Church

Sent from my iPad

Heather Branigin

From: Glover, Jonathan <JGlover@krollontrack.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 4:45 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Hill, Sara
Subject: 15 Acre NE Edina Woods - Sale by Mpls

Dear Council,

Our family (my wife, Sara, 2 young boys, and one young dog) are residents at 4100 Grimes Avenue. It was with some alarm that I read the recent Strib article (<http://www.startribune.com/local/west/273501931.html>) indicating:

1. Mpls is proposing to sell the 15 acre parcel of land it owns located in NE Edina/SE SLP for development; but
2. Is offering it first for sale to SLP and/or Edina; and
3. Per Scott Neal "We don't think we should pay anything for it"

Perhaps Mr. Neal's statement was in the spirit of bargaining, but this undeveloped land is invaluable to the residents of the Morningside area (not to mention, Linden Hills and Minikahda Vista, though these last are not your constituents).

This land is simply known as "the woods" to our boys, and they revel in exploring it on foot and bike. Its unmanicured condition make it a rare treasure. It's informal but effective maintenance by some unstated social contract is a credit to the folks who use it and a testament to the high value those residents place upon it. I have always wondered if this happy accident was at least in part fostered by the "Bermuda Triangle" character of this plot where mixed/uncertain property and jurisdictional rights intersect. It has happily enjoyed a status as "no man's land" which has blessed it with being treated as "everyman's land" in the best possible spirit.

We passionately support any measures, including purchase which would keep this land undeveloped. I would be grateful to be kept apprised on developments, news or hearings on this issue. November 4, Mpls's stated deadline in the article, is not far off. The deadline may likewise be a bit of bargaining/posturing, and deadlines have been known to be elastic, but the potential loss of this land to more development would inflict an egregious injury to our neighborhood and its residents.

Thank you,
Jon Glover
952-303-5660 (home)
612-803-2603 (cell)

Jonathan L. Glover, Esq.,

Heather Branigin

From: Rena Turnham <turnham@bitstream.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 4:57 PM
To: Edina Mail; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com
Subject: THANK YOU for saying "YES" to 66 West

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

Thank you for saying YES last Tuesday night to agreeing to amend the city's comprehensive plan and rezone a property to allow 66 West to move forward.

For the last year, members of St. Stephen's have worked under the hard-working and steadfast leadership of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and ECLC to make 66 West a reality. It's been a such a joy to come together on something so worthwhile for the community.

We at St. Stephen's intend to be part of the project moving forward, helping with fundraising, supporting tenants however needed and well as helping with neighborhood relations. The success of 66 West matters for these homeless young people, as well as this community.

Thank you all for your leadership and the countless hours spent on getting up to speed in learning the facts about the project as well as in understanding it from all viewpoints. And it was wonderful that the vote was unanimous!

I hope all of these congregations can widen the circle to work with even more congregations, across denominations and with other faiths, as well as with more community partners and agencies. Clearly, these relationships can make a difference and we intend to continue building on them—around 66 West and beyond. The fabric of this community will be strengthened by it!

Gratefully,

The Rev. Rena Turnham, Deacon at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church –Edina
4439 50th St W, Edina, MN 55424 cell: 612-308-1898

Heather Branigin

From: Neville, Regina <Regina.Neville@edinaschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2014 6:13 PM
To: Nathaniel Bandt; swensonann1@gmail.com; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; Edina Mail; Obrien, Lisa; Goldstein, David; Patzloff, Sarah; Wallenfriedman, Leny; Meyer, Randy; Cella, Cathy; Superintendent; Manderfeld, Mary; Locklear, Bruce; Brott, Susan
Subject: RE: Future of my Education

Dear Nathaniel,

On behalf of the school board, thank you for your email regarding education at Edina Public Schools. You ask relevant questions about choice and individualized learning that are at the core of Edina's mission, "All for All". As parents of Edina students and as community members committed to the importance of education, I can assure you that we take our governance role seriously and value your perspective. Dr. Locklear is an excellent resource to address immediate concerns at the high school. As a board we appreciate your questions as a guide for the decisions we will make about the direction of learning in Edina Public Schools.

Thanks once again for taking the time to write.

Best regards,

Regina Neville

Edina School Board Clerk

From: Nathaniel Bandt <nathanielb20487@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2014 8:57 AM
To: swensonann1@gmail.com; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; mbrindle@comcast.net; jonibennett12@comcast.net; mail@edinamn.gov; Obrien, Lisa; Goldstein, David; Patzloff, Sarah; Wallenfriedman, Leny; Neville, Regina; Meyer, Randy; Cella, Cathy; Superintendent; Manderfeld, Mary; Locklear, Bruce
Subject: Future of my Education

When do we as students get a say in what we learn? When will our needs be met and we should not be used as a tool for the competition of using our students to get higher marks than all of the other schools? I am just asking because well i feel unfairly treated in the ways I am forced to learn and request a say in my education.



9/1/14

A SHIFT -

DAVE S, JOE S, & DOMINIC

A million and one thanks!

To the Edina Fire Department
thanks for coming to our aid
when our car caught on fire!

The Lagerstrom Family

September 4, 2014

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

Re: GrandView Redevelopment - Public Realm Discussion

Honorable Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members:

We appreciate the time we were given to present our qualifications for the GrandView Redevelopment and the interactive dialogue and questions. Our presentation was primarily focused on the Phase One project area for a residential development as defined in the overall plan. From the comments we heard it appeared that we adequately covered our qualifications in housing development but more detail would have been appreciated for the broader master plan and our ideas for the "public realm." Prior to the interview we had discussed the current plan and a number of ideas for the public areas that could support the development. To address the questions presented to us at the interview we prepared the attached site plan and narrative to share in more detail our thoughts for addressing the "public realm" in the overall development plan. Hopefully the City will accept this submittal as an elaboration of our ideas for the overall project potential as your partner in the development.

As the center of Edina, the development can be recognized as a unique and symbolic destination for the community. In the master plan for the town center there needs to be a strong public focus that energizes the overall plan. For it to be a thriving center it needs to include a broad range of uses and be a center for people to live, work, socialize and play. From our experiences and travels, "place making" for a community takes many interconnected elements to be achieved. These are some of our ideas for elements that can be studied to achieve this for Edina. It begins with a vision.....

A Town Square artfully connected to The Cultural Center

1. **Town Square** – A central Edina Town Square can be developed as a whole block centered on the main pedestrian boulevard to the City Hall. This generates a grand outdoor classic City Square and Park framed by midrise (6-story) residential structures with cafés, outdoor dining and boutique shops. As one of the highest points in the overall downtown area, the Town Square will create a presence for the "center of Edina".
2. **Arts Bridge and Pedestrian Boulevard** – To the east is the pedestrian boulevard across Highway 100 to the City Hall. This can be a 30 foot wide

pedestrian promenade designed as an "Art Bridge" with sculptural elements connecting the Cultural/Civic Center with the Town Square. As viewed from Highway 100, the proposed "Arts Bridge" is an urban night and day marker for the Edina town center - an active link between the Town Square, City Hall and a new Cultural Center that brings together the downtown location. As the boulevard extends west to the rail line it both bridges the line and allows a vertical connection down to a streetcar line and/or bikeway to the north and south areas of the city.

3. **Cultural Center** – This key component can express the cultural life, history and arts in the City's downtown plan. A location at the City Hall together with an Amphitheater area for music creates a major civic anchor on the east side of downtown. The major activities on the east side expands the public realm and enhancing the scale of the downtown with civic anchors on the east and west sides. The Arts Bridge over Highway 100 may be a formidable task but achievable when it connects such major civic elements.
4. **Residential with Mixed-Use** – The populating of the downtown area through mid-rise density residential housing is critical to create a 24/7 living downtown neighborhood center. The residential density in apartments, condos and townhouses needs to be adjacent to open public space, retail and amenity/cultural areas that support the social community. The residents want a sense of place for where they live. The public realm for the streets and entry courtyards needs to provide aesthetic views both near and far. The residential use is the engine to create a viable and vibrant community that defines the heart of a classical town center.
5. **Pedestrian Street Scapes Boulevards** - The north/south streets connecting to the Town Square can be tree-lined with terraced housing entries to the sidewalk, landscaped boulevard and parallel parking. The apartments can have terraced, stepped back top floors to add light to the street scape. Between the blocks of housing there can be public courtyards or "woonerfs" aligned perpendicular to the boulevards as public court yards and parking. These provide aesthetic views and an amenity for residents.
6. **Neighborhood Retail** – On the first floor of buildings surrounding the Town Square, there will be additional retail to service the greater City and the new residential neighborhood. Currently there is quality destination retail in the area that will continue to bring people to the area. The new retail, restaurants and commercial will need to relate strongly to the residents' lifestyle, and thus will need outdoor gathering and dining areas.
7. **Transit Connectors** – The bus, auto and future rail transit should be integrated and accessible yet not impact the pedestrian focus of the downtown. The lower level location of the greenway rail line/bikeway allows a through-town movement for future transit. A vertical connection and bridge can be provided to the main east/west boulevard, connecting to the Town Square. Like our Uptown Greenway projects, the GrandView Greenway could be lined with three- to five-story residential buildings, have a pedestrian way on both sides and incorporate ramp connections to the rail level. It could be a visually-enhanced open view corridor for housing while screening the back of the existing retail buildings.

The attached rendered plan illustrates the ideas stated above. What we have suggested reflects our individual thoughts and are submitted with that limitation. This illustrates a wide range of "public realm" ideas that are all classical principals for the development of great communities. As we presented on Tuesday, we have applied many of these principals within our projects as part of our community-building efforts. Nothing presented is beyond what can be attained with the joint efforts of us all.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to discuss your vision for the GrandView area of Edina. We look forward to partnering on this journey to create an inspiring downtown center of Edina.

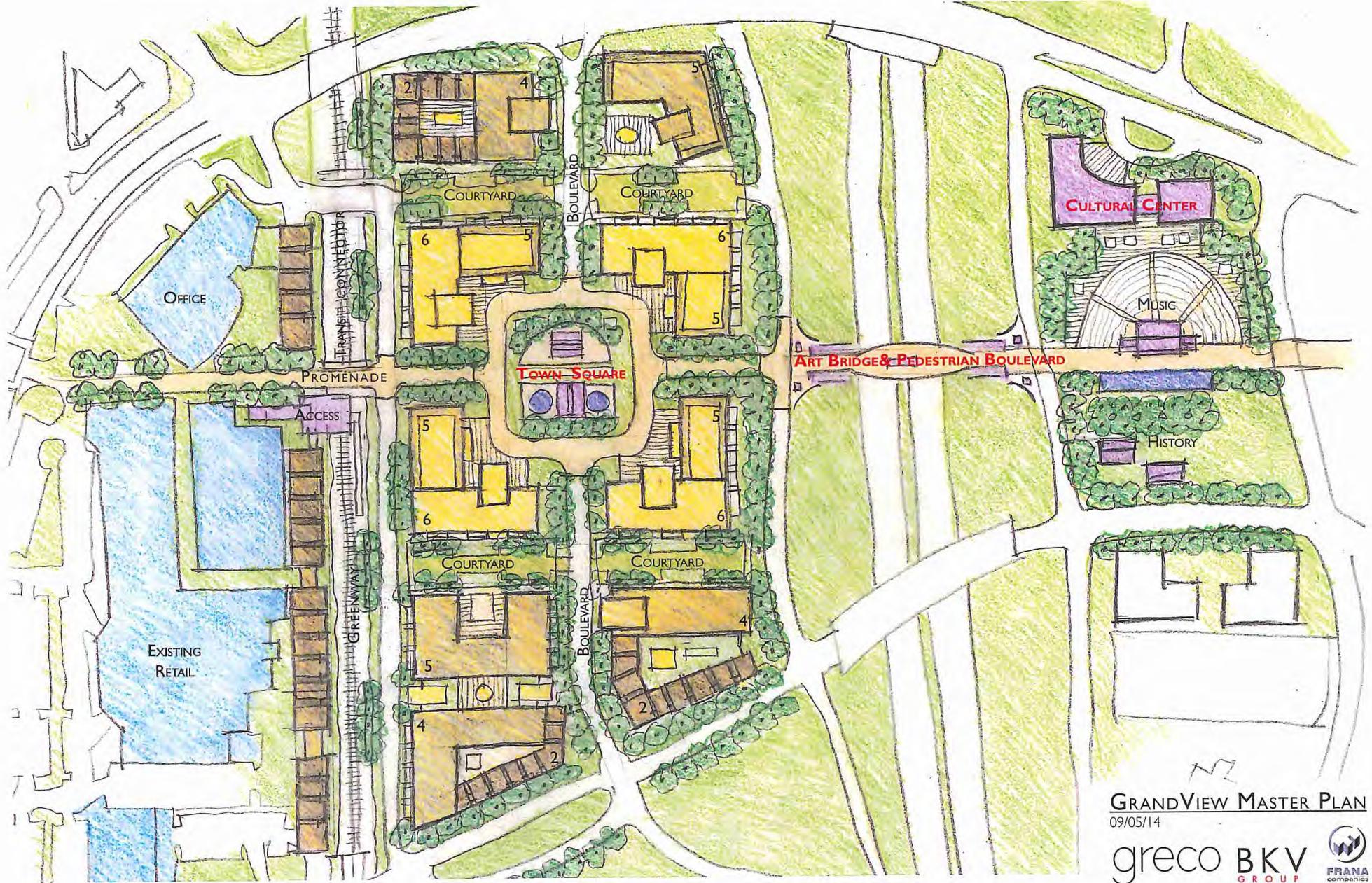
Best Regards,



Arnie Gregory
Greco Development



Jack Boarman
BKV Group



GRANDVIEW MASTER PLAN
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Heather Branigin

From: Lori Grotz <lori@lorigrotz.com>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 11:22 AM
To: David Fisher
Cc: Ross Bintner; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Ann Swenson; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com
Subject: Demolition 5509 Park Place
Attachments: Edina Demolition Permit.pdf

Re: Demolition of 5509 Park Place

Dear Dave,

A worker at 5509 Park Place told Lori this morning at about 9:30 A.M. that the house would be coming down in the next day or two and was warning her to expect a lot of noise. Building Inspections told Lori they have not yet received a demolition application. Building told her that the utilities have been disconnected and that this has been verified by a staff visit. From Lori's understanding from Building, if an application is received today and approved, then the house can come down the next day, which would be tomorrow (Saturday).

After you and Charlie Gerk did a site visit with Lori and me on August 29, 2014, you sent me an email that said you had put a hold on 5509 Park Place.

- Have you lifted the hold on 5509 Park Place ?
- Have the survey permit deficiencies as listed in our August 28, 2014 letter been satisfied ?
- Demolition Permit application page 2 (See Attached), has the survey requirement for "grade elevations at each corner of the existing foundation" been listed on the survey ? This would include the outside and inside corners of the existing foundation walls.

In reviewing surveys we have obtained from other properties, in the last few days we have discovered there appears to be a pattern of not listing these on the surveys submitted for demolition by certain surveyors allowing grades to be raised without a record of what the existing grades were before demolition. If it is not on the survey then it never existed. It is a violation of the State and City building code.

On the Edina Demolition Permit page 2, the applicant must initial and sign the statement listed above. If these requirements immediately above the initials and signatures are not met, this would appear to us to be a permit issued by the City without all requirements to obtain such permit being met. As you are aware, this would be a violation of MSBC. Please get back to us with the above, thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your response.

Jim and Lori Grotz, September 5, 2014
5513 Park Place, Edina, MN 55424 H: 952-926-2672 W: 952-925-5150



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DEMOLITION / MOVING PERMIT

PRINT OR TYPE APPLICATION

Site Information

Address _____ Suite/Unit Number _____

Lot _____ Block _____ Subdivision _____

Tenant/Building name _____

Demolition Description **Move Description**

Proposed starting date _____ Completion Date _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Detached | <input type="checkbox"/> 3&4 Family Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Public School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 & More Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital/ Retail Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Private School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Church/Religious Bldg | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Addition/Porch | <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Bank/Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Pools | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Demolition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Deck/Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Office/Warehouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Nonresidential Bldg | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Amusement |

Additional Description _____

Valuation

(moving permit cost is \$212.00)

Applicant is

Owner Contractor

Contractor Information

Company name _____ MN Contractors License# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact person name _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Pgr _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Owner Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Moving Permit Requirements

Destination of structure _____ Move date _____

Attach map and description of moving route

Survey with grade elevations at each lot corner, grade elevations at each corner of the existing foundation, elevation at top of entry floor.



Contractor
Initial



Owner
Initial

CONDITION OF PERMIT: Property must be restored within 30 days of building move – utilities abandoned at the property line with a permit, foundation demolished with a separate permit, debris removed, demolition excavation filled to match adjacent grade and seed or sod placed and maintained at disturbed areas. OR A permit must be issued for a new structure within 30 days of the building move.

Demolition Permit Requirements

- Sewer and Water disconnected. Permit number _____ Approved by _____ Date _____
- Fire Dept burning permit if applicable. Permit Number _____ Approved by _____ Date _____
- Survey with grade elevations at each lot corner, grade elevations at each corner of the existing foundation, elevation at top of entry floor.
- Metropolitan Council Environmental Services SAC credit determination required for commercial demolition OR Owner letter acknowledging their understanding that SAC credits will be denied if credit determination not received in the same calendar year the demolition permit is issued.

Contractor Initial

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Applicant Signature

I hereby apply for a permit and attest to the following:

- * All information on this application is complete and accurate.
- * All work will comply with Conditions of Permit, Edina City Code and Minnesota State Building Code.
- * I understand this is an application only, not a permit. Work will not start without an approved permit.
- * All work will be done according to plans approved by the City of Edina when approved plans are required.
- * Erosion and sediment control, when applicable, will be installed before starting work.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's printed or typed name _____

Owner/Applicant Statement - To be completed only when the homeowner is the permit applicant

I understand the State of Minnesota requires residential contractors, residential remodelers and residential roofers be licensed to work in the State unless they qualify for a specific exemption from the licensing requirements. By signing this statement, I certify that I am building or improving this dwelling myself. I claim to be exempt from state licensing requirements because I am not in the business of building on speculation or for resale. I certify I have not built or improved any other residential structures in the State within the past twelve months. I also acknowledge that, because I do not have a state license, I forfeit any mechanic's lien rights to which I may otherwise have been entitled under MS 514.01.

I further acknowledge I may be hiring independent contractors to perform certain aspects of the improvements on this dwelling, and I understand some of these contractors may be required to be licensed by the State. I understand unlicensed residential contracting, residential remodeling and residential roofing activity is a misdemeanor under Minnesota law, and I forfeit my rights to reimbursement from the Contractors Recovery Fund in the event any contractors I hire are unlicensed.

Homeowner's signature _____ Date _____

Homeowner's typed or printed name _____

Contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Enforcement Division to determine if a contractor is licensed or exempt or to check on contractor status. Metro: (651) 296-2594, Outstate: 1 (800) 657-3602, www.commerce.state.mn.us/mainbc.htm

Approvals

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Building Inspections Dept
By _____ Date _____

Planning Dept
By _____ Date _____

Engineering Dept
By _____ Date _____

Fire Dept
By _____ Date _____

Police Dept
By _____ Date _____

Fees

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Fixed permit fee Yes No _____

Permit fee (by value) Yes No _____

State surcharge Yes No _____

Investigation fee Yes No _____

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Dear Dave,

Thank you for your time and response. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lori Grotz

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Mrs. Grotz,

The City's permit record does not have an application for a demo permit yet. The city has issued a permit for the sewer & water disconnects and inspected. There is an application for a new home. Engineering Department has reviewed the info submitted and requested revisions. I still have a hold on 5509 Park Place. I want make sure Engineering and Planning approve before the permit gets issued. They could go into the house and remove things. The house itself does not have a demo permit yet.



David Fisher, Chief Building Official

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A worker at 5509 Park Place told Lori this morning at about 9:30 A.M. that the house would be coming down in the next day or two and was warning her to expect a lot of noise. Building Inspections told Lori they have not yet received a

demolition application. Building told her that the utilities have been disconnected and that this has been verified by a staff visit. From Lori's understanding from Building, if an application is received today and approved, then the house can come down the next day, which would be tomorrow (Saturday).

After you and Charlie Gerk did a site visit with Lori and me on August 29, 2014, you sent me an email that said you had put a hold on 5509 Park Place.

- Have you lifted the hold on 5509 Park Place ?
- Have the survey permit deficiencies as listed in our August 28, 2014 letter been satisfied ?
- Demolition Permit application page 2 (See Attached), has the survey requirement for "grade elevations at each corner of the existing foundation" been listed on the survey ? This would include the outside and inside corners of the existing foundation walls.

In reviewing surveys we have obtained from other properties, in the last few days we have discovered there appears to be a pattern of not listing these on the surveys submitted for demolition by certain surveyors allowing grades to be raised without a record of what the existing grades were before demolition. If it is not on the survey then it never existed. It is a violation of the State and City building code.

On the Edina Demolition Permit page 2, the applicant must initial and sign the statement listed above. If these requirements immediately above the initials and signatures are not met, this would appear to us to be a permit issued by the City without all requirements to obtain such permit being met. As you are aware, this would be a violation of MSBC. Please get back to us with the above, thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your response.

Jim and Lori Grotz, September 5, 2014

5513 Park Place, Edina, MN 55424 H: 952-926-2672 W: 952-925-5150

Heather Branigin

From: Jackie Sullivan <sullivan6832@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 3:34 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: THANK YOU for saying "YES" to 66 West

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

Thank you for saying YES Tuesday night, agreeing to amend the city's comprehensive plan and rezone a property to allow 66 West to move forward. Special thanks to each of you for your leadership and countless hours spent reading letters and emails, talking with interested parties, and developing a firm grasp of the many issues and differing viewpoints involved.

I want to also note my appreciation for how graciously you listened to the public comments during the meeting and how thoughtfully you then reflected on what you had heard as you made your own comments prior to the vote. What a powerful message that the vote was unanimous! With your decision, Edina takes a significant step forward to being an inclusive community in which everyone can thrive.

Gratefully,

Jackie Sullivan
6832 Gleason Road, Edina

September 6, 2014

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

Mr. Hovland

I am writing regarding the use of the Fred Richards golf course. I appreciate you have had open dialogue regarding its future use. Unfortunately, I couldn't be at one meeting I saw scheduled. Therefore, I am writing to let my preference be known.

I have a long history in Edina. I lived in Edina Morningside Area from 1966 -1984. I was the closing principal at Morningside and Cahill School. Next, I have lived on Cahill Road in two different complexes. I was on the committee who helped plan the Edina Senior Center. We traveled to many communities to see other models. I still remain active at the Edina Senior Center.

Just before retiring, I took up painting. My first classes were at the Edina Art Center. I would look for a class offered on Saturday. That is what has lead to my passion. I primarily paint in watercolor. I find that the Edina Art Center classes no longer meet my needs. I use to travel to Minnetonka Art Center, now I go to the Phipps Museum in Hudson, Wisconsin. Yes, I drive to Hudson every Thursday to paint with other painters. We have become known as the TMP's (the Thursday Morning Painters.) The only requirement for those who come is that they become a member of the Museum. The painting room is the largest I know of in the metropolitan area. We are welcomed at the Phipps and recently were given a chance to put up our own art show for six weeks. In the winter, I go to Florida, and belong to two art centers. One is a small one room beach house which the members manage, the other a huge complex like a campus. In telling you this, I have learned what makes a good art center.

I think Edina needs to rethink the present art center. I was on the Board of the art center in Northfield at one time. The building was donated for an art center like Edina. A great deal of money was spent over the years to make it useable. It probably still is not what they would like it to be. They like Edina have no room to grow and serve all the arts.

Therefore, I would like you to put a new art center on the list of uses for the Fred Richards golf course. It gives Edina an opportunity to be a multi-purpose art center similar to the building in Hudson. Even though Hudson has a great facility, they are raising capital funds to make it better. The Hudson facility includes theater, dance studio, pottery, art, galleries, gift shop, office space, meeting room and more. It would be worth your while to look at the facility which is four stories. Here is an opportunity for Edina to really show they care about the arts. You only have one opportunity to use this space wisely. Over other suggestions, this would be used for all ages all year around with plenty of parking. Take your time in making this decision.

I would like to be notified if you are having another meeting about the usage of the golf course. I don't always get an Edina Sun newspaper. If you would like to talk further with me, please know I would be happy to meet with you.

Sincerely,



Mary Hertogs

CC: John Keprios

Heather Branigin

From: Jackie Prince <j.m.prince@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 12:17 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Thank you!

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I was so proud to be an Edinan last Monday night. Thank you for your vote to approve 66 West youth housing. I know it was a difficult decision, but I think over the years we as a city will be very glad that type of supportive youth housing is built there in the TCF building.

Sincerely,
Jackie Prince

Heather Branigin

From: Nancy and Peter Killilea <pkandnb@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 12:27 PM
To: Chad Millner
Cc: joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; swensonann1@gmail.com; Edina Mail; Ross Bintner
Subject: Input on Acres DuBois Alternative Development Plan
Attachments: Acres Dubois Plan[1].docx

Chad,

Please find our position following last Thursday's community meeting attached.

Regards,

Pete and Nancy Killilea

4236 Lynn Ave
Edina, MN 55416

September 7, 2014

Chad Milner
Engineering Director, City of Edina
7450 Metro Blvd.
Edina, MN 55439

Chad,

We appreciate you and Ross taking the time to explain the approved and alternative plans for Acres DuBois. As you experienced at the meeting, there is a lot of emotion regarding the project. The approved plan has issues including the dramatic loss of mature trees. The alternative plan as presented at the meeting has tangible benefits for immediate neighbors, the broader Morningside community and the city relative to the approved plan.

The benefits of the alternative plan include:

- **Improvement to Edina's storm water management plan at minimal cost to the city.** – The flooding issues in the Weber Park area have been documented and the alternative plan will help to mitigate the problem. We understand that other than this opportunity, the city has no plans to address the problem. If the city were to take action and bear the full burden of the cost, it would be significantly more expensive than the proposed alternative in which City Homes, the developer of Acres DuBois, is responsible for the majority of the costs. It would be irresponsible for the city to forego such an opportunity.
- **Preservation of significantly more mature trees in the development area.** After having spent many hours in Planning Commission and City Council meetings regarding this development, we were surprised and disappointed to learn recently that the approved plan required the preservation of only ten trees throughout the 3+ acre area. The initial presentation to the Planning Commission indicated more than 90 trees would be saved and the latest plan discussed in one of the public forums included more than 80 trees to be protected. In addition, the inclusion of underwater storage tanks and the highly invasive nature of installing these were not discussed in these forums. The city has a responsibility to ensure this area is developed in a manner consistent with the area and protecting only 10 trees in an area this size is neglectful of this duty.
- **Transformation of Open Lot 6 to more useable space.** The topography of this space and, until recently the vegetation, significantly limits the use of this area. A flat, landscaped area will be more functional and serve the area better than the current space.

Another factor contributing to the emotions related to this issue is the management of Open Lot 6 during the construction of 4234 Lynn (the house immediately to the south of the lot). The misuse of the space and poor communication between the city and residents during that project created a lack of trust which has carried over to the Acres DuBois project and discussions regarding the alternative plan. Unfortunately, the initial communication regarding the alternative plan did not help this situation.

Two key concerns with the alternative plan were voiced during the meeting. However, both are based more on emotion than the facts that were presented.

1. Residents in immediate proximity to open lot 6 were concerned that the installation of underground water storage tanks and changes to the topography of the lot would increase the flood risk to their homes. The engineering experts (yourself included) indicated the project would not change the flood risk to these homes based on the construction plan and relative heights of the water table in the lot and their homes. If that is true, the unfounded fears of a small group should not derail the opportunity to improve the plan and benefit the broader neighborhood and city.
2. Another concern was that installing water storage tanks on the lot precludes future action by the city which may enable even greater improvement to the storm water management plan. The adage of a bird in hand is worth two in the bush is apt relative to this concern. Without any plans for such action in the city's long range plan and given funding priorities across the city this possibility is remote at best.

Despite the high emotions regarding this development, we should be making fact based decisions. We do not contend the alternative proposal a perfect plan. However, based on the information presented at the meeting, it is clearly superior to the approved plan.

Regards,

Peter and Nancy Killilea

Cc: Edina City Council Members, Ross Bintner, City of Edina Environmental Engineer

Heather Branigin

From: Kay Bochert <kbochert@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 1:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 66 West

Thank you for voting to include 66 West in our city.

Kay Bochert

Heather Branigin

From: Timothy J. Rudnicki <RudnickiLaw@q.com>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 1:40 PM
To: Scott H. Neal
Cc: Chad Millner; James Hovland; Edina Mail; Joni Bennett; Ann Swenson; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Josh Sprague; Stacie Christensen
Subject: Re: City Homes - Acres DuBois

Mr. Neal -

I appreciate your reply; however, the City of Edina remains unresponsive to related information requests as presented in the email message dated August 20, 2014, and at a meeting convened by the developer on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at Weber Park. Consequently, Ms. Stacie Christensen, from the Minnesota Department of Administration, Information Policy Analysis Division, has been engaged in this matter and copied on this message.

Although the City of Edina has already approved the development project (Plan A), which will purportedly contain stormwater on the private property of the development and thereby use infiltration through many layers of soil so as to treat the runoff, now the developer seeks approval to use public property (open space at the bottom of the hill at Littel and Lynn Avenue) for stormwater retention (Plan B).

The City Engineer presented the case for the developer and opined on the merits of Plan B. Plan B has the potential to adversely impact home values and homes along Lynn Avenue, from Littel Street to 42nd Street and to Weber Park. Dozens of residents attended the meeting and, but for a couple of individuals, presented a broad range of questions seeking information and answers to understand the full implications of Plan B. Despite repeated requests for information, especially since the City Engineer already formed various opinions, the City failed to produce relevant and meaningful documents and information as requested.

Given the profound implications associated with the "Plan B", I once again respectfully renew an information request:

1. Please provide, via email, the complete audio recording, or transcript, of the meeting that was held on September 4, in the Weber Park Building.
2. Please provide copies (PDF files) of all plans, exhibits and other graphs and charts and any other written materials that have been used by the City Engineer to form an opinion about "Plan B".

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rudnicki
952.915.1505

On 8/21/2014 11:39 AM, Scott H. Neal wrote:

Good Morning Tim –

In response to your questions, I offer you the following:

1. Please provide me, via email, with the complete audio recording, or transcript, of the meeting that was held on August 14 in the Edina Public Works Building.

SHN>>> I did not attend the August 14 meeting, but I'm sure there was no audio recording, which also means there can be no transcript.

2. Please clarify for me, was the meeting conducted by the City of Edina or City Homes?

SHN>>> The meeting was conducted at a municipal facility conducted jointly by the City of Edina and City Homes.

3. Was the letter regarding the meeting on August 14 drafted by the City of Edina or the developer, City Homes?

SHN>>> It is my understanding the letter was drafted by City Homes, but reviewed by City staff.

4. Please provide me with copies (PDF files) of all plans, exhibits and other graphs and charts and any other written materials that were used or presented at the meeting at issue on August 14.

SHN>>> I have copied City Engineer Chad Millner on this email. Chad was directly involved in this matter. He can also provide you with the documentation that you have requested.

Scott



Scott H. Neal, City Manager

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From: Timothy J. Rudnicki [<mailto:RudnickiLaw@q.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 7:20 AM

To: Scott H. Neal

Subject: City Homes - Acres DuBois

Hello Scott!

It seems there was some meeting held on Aug. 14 regarding Acres DuBois and a proposed change in development plan presented by City Homes.

I opted to prep for and go to my EEC meeting rather than the Acres DuBois meeting since a letter with the name City Homes at the bottom states "There are no changes proposed...."

Yet, after speaking with folks, I find the meeting might have included some proposed changes.

Can you help me fill in the blanks?

1. Please provide me, via email, with the complete audio recording, or transcript, of the meeting that was held on August 14 in the Edina Public Works Building.
2. Please clarify for me, was the meeting conducted by the City of Edina or City Homes?
3. Was the letter regarding the meeting on August 14 drafted by the City of Edina or the developer, City Homes?
4. Please provide me with copies (PDF files) of all plans, exhibits and other graphs and charts and any other written materials that were used or presented at the meeting at issue on August 14.

Thank you.

Tim Rudnicki
952-915-1505

Heather Branigin

From: Todd Olson <todd@metrocitiesmn.org>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 2:03 PM
To: Todd Olson
Subject: RE: 2014 Transportation and General Government Policy Committee Members

Thank you all for a great committee this year. Below is the new water policy we passed today. Please review and let me know if you feel I didn't capture your intent in the new changes. Thanks again and we hope to see you at the Policy Adoption meeting on November 13th.

2-Q WATER SUPPLY –(NEW POLICY)

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

The aquifers in the metropolitan area cross municipal boundaries and therefore require a coordinated regional approach to planning for their future availability. Currently, approximately 75% of municipal water supply in the metropolitan area comes from groundwater. With proper management of the resource, the current water supply in the region is adequate; however, Metropolitan Council projections predict localized declines in aquifer availability due to population growth estimates if current usage levels are maintained.

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

Municipal water suppliers have made significant infrastructure investments in their systems based on calculated water availability and DNR permits. Proposals to reduce the reliance on groundwater by switching municipal water systems from groundwater to surface water supplies will come with significant costs that could place excessive burdens on local resources.

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

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

Metro Cities supports the removal of barriers to wastewater re-use, improved inter-agency coordination, clarifying the appropriate 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. Metro Cities also

encourages the Met Council to find ways to re-use wastewater and to develop other strategies as a means to improve conservation.

Metro Cities supports the availability of state funds for costs associated with converting water supply from groundwater to surface water, and funds to encourage and promote water conservation as a strategy to improve water sustainability and to improve and protect water quality.

Heather Branigin

From: USCM/Tom Cochran <actionalert=usmayors.org@mail200.atl21.rsgsv.net> on behalf of USCM/Tom Cochran <actionalert@usmayors.org>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 5:48 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Mayoral Sign-On Letter to Congress calling for Reauthorization of Ex-Im Bank Before Expiration on 9/30



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FAX (202) 293-2352
URL: www.usmayors.org

TO: The Mayor

FROM: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

Today, we sent a letter to Congressional Leaders signed by USCM Leadership Mayors, calling on Congress to reauthorize the Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank of the United States before its charter expires on September 30, 2014.

[The letter, with all mayoral signatories to date, is available for download and review here.](#)

Without support from Ex-Im, businesses in cities nationwide will face little or no financing alternatives, putting U.S. jobs in jeopardy.

[Click here to add your name to this very important letter.](#)

We plan to resend it to the Hill to demonstrate the broad base of support for the Ex-Im bank among the mayors from cities both large and small, suburban and urban. During the 82nd USCM Annual Meeting in Dallas this past June where nearly 300 mayors convened, we unanimously adopted a resolution in support for Ex-Im Bank's Reauthorization.

If you have any questions, please contact Lina Garcia at: lgarcia@usmayors.org or (202) 341-6113 or Dave Gatton at: dgatton@usmayors.org or (202) 861-6712.

Heather Branigin

From: Kathy <oconnellgang@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 10:09 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: Planning commission

To the Mayor and the city council,

Would you also respond to my questions listed below? Particularly , is there a comprehensive plan the city is following? It appears as if the decisions are made independently of each other, are not taking into consideration of how this is changing the dynamics of the city.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy <oconnellgang@comcast.net>
Date: September 8, 2014 at 9:56:52 PM CDT
To: "cteague@EdinaMN.gov" <cteague@EdinaMN.gov>
Subject: Planning commission

Mr. Teague,

Please pass this along to the planning commission, and answer any of the questions you are able to answer.

A special insert in the recent Sun Current titled "Edina: Edition" showcased a map of the most recent commercial development in Edina. Quite the graphic, showing almost exclusively all the development will or is taking place in the southeast section of town. Out of curiosity, I pulled up the current school district boundaries. From the two maps, it became clear to me that 860 new housing units are going into the Cornelia school section of the district. This raises questions from me that I would expect the school board is currently addressing. So here I go.

- 1) Has the district been made aware of this significant population that will be impacting the school population?
- 2) Has the city planning commission been working with the school district?
- 3) What role has the district been playing in the planning of the new development?
- 4) One of the developments at France and 72nd is still under proposal, adding 200 housing units. Is the district currently engaging in planning and discussions on this property?
- 5) Does the planning commission have a student population projection based on the type of housing that is being added to the district? And are they working with the district to address the potential impact?
- 6) Has there been a study of the traffic impacts of 860 new housing units in such a small geographic area?
- 7) Does the planning commission have a strategic plan on increasing the housing in such a high density way, and if so, is there a public procedure to advance such a plan?

Please respond with answers.

Sincerely,
Tom O'Connell

Heather Branigin

From: Phil Mero <phil.mero@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 11:55 PM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net
Cc: Edina Mail; Monica Mero
Subject: 4419 Grimes Avenue
Attachments: IMAG1761.jpg

Hello Joni-

Phil Mero here, I live at 4501 Grimes Avenue. REFINED recently purchased the house (lot) 1 house to the north. They took the house down today, and are preparing to raze essentially the entire yard. Trust me, the house had to go, BUT the yard does should not be completely cleared. I am reaching out because in 2010 our want for a variance was almost denied due to the former owner and her concern for 1 of the pine trees. The council at the time was very concerned about preserving our URBAN Canopy, so much so that it came down to a 3-2 vote thankfully in our favor. Since that time, we have come very attached to the amazing trees that are on that lot. This is one of the most mature lots in the area, home to 3 80+ year old, and 50+ foot tall pine trees. One white pine in particular is one of the most amazing trees you will ever see. (photo attached) This tree belongs along the shores of Lake Vermillion, and now it is going to find it's fate at the hands of a builder so that the new home owners can put in a pool.

The fact that a historic neighborhood like Morningside can fall victim to a plethora of 'carpetbagger' builders (I know Porter is from Edina, West Edina) and quickly become 'Edina Praire' is a travesty. The house next to 4419 is the 'Turret House', built just prior to our addition in 2010. The family who built the house lived in it for less than 2 years. Since moving in 2011, the house has been a habitual rental, having been on and off the market for over 2 years. This house WILL NOT SELL.

Overnight, almost 100 years of rich, mature community is being blitzkrieged at such an enormous cost to the rich landscape. Unfortunately it is happening on your watch. Not a legacy I would want to uphold.

As longtime Edina residents, how can YOU help US preserve what makes this part of Edina sooo special.

I do appreciate your quick response to this sincere plea for assistance.

Phil and Monica Mero
4501 Grimes Avenue
8 year residents (Monica grew up in Country Club)

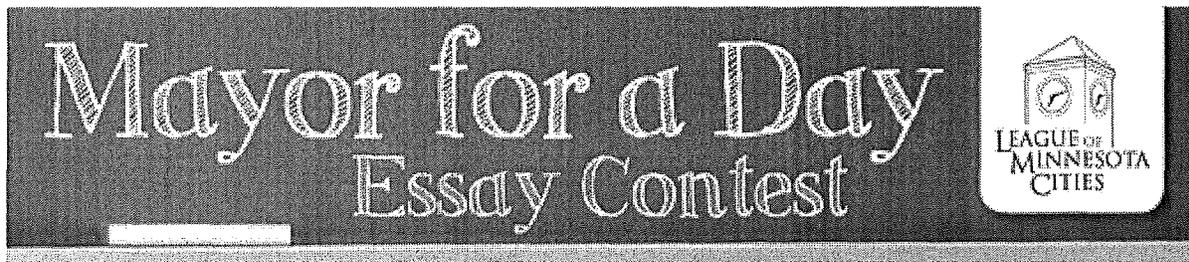
Phil Mero
612.963.0852

Heather Branigin

From: League of Minnesota Cities <members=lmc.org@mail46.atl31.mcdlv.net> on behalf of League of Minnesota Cities <members@lmc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 10:44 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Essay Contest Now Open for Students in Your City!

Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders...

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Give the Kids in Your City a Voice!

How would your city be different if elementary school students were the leaders?
Now's your chance to find out!

The League of Minnesota Cities is hosting a "Mayor for a Day" essay contest for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. ***Please help us spread the word to students through your local schools, teachers, libraries, councilmembers, media, and parents!***

The contest asks students to focus on one city service—be it fire, parks and rec, or police—and reflect on how they would improve it for your community. We will choose three winners who will be awarded \$100 and have their essays published in *Minnesota Cities* magazine.

Access the entry form on LMC's website at www.lmc.org/mayorforaday. Please share this link with others—and we also hope you will consider publishing it on your city's website and/or including it in the next issue of your city newsletter.

Entries must be handwritten and postmarked no later than October 15, 2014.

Questions?

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From: mjoas@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 1:31 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Joas, Margaret
Subject: Sewer Back up June 19

Dear Mayor Hovland and Honorable Council Members,

Bill and I send you a packet of information and photos regarding our house and the sewer back up in our home on June 19. It has been over three weeks since we sent you the packet of information and we have heard from no one regarding this matter. I repeat, no one has contacted us regarding our financial situation of having to pay out \$7,500 for our insurance deductible.

The lack of initiative on a response back to us from you, Edina city leaders or staff, is not acceptable. Mayor Hovland, please call us at 952-935-1081 as we would like to set me a meeting with you to discuss our situation.

Thank you,

Margaret and Bill Joas
6409 Biscayne Boulevard
Edina, MN 55436

Heather Branigin

From: USCM/Tom Cochran <actionalert=usmayors.org@mail140.atl121.mcsv.net> on behalf of USCM/Tom Cochran <actionalert@usmayors.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2014 3:14 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Register Now: Community Policing and Ports Meetings in Little Rock, October 8 - 10 -- President Clinton Confirmed



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TO: The Mayor

FROM: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

I write to invite you to join us in Little Rock October 8 - 10 for two important Conference of Mayors meetings. On October 8 - 9 we will hold a meeting on community policing at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center. On October 9 - 10 the Conference's Task Force on Ports and Exports will meet. Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola will be our host for both.

Space is limited, so please register for the meeting and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Registration and hotel information for both meetings are available on line at <http://usmayors.org/LittleRock2014>. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Capital Hotel. **Rooms must be confirmed with the Hotel by Friday, September 12.** Please direct questions regarding registration and hotel, to the Conference's Conventions Manager, Carol Edwards, at cedwards@usmayors.org or (202) 861-6747.

October 8 - 9: Making Cities Safe Through Community Policing: A Meeting of Mayors and Police Chiefs at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center

The meeting will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the COPS Program and Office, examine the current state of community policing in cities, and provide information on promising practices which you can employ today and in the future to make your city safer. This meeting will also provide us a timely opportunity to discuss lessons learned from the tragedy that

occurred in Ferguson and its aftermath. **Mayors are encouraged to bring their police chiefs to the meeting.**

The meeting will be a mix of presentations by mayors and police chiefs about exemplary efforts to address key problems and addresses by prominent officials. **President Clinton is confirmed to address the gathering on Wednesday morning.** We also expect that one of the top officials at the Justice Department will be present, along with COPS Office Director Ron Davis. The meeting will begin at 8:00am on Wednesday, October 8 and conclude at 11:00am on Thursday, October 9. Questions on this meeting should be directed to the Conference's Public Safety Director Laura DeKoven Waxman at lwaxman@usmayors.org or (202) 489-7534.

October 9 - 10: Ports and Exports Task Force Meeting

Beginning immediately following the COPS meeting on Thursday, October 9, the U.S. Conference of Mayors Task Force on Ports and Exports, chaired by Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, will hold a meeting to highlight how the recently passed Water Resources Reform Development Act will affect funding of sea and inland port development, and to announce major initiatives and new partnerships to expand exports in cities and their metro regions. The meeting will focus particularly on the unique role inland ports play in the nation's transportation system. Our host will be Task Force Vice-Chair Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola. The meeting will take place at the Capital Hotel, beginning with a luncheon on October 9 and concluding with a luncheon on October 10. Questions on this meeting should be directed to Dave Gatton at dgatton@usmayors.org or (202) 861-6712.

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Heather Branigin

From: Jane Lonquist <jjlonquist@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Joyce Repya
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Following up from HPB meeting

Good morning, Joyce,

I want to thank and congratulate you and the board for your efficient and intelligent handling of the three COAs for Country Club last night. Will you please pass this note along to the HPB volunteers, including the two great student representatives? I am copying the mayor and city council to let them know that the neighborhood is pleased that the new guidelines we established together in 2008 to protect the Historic Country Club District are working.

First, an observation: The guidance that I heard quoted from Robert Vogel on 4511 Browndale sets up a very different -- and much higher -- standard for protection than the POT specifies. If 4511 Browndale had been a Tudor style built in 1942 would the conversation have gone differently? Under Vogel's guidance it may well have. Under the POT it shouldn't. I am glad that you as staff helped the board follow the guidelines. I suspect you will need to do so again in the future if Mr. Vogel's pontifications wander away from the rules.

Second, a question: The COA Requirements say that applications are due three weeks ahead of the HPB meeting. I learned after the meeting that the adjacent neighbors received notice of the application last Wednesday, less than a week before the meeting. The Requirements and Process document says that the neighboring property owners will be notified of the COA. Are there any stated deadlines for when this must happen?

Thank you,
Jane Lonquist
4510 Drexel Avenue
952-926-3725

September 8, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I noticed orange markings coming across Fred Richards golf course to the cul de sac on Kellogg Avenue. The markings, from Kellogg, go south along the west side of the practice putting green and then south again causing the regional trail to go from east to north directly into the Kellogg cul de sac. I called Three Rivers Park District and spoke to Jason regarding the Nine Mile Creek Trail. I was then informed that it was Edina who had suggested they look at this new path for the trail. According to this representative, it was not the Three Rivers Park District's original proposal for the path of the trail. All routes until this time had gone east on 77th, and then went north along Parklawn. One route showed it going across the bridge that now goes to the ninth hole tee-off. Apparently now Edina has proposed the trail travel through what is now Fred Richards golf course and join the trail at the Kellogg cul de sac with Edina's trail going east to Parklawn. I am concerned that this will cause more traffic on Kellogg and parking of cars on Kellogg because this then creates a terminal point for access to the trail. Access to the north side of the park will be the cul de sac on Kellogg. This is inevitable. But, I would prefer that we not design in additional features that draw any more activity, parking, etc., to the north side of the park adjacent to our single family homes. All designs shown to date showed the trail on the south side and far east portions of the new park. Buffering the existing Edina trail will be exceedingly difficult not only in the single-family home neighborhood of Kellogg, but also near-impossible where it is within 5 feet of the property line of the apartment at 4380 Parklawn and approximately 50 feet from the apartment's bedroom windows on that side. The route of the trail over the existing 9th hole bridge, and then to Parklawn, makes a lot more sense from a buffering point of view.

This new route was not suggested nor presented in any of the public meetings. The other trail routes proposed by Three Rivers were all shown, and I did not hear any negative comments regarding those routes. Why would you now deviate to yet another potentially negative proposal?

Sincerely,



Art Lowell
7505 Kellogg Avenue S.
Edina, MN 55435

Heather Branigin

From: jjaaa5@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Scott H. Neal
Subject: Fwd: Edina

Mayor Hovland,

I sent the attached email to Mr Neal. In hindsight I feel that I should have sent it to you. The step that Edina is considering by creating a Conflict of Interest policy could be an example to others on how to avoid political battles that damage the image of some cities. I would, however, encourage you to consider a broader ethics package (please see below) to truly protect the city. If Common Cause Minnesota can assist you in this effort, please let us know.

Jerry Franck, Chair
Common Cause Minnesota

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

From: jjaaa5 <jjaaa5@aol.com>
To: sneal <sneal@EdinaMN.gov>
Sent: Sat, Aug 30, 2014 11:19 am
Subject: Edina

Mr Neal,

I am pleased to see that the city of Edina is considering a Conflict of Interest policy. To do so is to be proactive and help prevent battles that can tarnish a city's image. I would like to take is opportunity to request you consider a couple of other steps that can help prevent problems:

Nepotism

The county of Winona has an excellent nepotism policy example.

[http://www.co.winona.mn.us/sites/winonacounty.new.rschooltoday.com/files//pol104 - nepotism.pdf](http://www.co.winona.mn.us/sites/winonacounty.new.rschooltoday.com/files//pol104_-_nepotism.pdf)

Revolving Door

Require a two year cooling off period before people leaving the City can become a lobbyist and use their influence to achieve an objective that may or may not be the ideal result for the city.

Gift prohibition

Strong restrictions on accepting gifts.

If we can help, please let us know.

Jerry Franck
Chair, Common Cause Minnesota

Policy: Nepotism Policy

Section:1.04

**Winona County Personnel
Policies and Procedures**

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Date Approved by the County Board: 10/26/10

Policy

Winona County is committed to a policy of employment and advancement based on qualifications and merit and does not discriminate in favor of or in opposition to the employment of relatives.

Due to potential for perceived or actual conflicts, such as favoritism or personal conflicts from outside the work environment which can be carried into the daily working relationships, the following restrictions apply to the hiring or employing of relatives. Relatives of persons currently employed may be hired only if they will not be working directly for or supervising a relative or will not occupy a position in the same line of authority where employees can initiate or participate in decisions involving a direct benefit to the relative. Such decisions include but are not limited to hiring, retention, transfer, promotion, wages, and leave requests.

This policy applies to all current and potential employees.

Family member is defined as one of the following: relationships by blood – parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, first cousin; and relationships by marriage – husband, wife (as defined by the state law), stepparent, stepchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, spouse/partner of any of the above and cohabitating couples/significant others.

Prior to the employment offer the immediate supervisor must complete a signed statement certifying that he/she is not hiring a relative. Failure to submit the signed statement will result in the delay of the job offer until the statement is submitted.

The hiring supervisor is responsible for ensuring policy compliance. Department heads are responsible for monitoring changes in employee reporting relations after initial hire to ensure compliance with this policy. Employees are responsible for reporting any changes immediately to their supervisor.

If any employee, after employment, enters into one of the above relationships, one individual must seek a transfer or a change in the reporting relationship. Such changes must be approved by the Personnel Director. If a decision cannot be made among the affected employees within 14 days, reassignment will be made upon direction of the department head and the Personnel Director.

No exception to this policy will be made without the written consent of the County Administrator.

Heather Branigin

From: Eugene Persha <epersha@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 9:50 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Grandview's Developers' Initial Proposals

To: Members of City Council, City Manager, Planning Dept., and Economic Development Dept.

From: Gene Persha

Date: September 10, 2014

Topic: Grandview Development

After watching, participating in the Grandview I Community Advisory Team, and looking at many depictions and ideas for redeveloping the Grandview site for over five years, I have some observations and recommendations.

- 1) The "Final Four" developers, it seemed to me, did not read either Grandview I's report closely, or did not have any idea of what the "desired end result" was to be, or just not really cognizant of the difficulties for development as delineated by the Grandview II team.
- 2) Very little reference, specific reference, was made to the work of Grandview I and II.
- 3) If one looks at all four presentations by the "Final Four", it is apparent the civic, the public purpose of this site, has been lost.
- 4) To me, there was a total lack of creativity for developing this site. Nothing stood out.
- 5) The central focus, as presented by the "Final Four", was highrise apartment buildings towering over everything else, even the postage stamp size green space/public plaza.
- 6) The terrain of the land was really not taken into account or used in an effective way, especially at the bottom of the hill on Eden Avenue. Perhaps, this area could have a higher structure because of the topography. I do not think anyone in our Grandview I group envisaged the largeness of possible apartment buildings as this, and even in the location depicted.
- 7) Once again, clear sight lines, blockages of light, shadowing, over densifying a small area, just overwhelms this small space.
- 8) Not one developer gave a large chunk of land to either a public building, public square, or even a park and ride facility which was never really depicted in any form.
- 9) The emphasis by every developer was to squeeze as much revenue out of the Grandview site on their unwarranted assumption of their total ownership and control. The proposals were none other than proposals to make money, and not a plan to fit the city's needs, yet alone expectations for this land.
- 10) Note: the Community/Public Building appears as an "add on" really with no connection by shape and form to the proposed apartment buildings, the chief structures here.
- 11) Where are the amenities such as walk paths, a bicycle corridor, flower gardens, tree preserves, and some break up of the concrete structural look? The visitors need and outdoor utilitarian use also. It is a city-wide use area!
- 12) The bus garage is always mentioned(that elusive future desirable), but there never is even a suggestion how to deal with it? I will give one: Use city money and financing, with TIF funds to help get the school district get a new facility in the limited areas it might go within the city.

13) Covering the railroad tracks or building over them just will not happen without a tremendous financial encumbrance. The railroads have pre-eminent rights historically as few private entities have today. A better suggestion would be to make a more functional bridge over the tracks by Davanni's and across from the Edina Liquor Store. Has any one of our developers asked the railroad to help partner a new crossing over the tracks?

14) Notice, there were no step downs or step ups in the building heights. Maybe the contour of the land might lend itself to some of this type of design.

15) There was any over emphasis on apartment buildings at the expense of everything else.

16) There was no mention of trying to buy or partner with the owner of the "building on stilts" at the base of Eden Avenue. What would the owner get in return? Maybe some city help to make this a more comprehensive and wholistic designed area?

17) Did you notice that one of the developers proposed an outdoor swimming pool? Did this group even consider a possible joint use in a community center? Anyway, there is no green space given instead of the pool area. Everything is tailored to building tenants.

18) What about a reconfiguration of the roadways and access roads that are adjacent to Hyw. 100? According to Grandview I, that definitely had possibilities.

19) Can't we easily destroy an area with over density and building size and decreased livability and community use when we pack it all in Grandview?

20) Developers like to use the city's small projected green space here, or better yet, Our Lady of Grace's green space for their front yard, but they minimize their contribution to this, and surely for the public realm. Their obligations and needs are met by others.

21) I think we need some competition for "best design" for this area rather than turn this into one commercial venture where that is the visible emphasis.

Every developer should submit (an actual sketch plan) in three contexts: A) bigger development-1/2 of the area for a building/s B) major public/community building C) one half green space area which could even include a utilitarian green roof over a park and ride or parking ramp naturalized.

22) After three different plans with different emphases are submitted, they could be rated by meeting the "desired future objectives." If you have seen an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and I am not suggesting one, but they have alternatives with perceived attributes and deficiencies listed. Out of this comes a "preferred alternative." I have always liked the format of this since things are spelled out. It also serves as a good comparison document. They can be scored, ranked, or rated for appropriateness for the area.

23) We need some innovative ventures put forward for Grandview. We have limits, but we do have some real possibilities for something different. How can we do something different because of the location?

24) We must never forget what I call "the carrying capacity" for this small parcel of land. There has to be a definable limit how much can be put into the Grandview site.

25) None of the developers talked about costs. Interesting! We need cost estimates for various components of things that could be put in at Grandview. We need to understand reality here, and see what is possible with the funds made available in a whole variety of ways.

26) We are not subsidizing a developer: we are subsidizing our city's interests.

27) Lastly, I suggest new guidelines modeled after the Grandview I design and the Grandview II "wants and objections". This would be coupled with input from the Planning Commission, City Council, City Staff, and most importantly the general public. Lay out the best designs in the three categories, critique them, and then let anyone do their own sketch plan or modification of what they see keeping in mind the real financial constraints of what things cost.

28) We cannot throw this piece of property up for grabs so a developer first and foremost wants to make the maximum amount tailored toward their interests. The developer plans need to fit into

prescribed guidelines in the fashion as I suggested. There always must be that "Visible Public Purpose." That should be Guideline #1!



**Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners**

September 8, 2014

Dear Mr. James Hovland:

Penny Steele
District 1

Greetings, my name is Danny McCullough. I am the Regional Trail Manager at Three Rivers Park District and will be the new point of contact for Winter Use Permit information. I want to highlight some changes we are implementing to the Winter Use permitting process:

Jennifer DeJournett
District 2

-As of this year, we are no longer requiring City Council action for issuance of a Winter Use Permit. Cities can decide what level of approval is needed.

Daniel Freeman,
Vice Chair
District 3

- Current permits that are issued will be for the 2014-2015 season. Beginning in 2015-2016 we are planning to issue permits on a 3 year cycle.

These changes should significantly streamline the application process for both parties.

John Gunyou,
Chair
District 4

Enclosed is a copy of the 2014-2015 Winter Use Permit request form for regional trail segments located within your community. Please determine the level of winter use you are requesting, fill out the application form and follow the procedures outlined below. If your community does not plan to authorize any winter use activities, please indicate (none) in the box at the top of the permit and return it.

John Gibbs
District 5

The Winter Use Permit ultimately authorizes your City to utilize the section of trail for the use you request. Permitted activities are determined by individual communities, contingent upon Park District approval. An updated Certificate of Insurance, naming Three Rivers Park District as an additional named insured, should be submitted with the permit application, or it can be emailed directly to me. Coverage will need to show inclusive dates from November 15, 2014 through March 31, 2015. Please include your proposed rules and regulations for winter use as well.

Larry Blackstad
Appointed
At Large

Some cities have elected to pass Council actions authorizing multi-year Winter Trail Activities Permit applications. This is completely acceptable to the Park District and may save you administrative time. If your city has already pre-authorized multi-years, please submit an updated Winter Use Permit and Certificate of Insurance.

Steven E. Antolak
Appointed
At Large

As part of the attached permit, the city agrees to maintain the trail, including, but not limited to, any plowing, sweeping, sanding, packing, trash pick-up, and sign replacement, between November 15, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

Boe Carlson
Superintendent

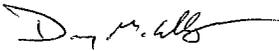
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Please send all information to my attention:

Danny McCullough
Three Rivers Park District
3000 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact me at 763-559-6746
or Dmccullough@ThreeRiversParkDistrict.org

Thank you,



Danny McCullough
Regional Trail Manager
Three Rivers Park District

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Enclosures

THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT
REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM
2014-2015 WINTER USE PERMIT

Name of City _____	City Hall Phone _____
Contact Person _____	Phone _____
Contact Person Email Address _____	
Maintenance Contact Person _____	Phone _____
Maintenance Contact Person Email Address _____	
Regional Trail From _____	to _____
Authorized 2014-2015 Winter Activities _____	
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Authorization is hereby requested from the Park District Board of Commissioners to use portions of the Regional Trail Corridor for winter use activities from November 15, 2014 through March 31, 2015, as determined by each municipality within guidelines set forth herein on District Regional Trails located within individual City boundaries.

It is understood and agreed that approval from the Park District Board of Commissioners is contingent upon the following conditions:

1. The City agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Park District, its officials, officers, agents, volunteers, and employees from any liability, claims, causes of action, judgments, damages, losses, costs or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, resulting directly or indirectly from any act or omission of the City, its respective contractors, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the City, and/or anyone for whose acts and/or omissions they may be liable for related to the winter use of the Regional Trail Corridor. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes a waiver by the City of any statutory or common law defenses, immunities, or limits on liability. The City cannot be required to pay on behalf of itself and Three Rivers Park District, any

amounts in excess of the limits on liability established in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466. If City maintains general liability insurance at the time this permit is issued, City shall provide the Park District with a Certificate of Insurance, naming Three Rivers Park District as an additional named insured.

2. The City agrees to schedule regular trash pick-up that is appropriate to the level of use expected on the permitted section(s) of trail so as not to create conditions where trash containers are overflowing or offensively odorous.
3. The City also agrees to maintain the trail, including, but not limited to, any plowing, sweeping, sanding, packing, and sign replacement, from November 15, 2014 through March 31, 2015. For ice control on aggregate trails, Cities agree to use **gray colored**, 3/8" clear limestone chips from Edward Kramer and Sons, Burnsville, MN. Edward Kramer and Sons is the only aggregate pit that supplies the buff colored limestone that has been specified for use on these trails. Paved trails can be treated with a Corrosion Inhibited/Treated Rock Salt;

(Specifications: A mixture of Regular Road Salt, Type I, Grade I, ASTM-D-632 - Modified per MN/DOT Specification, blended with a MN/DOT approved magnesium chloride-based product for anti-icing or deicing use or an approved blend of Regular Road Salt and a magnesium chloride-based product. The magnesium chloride-based product will also contain an agricultural processing residue or an alternative MN/DOT approved agent that will depress the effective working temperature and decrease corrosiveness of the overall compound as well as prevent leaching of the treating solution)

or other chemical treatments approved by the Park District. The City further agrees to immediately address all safety issues on or adjacent to trails.

4. The City will provide signage at locations approved by the Park District, notifying the public of authorized winter activities within its city limits; activities may include, but are not limited to, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, or walking. Winter use signs must be installed by the City at designated locations prior to November 15, 2014 and removed by the City no later than April 15, 2015. These signs are totally the responsibility of each municipality.
5. Snowmobiling is not allowed on Park District regional trails. Permitted use for snowmobiles will be limited to direct crossings only. The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA) does not allow snowmobiling or other motorized use within its corridors. The Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail, Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail, Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail, and the Dakota Rail Regional Trail are located on HCRRRA corridor property and permission for a snowmobile crossing of an HCRRRA corridor must be obtained from the HCRRRA prior to requesting permission from the Park District for a snowmobile crossing of the regional trail within the corridor. If a snowmobile crossing is permitted, cities must take steps to keep snowmobiles from damaging paved trails, bridges and other property.
6. The City agrees to enforce rules and regulations established by the municipality as part of its request for a Winter Use Permit.
7. The City agrees to repair all trail surface damage that occurs as a result of winter trail activities and/or maintenance, including, but not limited to, bituminous/concrete repair,

bridge deck repair, grading or adding aggregate pursuant to guidelines established by the Park District. The City shall contact the Park District prior to the start of any surface repairs, for review of proposed repair plans and authorization to proceed.

8. The City agrees that winter trail use will be available to all persons, regardless of residence.

Each City is required to submit its annual permit requests, including proposed rules and regulations, by October 15, 2014, after which the Park District may take up to 45 business days to process. Each permit request must be submitted as a result of formal City Council action, with accompanying verification, agreeing to the terms and conditions outlined by the Park District's Winter Use Permit.

The Park District reserves the right to terminate a permit at any time, if the conditions set forth herein are not followed.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

From: Cary Teague <cteague@EdinaMN.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 1:00 PM
To: James Grotz
Cc: David Fisher
Subject: RE: 5508 Dever Dr Setbacks

Jim & Lori,

The "fallback plan" needs a rear yard setback variance from 25 feet to 13.6 feet.



Cary Teague, Community Development Director

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From: James Grotz [<mailto:Jim.Grotz@RaymondJames.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 08, 2014 12:30 PM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: David Fisher
Subject: 5508 Dever Dr Setbacks

Dear Mr. Teague

Re: Edina City Code Requirements and 5508 Dever Drive Setbacks

Thank you for meeting with us on September 3, 2014 to discuss our concerns over plans which we were shown at the Neighborhood Demolition meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014 for the proposed teardown at 5508 Dever Drive, Edina. Part of our discussion centered around setbacks when a second alternative plan was presented.

1. Basic Requirements

- The lot is a corner lot, as shown below (all definitions are from Edina City Code Section 36-10)

ECC, Lot, corner, means a lot at the junction of and abutting on two or more intersecting streets, or at the point of deflection in alignment of a single street, the interior angle of which does not exceed 135 degrees.

- On a corner lot, the owner has the choice to select which is the front lot line.

ECC, Lot line, front, means the boundary of a lot having frontage on a street. The owner of a corner lot may select either frontage as the front lot line.

- You were of the opinion that the owner had the option to choose the rear lot line. We believe that it follows from the choice of front lot line.

ECC, Lot line, rear, means the boundary of a lot which is most distant from, and approximately parallel with, the front lot line.

- Once you have chosen a front line, the rear lot line is defined, and then so are the side lot lines

ECC, Lot line, side, means any boundary of a lot which is not a front or rear lot line.

2. Special Requirements

- ECC Section 36-439 provides special requirements for single family homes. Specifically 36-439 (1)e

Rear yard setback, corner lots required to maintain two front street setbacks. The owner of a corner lot required to maintain two front street setbacks may designate any interior lot line measuring 30 feet or more in length as the rear lot line for setback purposes. In the alternative, the owner of a corner lot required to maintain two front street setbacks may deem the rear lot line to be a straight line segment within the lot not less than 30 feet in length, perpendicular to a line drawn from the junction of the street frontages to the junction of the interior lot lines, the line segment being the maximum distance from the junction of the street frontages.

- 5508 is a corner lot with no adjoining interior lot. 5508 does not require two front street setbacks.
- This then requires consideration of Section 36-439 (1) b regarding side street setbacks:

Side street setback. The required side street setback shall be increased to that required for a front street setback where there is an adjoining interior lot facing on the same street. The required side street setback for a garage shall be increased to 20 feet if the garage opening faces the side street.

- There is no adjoining interior lot on Dever Drive. Therefore there is no need to maintain two front yard setbacks, and hence the owner does not have any options to choose a rear lot line as allowed in 36-439 (1) e
- We do agree with you that the front yard setback should be 46', as dictated by 46-439 (1) a 1

Established front street setback. When more than 25 percent of the lots on one side of a street between street intersections, on one side of a street that ends in a cul-de-sac, or on one side of a dead-end street, are occupied by dwelling units, the front street setback for any lot shall be determined as follows:

1. *If there is an existing dwelling unit on an abutting lot on only one side of the lot, the front street setback requirement shall be the same as the front street setback of the dwelling unit on the abutting lot.*
2. *If there are existing dwelling units on abutting lots on both sides of the lot, the front street setback shall be the average of the front street setbacks of the dwelling units on the two abutting lots.*
3. *In all other cases, the front street setback shall be the average front street setback of all dwelling units on the same side of that street.*

3. Compromise Plan submitted for 5508 Dever Drive

I have attached the PDF file we discussed and you wanted to see. The file name is: "5508 Dever compromise setback.PDF" This was sent to us from Mr. Sahara and is shown as Page 1 of his 2 page pdf file. Please carefully study page 1 of his pdf file. It shows, in red, the proposed setback lines. It also shows on the left, in a red outlined text box, "Cary responded with requirements below." The plan shows a 46.1' setback from the east. This is the front yard setback required by the adjoining lot to the north. We presume this setback shown on the east side of the lot is the owners choice to be the front lot line, as he is allowed to do as shown in Section 1 above, per City code. Then according to the City code, the west side of the lot should be the rear lot line, and the north and south sides should be the side lot lines. However, the plan shows the rear setback being taken from the north lot line, and only a side yard setback taken on the west lot line! This does not appear to comply with the City Code as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 above.

How do these setbacks comply with City Code ? How did Mr. Sahara reach the conclusion that he can take a 46.1' setback from the east lot line (presumed his front lot line) yet call the north side lot his rear lot line ?

4. "No variance" plan for 5508 Dever Drive

At the Neighborhood Demolition meeting, on Tuesday September 2, 2014, a second "fallback" plan was presented by Mr. Sahara. He and his Builders said this plan would not require any variances. See attached PDF file: "5508 fallback plan.pdf".

This fallback plan again shows a 46.1' setback from the east. We assume this is their chosen front lot line. A 25' ("rear yard") setback is shown on the north side of the house. A 13.6' ("side yard") setback is shown on the west side of the house. An additional side yard setback of 20.41' is shown on the south side of the house. This is increased from the 15" requirement as there is a driveway on the south side.

What we do not understand, when following Edina City Code, how can a side yard setback can be taken on the rear (west) lot line, with no variance required. The fallback plan shows the front lot line is on the east; therefore the rear lot line must be on the west. Cary, you said you had received this plan from Mr. Sahara. Would this plan need a variance? We believe it does according to the Edina City Code.

5. Buildable area

The area of this lot is about 11,400 square feet and code allows a building area of about 2,850 square feet. There are two buildable footprints, one with the front lot line on the east and the other with the front lot line on the south. In either case a 46.1 foot setback must be taken on the front lot line. We believe either buildable area would be about 3,000 square feet, allowing a 5,000-6,000 square foot house to be easily built.

- Would you please email us the possible two buildable footprints that can be used on this lot. When we met with you, we showed you the 2 buildable area sketches we had and you did not disagree.
- You had told us the homeowner could choose his rear lot line. Under City code "*The owner of a corner lot may select either frontage as the front lot line*". Where in the code does it state the owner of a corner lot may select their own rear lot line? We cannot find this. 5508 Dever Dr is a corner lot with no adjacent interior lot.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please notify us if or when additional plans are submitted for 5508 Dever Drive.

Sincerely,

Jim and Lori Grotz Sept. 8, 2014
5513 Park Place, Home tel # 952-926-2672
Edina, MN

Design as submitted for permit.

5508 Dever compromise setback.PDF

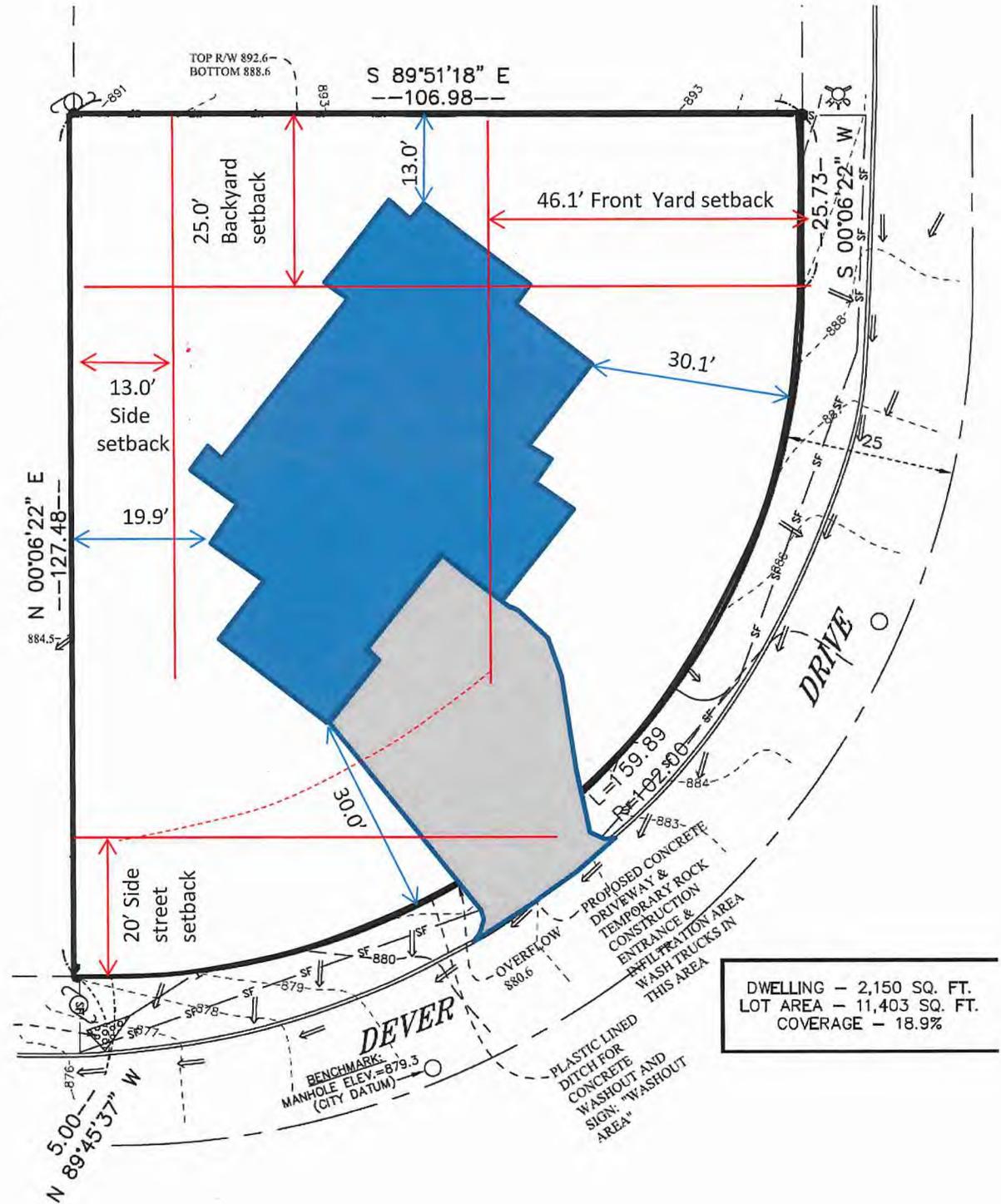
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Cary responded with requirements below.

Codes to be considered

front setback 46.1 ft. from street at east,
Side street setback 20 ft. from street at south
Backyard setback 25 ft. from north.

These requirements would push the house west and south. Meeting the 46.1 ft. setback from the east prevents measuring the 25ft. backyard setback from the western boundary.



Compromise

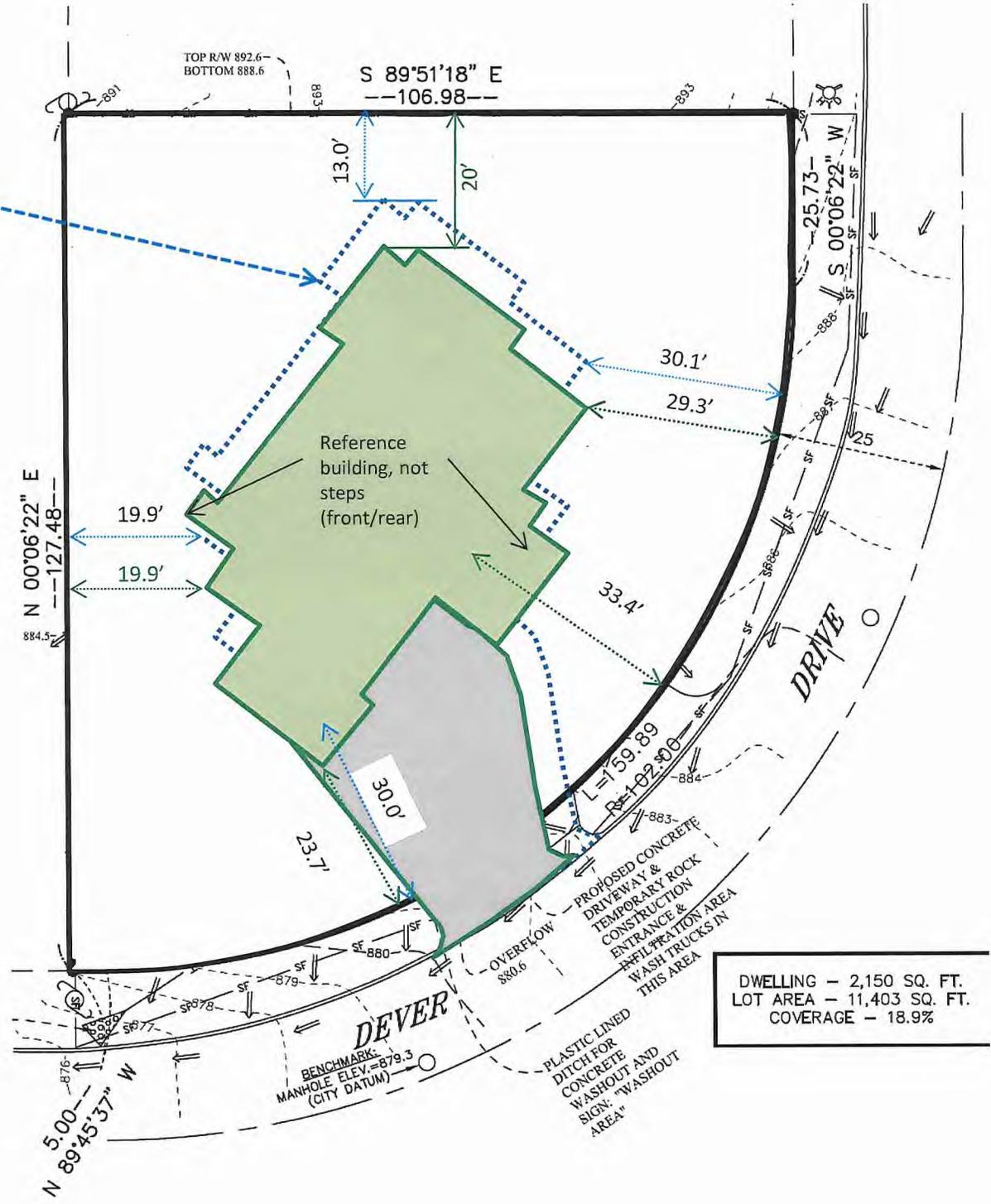
Design as submitted for permit.

5508 Dever compromise setback.PDF

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This compromise location would require a variance. It aims to balance the interests of all neighbors.

Boundary	Existing	Code	Proposed
West	18.0	13	19.9
North	4.7	25	20
East-street	38	46.1	29.3
SE-street	30.8	20	33.4
South-street	43.5	20	23.7



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SURVEY FOR: LANDMARK BUILDING CONTRACTORS

SURVEYED: August, 2013

DRAFTED: August 6, 2013

REVISED: January 2, 2014 to show proposed dwelling, related improvements, grading, drainage and erosion control details for review and approval.

REVISED: January 28, 2014 to show top and bottom retaining wall proposed elevations.

REVISED: July 3, 2014 to show lowered home.

REVISED: July 22, 2014 to show trees removed, move proposed window well to front, add erosion control text.

REVISED: August 27, 2014 to show possible placement of home to meet setback requirements for review.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Lot 2, Block 1, Sandy Pines, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

SCOPE OF WORK & LIMITATIONS:

1. Showing the length and direction of boundary lines of the above legal description. The scope of our services does not include determining what you own, which is a legal matter. Please check the legal description with your records or consult with competent legal counsel, if necessary, to make sure that it is correct, and that any matters of record, such as easements, that you wish shown on the survey, have been shown.
2. Showing the location of existing improvements we deemed important.
3. Setting new monuments or verifying old monuments to mark the corners of the property.
4. Showing elevations on the site at selected locations to give some indication of the topography of the site. The elevations shown relate only to the benchmark provided on this survey. Use that benchmark and check at least one other feature shown on the survey when determining other elevations for use on this site.

STANDARD SYMBOLS & CONVENTIONS:

"●" Denotes found iron pipe, unless otherwise noted.

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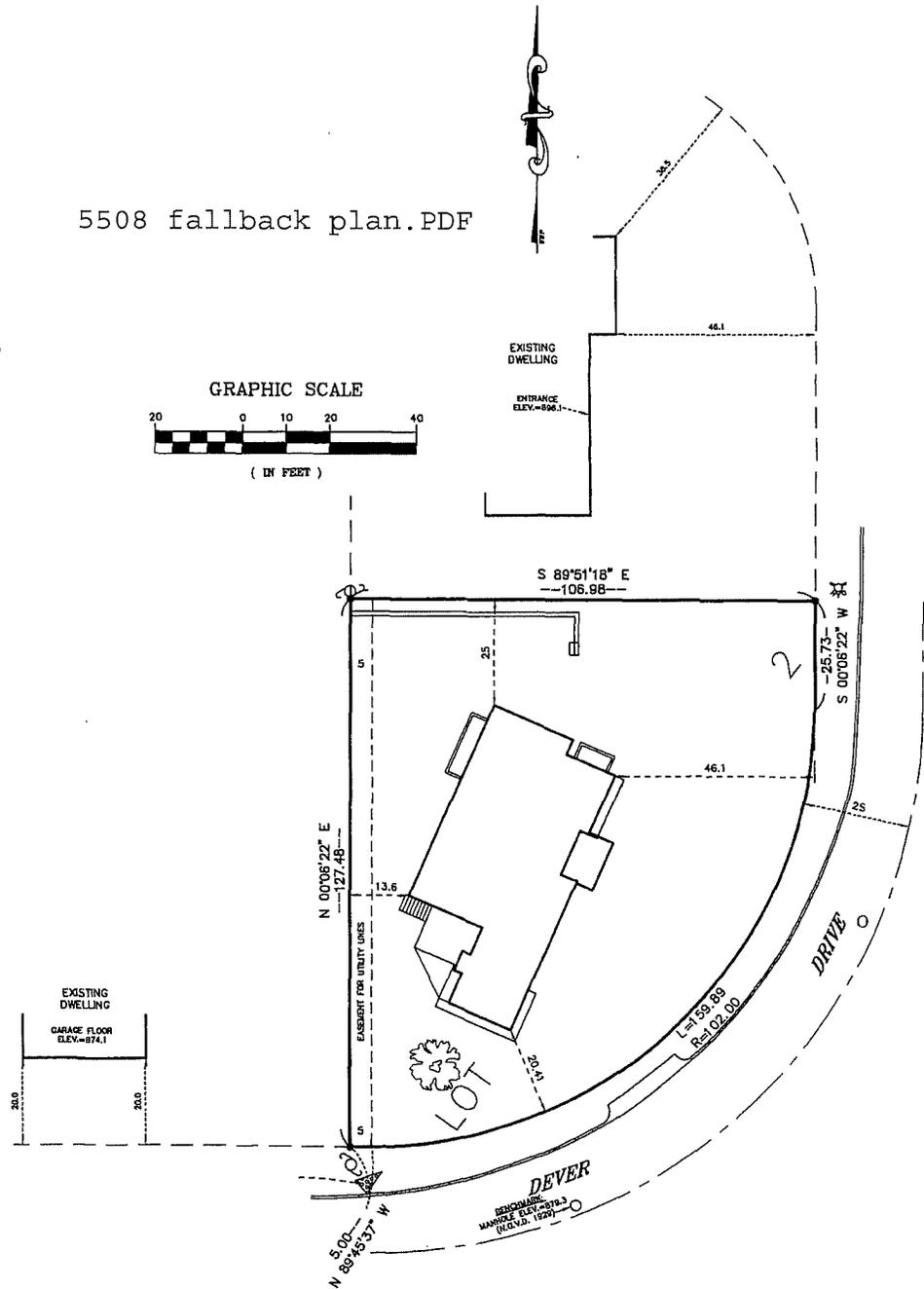
I hereby certify that this plan, specification, report or survey was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer and Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Signature: James H. Parker

Typed Name: James H. Parker

Date: August 27, 2014

Reg. No. 9235



September 8, 2014

Mr. James Hovland, Mayor

Edina City Hall

4801 W. 50th St.

Edina, MN 55435

Dear Mr. Hovland:

We, the residents of Yorktown Continental at 7151 York Ave, Edina 55435, would like to call your attention to a serious problem and ask that you do whatever is in your power to correct it as soon as possible. This is the issue:

The sidewalk between Yorktown Continental, 7151 York Ave, and Walgreens, 6975 York Ave So. is in terrible shape. This is a problem even in good weather and becomes a nightmare in rain, sleet and snow. A recent survey showed that 70 of our residents are permanently mobility challenged and 10% are temporarily mobility challenged due to surgery. That does not count those who are just slow moving due arthritis, or a bit dizzy from medications, etc. Many of our residents make the trip from our building to Walgreens several times a week.

We would greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank you.

Regards,

J. M. Brandt and the additional signers of the attached petition

8-16-14

NEED REPAIRS ON

SIDE WALK - BETWEEN WALGREENS & 125

all the way from York town to CUB ALSO TO York Ave

J.M. Brant

Residents of 7151 York Ave South

Ruth Williams

Sonya Long

Hilda

Hertie Taylor

Joyce Longfield

Inez Wong

MARY KNUITSON

Joyce Nelson

Bonnie Bell

~~John~~

Don Eichen

Kay Cook

Ann Kieffer thank you!

Wls MEYER

Bennie Brown

Therese Hughes

Harriet Fryer

Angel Vornic

Beri Lemon

Lelen Francis

~~Wanda~~

Judith Roke

Earl Holter

Ina Crumpton

Gloria Albright

Mary Fricchetti

Daniel W. Kirk

Thank you

John Brantson

Mary Alice Craig "a big thanks"

Judith Macomb - please

Sally Bingham

Rosemary Buell

Michael Beritze

Mary + Jim Petter

Eric Maeder

Beanne Rodriguez

Heather Branigin

From: Tara Tostenson <tara.tostenson@frauenshuh.com>
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To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: GrandView Phase 1 Frauenshuh Letter
Attachments: Frauenshuh_Letter_GrandView_Team.pdf

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

Please see the attached letter from David Frauenshuh in connection with the GrandView Phase 1 project.

Kind regards,

Tara Tostenson
Assistant to David Frauenshuh

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Commercial Real Estate Group

September 11, 2014

Delivered via electronic mail

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

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

In connection with our team interview with the City Council on September 2nd related to the GrandView Redevelopment Phase 1 Project, we'd like to provide you an update on our team resource plan and structure.

As you are aware, our technical planning team includes urban master planning/design (Reynolds Urban Design), public space/landscape planning (Confluence) and project management, engineering and design/build (Opus) capabilities. Our team brings a collection of local and national experience across all project types relevant to the needs and goals of the GrandView District.

We have decided to further augment our excellent team capabilities with a local design resource, Dean Dovolis of DJR Architecture. Frauenshuh, Inc. and DJR Architecture are excited to announce this integration to deliver a truly collaborative and dynamic plan that will aim to define the GrandView development as the new centerpiece district for the City of Edina and the Twin Cities region.

Once again, we are excited to join with the City of Edina, its staff and community stakeholders to begin this exciting project.

Sincerely,

David R. Frauenshuh
CEO and Founder

Heather Branigin

From: NLC - National League of Cities <nlcmail@nlc.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Let Austin Surprise You



Think you know Texas? You may be surprised by what you discover in Austin at the 2014 Congress of Cities!

Five things you may not know about this one-of-a-kind city:

1. In landmass, Austin is almost as large as New York City. You may not think “lush” when you think of Texas, But Austin’s extensive land features miles of green rolling hills, beautiful tree-lined lakes, and fields of colorful wildflowers that thrive all year round.
2. You know to expect lots of Texas BBQ, but did you know that Austin is most famous for breakfast tacos? You’ll see signs all over the city advertising Austin’s favorite all-day breakfast food, with an option for every taste!
3. Austin is consistently ranked one of America’s fittest cities—which probably has something to do with its 220 parks and running trails.
4. The Texas State Capitol is pink in color because of the “Sunset Red” granite used to build it in 1885. This remarkable structure is just a quick drive or 20-minute walk through downtown from the Convention Center.
5. Austin has a lot of interesting wildlife, but its most famous non-human population is the one million bats that live under the South Congress Bridge. At the conference, we’ll catch the end of bat season, so you might see some putting on an aerial show during your visit.

We can't think of a better place to learn new tools and strategies, exchange ideas with

local leaders, and prepare for your city's future.

Visit the website for more information, and register today for the best rate! The early bird deadline is September 30th!

Follow [@NLCEvents](#) for regular updates and information. #NLCATX



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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 12:29 PM
To: Joseph Fackel
Cc: Joseph Fackel
Subject: ICMA Annual Conference in Charlotte

Good morning,

I wanted to send a note in advance of ICMA. Our team will be in Charlotte in force discussing the value Retail Strategies is bringing to cities across the country. For too long, cities have invested in retail analysis, only to be left with reports, and no meaningful Strategy for retail recruitment. Our approach is much different – we work hand in hand with our clients from the inception of the Strategy, through development of marketing materials, outreach to retailers and developers, trade show representation, and even incentive consulting where appropriate. Retail Strategies becomes an extension of you team dedicated to bringing new retail opportunities to your residents.

If you would like to schedule a meeting, please let me know a time that is convenient, and I will make myself available to meet you. We can discuss your opportunities, along with your challenges and discuss an appropriate next step. If you are not sure of a specific time, please still drop by our booth (#248) when you have a few minutes.

Thanks for the interest, and safe travels to Charlotte!

Joe

JOSEPH FACKEL

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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2014 1:43 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: REMINDER: 2015 U.S. Conference of Mayors Education Online Playbook Now Open



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TO: The Mayor

FROM: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

On behalf of Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, Chair of the Educational Excellence Task Force and Task Force members, **I am pleased to announce that the process for submitting applications for the 2015 Education Mayors Online Playbook is now underway.** The Playbook will showcase the best education-related policies, practices, and programs that mayors are working on in cities across the country. It is reflective of the Task Force goal of eliminating the academic achievement gap and the four key areas of focus: increase access to high quality early childhood education, increase the number of high performing seats in schools, keep students on-track to graduate, and ensure students have access to and complete a post-secondary pathway.

The playbook will connect city mayors from across the country in easily sharing and accessing information about key education initiatives. It will also serve as a tool that highlights the variety of ways that you, as mayors can take action to eliminate the achievement gap in your cities, regardless of your span of control or political affiliation. Both experienced “education mayors” and mayors looking for an on-ramp into the education sphere can utilize this resource. As we all know, the quality of the public education systems in your cities is closely linked to the long-term health and well being of your economies and the competitiveness of our nation.

This is a reminder, and I strongly encourage you to submit one or more of your own education initiatives for consideration. This is a great opportunity to share some of the successful work that you and your city have accomplished. The application must be completed by city staff members representing any mayor who is a member of The U.S. Conference of Mayors. The deadline for submitting your initiative for the 2015 Online Playbook is Friday, October 3rd, 2014 at 5:00 PM EST. The initial Playbook will be released at the winter meeting in January 2015.

To learn more about the Playbook, or submit an idea, visit:
usmayors.org/educationplaybook.

If you have questions please contact Assistant Executive Director Kathy Wiggins at 202-861-6723 or kwiggins@usmayors.org.

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Cc: Patricia Brady
Subject: Fall Forum Speaker Series at St. Patrick's Church in Edina!
Attachments: fall forum 2014.pptx

Hello all,

St. Patrick's will be holding a Fall Forum Speaker Series in October! We hope that you will join us! We have put together three evenings of engaging conversations with experts from the Twin Cities! All of the events will be in St. Martin's Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The events are free and open to the public!

On October 9 we will be discussing Youth, Poverty and Affordable Housing. Some of the key players who galvanized the community to support the 66 West project will be sharing their experience with us! You will not want to miss it!

We will also have two great evenings focused on senior issues including Housing Options for Seniors on October 23 and Medicare on October 30! Often there are lots of questions about resources for seniors and it's hard to find the answers! These two evenings will feature experts who have valuable information about resources that are available for seniors and their children who may be seeking good sources of information!

You are welcome to attend one or all three evenings! Feel free to share the flyer with your friends, families and colleagues! We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Forum Series!

Best,
Maura Schnorbach
Social Justice Coordinator
Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
(952)941-3164, ext.142
mschnorbach@stpatrick-edina.org

We are inspired by you
the possibilities
and appreciate your
support. We can
change lives.
Sonya & Sharon
Salveson

Thank you!
Gary Peterson

We are
grateful for
your courageous
stand!
Adele Melita

Jim,
Thank you so
much for supporting
this for Esha.
Pam, Haren
Cecie & Valentina

Jim -
Thank you
for your leadership
Bob Korman

Thank you
for supporting
our youth
Scott
Mankin

Dear Jim -
Thank you for your vote of
support for 16 West! Amen to this!

Thank you Jim!
The Rasmussen
Families

Cathy B. Cook
Thank you for
your support for
homeless youth!
Cathy B. Cook

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Mayor Hovland-

I want to thank you for the opportunity for
Doran Companies to interview for the Grandview
Redevelopment. We are excited about the
opportunity and would love to collaborate on the
possibilities with you. We are committed to
working directly with the City and its residents
on successfully bringing this project to fruition.
Thank you for considering Doran Companies.

Thank you
Jim

Best Wishes
Kelly Doran

Members of the Edina City Council,

We are strongly opposed to the re-zoning of the TCF Bank building located at 3330 West 66th Street in Edina.

The neighborhood surrounding this building has been zoned as a regional medical zone for a reason. Creating supportive temporary housing for young homeless teenagers on one of the most expensive pieces of real estate in Edina with inadequate parking does not make sense.

Crime, as documented by police reports at Beacon's other 13 properties, would markedly increase in this unsupervised environment and have a devastating effect on our neighborhood and the Southdale Mall. Please help us protect our Medical Clinics, senior community, premier Montessori School and Southdale Mall by voting against any re-zoning for our regional medical district. There are other more cost-effective and suitable locations for our homeless teens where we could give more than 39 teens a chance!

Sincerely,
Name:

John Hultman

Date: 9/2/14

Address: 5329 Halifax Ave
EDINA, MN

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Sincerely,
Name:

Stephanie Hultman

Date: 9/2/14

Address: 5329 Halifax Ave
EDINA, MN



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MSP NOISE NEWS

A quarterly publication of the Metropolitan Airports Commission - Noise Program Office

Noise Complaints at MSP Airport

Aircraft noise complaints associated with Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) numbered 11,501 in July 2014, a 21 percent increase compared to July 2013. More than 715 households in over 25 communities submitted complaints about arriving or departing flights that they felt were operating too early or late, excessively noisy, low-flying, and/or too frequent. Ninety-three percent of these complaints were submitted by households located in Minneapolis, Edina, Eagan, Richfield, and Mendota Heights, according to the July 2014 Technical Advisor's Report.

What happens with these complaints?

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has sole authority to determine where aircraft fly and how the airspace around any airport is used. So while the Metropolitan Airports Commission owns and operates MSP and six general aviation airports in the Twin Cities

metropolitan area, MAC staff do not control air traffic operations, determine runway use or direct aircraft in flight. The MAC Noise Program Office staff do document and assess aircraft noise complaints daily and respond to anyone who requests information about aircraft activity.

Staff also collects flight tracking data and make them available online via the www.macnoise.com website (www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/flighttracker). These data help answer many questions about aircraft activity.

Aircraft noise complaints are shared with the MAC board, MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) members, aircraft operators, and community representatives and are published on the MAC Noise Program Office website (www.macnoise.com).

Operational factors such as wind and weather, the number of arrivals and departures, the time of day, construction activity and

airspace safety considerations all play a part in how air traffic controllers operate at any given time. Runway use decisions at MSP are made by air traffic controllers based upon standard air traffic control procedures (including noise abatement procedures), safety, weather, operational needs of aircraft, and environmental dynamics (e.g. glare, wildlife, wind shear, etc.). Noise complaints alone are not used by controllers for making runway use decisions, particularly since concerns exist from all areas surrounding MSP. However, complaints can be helpful when used in conjunction with operational data to corroborate specific events or to identify operational trends.

What is the MSP Noise Oversight Committee?

The MAC established the MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) in August 2002 to bring industry and community

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NOC News



The MSP Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) met on July 16, 2014 and

discussed the following topics:

Annual MSP Nighttime Operations Assessment 2012-2013

MAC staff briefed NOC members on the results of the nighttime assessment for 2012 and 2013 (see article on page 3).

MACNOMS Validation Study

A summary of the MAC Noise and Operations Monitoring System

(MACNOMS) validation process and study results was provided to NOC members and discussed. This report may be found at: www.macnoise.com/macnoms-validation-study-2014.pdf

Aviation Innovations

Captain Mark Bradley, chief technical pilot, Delta Air Lines, provided a presentation about innovations in aircraft design. The presentation is available on the MAC Noise Program Office website at www.macnoise.com/our-neighbors/videos.

Aircraft Operations Summary

MAC staff briefed NOC members about aircraft noise complaints, air

carrier passenger numbers, aircraft operations activity, runway use, and noise abatement procedure compliance associated with Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Next NOC Meeting

The NOC meets bi-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Airports Commission General Offices, 6040 28th Ave. South, Minneapolis. For more information call 612-726-8100. ♦

Assessing MSP Airport's Nighttime Aircraft Activity

The average number of operations occurring between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. each day at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) was 6.2 percent higher in 2013 compared to 2012, but still 4.9 percent lower than in 2011, according to a recent study conducted by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Noise Program Office.

The Annual MSP Nighttime Operations Assessment is used to track trends for nighttime MSP arrival and departure activity by reporting the actual number of flights and average number of flights per nighttime period.

In 2013, 12,868 arrival and 4,011 departure operations occurred at MSP during nighttime hours, an **average of 46.2 operations per nighttime period**. In 2012, the average was 43.5: 11,906 arrivals and 3,995 departures. Eighty-nine percent of nighttime operations at MSP in 2013 and 90 percent in 2012 were related to air carrier jet activity.

Peak nighttime activity occurred in 2007 with 73.2 average daily nighttime flights.

To view the full report, visit the MAC Noise Program Office website Annual Reports page: www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/annual-reports. ♦

Noise Complaints

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representatives together to address aircraft noise issues at MSP. The NOC engages the public in valuable discussions about aircraft noise and, based on those discussions, brings policy recommendations to the MAC in an ongoing effort to reduce noise impacts for MSP's neighbors.

The NOC meets every other month. Membership includes representation for the cities of

Bloomington, Eagan, Mendota Heights, Minneapolis and Richfield. The cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Edina, Inver Grove Heights, St. Louis Park, St. Paul and Sunfish Lake share an at-large representation.

The aviation industry is represented on the NOC by one scheduled passenger airline, one cargo air carrier, one charter/scheduled operator, a chief pilot of an airline serving MSP, a

member of the Minnesota Business Aviation Association (MBAA), and an at-large member.

A summary of the NOC meeting held in July 2014 can be found on page 2. Learn more about the NOC on the MAC Noise Program Office website at www.macnoise.com/our-neighbors/msp-noise-oversight-committee-noc. ♦

MSP Noise News Going Exclusively Electronic

The 2014 Winter edition of the MSP Noise News newsletter will be the last hard copy edition sent by USPS mail. Beginning with the Spring 2015 edition, the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) will provide updates about noise issues associated with Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport

exclusively online at www.macnoise.com.

Readers who wish to continue to receive news updates should register on the website at <https://www.macnoise.com/user/register> and subscribe to All News Content. Readers who do not wish to register can still get the most recent news at

www.macnoise.com or by subscribing to the RSS feed.

To start receiving electronic news notifications right away, please sign up online at <https://www.macnoise.com/user/register>.

If you have questions about the transition, please call 612-726-9411. ♦

Public Input Meeting Scheduled for October 28

Please join Metropolitan Airports Commission staff at the next Aircraft Noise Public Input Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Metropolitan Airports Commission General Office

Building, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis.

This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions and learn more about changes that can impact aircraft noise and efforts to mitigate it.

For more information, please contact Christene Sirois Kron at 612-725-6455 or Christene.SiroisKron@mspma.org. ♦



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Connect with Your MAC Representative

This month the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting in **Eagan** rather than at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate.

Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Eagan Community Center, 1501 Central Parkway, Eagan, Minnesota 55121
MAC Phone: 612-726-8100; Eagan Community Center Phone: 651-675-5550

The MAC's board meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. However, at least one meeting each year is held in the evening in the community so that community members unable to attend during daytime hours have the opportunity to engage in discussion with MAC representatives.

Board meeting agendas and minutes may be found at: www.metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Metropolitan-Airports-Commission/Public-Meetings/Public-Meetings.aspx. ♦

If you no longer wish to receive this publication, and other airport noise related information, please call or e-mail Christene Sirois Kron at 612-725-6455 or Christene.SiroisKron@mspmac.org. In your e-mail, please write the word "delete" in the subject line, followed by your street address and city.



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Andy Scott

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much
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for your
thoughtful
consideration
of this
important issue!
Susy Stephan

Thank you
so much. Your
decision was
amazing.
Pat Larson

Thank you for
your support!
The Horstman Family

Thanks so
much for
your support!
Jan Schumacher

Thank you! Joe Lavelle

THANKS
JEFF L. Lavelle

Thank you for your
support and dedication
to the community!!
-Mara Stephan

Dear Dave
- Thank you for
everything!
Nancy from

Dear Jim -
Thank you for your vote of support
for 16 West!
Nancy Ott Pinkerton
THANKS
Chris

Thank you very much!
Judy K. Brown

Many thanks
Celia

Thanks so much
for your support!
Nancy

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To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fred Richards Golf

Please keep Fred Richards Golf open, we play golf and then lunch at nearby restaurants and afterwards shop at the area malls. Much of the benefits are invisible unless you look for them. But there is plenty of room there to work in some trails and picnic areas but it does not lend itself to such use to any significant level. I suspect your redevelopment costs and maintenance costs will exceed the minor operating losses that have arisen from several years of poor weather. And if you work with the local primary and high schools to get all kids an opportunity to play, you could probably cover your costs and turn it into a real incubator for Minnesota golf. Think big, please!

Sincerely,

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Heather Branigin

From: Matt Kompelien <mattkompelien@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2014 6:56 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 15 acre parcel near Weber Park

Mr. Hovland-

I saw a topic regarding a plot of land that Minneapolis is selling next to Weber Park in the Star Tribune a week or so ago. This land is where I started and learned to mountain bike, and I would like to keep it that way for more people to come. Mountain biking is a rapidly growing sport, and Edina High School is attempting to get a mountain bike team started. There is one problem- there are no mountain bike parks in Edina. If this was turned into a mountain bike park, the team would take off and many kids and adults would become engaged in the sport. Permits to ride there would also be an option, and would eventually become a profit. It would be a win-win situation- Edina makes a profit, and mountain bikers have a conveniently located mountain bike park, along with any others who could try out the sport. I hope you and the community will support this idea. This link is a video of how Cottage Grove made a bike park under similar circumstances. <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LHP-jNe2vU4>

Sincerely,
Matt Kompelien
7th Grader at
South View Middle School

Heather Branigin

From: Robert Mayer <rsm1627@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2014 12:17 PM
To: Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Edina--A Welcoming Community

I wanted to express a concern.

I had the opportunity to serve as a member of the Human Rights and Relations Commission. As a member of the Commission, I was proud to have helped move Edina to be a more welcoming committee. When I interviewed to be on the Commission, my goals were to help Edina move forward and be more responsive to issues felt by newcomers when they move into the Community. At the time, I indicated a number of items that I personally experienced and have subsequently experienced in the 12 years that I've lived in Edina. Although there are still challenges, I believe the accomplishments during my term were significant and are being moved forward by current leadership.

One item that was initially reviewed during my term was the Religious Observance Policy. I was proud to see that it was approved in 2012.

That's why I was disappointed when I heard about the City scheduling a Community Event on October 4--You Kippur. It surprises me and frankly greatly concerns me when I also heard that--although it was a scheduling mishap--an alternative (i.e. rescheduling, etc.) wasn't immediately done.

In my opinion, responding quickly to postpone an event like this would be an important step in effectively implementing this Policy and truly encouraging participation by all the members of the Edina Community in an event. Delaying reinforces a perception that Edina may not be moving forward in ways that I believe both of you have so positively encouraged.

New Posts

WVW Small Area Plan Discovery Workshop Set for Saturday, Oct 4th



MJ Lamon, City of Edina CITY

The meeting schedule has been set for the for the Wooddale Avenue and Valley View Road small area planning process! The first event is a Discovery Workshop on Saturday, October 4. Enjoy free breakfast from Snuffy's Malt Shop starting at 8am followed by the workshop from 9am to noon. Bring comfortable shoes and your smart phone. The meeting location is the former bike shop at Edina Village Market, 4805 Valley View Road. See the rest of the schedule and read about the WVW

planning team's work at www.edinamn.gov/wv We look forward to seeing you there!

Sep 8 in General to 2 neighborhoods in City of Edina

Heather Branigin

From: mjoas@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2014 2:00 PM
To: Josh Sprague
Cc: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Ann Swenson; Joas, Margaret
Subject: Re: Re sewer back up

Josh

Thank you for your response. You are now the second City Council member to contact us. I mailed via the US postal service the packet of information/pictures in Mid August. I sent an email last week because I had not heard from any Council Member or the Mayor.

Your response raised a couple of additional questions in which we would appreciate your follow up. Given that we had over 3 feet of pooled water in front of our house which prompted our call to the city at 9 am what should we or could we have done to seek help? The pooled water sat on the road for a couple hours. Vehicles could not drive down the road during this time period would your response be the same if a first responder could not respond to a fire/medical emergency? Is a sewer backup any different?

As you stated "60 homes" had back ups, I assume sewer back ups from your response. To suggest that the city will have better insurance in the future is to imply that this will happen again. We want to know what internal investigation has taken place to follow up on the activities, alarms, and procedures that were taken on June 19th? Are there emergency policies and practices? Surely, Tonka Bay pumped their sewage into tanks so that they did not have back ups into their communities basement; what could Edina have done to prevent the back up in 60 basements?

At 4pm on June 19th, Brian Olson, spoke to my husband, Bill, via the phone and told him that additional rain was on the way and that the sewer system may back up again. Furthermore, Brian Olson told Bill that the city of Edina now had approval from the environmental authorities to "dump" sewage into 9 mile creek if it was a matter of sewage going into basements. Why wasn't this issue addressed before the sewage system was overloaded? According to the City of Edina website, the city has 23 sanitary sewage lift station. One would assume that the public works would be able to calculate the amount of rain actually received and thus know the sewage and storm drain situation. Obviously, the sanitary lift stations failed. The rain had stopped by 10:45 am on June 19th yet sewage backed up in our basement shortly after 11 am on June 19th.

Furthermore, as stated in our letter to you the road broke down due to the removal of the top layer of black top. As a result the water that should have went down into the storm drains instead bypassed the higher elevated storm drains and fill the street with water and covered the sanitary sewer cover. And the water sat and sat on the sanitary storm sewer cover outside our house.

Honestly, the sewage backup ruined our summer. Having to deal with our basement being ruined, all the carpet had to be removed, the entire area had to be sanitized, walls had to be cutout, and then the recovery. Not to mention our kids play space was not able to be used and our summer focus shifted to cleaning up the basement. Yes, we had sewage back up insurance but we also had a \$7,500 deductible.

To answer your question, Bill called Chad Milner as Scott Neal's email asked and Chad did not know why he was receiving a call or where we lived. Obviously this issue was not important enough for Scott to have a conversation with Chad. This is very frustrating because the city stance is that they "do not pay out" but the lack of interest in our situation demonstrates that the officials and employees do not care or follow up.

Margaret and Bill Joas
6409 Biscayne Blvd.

From: "Josh Sprague" <joshsprague@edinarealty.com>
To: "Joas, Margaret" <mjoas@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 13, 2014 8:26:39 AM
Subject: Re sewer back up

Mr and Mrs. Joas:

I received your letter. I have also reviewed the response that Manager Neal sent you. Have you taken him up on the offer to meet with staff concerning future mitigation in the area? I do know we had approximately 60+ backups due to the extraordinary rainfall event, and due to the current insurance scope, there is not reimbursement available under these circumstances. In the future, we will have a new insurance contract through League of MN Cities that will offer some limited additional coverage for residents. It would be good for you too receive more information about that if you meet with staff as well.

So sorry for your loss, both financially and otherwise. It was a very difficult event for a lot of people in our town, including neighbors.

Cordially,
Josh Sprague
Edina City Council
Josh

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Heather Branigin

From: Sherry Butcher Wickstrom <sbutcherwickstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Support for Sherry Butcher Wickstrom

Hello Jim,

It's Sherry Butcher Wickstrom from Eden Prairie writing to you! Jim, you are probably aware that I am running for the City Council one more time, if elected this would be my fifth term, and my last.

I know you have been so gracious in the past to support me and I am wondering if I would be able to use your name as a supporter? We will do a newspaper ad in the Eden Prairie News the week before election, and I would love to be able to add your name to my list of endorsements.

Thank you for considering my request, and please let me know what you think.

My website is sherrybutcherwickstrom.com

Warm regards,

Sherry

September 9, 2014

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

Dear James,

Over the past 30 years, Cornerstone has developed a reputation as an innovator in the field of domestic violence. Since opening our doors in the fall of 1983, the agency has enjoyed significant programmatic growth and has celebrated numerous milestones. While Cornerstone's success is attributed to the hard work of staff, organizational oversight by the Board of Directors, and the generosity of volunteers and donors, it is without a doubt the passion of Cornerstone's Executive Director, Susan Neis, that has advanced the agency to become an exemplary victim-centered service provider.

Susan's and Cornerstone's legacy have been intertwined for much of the agency's history. Her 29 year tenure has focused on building capacity to provide comprehensive, holistic services to all victims of interpersonal violence. As a champion for youth who historically were considered secondary victims and lacked specialized services, Susan lead the effort to establish the first comprehensive children's program in Minnesota for youth affected by domestic violence that truly meets the needs of youth in our community. Over the years, through effective programming and accessible services, Cornerstone has become a celebrated leader.

It is because of Susan's commitment to youth that thousands of children have received counseling, enrichment activities, and therapy to mitigate the harmful effects of the violence they've experienced. It is because of Susan's devotion to those devastated and traumatized by the effects of violence that an endless number of families have restored hope and begun to rebuild their lives. It is because of Susan's vision that Cornerstone is what we are today.

Please join me in honoring Susan for her tireless work and dedication to Cornerstone as she prepares for retirement at the end of this year. Your special gift to Cornerstone is a tribute to Susan's legacy.

With gratitude,



Dick Strassburg
Board Chair, Cornerstone

P.S. We hope you are able to join us at Susan's retirement party on October 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Calhoun Beach Club. RSVPs and questions may be directed to monicab@cornerstonemn.org.

Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development

September 12, 2014

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

Dear Mayor Hovland:

DEED is pleased to announce the recent awards from the Redevelopment Grant Program. Following is a list of the projects selected for funding along with the grant amounts.

GRANTEE	PROJECT	GRANT AWARD
Edina	Pentagon Revival	\$625,000
Mankato	Bridge Plaza	\$204,175
Minneapolis	Broadway Flats Redevelopment	\$300,000
Minneapolis	Downtown East	\$500,000

The Redevelopment Grant Program continues to be a very popular program that is over-subscribed with funding requests. We are very proud of this program and the positive effects it has on communities. We are pleased to partner with our grantees to revitalize areas and provide opportunities for job creation and tax base increases that help our communities and State thrive.

Congratulations to the above grant recipients! They can be proud of a job well done!

For additional information, contact Meredith Udoibok at 651-259-7454.

My best regards,



Katie Clark Sieben
Commissioner

C: Senator Melisa Fanzen
Representative Paul Rosenthal
Mr. Cary Teague, City of Edina

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