

ADVISORY COMMUNICATION



To: Edina City Council

Item IX. B.

From: Edina Community Health Commission (CHC)

Date: September 16, 2014

Subject: Grandview Redevelopment Site

Attachments: None

Action Requested:

That in the City's process of evaluating and determining the developer for the Grandview Redevelopment Site that the health of the community (Health in All Policies) be a point of emphasis with the developers and that any plan take into account, as a primary consideration, community health.

Situation:

In the United States, the cost of health care continues to rise at a significant rate. This is due to complex set of circumstances that at least in part relate to people's choices and habits and a lack of community focus on the health of residents. Some indicators of poor health, such as the percentage of the Minnesota population that are obese (~25%) (MN Dept. of Health citing BRFSS data), are reaching concerning levels. To address diseases such as obesity and other health related issues, such as access to opportunities to improve health, many cities in Minnesota and cities in other states are increasing their focus on the health of those that live and work in their community.

Assessment/Recommendation:

The CHC believes that a primary consideration during the City's evaluation of developers of the Grandview Redevelopment Site should include focus on uses that promote the physical, mental, and social well-being of those that live and work in Edina (Health in All Policies). For example, the City should consider whether the site includes, consistent with the City's Request for Interest Guiding Principles 4, 6, and 7: facilities or space that supports fitness or health related activity, open green space that can be used in a way that supports health, and has space dedicated for events/activities and an access plan that create and facilitate easier community connections.

With regard to Edina seniors, the Edina Senior Center's proximity to the Grandview Site provides the opportunity for easier access to uses incorporated into the site that promote health. A Lack of adequate access to health promoting activities for Edina's significant senior population is a gap the CHC has identified in its community health analysis.