

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: September 17, 2013

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Deb Mangen

From: Terry Luke <Terry_Luke@cargill.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 1:39 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: St. Louis Park, Southwest Light Rail Train and the Greater Good of Minnesota

Dear James Hovland honorable Mayor for the City of Edina,

Hello my name is Terry Luke and I support freight rail relocation through St. Louis Park. If the freight is relocated through St. Louis Park our family home will either be removed or the elevated track will run adjacent to our property, and we are fine either way. My family loves our home and our neighborhood dearly, but we understand that sometimes the greater good is what truly needs to be considered when choosing the best option. Please let me explain why.

Thousands of residents in both Minneapolis and St. Louis Park have their quiet night sleep disrupted every night by blaring train horns. I have friends who count on the 3am train. They have lived near the Kenilworth train for years and now wake up every night at five minutes to 3am. The MN Spur Line also has some horn happy engineers, which is a very good because it saves lives. Minnesota statute legally includes quietude as a Minnesota State natural resource to be protected and preserved for future generations. A freight rail relocation decision by the Metropolitan Council would give many Minnesotans back one of their most precious resources: quietude ... a resource they've forgotten they've even lost. And it preserves some of Minnesota's most utilized and beautiful park and recreational trails, recently nominated as 2nd best bike trail in the nation, a national treasure. It's a win-win for Minnesota.

Upgrading and elevating the freight rail line through St. Louis Park is the safest decision the Metropolitan Council could ever make. Brand new rail line infrastructure and straighter tracks make for safer trains. Kenilworth freight and MN Spur Line rail traffic have multiple street grade crossings; that is NOT safe. Elevating and consolidating the freight traffic through St. Louis Park eliminates crossings and that statistically saves lives. And I believe St. Louis Park has done a great job of articulating exactly how important safety is to the park.

I have two children in the St. Louis Park School system. One of them attends the PSI school and we know that the school will move the children to Cedar Manor if freight is relocated. So the freight will not run by an elementary school, it will be a community center only. The City of St. Louis Park has purchased land near the proposed light rail at elevated prices, in anticipation of rising property values. Would the city really risk losing \$750,000 (overpayment amount) by withholding municipal consent if freight relocation is recommended? These factors are certainly worth bearing in mind as Minnesota thinks about best option for all of Minnesota.

Although my family would hate to lose our house and a wonderful neighborhood, and living adjacent to freight rail is no picnic, we understand that sometimes it's about the Greater Good of Minnesota and we support freight relocation through St. Louis Park.

Sincerely, Terry Luke

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From: arthur higinbotham <ahiginbotham@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: FW: SWLRT Deep Tunnel Option
Attachments: blumanm[1].png

For Mayor Hovland's attention.

From: ahiginbotham@msn.com
To: susan.haigh@metc.state.mn.us
CC: peter.mclaughlin@co.hennepin.mn.us; peter.rogoff@dot.gov; peter.wagenius@ci.minneapolis.mn.us; gail.dorfman@co.hennepin.mn.us; mark.fuhrmann@metrotransit.org; stuart@chazingroup.com; jmcolby@earthlink.net; mikeerlandson@gmail.com; nancygreen1@comcast.net; cwreg@msn.com; slfelicity@aol.com; sfitzmau@tcfbank.com; lisa.goodman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us; dlilly@danburygroup.com; rep.frank.hornstein@house.mn; sen.scott.dibble@senate.mn; rt@minneapolis.org; jeff.r.johnson@co.hennepin.mn.us; eldonjohn@hotmail.com; megf@visi.com; billbevan70@gmail.com; horizongreen@comcast.net; bjrasmus@comcast.net; jan.nielsen61@gmail.com; loratruckenbrod@hotmail.com; mamccoy@mmm.com; info@cidna.org; stan@umn.edu; marshajf@gmail.com; douglasjpeterson.djp@gmail.com; mnrealtors@aol.com
Subject: SWLRT Deep Tunnel Option
Date: Wed, 4 Sep 2013 18:37:09 +0000

As an observer at today's SW Corridor Management Committee meeting, it was saddening to see the option for a deep LRT tunnel option off the table; the decision was based on cost, without examination of the Project Office estimates, which are totally out of line with the cost of a comparable tunnel underneath the airport.

The presentation of the strengths and weaknesses for a shallow tunnel need to be challenged:

The strengths shown include:

1. No acquisition of homes and business in the Kenilworth corridor. The temporary relocation of the freight rail tracks closer to the Cedar Lake Shores property line to dig the shallow tunnel and move back to the current position once the tunnel is complete will prompt the project office to encroach on Cedar Lake Shores property, destroying mature trees on the west side of the corridor. Freight rail will have to be relocated to SLP on the MN &S tracks while this dislocation occurs.

2. LRT daylights between the north and south tunnels for approximately 20 seconds per train. These daylights will amount to 488 feet of exposure of LRT to canoeists and kayakers on the Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles channel--including 95 feet of a new, third bridge which will make the passage under the bridge increase to 45 feet. How can this be called a strength?

3. West Lake St. Bridge preserved. The deep tunnel proposal calls for running the LRT in a shallow tunnel from the south end of the bridge to the north side; the shallow tunnel is no different!

4. Kenilworth Trail preserved within corridor for long term. This should state that the Kenilworth corridor will be closed to bicyclists and pedestrians for 2 to 3 years, diverting these users to city streets. It should be listed as a weakness.

The weaknesses shown include:

1. 21st station eliminated. For only 1000 riders a week, it should be eliminated to speed up the journey from Eden Prairie to the U of Mn, the airport and MOA, which already goes by way of Robin Hood's barn around the garbage burner. Who is going to ride the SWLRT of these destinations when they could drive in half the time or less?

2. Temporary detour of Kenilworth trail. Most of the 500,000 trail users would think that this is too long a diversion to city streets. Bad for recreation; bad for businesses.

and should include:

3. Loss of mature trees, 1000 of them in the corridor. The replanting in the 4-5 foot wide restored green strip between the trails and the Calhoun Isles tower will take decades for the trees to reach maturity and will eventually invade the shallow tunnel (unless the plans are to replant shallow rooted shrubs (like buckthorn).

4. Excessive noise, visibility, dust and vibration during construction (which a deep tunnel would not entail).

5. The shallow tunnel would not enter the portal until it was even with the second lane of the Cedar Lake Shores townhomes.

Art Higinbotham

CAC Rep, W. Lake St. station (where is the CAC when public commentary at meetings is foreclosed?)

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From: news@gmcc.org
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 1:42 PM
To: philrice@ci.anoka.mn.us; tryan@ci.blaine.mn.us; gwinstead@ci.bloomington.mn.us; mayorwillson@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us; jeffrey.lunde@brooklynpark.org; elizabeth.kautz@ci.burnsville.mn.us; thowe@coonrapidsmn.gov; jim.adams@crystalmn.gov; ntyra-lukens@edenprairie.org; Edina Mail; scott.lund@fridley.mn.gov; mlittle@lakevillemn.gov; will.rossbach@ci.maplewood.mn.us; rt@minneapolis.org; joe.flaherty@ci.mounds-view.mn.us; mike.kuehn@ci.north-saint-paul.mn.us; kslavik@plymouthmn.gov; sstrommen@ci.ramsey.mn.us; citycouncil@cityofrichfield.org; sandymartin444@gmail.com; jjacobs1956@yahoo.com; cjohnson@ci.watertown.mn.us; jzanmiller@cityofwsp.org; kevin.reich@minneapolismn.gov; cam.gordon@minneapolismn.gov; diane.hofstede@minneapolismn.gov; Barbara.johnson@minneapolismn.gov; don.samuels@minneapolismn.gov; Robert.lilligren@minneapolismn.gov; lisa.goodman@minneapolismn.gov; elizabeth.glidden@minneapolismn.gov; gary.schiff@minneapolismn.gov; meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov; John.Quincy@minneapolismn.gov; Sandra.colvin.roy@minneapolis.org; betsy.hodges@minneapolis.org; ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Subject: We want to thank you personally

Volunteers in your community have made a difference by painting the homes of low-income seniors and those with disabilities for 30 years, and we think this deserves a celebration.

Please join us for an open house to celebrate Metro Paint-A-Thon's 30 years of serving the community.

You will enjoy light snacks and beverages with a running slide show of the various projects over the years. You'll get to meet staff, other volunteers and we're even hoping to get a few home owners there to share their personal perspective on the impact you've made.

Join us:

Tuesday, September 24, 4 to 6 p.m.

Paint-A-Thon headquarters

Center for Families building

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001axFxCvqmkGy_SH6FNCQxqFrJLXyBT2e5xGiiTtA6FS8DYHFriXuKMboIHNMFnNcWPbzWn5vlbtzkzU7YsZkkcLcxIBCwdsX9zWiSTWr3aU0z49DUb8uGNKyUgQhwcgbV4M6P0-YG2Jyw=]

3333 North Fourth Street

Minneapolis, MN 55412

Email your RSVP by September 18 to Molly Chandler [mchandler@gmcc.org] or call (612)276-1579. Hope to see you there!

Metro Paint-A-Thon

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

1001 East Lake Street P.O. Box 7509

Minneapolis, MN 55407

Since 1984, Metro Paint-A-Thon volunteers have completed more than 6,300 projects across the Twin Cities metro area. Metro Paint-A-Thon is one of a family of human service programs of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). Focusing on helping seniors, empowering urban American Indians, nurturing healthy families, fighting hunger and mentoring youth, GMCC is a nonprofit where compassion has inspired action since 1905. For more information, visit www.gmcc.org

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Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 10:56 PM
To: Edina Mail; Mike Genau, Sr.
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From: Ann Swenson <swensonann1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 12:53 PM
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Subject: Subdivision

This letter is in response to a notice I received regarding the subdivision of 6609 Blackfoot Pass, Edina. My property is: 6600 Blackfoot Pass.

As can be seen in an old Indian Hills Directory, there is a boundary map of this area and each lot drawn by a Hennepin County Surveyor: Mr. Peterson. Let's preserve this beautiful community of well designed homes, large lots, winding roads, mature trees and thick foliage. It is my understanding that there are covenants and deed restrictions that apply to Indian Hills. Please do not ignore their importance in protecting the beauty and value of our neighborhood.

Indian Hills is a small unique established community that makes "Edina Look Good". I object to the subdivision of the property at 6609 Blackfoot Pass, Edina.

Respectfully,
Jewel Lalim

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From: M. Genau <mdpartyof5@msn.com>
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To: James Hovland
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Yes, I just looked that up. I'm disappointed that there is not more consideration given to the look and feel of each neighborhood. Perhaps no one ever thought that someone would consider building houses of this size within ten feet of the side lot lines. Again, thank you for your time and attention.

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Thank you very much!

From: mail@EdinaMN.gov
To: mdpartyof5@msn.com
Subject: RE: Proposal for Subdivision of Warner Estate, Rolling Green, Edina
Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2013 13:42:26 +0000
Dear Sandi and Mike,

Thank you for your interest in the City of Edina.

I have forwarded your message to the Mayor and Council members.
If I can be of additional assistance to you please contact me.



Lynette Biunno, Receptionist
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From: M. Genau [<mailto:mdpartyof5@msn.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 10:56 PM
To: Edina Mail; Mike Genau, Sr.
Subject: Proposal for Subdivision of Warner Estate, Rolling Green, Edina

Dear Council Members,

As you are probably aware, The Warner property on Merilane Avenue in Rolling Green is being presented for subdivision at the next Council meeting on September 11. We are immediate

neighbors of this property. Today we were able to obtain the proposed site plan which proposes 3 homes on this lot after subdivision. Front setback requirements will require that each home be positioned at the back of each pie shaped lot leaving almost no backyards for any of them. These lots are significantly wider along the street and smaller at the rear. Further troubling is that each home is positioned with only a 10 ft. side setback. This is not in keeping with our neighborhood aesthetics. The beauty and feeling of the neighborhood is greatly impacted by the fact that each home has some room around it and is not on top of the house next door. This is what attracted us to this neighborhood less than one year ago.

We respectfully ask each of you to take a few minutes to come by this property before the meeting and have a look at what is being proposed. While we understand the Warner family's wish to maximize their land's potential, we would hope that serious consideration will be given to the ramifications to the neighbors should this plan be approved as is. Perhaps the property could be subdivided into two lots allowing more room between the houses in keeping with the feeling of the neighborhood. As the current proposal stands, most of the mature trees at the rear of the property will have to be cut down to make room for the new houses. Considering this there will not be much privacy for any of the houses if they are bunched together at the apex of this property. Counting our home, Mary Pohlads home on the other side, and the three homes on the proposed subdivision Plat, there would be five homes in total, if approved.

Thank you for your consideration and time. If you have any questions or would like to contact us please feel free to call the numbers below.

Sandi & Mike Genau
6 Merilane Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Sandi © 410-336-9089
Mike © 210-872-0481
home 952-405-8682

From: Jean Colwell <jeancolwell13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Edina Mail; Cary Teague; Wayne Houle; Anne Carroll; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Joni Bennett; Josh Sprague; Ann Swenson; Anne Jennen; Ann Kasid; Anne Epple; Carol Kaliebe; Dennis La France; Gary Hanus; Gloria Sullivan; Jamie Sullivan; Jim Grotz; John Adams; John Crabtree; Kathryn A Bennett; Kevin Green; Kris Ross; Lisa O'Brien; Lori Grotz; Lou Gilbert; Mark Epple; Mary Dykstra; Mary Ryder; Nancy Fergensen; Rick Fergensen; Shari La France; Steve Jennen; Steve Timmer; Teri Whaley; Tom Brower; Trudy Hanus
Subject: 54th Street reconstruction

On September 5th, 21 neighbors who live along 54th Street met at Teri Whaley's home at 5337 Wooddale Ave. Our goal for the evening was to arrive at a consensus about the re construction of 54th Street between France Avenue S and Wooddale Avenue. As residents and taxpayers who will be the most affected by this project we feel that the City needs to listen to our concerns and input above anyone else.

As neighbors we embrace the idea of "Local Control of Living Streets".

The main consensus at this meeting is that **54th Street does not become any wider**. More specifically, consensus was reached about these following key issues, which were first presented to us at the meeting held August 19 at Calvin Christian Church.

The 54th street resident consensus is:

1. The road is to stay with its current width, including any sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. Many residents have measured the road and it measures at different widths along 54th. The average width west of the creek is about 34 feet wide.
2. One sidewalk, if required, with no boulevard.
3. Share the road concept for bike lanes. If there has to be a designated bike lane we propose a shared bike lane using a share arrow concept
4. The Stop sign at the Creek remains
- 5, No flashing lights, or traffic control lights
6. More traffic police presence to tame speeders.
7. The bridge design should be consistent to the feel and look of our neighborhood.

Our homes were built in the 1930 and 40's and were placed closed to the street. Wider streets, flashing signs, and more pavements will affect our home values, and our quality

of life. There are concerns about the loss of boulevard trees and the loss of the quaint look of our neighborhood.

We believe that a wider road would not be safe for our local residents. Narrow streets are calmer, discourage speedy traffic, and with fewer pavements it is more environmentally friendly.

We would like to meet with all participants to discuss these concerns before any more planning is done.

LIVABLE STREET: SAFE, NARROW, AND QUAIN!

Jean Colwell, Teri Whaley, and 20 other residents of 54th Street in Edina.

Deb Mangen

From: Jean Colwell <jeancolwell13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 9:53 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: For Mayor Hovland, re: 54th Street Reconstruction

Dear Jim,

Last night 21 neighbors who live along 54th street met and discussed our concerns up the up coming 54th street project. We are aware that on September 14 you will be in our neighborhood for the buckthorn invasion project at the creek. We are hoping that you will have 30 minutes sometimes before, during or after this to do a walking tour of 54th street with our neighbors. Please let me know if you are able and we will make ourselves available to you.

Thank You,

Jean Colwell

5401 Oaklawn Ave So

952-913-7127

jeancolwell13@gmail.com

Deb Mangen

From: Michael Nallick <mbowzer@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 12:57 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Southwest LRT

Please direct to Mayor Hovland.

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thank you for taking a serious look at the shallow tunnel through Kenilworth as a viable option. As a Kenilworth resident, I know a lot of us are fine with freight remaining in the corridor if LRT is mitigated within a shallow tunnel. It's a win for St Louis Park and a win for Minneapolis.

Thanks,

Mike Nallick

Kenilworth/ CIDNA resident

Deb Mangen

From: dmswan2124@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 5:12 PM
To: dmswan2124@aol.com
Subject: Subdivision of lot 6609 Blackfoot Pass

My husband Dean and I live at 6617 Cheyenne Trail, two houses away from the proposed subdivision. We are totally and firmly against this subdivision for the following reasons.

1. We bought our home in 1984 after looking for the home that captured our heart and fit the pocketbook. We lived in Burnsville for 22 years and this was to be our last move.
2. We bought, not so much for the house, but for the fabulous, wooded, natural landscaping in the neighborhood. We are tree huggers and totally for a green environment and this was it. Could not believe how lucky we were.
3. Over the years houses have been torn down and rebuilt, but for the most part the new people have respected our natural, green lots.
4. To start a precedent of dividing the original plotted lots, will be the beginning of changing this neighborhood with the essence of woods, large lots, many old oak trees in to a neighborhood that resembles many others in Edina. Right now, we have a distinct look that may forever be gone.
5. We look at the beautiful lot at 6609 Blackfoot Pass and love the beautiful irreplaceable trees. If this lot is allowed to be divided, we will be looking at green fertilized grass, sprinkling systems running down the street, landscape boulders and perhaps some "new", perfect trees.

Here are some photos I took while on a walk through the neighborhood to show how some lots are being destroyed



This is what we love 😊



We cry when we see all the trees cut down - on Indian Hills Rd



Years ago, this was a tree filled lot

Please, don't start a precedent by dividing the lots in Indian Hills.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our input,
Mary and Dean Swanson

From: a2t2@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2013 12:03 PM
To: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinareality.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Cc: Edina Mail
Subject: Second notice:The Proposed Birchcrest B improvement No: BA 410 project

SECOND NOTICE: Having heard from only the Mayor's Office and Council Member Ann Swenson, we would like to once again invite Mayor Hovland and the entire Edina City Council to take a brief walking/biking/driving (your choice) tour with us to review the proposed concrete sidewalk down Valley View Road to Code Avenue. We are walking distance from city hall for Pete's sake!

Please do not cast your vote for this project based on a few colored lines affixed to an aerial photograph of the proposed project. We realize that none of you live along the proposed concrete sidewalk route down Valley View Road, but we do! The photograph that was sent to all affected residents does not show any of the current pedestrian bridges over HWY 100, it does not identify any of the current city parks undergoing total restoration (Garden and County Side), lakes are not labeled, current bike lanes are not identified which is a crime since all are in compliance with the new Edina Living Streets Policy.

The proposed Valley View Road concrete sidewalk is in complete violation of the City of Edina Living Streets Policy. Portions of the proposed project absolutely do not **"balance the needs of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders in a way that promotes safety and convenience, enhances economic vitality, creates opportunities for active living and sustains the environment"** as outlined in **the Living Streets Policy**. In fact aspects of the proposal do not create opportunities for active living, do not sustain the environment, and most definitely does not enhance economic vitality. In fact, this portion of the proposed project will actively divert pedestrians and bicyclists away from local merchants. So what exactly are the "Living Street policy" enhancements brought to the City of Edina by this portion of the Birchcrest B project?

NOTE: a petition in opposition to the Valley View sidewalk proposal is currently being circulated for signatures on a door-to-door grass roots campaign that should reach the City Council the week of September 16, 2013. And Contrary to what city planners would have the City Council believe, the petition will verify the strong opposition to this portion of the project by the people who actually live on Valley View Road.

We look forward to our tour, please give us a call so we can plan a time to tour Valley View Road!

Annabelle and Art Thelemann
5132 Valley View Road
Edina, Minnesota 55436
(952) 831-2860

Deb Mangen

From: Jody Strakosch <jstrakosch@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2013 3:57 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: no co-location of freight and light rail on the Kenilworth Greenway

Mayor Jim Hovland
City of Edina
edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us
Dear Mayor Jim Hovland:

I am writing to ask that you support the City of Minneapolis in its efforts to not co-locate (including shallow tunnel) freight rail and LRT on the Kenilworth Greenway. The Kenilworth Greenway is a regional asset used by Edina residents to commute to work, attend Minneapolis events and everyday enjoyment of the Twin Cities' regional trail system. Personally, I use the Kenilworth Greenway to go visit my friends who live in Edina.

I respect the Edina Parks & Recreation Department's mission "to do our part in further developing, preserving, and maintaining the City of Edina's parks, recreation programs and resources as a premier and comprehensive parks and recreation department in the Twin Cities area." Please respect Mayor Rybak and the Minneapolis City Council to determine what is best for Minneapolis, the Kenilworth Greenway and the nearly one million Kenilworth Greenway users.

Thank you for any support you may be able to lend to this effort.

Jody Strakosch
2200 Newton Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405
612-377-5905

From: Susan Brunn <sbrunn@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2013 8:25 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Proposed Subdivision of 6609 Blackfoot Pass

Dear Mayor Hovland:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed subdivision of the lot located at 6609 Blackfoot Pass.

As a 20 year resident of the Indian Hills neighborhood, and specifically, of a property at 6601 Blackfoot Pass, I am against this subdivision for the following reasons:

1. I believe that it sets a dangerous precedent regarding the "downsizing" of the beautiful, large lots in Indian Hills. One of the things that drew me to the neighborhood was the beautiful, generous, wooded lots in the area. To begin chopping these up into smaller lots would change the character of this well established and sought after neighborhood.
2. Large properties in Edina are becoming rare. When the news is constantly full of complaints from neighbors regarding large houses being built on small lots throughout Edina, it seems that this large lot would be appealing to a potential homeowner or developer as it is. There are fewer large lots available, and yet the demand for large houses continues. It seems that it would behoove the City of Edina to maintain these large parcels as they are.
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I plan on attending the City Council meeting this Wednesday, September 11th, to voice my concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Harker Brunn
6601 Blackfoot Pass
Edina MN 55439

Deb Mangen

From: Extra Mile America <extramileamerica.foundation@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 8:48 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Join Us for Extra Mile Day

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Last year, 362 inspirational mayors and city leaders stood up and jointly recognized November 1, 2012, as *Extra Mile Day...a day to recognize the people and organizations in your local community who are creating positive change through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service.*

We are writing to ask that Edina join cities in every state in the nation and proclaim November 1, 2013, Extra Mile Day. (I can send you proclamation language or it is available on our website.)

This year, our mission continues...and builds. With a 100% volunteer staff, Extra Mile America (www.ExtraMileAmerica.org) is unwavering in its commitment to remind individuals and organizations that creating positive change is not just a water cooler topic, but it is unselfishly tied to go-the-extra-mile action. We continue to be an organization that casts a bright light on the "*Extra Mile Heroes*" and change-makers who surround us and who continue to give their best.

Whether it is one elected official or one non-elected government employee, whether it is one citizen or one business with 1,000 amazing people, ONE does make a difference. By declaring November 1, 2013, *Extra Mile Day*, your city joins this nationwide movement.

Started in 2009 by Founder Shawn Anderson and his vision that one person CAN make a difference, *Extra Mile Day* has grown from 23 participating cities in its inaugural year, to 116 in 2010, to 228 in 2011, to 362 in 2012...and this year, a goal of 400 cities has been set.

Can we confirm you as a November 1, 2013, "Extra Mile Day" city?

When we receive confirmation that you will do a proclamation, your city's name will be posted on the Extra Mile America website, be included in the participating city list sent to the White House, and have local press contacted regarding the city Mayor's participation.

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

1) **Submit names of local "Extra Mile Heroes."** In addition to a November 1 declaration, submit 1-5 names of amazing extra mile people and/or organizations that are making significant contributions to make your city better. These people/organizations will be included on our website with their specific contribution, and their names will be sent to the White House as extra-mile change makers whose service truly stands out and deserves to be recognized.

2) **A quote by your Mayor.** In addition to a November 1 declaration, the Mayor's quote of what it personally means to "go the extra mile" will be highlighted on our website and shared with your local media.

We look forward to your city joining as an Extra Mile Day city. If there is anything we can do to help you plan something special, we are happy to jump forward with our best effort on your behalf.

Can we confirm you as a November 1, 2013, "Extra Mile Day" city?

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

Christine

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

Deb Mangan

From: Bert Ledder <lsledder@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 10:00 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Opposition to Variance and Subdivision proposal of 6609 Blackfoot Pass
Attachments: Council letter.docx

The Honorable Mayor Hovland,

We are writing this letter to show our opposition to the proposed Subdivision and Variance request for 6609 Blackfoot Pass. Our letter is attached. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call us. Thank you.

Bert & Charles Ledder
6709 Cheyenne Trail
Edina, MN 55439

952 941 9803
612 968 2725

Bert Ledder

TO: Planning Commission Members and City Council Members
FROM: Bert and Charles Ledder, 6709 Cheyenne Trail, Edina, MN 55439
Date: September 6, 2013
RE: Proposed Subdivision and Variance of 6609 Blackfoot Pass

We are writing in **opposition** to the proposed subdivision and set back variance of the property at 6609 Blackfoot Pass.

Our primary objection is to the variance requested to alter the front setback to 45 feet from the street. The adjacent property to the south 6705 Cheyenne Trail has a setback of 100.9 feet, moving the proposed building site 55.9 feet closer to the street, and the adjacent property to the north 6605 Blackfoot Pass has a setback of 62 feet, moving the building 17 feet closer to the street. Great Neighborhood Homes' use of setback averages of homes on the island block on the opposite side of the street is not relevant to the sight lines of the street.

As this is a corner lot, specific codes apply, and should not be dismissed simply because these are wooded lots. A building of this size, this close to the street will have an obvious impact as well as safety concerns for traffic on this blind corner.

The placement of a building on the proposed sites also will displace and greatly alter water drainage onto the lot to the south, 6705 Cheyenne Trail. The terminal moraine terrain of these lots together creates a bowl, with water pooling from the drainage off the hills surrounding the properties into the proposed building site. This was very obvious during heavy rains in the past month as well as the storm of July 23, 1987 when water flooded and pooled in this area. This drainage issue does not comply with **Section 1**. Subsection 850.07. Subd. 7 of the Edina City Zoning Ordinances.

The developer's numbers do not reflect the accurate square footage of the properties located on the non-meandering body of water known as Indianhead Lake. The square footage as stated by the developer does not include the fully taxable land/water area. If the water receded homeowners on that land could use this part of their property for their desired usage. Obviously, no one will build a home in the middle of the lake to diminish their site. This is also true for properties located at 6709 Cheyenne Trail and 6713 Cheyenne Trail. These lots, while they appear smaller in square footage, have back yards that abut the St. Alban's Church property which requires by Code a 3 acre lot size. Thus, their properties appear larger in keeping with the large lot appearance of the neighborhood.

There is no hardship that requires building on this site. It is not a homeowner requesting a variance to expand their home or to use it in a different fashion. This is an unbuildable section of a property that is being purchased by a developer for the purpose of building a speculation home. If the subdivision and variance request is allowed, the developer moves on, leaving the residents of the neighborhood with a permanent undesirable change. Indian Hills is a neighborhood of large wooded lots that will have constant pressure for subdivision. Each subdivision diminishes the character of the neighborhood, shrinks the average lot size, and

makes it easier for the next to pass. Now is the time to halt that process and leave the beauty of the neighborhood intact for its residents. Subdivision of this lot would change the character of the Indian Hills neighborhood forever.

Deb Mangen

From: ann swenson <swensonann1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 12:18 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Re: FW: Proposed Subdivision of 6609 Blackfoot Pass

Susan, the meeting on the 11th is the Planning Commission. They hear all subdivisions first. They take public comment so it is an important meeting to attend. We will hear this at a later date. There is a public hearing also when we have this on our agenda. Ann Swenson, council

On Mon, Sep 9, 2013 at 7:59 AM, Edina Mail <mail@edinamn.gov> wrote:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Harker Brunn

6601 Blackfoot Pass

Edina MN 55439

Deb Mangen

From: Sandra Genau <sgenau79@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2013 12:23 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Warner Estate Property Subdivision

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to let you know that unfortunately I have lost all access to my email account as of Wednesday night last week. If any of you has sent me a message regarding the Warner property, I'm afraid I didn't see it. Please resend any correspondence to:

sgenau79@gmail.com.

I appreciate your time and attention and apologize for any inconvenience!

Thank you,

Sandi Genau
6 Merilane Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

cell - 410-336-9089

September 4, 2013

James Hovland
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear James:

The Westminster Town Hall Forum, the Citizens League, and No Labels Minnesota invite you to a public presentation and private luncheon with **Mark McKinnon** on **Thursday, September 26, 2013**, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nicollet Mall and 12th Street, in downtown Minneapolis.

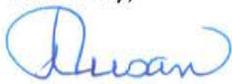
Mr. McKinnon will speak in Westminster's sanctuary from NOON to 1:00PM on the topic *Stop Fighting, Start Fixing: Making Government Work*. The private luncheon with Mr. McKinnon will follow from 1:00 to 2:00PM in the Meisel Room at Westminster.

For more than three decades, Mark McKinnon has been a political advisor and communications strategist. He is global vice-chairman of Hill & Knowlton Strategies and president of Maverick Media. He is a co-founder of the Washington-based organization No Labels, a movement among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents committed to bipartisanship, civil discourse, and problem-solving in politics.

As always, the Westminster Town Hall Forum is free and open to the public, and we encourage you to spread the word among your colleagues and friends about this special presentation. However, the private luncheon with Mr. McKinnon is for invited guests only, and **a reservation is required**. Seating is limited, so if you plan to attend the luncheon, **please contact Susan McKenna no later than Monday, September 23**, by phone (612-332-3421, x236), or by e-mail (smckenna@wpc-mpls.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the Westminster Town Hall Forum!

Sincerely,



Susan McKenna
Town Hall Forum



Sean Kershaw
Citizens League



Chelle Stoner
No Labels MN



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Making Government Work

Mark McKinnon has been a political advisor and communications strategist for more than three decades. He has helped engineer five winning presidential primary and general elections and has worked for such diverse political candidates as President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain, Governor Ann Richards, and Congressman Charlie Wilson. He is the co-founder of the Washington-based organization No Labels, a movement among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents who are committed to bipartisanship, civil discourse, and problem-solving in politics.

Collaborators: Citizens League and No Labels Minnesota

september 26 noon



valerie plame wilson

Security, Surveillance, and Privacy

Valerie Plame Wilson is a public advocate and recognized authority on national security and counter-proliferation. For over 20 years, she served as a covert operations officer in the CIA, working to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. In 2003, her role as a CIA operative was revealed in a nationally syndicated column, resulting in her resignation from the CIA. She is the author of the memoir **Fair Game**, which explores her views on abuse of the public trust, and her new book **Blowback**, the first in a series of spy novels.

october 15 7:00 pm



Howard Buffett

Finding Hope in a Hungry World

Howard Buffett is a farmer, conservationist, and philanthropist. He has served on the boards of the World Wildlife Fund, National Council, National Geographic Council, the Africa Foundation, and Berkshire-Hathaway, where his father, Warren Buffett, is the primary shareholder. He has traveled to over 95 countries, supporting initiatives to improve agriculture, nutrition, and access to clean water. In his new book, **40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World**, he explores creative approaches to building food security for people around the world.



November 7 7:00 pm

Eben Alexander

The Nature of Consciousness

Eben Alexander is a neurosurgeon who has served on the medical staff at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, and Massachusetts General Hospital, and on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School, Duke University Medical Center, and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He is the author of the bestseller **Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife**, which recounts his near-death experience and his subsequent commitment to researching the nature of human consciousness.



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November 21 noon

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We welcome your financial support. Donations can be mailed to the Westminster Town Hall Forum, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Questions?

Visit westminsterforum.org, or contact Susan McKenna at 612-332-3421, or smckenna@wpc-mpls.org.



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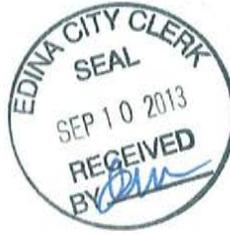




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September 6, 2013

Susan Haigh
Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**Re: Southwest LRT – Objection of Kraus-Anderson, Incorporated to Proposed
Routing: 6442-6462 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Haigh:

Kraus-Anderson, Incorporated has received a request from Southwest LRT, Green Line extension, to enter onto its Primetech Office Park property located at 6442-6462 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, Minnesota to do various testing in connection with establishing a route for the Southwest LRT. The LRT plans until recently had shown that the LRT corridor would be constructed across Highway 212 from the Primetech property, a layout to which we had no objection. Now, however, in connection with the Southwest LRT's request to enter onto the Primetech property, we have learned that there has been a route change which will move the LRT tracks to the northwest side of Highway 212 and on to the Primetech property. This move will have significant adverse impacts on the Primetech property and also on the West Shady Nine office property located at 6600 City West Pkwy that is owned by Osborne Properties Limited Partnership, a related Kraus-Anderson entity.

At a time when financial considerations are key to this LRT line moving forward, we think the newly revised design which will take property from the Primetech property and impair visibility of the Primetech property, an impairment for which compensation must be paid in Minnesota, is not well conceived.

Until this issue is resolved, we will not grant permission for the LRT's engineers, contractors or others to enter the Primetech property because we believe it will simply advance a route that is not beneficial either to Kraus-Anderson as the owner of the Primetech property or to the public which must pay for this project.

Susan Haigh
September 6, 2013
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We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter. We continue to have no objection to the original layout with the LRT constructed on the southwest side of Highway 212.

Sincerely,



Daniel Engelsma
President/COO

cc: Nancy Tyra-Lukens
Mayor
City of Eden Prairie
Eden Prairie City Center
8080 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

James Hovland
Mayor
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St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Deb Mangen

From: Mayhew, Scott <Scott.Mayhew@ATK.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:47 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Edina City Council

Why are your city cops playing highway patrol? I was attempting to get a plate number of a vehicle who threw stones and gravel from the ramp to HWY 100 from 62W, when one of your city cops pulled me over. I was not about to disobey your officer, but, I would have liked to been able to be pulled over by a legitimate trooper, so that the other vehicle could be stopped. That way a report could have been filed and I would not have to pay out of pocket for a new windshield. Now my insurance rates go up and I didn't even get to report the incident that I was trying to report. Your city cops should not be playing highway patrol. They are not trained for that job. They do more harm than good.

Scott A Mayhew
G4S Security Officer
(952)351-3011
Scott.mayhew@ATK.CON

Deb Mangen

Subject: FW: Thank you

Can you forward this on the the appropriate people

Darrell Todd, Assistant Fire Chief
952-826-0328 | Fax 952-826-0393
DTodd@EdinaMN.gov | www.EdinaMN.gov/Fire -----Original Message-----
From: Pat Sandon
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Darrell Todd
Subject: FW: Thank you

Chief Todd,

Another satisfied customer.
This was a wash machine motor fire.

Pat Sandon, Fire Captain
952-826-0330 | Fax 952-826-0393
psandon@EdinaMN.gov | www.EdinaMN.gov/Fire -----Original Message-----
From: Neil Brenner [<mailto:nbrenner1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 8:08 AM
To: Pat Sandon
Cc: judyjudy22@comcast.net
Subject: Thank you

Captain Sandon,

We would like to thank you and the Edina Fire Department for your prompt response and service this morning. It gives our family great comfort to know the prompt response , skill level, caring and integrity of the Edina Fire Department.
Thank you once again.

Respectfully,
Neil and Judy Brenner
5021 Wooddale Lane
Edina Mn 55402

Sent from my iPad

Deb Mangen

From: Christopher Kelly <ckelly@maig.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 2:33 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: Mayors Against Illegal Guns-Minnesota
Attachments: statement_of_principles.pdf

Mayor Hovland,

I wanted to follow up from the Regional Council of Mayors meeting yesterday. Mayor Lindstrom suggested I email you. I hope you will consider joining Mayors Against Illegal Guns. As you may already know, MAIG is the largest grassroots gun violence prevention organization in the nation with more than 1,000 mayors and over 1.5 million active supporters. The current coalition in Minnesota includes Mayor Ness of Duluth, Mayor Lindstrom of Falcon Heights, Mayor Rybak of Minneapolis, Mayor Martin of Shoreview, and Mayor Coleman of St. Paul.

We are Democrats, Republicans, Independents and gun owners who respect the second amendment and are dedicated to keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the dangerously mentally ill. I am happy to provide more information if you like. I have attached the Statement of Principles mayors sign to join. Please email a PDF of the signed statement to me at ckelly@maig.org.

We would indeed be honored to welcome you into the MAIG Coalition and thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Kelly
MAIG-MN



STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Whereas: 30,000 Americans across the country are killed every year as a result of gun violence, destroying families and communities in big cities and small towns; and

Whereas: As Mayors, we are duty-bound to do everything in our power to protect our residents, especially our children, from harm and there is no greater threat to public safety than the threat of illegal guns;

Now, therefore, we resolve to work together to find innovative new ways to advance the following principles:

- Punish – to the maximum extent of the law – criminals who possess, use, and traffic in illegal guns.
- Target and hold accountable irresponsible gun dealers who break the law by knowingly selling guns to straw purchasers.
- Oppose all federal efforts to restrict cities' right to access, use, and share trace data that is so essential to effective enforcement, or to interfere with the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to combat illegal gun trafficking.
- Keep lethal, military-style weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines off our streets.
- Work to develop and use technologies that aid in the detection and tracing of illegal guns.
- Support all local, state, and federal legislation that targets illegal guns; coordinate legislative, enforcement, and litigation strategies; and share information and best practices.
- Invite other cities to join us in this new national effort.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Mayor's Name – please print)

(Mayor's Office Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Mayor's Telephone)

(Mayor's Email Address)

(Staff Contact Name)

(Staff Member's Telephone)

(Staff Position)

(Staff Email)

(Mayoral Term -- MM/YYYY to MM/YYYY)

(Elected as – e.g. Rep., Dem., non-partisan, independent)

To join Mayors Against Illegal Guns, please fill in the information above and return this form to the coalition via fax at 212-312-0760. Alternatively, you can email a PDF of the signed statement to statement@mayorsagainstillegalguns.org.

Deb Mangen

From: Hedy Holmberg <hedy.holmberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 4:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Proposed Subdivision of 5 Merilane

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members:

Re: Proposed Subdivision of 5 Merilane, Edina

My husband and I have lived in the Rolling Green neighborhood at 4604 Merilane for 21 years and chose this neighborhood because of the large lots; it is like living in the country but having the amenities that only the community of Edina can provide.

We have seen the proposed subdivision of 5 Merilane into three lots and the proposed placement of the homes on these three building sites. If three homes were to be built on these pie-shaped lots they would have to be crowded together at the back of each property to satisfy the setback requirements; this would destroy the character of the Rolling Green neighborhood and negatively impact on the property values of the adjacent neighbors. Already Rolling Green is beginning to look like the Country Club neighborhood on steroids.

John Adams stated in a letter that the lot can be subdivided into three lots without a variance, and if that is accurate, then the neighbors will have to accept that. However, should the future owners of these lots and their builders request a variance of the set back requirements or any lot line variances we will oppose those requests.

Rolling Green is a beautiful neighborhood and I ask you to please preserve its unique character and charm by not allowing the subdivision of this property into three lots.

Thank you,

Hedy and Mark Holmberg

4604 Merilane

Edina, MN 55436

Deb Mangen

From: kelly a jungels <kjungels@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 7:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: subdivision in Indian Hills

Mayor James Hovland, I am writing because I do not support the subdivision of the 6900 Blackfoot Pass lot. I live at 6400 Indian Hills rd. I love my street, I love my neighborhood. I had 2 homes in the Country Club neighborhood and I liked it there too. Both neighborhoods have their own feel. And I feel subdividing the 6900 lot changes the feel of our neighborhood. We don't have another house as close to the street as the builder is proposing for one of the homes. I moved to this part of town for space and privacy. Changing just one lot into two makes it easier going forward. Please consider preserving what Indian Hills has. The "feel" is has, because it is really unique. Thank you, Kelly Jungels

Deb Mangen

From: Jim Smart <smart@smart-associates.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 3:13 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Mayor Jim Hovland

Hi Jim,

It was nice to run into you on "our trail" the other day while you were doing some "fact finding." As I told you then, we are very concerned about, what will obviously, be a great loss to our regional community, so I'm writing to you today to beg you to support the City of Minneapolis in its efforts to not co-locate (including shallow tunnel) freight rail and LRT on the Kenilworth Greenway. The Kenilworth Greenway is a regional asset used by Edina residents to commute to work, attend Minneapolis events and everyday enjoyment of the Twin Cities' regional trail system. Ask my Edina pal, Marty Mathis, who rides his bike every day, winter and summer to his downtown haberdashery. He'll be the first to tell you that it's more than just a nice trail, it's an essential link to our two Cities.

I respect the Edina Parks & Recreation Department's mission "to do our part in further developing, preserving, and maintaining the City of Edina's parks, recreation programs and resources as a premier and comprehensive parks and recreation department in the Twin Cities area." Please respect Mayor Rybak and the Minneapolis City Council to determine what is best for Minneapolis, the Kenilworth Greenway and the nearly one million Kenilworth Greenway users.

Warm regards,

Jim

Jim Smart
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Suite 201
Minneapolis, MN 55415
612-335-8797
smart@smart-associates.com

P Before printing this e-mail, think if it is necessary. Think Green.

Deb Mangen

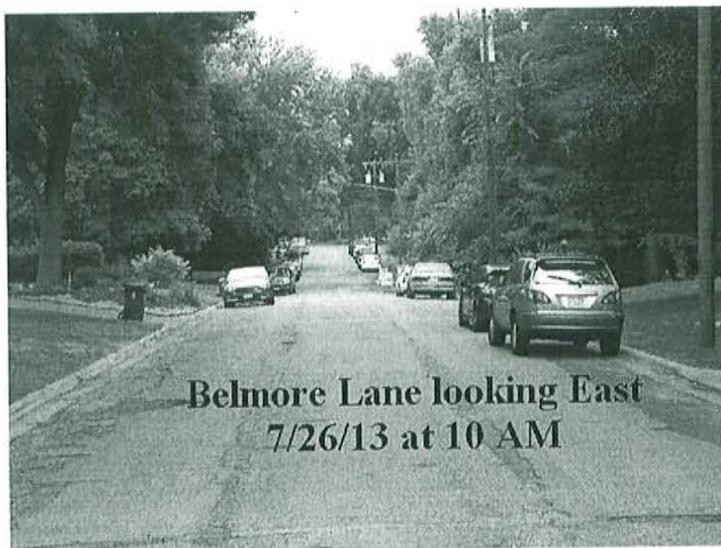
From: Mary McDonald <marymarymcmc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Edina Mail; Councilmember Joni Bennett; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Councilmember Josh Sprague; Councilmember Ann Swenson; Scott Neal
Subject: Violation of Conditional Use Permit
Attachments: Letter to City Officials.docx

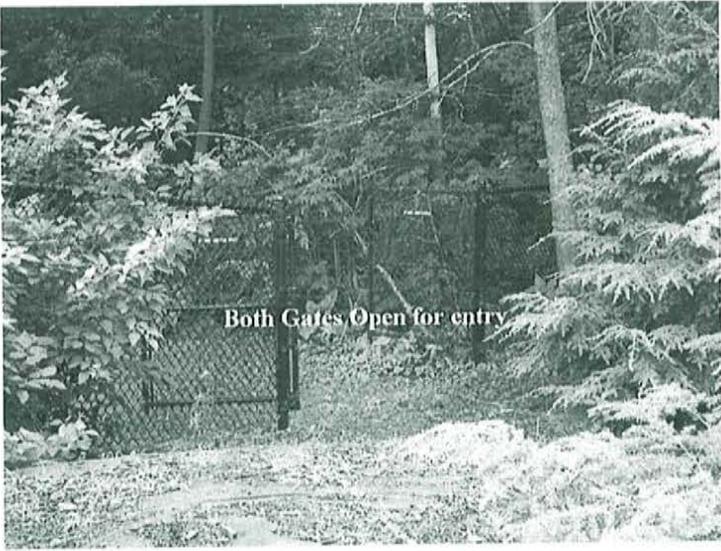
Dear Mayor Hovland; Councilmembers Bennett, Brindle, Sprague, and Swenson; City Manager Neal,
Please see the attached letter and photos.

We appreciate your concern.

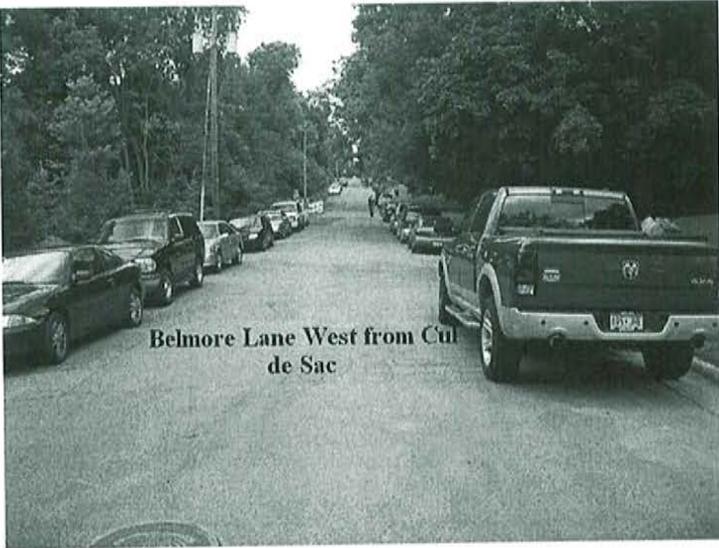
Sincerely,
Residents of Belmore Lane:
Craig and Sarah Bennett
Cheryl Bristol
Wendy Donovan and Allan Dold
Mary McDonald
Jill Rivard and Bill McGilvray
Rick and Sue Windham

Photos of Belmore Lane on 7-26-2013





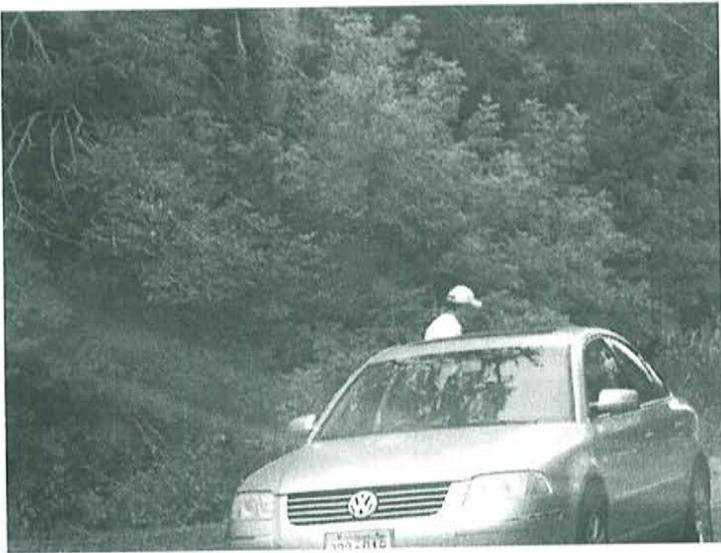
Both Gates Open for entry



Belmore Lane West from Cul de Sac







Wednesday, September 11, 2013

To: Mayor James Hovland; mail@EdinaMN.gov
Councilmember Joni Bennett; jonibennett12@comcast.net
Councilmember Mary Brindle; mbrindle@comcast.net
Councilmember Josh Sprague; joshsprague@edinarealty.com
Councilmember Ann Swenson; swensonann1@gmail.com
City Manager Scott Neal; sneal@EdinaMN.gov

Dear City Officials:

We are several residents of Belmore Lane east of Blake Road who want to bring the following to your attention.

There was an event held at Interlachen Country Club on Friday, July 26, through Sunday, July 28. On each of these days, some event attendees and/or employees parked on Belmore Lane, many of them for the entire day. They entered Interlachen through an unlocked gate in the fence bordering Interlachen's practice area. Managers at Interlachen encouraged them to do this.

We know this because, on the first morning of this event, event attendees/employees who had parked on Belmore said to a neighbor that Interlachen's pool manager "told us to park here" and that Interlachen's caddy master "told us to park here".

The attached photos show the long lines of cars parked on Belmore and the open gate - and a man walking across the practice area, coming through the open gate, and walking up Belmore to his car.

To get approval for its Conditional Use Permit in 2009, Interlachen Country Club agreed in **Section 3:**

4. Access to the buildings shall be from the internal access points from Waterman Avenue and Interlachen Boulevard, and not Maloney Avenue or Belmore Lane.

5. Maloney Avenue and Belmore Lane may not be used by construction vehicles accessing the site, or for parking.

Interlachen's directing people to use Belmore for parking is a clear violation of the conditions that merited Interlachen's C.U.P.

We respectfully request that you take steps to ensure this breach of the C.U.P. will not occur again.

Thank you.

Craig and Sarah Bennett (6229 Belmore Lane)
Cheryl Bristol (6208 Belmore Lane)
Wendy Donovan and Allan Dold (317 John Street, corner of John and Belmore)
Mary McDonald (6216 Belmore Lane)
Jill Rivard and Bill McGilvray (6224 Belmore Lane)
Rick and Sue Windham (6233 Belmore Lane)

From: Jennifer Rowland <jenniferrowland@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 5:04 PM
To: Jackie Hoogenakker
Cc: Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed Blackfoot Pass Lot Subdivision

To the Edina Planning Commision and City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of my husband David Rowland and myself to address a proposed subdivision of a recently purchased lot on Blackfoot Pass in the Indian hills neighborhood in which we reside. We have lived in two homes in Edina for most of the past 21 years and we have enjoyed both homes for their unique qualities. Our first home was at 5003 Arden Avenue in the Brucewood neighborhood of Edina. We enjoyed the many amenities of living in close proximity to 50th & France and Arden Park as our children grew up. Our second home in Edina is located at 6605 Dakota Trail. This property includes a second parcel, 6601 Dakota Trail which the previous owners had purchased and combined to create an even larger property in the beautiful Indian Hills neighborhood. We chose this home after learning more about the west side of Edina and came to appreciate the larger lots, beautiful trees and more country-like feel. Although we moved out of the east side of Edina, we had come to learn that the features of the Indian Hills neighborhood met our needs an desires for our current phase of life.

The neighborhood diversity in Edina makes it a stronger community. The distinct characteristics of each neighborhood allows Edina to meet the needs of a variety of people with a variety of needs and desires. The proposed subdivision is inconsistent with the unique characteristics provided in the Indian Hills neighborhood. It would be a mistake to allow this sort of transformation to occur, and it would weaken an important strength of the city of Edina.

Thank you for the consideration of our perspective in this matter.

David and Jennifer Rowland
6605 & 6601 Dakota Trail
Edina, Mn 55439

Sent from my iPhone

Deb Mangen

From: Christine Ott <extramileamericafoundation@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 12:04 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Extra Mile Day Proclamation

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am writing to request a proclamation to declare November 1, 2013, *Extra Mile Day...a day to recognize the people and organizations in Edina who are creating positive change through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service.* (I have included proclamation language near the end of this email.)

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

Can we confirm you as a November 1, 2013, "Extra Mile Day" city?

When we receive confirmation that you will do a proclamation, your city's name will be posted on the Extra Mile America website, be included in the participating city list sent to the White House, and have local press contacted regarding your Mayor's participation.

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

1) Submit names of local "Extra Mile Heroes." In addition to a November 1 declaration, submit 1-5 names of amazing extra mile people and/or organizations that are making significant contributions to make your city better. These people/organizations will be included on our website with their specific contribution, and their names will be sent to the White House as extra-mile change makers whose service truly stands out and deserves to be recognized.

2) A quote by your Mayor. In addition to a November 1 declaration, your quote of what it personally means to "go the extra mile" will be highlighted on our website and shared with your local media.

Last year, 362 inspirational mayors and city leaders stood up and jointly recognized November 1, 2012, as ***Extra Mile Day...a day to recognize the people and organizations in your local community who are creating positive change through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service.***

Started in 2009 by Founder Shawn Anderson and his vision that one person CAN make a difference, *Extra Mile Day* has grown from 23 participating cities in its inaugural year, to 116 in 2010, to 228 in 2011, to 362 in 2012...and this year, a goal of 400 cities has been set.

We look forward to your city joining as an Extra Mile Day city. If there is anything we can do to help you plan something special, we are happy to jump forward with our best effort on your behalf.

Can we confirm you as a November 1, 2013, "Extra Mile Day" city?

Here is sample wording you could use in your proclamation:

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

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

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

WHEREAS, (city, state) acknowledges the **mission of Extra Mile America to create 400 Extra Mile cities in America** and is proud to support **"Extra Mile Day" on November 1, 2013**.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of (city, state) do hereby proclaim **November 1, 2013** to be **Extra Mile Day**. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only "go the extra mile" in his or her own life, but to also **acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place**.

Proclamations can be scanned and emailed to us or mailed to:

Extra Mile America Foundation
5034 Runway Drive
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

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

Christine

Christine Ott
Director of Media and Public Outreach
310-619-3205
Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org

Deb Mangen

From: John Currie <john@currieworks.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 9:30 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Last night's poem
Attachments: They say Edina will never see.docx

Hi, Jim.

Here is that poem that I read last night at our meeting. I appreciate the opportunity that I had to share my comments with you, Jeff, Dan and our community.

Best Regards,

John Currie
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THEY SAY EDINA WILL NEVER SEE

a poem as lovely as a tree.

They create calm and peaceful quiet
but sadly, cannot prevent the riot
of all the horrid, increasing noise
that airplanes overhead, destroys.

We chose to live here in Edina
where life is good—indeed, it's fina.

We gather friends and families
'neath shade of our protecting trees
but no longer hear our girls and boys
because of all that airplane noise.

We raise our voices, we send our notes,
we'd love to send to you our votes
to say there are too many flights;
they smash our days, despoil our nights.
We can't relax outside, it's true,
for conversations just don't go through.

The peace is broken, the calm is shattered.

But we're afraid that nothing's mattered
to those folks at the FAA

'cause the flights continue to this day.

We're told that there are no more flights
today, than before, nor more at night.

*We're told that the truth and these statistics,
this researched data, these fine logistics*

prove that our problems cannot be
as awful as is said by we.

But flights today, in truth, are lower.

They cut the quiet like a sky-born mower.

More flights are being concentrated
in patterns smaller as they are mated
into narrow bands that just so happen
to fly above us and then crappen
on our heads and on our homes.

Their noise shakes us to our very bones.

We've had enough, we're here to say.

We won't go quietly, **we're here to stay!**

We beg of you to hear our pleas,
to listen to us. We're on our knees.
Before the peace here planes destroy,
before the lives here they annoy,
before the calm is ripped asunder,
before there's no retreat from blunder.
Before tonight's agenda ends,
we're begging you, please, to make amends.
Meet us, join us in the fray
to return the peace to Edina's day.
Rethink these plans, re-chart these flights
and we'll retreat from these, our fights.

*But be assured, if all continues,
that at this, and all other venues,
We shall return, mad girls and boys,*

to fight against the noise, NOISE ,NOISE!!!!

JOHN CURRIE 9.10.13

Deb Mangen

From: World Wildlife Fund <ecomments@wwfus.org> on behalf of Larry Osteraas <losteraas@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Enroll our Community in the 2013 Earth Hour City Challenge - From losteraas@comcast.net

Sep 12, 2013

Mayor James Hovland
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424-1330

Dear Mayor Hovland,

This message was sent from losteraas@comcast.net

Thank you for your efforts to improve our community. As a resident, I am writing to express my deep concern about the threat that the impacts of climate change pose to our community.

That is why I urge you to enroll our community in World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour City Challenge (<http://worldwildlife.org/citychallenge>), which offers a platform to recognize and reward cities for the work they do. The City Challenge builds on the annual Earth Hour event where millions around the globe turn out their lights for one hour in a call for action to protect the planet.

All cities that share their sustainability efforts through the Earth Hour City Challenge will be publicly recognized and have a chance to compete for one of three \$30,000 grants and be crowned an Earth Hour Capital!

Learn more and enroll our city at
<http://worldwildlife.org/citychallenge>

Participating in this initiative can help raise the profile of our existing sustainability efforts and encourage us to do even more to advance renewable energy and prepare for climate change. I sincerely hope you will visit the website and take advantage of this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mr. Larry Osteraas
6100 Ashcroft Ave
Edina, MN 55424-1726

Deb Mangen

From: RICHARD YOUNG <richardyoung1145@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 12:57 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: forward to Joni Bennett

Subject : old public works site.

It was my understanding that the proceeds from sale of the "old" public works site was used in the cost justification for the new site. The projected dollar amount was shown to reduce the cost of the new site. Or am I mistaken?

Thanks

Richard Young

Deb Mangen

From: World Wildlife Fund <ecomments@wwfus.org> on behalf of Dave Zens <davezens@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 3:33 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Enroll our Community in the 2013 Earth Hour City Challenge - From davezens@comcast.net

Sep 12, 2013

Mayor James Hovland
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424-1330

Dear Mayor Hovland,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dave Zens
4324 Grimes Ave S
Edina, MN 55424-1067

Deb Mangen

From: Marie Sullivan <mariesullivan87@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Lake Edina Neighborhood road construction

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am writing to express concern and disappointment about the poor reconstruction of the Lake Edina Neighborhood road construction project.

Very large portions of our yards were torn up and the city tried to save money by seeding which has been a disaster. The contractor hired to water the seed did not water adequately and much of the seed has died, leaving our neighborhood looking awful!

Could you please drive through the neighborhood and see for yourself how terrible it looks? I feel bad because I know that the country club district and other parts of the city would never be left in such a poor state of reconstruction.

The black dirt the company used to replace our former black dirt was of a rocky and poor quality. I have so many rocks remaining on my yard! Also they did a poor job leveling the top soil and they left dips in the yardscape.

A large portion of our yards look awful! Something has to be done to rectify this! My neighbor across the street made the city remove the rocky poor quality soil they initially put in and replace it with better black dirt. He then made them level it better and as a result his is the only yard to look like our yards did before the construction.

People's underground sprinkler systems were ripped apart and neighbors have told me the people hired to fix them did not do it right.

Also, could the city please have them wash our streets! They have left a lot of dirt just sitting on our roads for weeks while they wait to add the top coat. They shoveled off clumps of dirt but the layer of dirt remaining on the roads has been there a very long time and they should wash it off.

Please let us know that the lawn restoration will be addressed and fixed. We deserve to have our lawns restored to their former good quality. The current situation is not acceptable.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,
Marie Sullivan