

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: November 18, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.



Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

October 21, 2014

Jeffrey Brown, CHS Administrator
City of Edina Community Health Board
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Jeff,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of your Community Health Board's Local Public Health Grant award for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 (calendar year 2015).

The 2015 award for City of Edina Community Health Board is **\$118,919.00**

Please note this is only your annual award for the Local Public Health Grant. Your annual award for Title V and TANF will come in a separate letter from the Community and Family Health Division.

You will receive a grant project agreement outlining the duties related to the Local Public Health Grant via e-mail. If you have any questions about your award allocations please contact DeeAnn Finley at 651-201-4551 or deeann.finley@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burns", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Debra L. Burns, Director
Office of Performance Improvement
Minnesota Department of Health
PO Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

CC: James Hovland, CHB Chair
MDH Financial Management



Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

October 29, 2014

Jeffrey Brown, CHS Administrator
City of Edina Community Health Board
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Jeffrey,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of your Title V MCH Block Grant (CFDA 93.994) award for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 (CY 2015) and January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 (CY 2016). These CY awards are higher than your CY 2014 award as federal reductions due to sequestration were less than anticipated.

The awards for City of Edina Community Health Board are:

CY 2015 \$37,277

CY 2016 \$37,277

Adjustments to your award may be necessary if there are any changes to Minnesota's anticipated federal funding.

You will receive a grant project agreement for the Title V MCH Block Grant via e-mail shortly. Please review, sign and return to Janet Olstad as soon as possible so the necessary internal signatures can be obtained to have a fully executed contract in place by January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions about your award please contact Lynn Marzolf at 651-201-3592 or by e-mail at lynn.marzolf@state.mn.us. For programmatic questions or questions about the grant project agreement, please contact Janet Olstad at 651-201-3584 or janet.olstad@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Diebel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maggie Diebel
Community and Family Health Division Director
Minnesota Department of Health
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

CC: James Hovland, CHB Chair
Financial Management-MDH



Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans

October 29, 2014

Jeffrey Brown, CHS Administrator
City of Edina Community Health Board
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Jeffrey,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of your Family Home Visiting (TANF) award for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

The awards for City of Edina Community Health Board are as follows:

January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 is \$19,997. Funding will not be available for services provided after June 30, 2015.

July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 is \$19,998.

Funds available for this award are federal funds and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 93.558. Adjustments to your award may be necessary if anticipated funding changes during the award time period.

You will receive a grant project agreement for the Family Home Visiting (TANF) funding via e-mail shortly. Please review, sign and return to Janet Olstad as soon as possible so the necessary internal signatures can be obtained to have a fully executed contract in place by January 1, 2015.

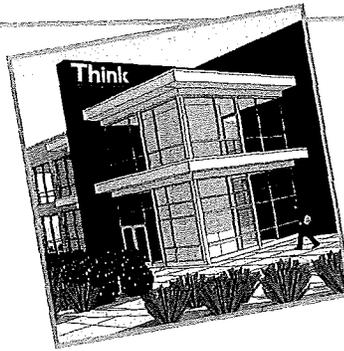
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Sincerely,

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Maggie Diebel
Community and Family Health Division Director
Minnesota Department of Health
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

CC: James Hovland, CHB Chair
Financial Management-MDH



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Heather Branigin

From: Briggsmin@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 1:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 4505 Arden Avenue

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I was very disturbed to see that the house at 4505 Arden was recently razed without using the process that has been set up for demolition of houses in the Country Club District. I understand that there had been several meetings with the Heritage Preservation Board (HPB) over the past four years and they had approved that the back of the house could be opened up for an addition but that the front of the house would be preserved. Through the Edina Heritage Preservation Board's Plan of Treatment process both sides of the issue had their voices heard and a determination was made on the fate of the home, the front would stay and the back could be removed.

What disturbs me when I see the house torn down is that the neighbors were not informed of the demolition and the process outlined in the Heritage Preservation Board's Plan of Treatment was not followed. In the Edina Heritage Preservation Board's "Certificate of Appropriateness Application" the requirements state that "The City will send notices to neighboring property owners and other appropriate parties, as determined by the City". This did not happen in this case and there is no reason that it should not have. No neighbor, whether in Country Club or elsewhere in Edina, should come home to unexpectedly find a hole in the ground where a house used to stand.

The HPB's Plan of Treatment also clearly lays out a process that is supposed to be followed that in the case of 4505 Arden was not. The Heritage Preservation Board recognizes that there can be "a significant potential impact by new construction can have on the historic character of the District" and therefore lays out a process to be followed that also includes an appeal of the HPB decision. Again, this process was not followed which should be disturbing to everyone in the district whether they felt the house should be demolished or not. The process is there to protect District residents and typically one of the biggest investments each of us have made, our home and its value.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Briggs

4509 Browndale Avenue

Edina, MN 55424

Heather Branigin

From: Peggy Polacek <ppolacek@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 4:35 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 4505 Arden

Dear Mayor and City Council,

My husband Steve and I are very concerned about the process by which total demolition of 4505 Arden was approved. On September 1st, 2014 we received a letter from GNH informing us that the rear addition would be demolished and the historic facade would be renovated. No further information was provided. Of course city officials have the right and responsibility to condemn unsafe buildings, but we are assuming that was not the case with 4505 Arden. And why did city staff decide to waive the 20-day notification period to the adjacent neighbors when they approved demolition of the historic facade?

It has come to our attention that there was a four-year quest by the builder to have this home demolished. It is our understanding that city staff and the Heritage Preservation Board used the 2008 rules to guide procedures and decisions. Then suddenly, the process shifted direction without input from the HPB or the adjacent neighbors. This sets a bad precedent for future adherence to the guidelines. It also leaves many residents feeling distrustful, once again, of the City's alliance with developers who seek profit, rather than residents who seek the preservation of this city asset.

Thank you for reviewing the case of 4505 Arden. It sets an important precedent for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Steve and Peggy Polacek
4106 Sunnyside Rd
Edina, MN 55424

Heather Branigin

From: Mark Ettinger <mark.ettinger@cjmltd.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 5:14 PM
To: Edina Mail

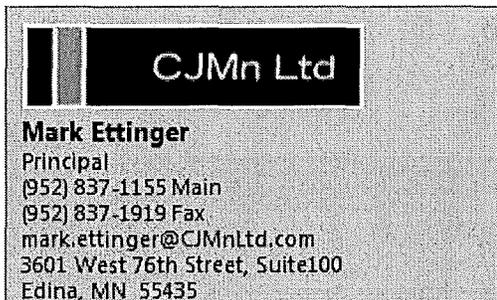
To the Edina City Council:

I am a resident on West Shore Drive.

I had not learned about the issue of a local connector and sidewalk on our street. I am, we are, totally opposed to that amendment. There is no need what so ever for a sidewalk. No one has ever mentioned it. There is no need to tear up the new street, and everyone's yard to facilitate something that no one wants. I am not aware of any pedestrian safety issue. There is no need for additional snow storage, that is ridiculous. And who is going to pay for it? There is absolutely no reason in the world to proceed with this amendment. There are many more important issues to deal with in terms of infrastructure.

Thank you.

Mark Ettinger
952-921-5164 (Direct)
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Heather Branigin

From: Geeta Dash <larsondash@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 5:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Home
Subject: amendment to Sidewalk Facilities Plan

To Whom it may Concern:

It is my understanding the City of Edina Planning Commission has voted to amend a new Sidewalk Facilities Plan, allowing changing West Shore Drive from a "local" street to a "local connector" from 66th Street to Hibiscus.

I am writing to state, as a resident of West Shore Drive, I was not notified this issue was being discussed. To my understanding, there have been no new issues with traffic on this street since I moved here 20 years ago. I do not see understand why the categorization of this street needs to change, warranting sidewalk placement. Placing sidewalks has many disadvantages, and this is an issue that should not be taken lightly, without resident input.

I do not know if this will reach in time, but I strongly urge the City Council to delay discussion and voting beyond today's meeting, so an informed discussion involving residents can take place.

Signed,

Geeta Dash
7301 West Shore Dr.

Heather Branigin

From: Susan Jean Smith <sjsmith126@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 6:01 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: RE: West Shore Drive

I am not interested in a side walk on our street. One of the reasons I bought my house in 1999 was that it did not have a side walk. I am in my 60's and I do not want the extra work or lose the tree and bushes/fence I have in my front yard.

I also want to mention the FRED I know I am late, but it would be nice to have a dedicated dog space in our area. Rather than having to drive on highway 62 to 169 when the traffic is so busy. It makes it difficult to go every day with the traffic.

Thank you for your consideration!
Sincerely,

Susan Jean (2G) Smith
7308 West Shore Drive
952-926-6907
612-600-5066 cell

Heather Branigin

From: Lisa Burroughs <burroughslisa1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 6:32 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Oppose sidewalks on West 60th street

The sidewalks On 60th street snuck into the plan are not wanted or needed and are wasteful. The neighborhood spoke in the extensive survey the city recently conducted. Why won't the city listen to the people affected and majority impacted? We don't want or need sidewalks on 60th Street.

You propose sidewalks on Benton which runs parallel to 60th and is one to two blocks away. Surely that meets the need. Who will pay for and shovel these sidewalks? How can this be approved in good consciousness.

Have you run this plan for sidewalks on 60th by the City Forrester since numerous huge trees will need to be removed? If you go around the trees, you would be 10- 15 feet from some front doors. Extensive and expensive terracing would need to be done on the north side of the street. This will make future mowing difficult and high maintenance.

I walk my dogs all year and sometimes the streets are too slippery and unsafe in winter and I need to walk across the grass. The sidewalks will not help in winter.

How will people be able to maintain sidewalks to the level required without having to hire help? It is all I can do to get my driveway done to get to work, only to have the plow undo the work and then come home to frozen chunks of ice and snow from the plow.

Please do not approve sidewalks on 60th for all of the reasons above.

Lisa Burroughs
5112 West 60th Street

Heather Branigin

From: Lee <lheckenl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 6:57 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Sidewalk Meeting

As a resident living at 5104 w 60th street, I'm strongly against the sidewalk on 60th street.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Heather Branigin

From: Susan Marty Eldridge <smartyeldridge@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 7:42 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Grand view Space

I am concerned of the recent agreement with Franenshuh regarding the use of public land at 5146 Eden Ave. The Edina public has said yes to public use of this land. The Edina public has said yes to a community driven process to determine use of the space .

I respectfully ask the you table the agreement with Franenshuh indefinitely.

Thankyou .

Susan Marty Eldridge
Cell: (952) 250-9528
Work: (952) 920-9721

Heather Branigin

From: Kathy Dahlheimer <kdahlheimer@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 8:28 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Communication and what is happening in our city

Hello...I have been catching up on meetings for the last two weeks and there is one persistent theme and it is that citizens do not feel they are getting advance or adequate notice of anything that is happening even when it involves their own front yard. It was really bad with the Fred closing and now with the sidewalk situation and in many other projects, it seems very engaged citizens show up and complain of this. It seems it should be a priority item (not on work plan but important). Not everyone reads the Edina Sun (in fact often it does not come), Next Door is something that I just found out about (involves waiting for a code etc) and posted notices I have seen up at 50th about hearings would never be seen by the average busy citizen. I admit I don't have the answer and I know you try but I think with all the projects coming up City Council and staff need to work out something to get the word out better.

Thanks for your attention to this situation which I'm sure you are already working on.

Also thanks to Ann Swenson for calling out that crazy fee schedule for the 50th St. parking...\$10.00/month...is that a joke? Frankly the \$25.00 is too low...covered parking probably almost right at the door for many. ...and more or less reserved for the permit holder. Simply unheard of. Don't even consider anything lower. As I write this I am thinking maybe that was \$10/day????? That area is well served by buses if people don't want to pay for the parking but I think the bus fare would be much more!!!

I know this sidewalk issue is tough but my walking route involves some street (that Concord area that now has been taken off even though it goes right to the school) and mostly sidewalk (I plan it that way) and we need the sidewalks. It is unpopular now but they will get used to it and thank you in the future. I also think in most cases as long as the hydroseed works the area is left looking much nicer than before.

Thanks for all your work and now have to go and vote.

Kathleen Dahlheimer 4801 West 60th Street

Heather Branigin

From: deanne dubbs <ddubbs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 9:37 AM
To: Mary Brindle (Comcast)
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Edina Mail
Subject: RE: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane

Dear Mary,

Thank-you for your email and thoughts about the Wyman bridge. As I tried to explain at last night's city council meeting, the bridge is important for car traffic as it is the quickest way for automobiles from the north of Hwy 62 to access southbound Hwy 100 via the 70th Street ramps. I, myself, drive that route almost daily. Pedestrians on the other hand have no destinations in the adjoining neighborhoods on either side of the bridge. We are in the middle of acres and acres of homes and so people walking in our neighborhood generally pick a path for pleasure, not a destination orientated journey. And so your belief that residents in the four quadrants are inclined to walk miles to visit a neighborhood across the freeways is not realistic. Residents on Maddox Lane have shared with me that they like to walk in our neighborhood and will often walk to the pond a few blocks away. I can't remember seeing a pedestrian on the Wyman bridge in months, although I drive it very often.

At last night's meeting, I was surprised to hear that surveys had shown that the majority of residents wanted more sidewalks. No one from Maddox Lane recalls being included in the surveys. How were these surveys conducted? How large was the survey population? Was it targeted to a certain sector of the residents? How is it that the results of the Maddox Lane survey differ so greatly from the results put forth by the sidewalk planners?

It was also clear that the public engagement strategies employed by the city have failed to inform the residents of Edina of the proposed sidewalk plan. West Shore Drive and Maddox Lane residents were only informed of the sidewalk plan and council meeting by way of a one resident from each of their streets spreading the information. The internet is a great tool but it is not reaching the vast majority of Edina residents who have not known that they need to sign up for the Edina Extra, Speak-up Edina, etc. if they want to be informed. I had no idea that I needed to connect to these websites or risk being left out of the decisions that directly affect me.

At the close of the public hearing last night, it seemed that the city council, on the eve of an election day, was putting off making an unpopular vote and rescheduling it so as to avoid the displeasure of the residents. It is my understanding that the vote will now be taken on Dec. 2. There was some talk of meeting with residents of neighborhoods for further discussions but when and where these meetings are to be held and more importantly, how the residents will be informed of when and where the meetings will take place was not disclosed. The lack of transparency in the sidewalk conundrum is beginning to look like there is a construction company that stands to gain from the mostly private plans that have moved through the transportation, planning commission and are now before the city council. How can you say that the residents need and want the sidewalk on Maddox Lane after hearing the consistent message that my neighbors brought to you? Not every sidewalk is a solution to a problem. Please consider putting a sidewalk where it is needed and wanted, that would be good and wise government.

Respectfully,
DeAnne Dubbs

From: mbrindle@comcast.net
To: ddubbs@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane
Date: Mon, 3 Nov 2014 14:54:36 -0600

Hi Deanne,

I wanted to follow up with you, first to thank you and your neighbors for taking time to talk about the sidewalk plan, and second to let you know that I have been thinking a lot about the overall plan and why Maddox Lane is included.

When I look at the overall plan, the idea is to give pedestrians a way to get around your neighborhood and connect to other neighborhoods and destinations in Edina. Edina is challenged by the two highways that divide it into four quadrants. It seems to me that the connection to Wyman is an important one. And that connection is made from Maddox Lane.

The placement of the sidewalk is generally on the side of the street where most people live. Most of your neighborhood lives North of your home which is likely why the sidewalk is suggested for the North side of Maddox Lane.

Please know that I understand your concerns and will go into tonight's meeting with an open mind. I wanted you to be aware that I feel that connection to Wyman Avenue is an important one that we will talk about this evening.

That's all for now. The decision about sidewalks is a tough decision.

Thanks again.
Mary Brindle.

From: [deanne dubbs](#)
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 11:39 AM
To: [Mary Brindle](#)
Subject: RE: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane

Hi Mary,

Great! I'll meet you at 5316 Maddox Lane on Friday at 3:20. I'd like to ask Paul Hanson if he could join us, too. Thanks for taking the time to see our situation up close. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, DeAnne

From: mbrindle@comcast.net
To: ddubbs@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane
Date: Tue, 28 Oct 2014 10:52:13 -0500

He Deanne,
3:20 on Friday works for me.
I will meet you at your home unless you tell me otherwise.
Mary Brindle.

From: [deanne dubbs](#)
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 10:49 AM
To: [Mary Brindle](#)
Subject: RE: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane

Good morning Mary,

Thank-you for responding to my email. It would be very kind of you to meet me on the street where I live. Unfortunately our schedules this week will make it tough to get together, but not impossible. Thursday I work from 9 to 5 and Friday 7 to 3. If you could meet me at 3:20p.m. on Friday we would have enough time to take in the 2 block Maddox Lane conundrum. Otherwise, I could ask Paul Hanson, who lives on Maddox Lane, if he is available. Let me know what you decide.

Respectfully,
DeAnne Dubbs

From: mbrindle@comcast.net
To: ddubbs@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane
Date: Tue, 28 Oct 2014 10:28:26 -0500

Hello Deanne,
Thank you for your note, below.

The plan for sidewalks in the Indianola area was amended because of the low traffic in the area. Also the front yards are shallow in this neighborhood.

I will review the sidewalk plan and traffic counts in your neighborhood and am happy to meet with you on your street as well. My schedule is flexible on Thursday (11 to 4) and Friday (any time before 4) of this week. Please let me know what works for you.

Thank you,
Mary Brindle.

From: [deanne dubbs](#)
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:35 PM
To: [mail@EdinaMN.gov](#) ; [jonibennett12@comcast.net](#) ; [mbrindle@comcast.net](#) ; [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](#) ; [swensonann1@gmail.com](#)
Subject: Opposition to Sidewalks on Maddox Lane

To: Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members,

I attended a open house meeting on Sept. 29th at the Edina Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility for information about projects being considered in my neighborhood for 2017. Although, the Sept. 8th letter announcing this meeting said that sidewalks are not included with every project and that a future questionnaire would help evaluate the need for sidewalks, at the meeting there was a poster map showing the Edina Sidewalks Facility Comprehensive Plan which indicated a sidewalk was planned for my street, Maddox Lane.

Let me be clear, I am against the plans to put a sidewalk on my street. I contacted the Engineering Department and was told to attend the Edina Planning Commission Meeting on Oct. 22nd to voice my concerns. At the meeting there were residents from 2 other neighborhoods that were against sidewalks on their streets. After listening to our concerns the members of the commission voted to approve the Sidewalk Comprehensive Plan without any changes and to send it on to the Edina City Council for approval.

The fact that residents just to the east of Maddox Lane along Valley View had successfully petitioned to have the sidewalks planned for their street be dropped off the plan was known to me before the Oct. 22nd meeting but since then I have heard of two more neighborhoods, Golf Terrace and Indianola/Juanita Ave. who have had their sidewalks removed from the plan. As the plan is now set for a vote by the Edina City Council on Nov. 3rd, I am concerned that the rush to approve this plan will make it impossible to amend and as I've discovered citizens are mostly unaware of the comprehensive plan and the Living Streets Initiative.

The criteria that the Sidewalk Facilities Plan has put forth as pertaining to Maddox Lane were, according to Mark Nolan, most likely measured on the Valley View section of the roadway which has now been dropped off of the plan. Another resident of Maddox Lane, who also attended the Sept. 29th open house, Mr. Paul Hanson, and I have interviewed all residents with property along the 2 block street of Maddox Lane. We asked these citizens if they wanted a sidewalk on our street, whether they felt it would improve the character of the neighborhood, and whether or not they felt safe walking and biking on Maddox Lane. All, but one, of 17 residents are opposed to the sidewalk on Maddox Lane. Almost all were unaware of the Sidewalk Facilities Plan. There seems to be a rush to implement this plan before citizens are made aware of it and more seriously, before citizens can have a voice in the future of the neighborhood in which they live.

The Maddox Lane neighborhood is not close to any restaurant, grocery, library, school, or parks with summer programs that one would walk to. The children are bused to school. People out for a walk in our neighborhood are, just that, out for a walk and they can choose any street near around for their pleasure. Would the city need to put cement in every yard to solve a problem that doesn't exist? Has anyone been involved in an accident on Maddox Lane? Would not the residents of the neighborhood have intimate knowledge of what is needed? Is it no longer a government of the people, by the people, for the people as Lincoln proclaimed at Gettysburg? Are our elected officials listening to the voters that brought them into office?

I look forward to the Nov. 3rd Edina City Council Public Hearing. It is my sincere hope that the council will amend the Sidewalk Facilities Plan to exclude Maddox Lane.

Sincerely,
DeAnne Dubbs, 5316 Maddox Lane

Heather Branigin

From: deanne dubbs <ddubbs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 10:10 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com
Subject: Maddox Lane Sidewalk Opposition

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thank-you for your kind permission to allow me to send you my entire prepared comments which did not fit the 3 minute limit at last night's city council meeting so as to include them in the public record. I look forward to our next opportunity to discuss the sidewalk proposal in a less structured format. Clearly, the residents of Maddox Lane agree that the sidewalk planned for our street is ill-advised. My remarks were to have been as follows:

My name is DeAnne Dubbs. I have raised 4 children at 5316 Maddox Lane where I've lived for the past 30 years. In a survey of all residents living along Maddox Lane, taken on Oct 25th, 26th, 94% are opposed to a sidewalk on our street for various reasons.

The criteria that the Transportation Planner has put forth as pertaining to Maddox Lane, were, according to Mark Nolan at the Oct. 22nd Planning Commission Meeting, most likely measured on Valley View, a section of the roadway now dropped off the side walk plan by a previous vote of the city council. The 85th percentile speed of 38 miles per hours listed in the criteria matrix would be hard to achieve on Maddox Lane which has a sharp S-turn at one end and a stop sign 2 blocks later where it dead ends at Hansen Road. If speeding were a problem, it should be addressed by law enforcement. Sidewalks have not been shown to slow down cars, rather cars slow down when pedestrians are present. 94% of the residents living along our street feel safe when walking or biking on Maddox Lane. There have been no pedestrian accidents reported on Maddox Lane. At the very least, the transportation department should conduct speed and traffic counts on the street in question when making their judgments.

Although the Wyman bridge serves to provide car traffic the opportunity to cross Hwy 62 and, in doing so, allows access to Hwy 100 and various commercial districts, very few destinations are close enough to Maddox Lane for pedestrians. It is a 3 mile round trip to the closest library, restaurant, grocery, drug or liquor store. Southdale is over 4 miles, there and back, and 50th and France is 6 miles. Within the Birchcrest Neighborhood, all destinations are north of Maddox Lane. If one wants to walk to Birchcrest Park, or to the Metro bus stop on Benton and Hwy 100, or the community center, one would hardly first walk south to Maddox Lane, only to then turn north to reach their destination. It doesn't make sense to put a side walk on a car route when pedestrians are inclined to take the most direct path. If the purpose of the walk is for pleasure, residents are able to choose streets with less car traffic. On Friday night I had 17 trick-or-treaters at my house. 6 of them were from Minneapolis, and 2 were children from next door. Only 9 were from the surrounding neighborhood. Obviously not a popular street at the southern edge of the neighborhood.

There are costs to be considered. The sidewalk would be paid for by public money from utility fees that all Edina residents pay. Why not install sidewalks where the public feels they are needed and wanted?

Since the driveways now allow for 4 cars, 2 cars wide and 2 cars deep, a 50% reduction would occur after sideways were installed and driveways would no longer be deep enough for a second row of 2 cars.

There are 2 day care providers on Maddox Lane who would be faced with reduced off street parking for their client families especially during critical drop-off and pick-up times.

Snow and ice removal will be another cost to residents whether they do it themselves or hire it done. I currently shovel a 629 square foot driveway. After adding the 5 foot wide side walk, to be placed near the edge of the yard where the snow plow deposits the street accumulation, that increases to shoveling 919 sq feet, a 46% increase. Residents are required to remove all snow and ice within 48 hours or else the city will clear the sidewalk and asses the cost to the property owners. And, should some one fall and be injured, I could be faced with expensive litigation.

Almost all of the Maddox Lane residents were unaware of the Edina Sidewalks Facility Comprehensive Plan until our door to door survey conducted 8 days ago. A

letter to the Birchcrest Neighborhood from Patrick Wrase, Assistant City Engineer, dated Sept. 8th, concerning roadway reconstruction, mentions that sidewalks are not included with every project and that a future questionnaire will help evaluate the need for sidewalks. It was only by attending the Sept. 29th meeting at the Public Works Facility, and there seeing a poster of the proposed sidewalk map, that I realized clearly, sidewalk decisions had already been made. At the Oct. 22nd Planning Commission Meeting I was told that the community had been notified by social media, that you could find the information on the Edina internet website, and by an add in the Sun Current newspaper which is so small and brief that it would not arouse curiosity.

There seems to be a rush to implement this plan before citizens are made aware of it and more seriously, before citizens can have a voice in the neighborhood in which they live. The 3 neighborhoods of Valley View, Golf Terrace and Indianola/Juanita have had the side walk plan amended to exclude them. Maddox Lane now makes the same request. It is a misuse of public funds to put a sidewalk on a seldom walked street which is not a direct route for the few neighborhood destinations. It would place an unnecessary burden on the residents who clearly do not want it. The elected officials should question the validity of the criteria approved by the planning commission and be sensitive to the residents of the neighborhood who have lived on Maddox Lane and so, have intimate knowledge of the foot, bike and car traffic on their street. It is against the will of the people and so we ask you to amend the plan to remove Maddox Lane before you vote to approve the plan in it's entirety. Thank-you.

Heather Branigin

From: Tim O'Neill / O'Neill Brothers <tim@pianobrothers.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 1:37 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Chris Bremer; jan.callison@hennepin.us
Subject: Xerxes Ave

Dear Mayor Hovland-

Thank you for the great job that you are doing in leading our vibrant city of Edina! My wife Annie and I are originally from New Prague, MN but moved into Edina's Creek Knoll neighborhood with our four children three years ago and are loving it.

I am writing today about the appearance of Xerxes Ave, and I understand that you will be discussing this issue on Nov 10th. I completely see the need to stop people from the unsafe passing that takes place on the shoulder on Xerxes, but the solution of the white posts looks absurd! I have traveled all over the world and I have never seen something like them. Certainly there is a better, more attractive option to welcome drivers entering our lovely city from our Eastern boundary?

Please reconsider another option that better represents this cutting edge town in which we live.

Thank you again for your service to our city of Edina.

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Cc: cbremer1@gmail.com
Subject: Xerxes Ave South bump-outs
Attachments: IMG_2400.JPG

Mayor Jim Hovland, and Commissioner Jan Callison:

I wish to provide feedback on the recent implementation of bump-outs along Xerxes Ave South.

I attended the original presentation of the bump-out solution at the Edina Community Lutheran Church earlier this year. The county engineer leading this project did an EXCELLENT job presenting the solution, answering ALL questions, and encouraging attendees to reach out to their representatives to voice their perspectives.

At this meeting, I asked what other technologies were evaluated to achieve the goal of pedestrian safety. I got the sense that the bump-out was the strongest candidate due to funding, but there are perhaps better solutions at some expense. I am not clear what those alternatives might be, but I must indicate my dissatisfaction with the implementation of bump outs as currently designed.

I think that the work done on Lyndale Ave in the Kingfield neighborhood several years ago is a great model that we should aspire to, assuming we can work out funding.

I set aside time to participate in this process, questioned the design, let my point of view be known in the meeting not supporting it, and yet ended up with a bump-out outside of my home (see attached); bad luck. I understand that this is how communities make decisions and act on them, but I hope you can consider this context for my feedback, for what it's worth.

There appears to be some discussion that the bump-outs, as implemented, did not match expectations set in that meeting. I disagree, as the engineering drawings presented, as I recall them, seem to match the implemented solution exactly. I think perhaps the attendees at the meeting were unable to visualize the solution based on these drawings, which suggests that perhaps in future discussions a more life-like rendering would be helpful.

As an aside, communication from the County has been excellent. The engineer responsible for reviewing plans with residents was extremely helpful, took time to meet with me after my work hours, and was conscientious that our neighbors were similarly informed ahead of construction.

I appreciate your listening to this feedback, and thanks for representing your constituents.

Regards,
Nick Orum
5712 Xerxes Ave South

Heather Branigin

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Thanks,
Mike

Watershed district board attempts to hash out

Managers discuss allegations of misconduct

BY STEPHANIE HELSETH
SUN SAILOR NEWSPAPERS

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Oct. 30 Board of Managers Retreat brought little resolution to the outstanding issues and charges.

Following a 4-3 vote in April to terminate former Administrator Eric Evenson-Marden and a vote of "no confidence" by the Board's Citizens Advisory Committee in July, the Board has been focusing more on internal issues than on water quality.

Some of these issues, including Manager Jeff Casale's alleged misuse of public funds along with the reporting responsibility of public officials, and a clarification of district policies, including a Board code of conduct and decorum, made up the agenda for the Oct. 30 Board Retreat.

After a tumultuous back-and-forth between the Board majority and minority, the seven managers found themselves little closer to conflict resolution at the end of the night than when they arrived.

Code of Conduct

Earlier this year Manager Pam Blixt requested the Board discuss a code of conduct to govern the Board meetings.

In addition to the Board's current code of conduct, which regulates the Board in regard to conflicts of interest and the rule that if any Board member were to be considered for employment by the watershed district they would first have to resign from the Board, Blixt

requested adding a other items.

Reading from a list of suggested "typical rules" adopted by governmental agencies, Blixt cited refraining from private conversation during meetings as a common rule. She continued to list several other options.

"I would ask your consideration to look at things (counsel) might want to consider," Blixt said. "(Suggestions include) refraining from the use of offensive words, threats or violence or other objectionable language in or against the council or against any member of the public ... allowing the use of cameras, video or other recording devices, but requiring them to be used in an unobtrusive manner."

Blixt offered these suggestions in addition to the Board's discussion of how and when the public should be addressed during Board meetings.

Manager Richard Miller replied to Blixt's comments claiming none of the issues that could be solved with those rules exist on the current Board of Managers.

"I don't think we should allow anyone to have handguns during the discussion ... I don't think we should authorize nuclear explosions or anything of that nature," Miller said. "You just are reading stuff that we've never encountered. It's never happened, and I think it's for the benefit of the reporter that's here that you're reading this stuff out like it's a real problem. It isn't. It never has been."

Other managers understood Blixt's concern and suggestions, and ultimately the Board gave District legal counsel direction to formulate a code of conduct to bring back to the

Board for approval.

Manager reporting responsibility

In response to a column in the Oct. 16 Excelsior Sun Sailor signed by Managers Blixt, Jim Calkins and Bill Olson, in which the authors claimed Casale misused public funds to write and distribute his apology letter to Deephaven's Jon Monson, the Board discussed the responsibility of managers to report wrong-doings to the appropriate authoritative body.

The majority of the dialogue focused on whether Casale actually did misuse public funds and whether the managers who submitted their column to the Sun Sailor should have instead simply reported the suspected misuse of funds to the state auditor.

Olson presented a resolution to the Board that would both authorize the watershed district to report the matters to the state auditor as well as require Casale to reimburse the district for any expenses incurred inappropriately "regardless of the outcome of any investigation."

Casale responded to the proposed resolution by saying he is "disgusted" that "this witch hunt" is continuing.

"This is really absurd," Casale said. "For you to characterize this (as you have) is so mean-spirited ... For you to sit there and claim that you would be doing this for any other reason than your campaign about Eric, it is so, so disappointing ... When are you going to stop?"

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The Citizens Advisory Committee

The Citizens Advisory Committee exists by state statute and serves to advise the Board of Managers.

Since July, much of the Committee's meetings have been consumed by conversation surrounding the governance of the Board and problems that exist within the Board, instead of the water quality issues the Committee usually talks about.

While the Committee is by nature intended to be advisory to the Board, President White offered a surprising possible solution to the Committee's stronghold on the governance practices of the Board: "We could suspend CAC meetings until further notice. Staff is really, really, really in tough shape from CAC meetings ... it's the worst week of the month."

White and Shekleton even went as far as to say they felt unsafe leaving Committee meetings in the last couple months.

"I walked out of the back of the building, and I was afraid," White said. "I stopped and I looked around carefully to make sure no one was in the parking lot before I

walked to my car because I was afraid."

Shekleton added to White's concern, saying he has also found himself uncomfortable at Committee meetings.

"The level of discourse that I had with Mike Osterholm and a couple other folks at the CAC bordered on abusive," Shekleton said. "It was sad."

White brought up the notion of possibly examining the Citizens Advisory Committee and more closely regulating how the committee is formed and how it functions in the future.

In response to White's comment about potentially suspending Committee meetings, Blixt said she would hope any conversation about that would be noticed, giving both the public and Committee members a chance to speak up.

At the end of the day

MCWD Interim District Administrator Jeff Spartz offered his opinion to the Board, saying he hopes the managers can resolve their issues sooner rather than later for the sake of the watershed district staff.

"If for no other reason, board members, that you need to learn to work together again is that all of this dissonance ... is starting to wear on your staff," Spartz said. "If this scene is being played out six months or nine months from now ... you will start to lose your key staff members ... and you don't want to do that."

The next Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers meeting is Thursday, Nov. 13.

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Heather Branigin

From: Burhans, Joshua <Joshua.Burhans@edinaschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 8:28 AM
To: Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal
Subject: Thank You

Hello,

I would like to thank both of you for allowing the EHS wrestling team to have a few minutes on Monday night. The boys enjoyed the process and were excited when we left! Thank you again and we appreciate the support!

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Subject: Re: 11-06-14 Sun Sailor Article

Wow. I also find the article to be incredibly inaccurate and actually offensive. This type of story does an incredible injustice not only to the CAC but to the MCWD in general. I look forward to discussing further at our next meeting.

Mike, thank you for the response and distributing the article.

Richard

Richard Manser
(415) 519-0195

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- b) basic staples: sugar, flour, cooking oil
- c) low sodium and gluten free options
- d) multicultural options: rice, dry beans, tuna
- e) personal care items: laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste
- f) baby care items: diapers, wipes, formula
- g) all of the above

■ Fresh Food Please

Macalester College Political Science Major Jesse Meisenhelter was awarded a civic engagement fellowship to work on food issues in the Twin Cities. In partnership with University of Minnesota Extension, Jesse made a video addressing food access and sustainability issues. Jesse interviewed local food shelf employees and participants, including those from VEAP, and asked what types of donations make a bigger impact in the lives of those in need and the importance of donating nutritional foods to food shelves. Take a look at the video and Jesse's findings. You may be surprised by what you learn.

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■ Give to the Maxt



November 13 is Minnesota's sixth annual day of giving. VEAP's goal is to raise \$20,000 this year and you can help us get there. Visit VEAP's page at GiveMN.org anytime between 12:01 a.m. to 12:59 p.m. on the 13th to make your donation. Busy that day? You can pre-schedule your donation.

Donations to VEAP help individuals and families in our community stay in their housing and put food on the table. A gift of \$50 makes it possible for VEAP to purchase \$350 worth of food for the food pantry or provide gas or bus cards to help an adult get to their job in times of financial crisis. Please, help make a difference in the life of a family and contribute to VEAP.

Watch [Fresh Food Please](#)

Closed for the Holidays

VEAP will be closed in observance of the following November holidays:

Veterans Day
Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving
Thursday and Friday,
November 27 and 28

Tell your network of friends, family and co-workers about VEAP's cause and encourage them to give. Please share our GiveMN URL <https://givemn.org/organization/Veap>

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■ Holiday Toys Drive



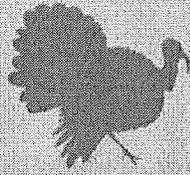
Get ready for [VEAP's Holiday Toy Store drive](#) going on now through December 12! There's nothing better during the holiday season than seeing a child's eyes light up as they are handed their own holiday gift. YOU can help us provide positive and memorable holiday celebrations for the families of **5,000 kids this year.**

- Host a toy drive with your coworkers, classmates, church, friends, family, book club, etc.
- Host a collection site at your business.
- **We are in particular need of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and \$15 gift cards from a local retailer like Target or Best Buy, for example.**
- Volunteer for a shift during the distribution week.

More information is on our website, including a Holiday Store Wish List and posters and flyers to print and distribute around town.

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■ Walk to End Hunger



NO HUNGER NOVEMBER

Give back before giving thanks.
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Why: To help low-income seniors and families put food on the table this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Where: Join us on Thanksgiving morning, between 7:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. inside the Mall of America and walk all or part of the 3-mile course.

Who: Recruit friends and family to walk with you.

What: Set a goal of \$100 or more. Contributors of all sizes make a big difference: your neighbors and co-workers can help by sponsoring you with gifts of \$5, \$10 or \$20. If you put together a team of 10 people, and each member raises \$100, this is \$1,000 to help provide food for needy families this holiday season.

How: Sign Up Today. Go to walktoendhunger.org, Click on Register Here, then Start a Team, Join a Team or Register as an Individual. Fill out the registration information and designate VEAP as your target organization.

See you there! Gobble-Gobble!

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■ Give the Gift of VEAP

Thank you to Cynthia Bemis Abrams who celebrated a milestone birthday by asking her guests to make a donation to VEAP. Nearly \$2,400 was raised from 46 generous individuals. This donation will go a long way to purchase products for VEAP's food program. Thank you Cynthia!



Donations to VEAP in honor of a special birthday, anniversary, or other occasion is a wonderful way to recognize the event and support your neighbors in need. Looking for a gift for that hard to buy for person on your Christmas list? Consider making a gift to VEAP in their honor and we will send them a note informing them of your thoughtful gift. Questions? Contact Jim at jimc@veap.org

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U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition

Working together to enhance safety, reduce congestion and maximize economic development along the US Highway 169 inter-regional corridor.

November 5, 2014

Dear Debra,

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On behalf of the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition – a nonpartisan, public/private joint powers organization made up of county, city, township, non-profit, and business leaders in the area -- please allow me to invite you to our **Fifth Anniversary Event and Transportation Outlook Panel on Thursday, November 20, 2014, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Canterbury Park** (1100 Canterbury Rd, Shakopee, MN). We've designed the reception to be an enjoyable, relaxing event in which our members can interact with you about the significance of the U.S. Highway 169 inter-regional Corridor. In addition, there will be a transportation outlook panel starting at 7:00 p.m. featuring experts that will give their perspective on and answer attendee questions about the post-election legislative landscape for transportation in Minnesota and the corridor after the election.

As you may be aware, the 169 Corridor has long been regarded as the state's "Gateway to the Southwest" and a vital link between southern and western Minnesota and the Twin Cities region. Throughout the years, communities along and served by the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor have grown in regional and state importance. As you represent one of the many communities directly along this important inter-regional Corridor, we would certainly appreciate the opportunity to share our mission, goals, and vision for the health and vitality of this critical state asset. We hope that you will join us to tell us your thoughts on the upcoming legislative session, ask questions, and help us celebrate this momentous milestone!

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Cocktails & Networking at 6:30pm

Presentation at 7:00pm

Transportation Outlook Panel Q&A from 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Refreshments & cash bar will be available

For more information about the U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition, you can visit our website at www.us169corridorcoalition.com. To RSVP for or sponsor the event, please contact us at 763-591-5446 or email info@us169corridorcoalition.com.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Jon Ulrich
U.S. Highway 169 Corridor Coalition Chair
Scott County Commissioner
(952) 447-6278

3705 West 61st Street
Edina, MN 55410
11/3/14

Edina Fire Dept.
Att: Manager of ambulance/EMT Service
Edina, MN

To whom it may concern;

On Sunday 10/19/14 at about 2:30 pm I had to call 911 for an Edina Fire Dept. Ambulance.

I want to thank the men that were on that call for their compassion and professionalism. I had dislocated my artificial hip and was in severe pain. These people knew exactly what to do to lessen the pain and get me ready for transport to Fairview Southdale Hospital.

When my wife called 911 we specifically asked that an Edina Ambulance be sent. We have had to call for an ambulance in the past and your people are always the best.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Cooke

- Pete Fisher - Dr.
- Matt Willems - Driver

MJ Lamon

From: Hamline School of Business <hsb@hamline.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 1:29 PM
To: MJ Lamon
Subject: Registration Confirmation - 2014 Women in Public Service Conference

Name : Women in Public Service Conference

Date : Friday, November 14, 2014, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Description : Living Your Inspiration: Setting Your Compass to Meaningful Work

Payment Options:

\$80 General Registration via credit card

\$30 Student Registration via credit card

\$30 Luncheon Guest Registration via credit card

MAPE Scholarship Recipient (no charge to first 60 MAPE members who register)

Facilitated Networking Salon

Please indicate your preferred facilitated networking salon; you are not bound by this preference, but it will help us gauge interest and have enough facilitators for each topic.

Salon 1 - Transitioning In and Up

Salon 2 - Running for Public Office

Salon 3 - Transitioning Out and Somewhere New

You have been registered for the Women in Public Service Conference on November 14, 2014. Please print or save this email for your records; this confirmation serves as your receipt of payment. The information below can be used to track your submission should you have any questions. Please visit the Women in Public Service website for a map of campus and information about parking.

Campus Map and Parking Information

- Name: MJ Lamon
- Total: \$ 80.00
- Transaction ID: 25L028RG-25SYNB

Networking Salons: Please select only your first choice.

Salon 1 - Transitioning In and Up

quantity 1 @ \$0.00

Conference Reservation: Please select one option, then choose Networking Salon below.

General Registration

quantity 1 @
\$80.00



Heather Branigin

From: Maureen Fitzgerald <fitzchow@hotmai.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 7:26 PM
To: Edina Mail; jan.callison@hennepin.us
Cc: cbremer101@gmail.com
Subject: Xerxes Avenue bumpouts

Dear Mayor Hovland and Commissioner Callison:

I am the property owner and resident of 5800 Xerxes Avenue South in Edina.

I am writing to express my concerns about the functionality and appearance of the bump outs recently installed on the street.

I attended the information session last spring and communicated with the engineer about these changes to the street over the summer. I was in favor of them.

After they were installed, I was surprised at how small they appear to me as a driver. I recall that one goal was to slow traffic flow, yet the only time this seems to happen, based on my daily experience driving on the street and crossing it as pedestrian, is during the busiest times, when traffic backs up from 60th Street in both directions. Today I couldn't even exit the crosstown ramp (westbound, turning north onto Xerxes) because traffic was completely backed from the stop sign at 60th to Highway 62. Southbound traffic was backed up on Xerxes north of 60th for about a block and a half. I am concerned about how drivers respond when they do get to move north on 60th. I've observed that they tend to gun it out of frustration because they've been sitting for so long to get to that intersection.

In addition, I've had a number of visitors to my home ask me 1) What are those things? and 2) Why are they there? I think there needs to be some kind of education for these drivers or the form of the bumpouts needs to be so clear that their function follows it by default.

Aesthetics concern me less than functionality although I have heard grumblings about how this as well.

Please keep me in the loop about the results of the Nov. 10 meeting.

Thank you.

Maureen Fitzgerald
5800 Xerxes Avenue South
952-285-7103

Heather Branigin

From: Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 9:25 AM
To: Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal; David Nelson; bob.stewart@theplatinumgrp.com
Cc: Jeff Brown; David Boosalis; Brian Hubbard
Subject: LWV Edina Study: Youth Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
Attachments: Final2014_LWVE_Update-Youth_Use_of_Alcohol_Tobacco_and_other_Drugs.pdf

League of Women Voters Edina's latest study, [Youth Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs](#), is available on LWVE's website, lwvedina.org, and is attached to this email.

We would like to especially thank Alison Pence and Jeff Brown, Community Health Commission, Tom Draper and Brian Hubbard, City of Edina Police Department, for assisting us with the study.

League of Women Voters Edina (LWVE) is a nonpartisan organization. Our mission includes encouraging informed and active participation by citizens in their government. While League of Women Voters never endorses a candidate or political party it does study issues and takes positions on issues if member consensus is reached.

LWVE members will be discussing the study at November meetings. LWVE first studied and formed a position on alcohol and tobacco use in the community in 1997. In 2013 LWVE members saw a need to expand the position beyond alcohol and tobacco and address the increased use by youth of substances such as marijuana, heroin and prescription pain killers. A study committee reviewed the literature, current news stories and interviewed local law enforcement, county attorney's representative, school administrators, teachers, chemical health professionals, community groups, parents and students about youth and substance use.

We hope you will read the study and share your comments with us.

LWVE Study Committee:
Colleen Feige
Kathy Iverson
Suzanne Kerwin
Lonni Skrentner

LWVE
Position
Update:
Youth Use
of Alcohol,
Tobacco
and Other
Drugs

October 2014

League of Women Voters Edina

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Readers:

Paulette Hastings, Debby McNeil, Matt Nilsen and Janet Schank

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Troy Stein, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Edina High School

Emily Wagner, Edina High School PCN Representative

I. Introduction

In 1997 League of Women Voters Edina (LWVE) studied alcohol and tobacco use in the community. The original study examined use of alcohol and tobacco by youth, adults and senior citizens. It looked at school and community education regarding chemical health, school policies and local and state laws. The resulting position that came out of member discussion and consensus about the 1997 report is as follows:

Alcohol and Tobacco Use (1997)

LWVE supports the following as it relates to alcohol and tobacco use:

1. Educational programs that support improved chemical health, including:
 - Ongoing programs, especially in the middle and high school years
 - Regular continuing education for adult educators, coaches and school administrators
 - Alternatives to suspension for alcohol and tobacco violations in the schools
2. Allocation of public funds for a community initiative to prevent illegal alcohol and tobacco use.
3. Consistent city and school guidelines for adults who chaperone youth activities.
4. City ordinances and law enforcement efforts designed to reduce underage alcohol and tobacco use.
5. The establishment of a suburban Youth Court to address alcohol and tobacco violations.

An update of the 1997 LWVE Alcohol and Tobacco position was first proposed at the Lively Issues meetings in January 2013. Some members saw a need to expand the position beyond alcohol and tobacco and address the increased use of substances such as marijuana, heroin and prescription pain killers.

The LWVE Board reviewed all the proposals from Lively Issues. The Board recommended an update of the Alcohol and Tobacco position as part of the LWVE 2013-14 program.

At the May 9, 2013 Annual Meeting, LWVE members did vote to approve an update of the Alcohol and Tobacco position. The scope of the update suggested at the 2013 Annual meeting included expanding the position to include prescription drugs, synthetic drugs and marijuana. The focus was on youth although chemical health is not just a youth issue. A committee comprised of Colleen Feige, Kathy Iverson, Suzanne Kerwin and Lonni Skrentner was appointed to proceed with the update.

The study committee reviewed the literature and current news stories about youth and substance use. The Minnesota Student Survey, taken by students in Minnesota public schools, and Monitoring the Future Survey, a national study conducted by University of Michigan, were used to gauge youth use. Interviews about youth substance use and related laws and policies were conducted with local law enforcement, county attorney's office, school administrators, teachers, chemical health professionals, community groups, parents and students. Research and interviews tended to take us beyond the scope of the assignment. We were not instructed to deal with the possible legalization of marijuana, and so we have not dealt with what is a very current topic.

II. Youth Use of Substances

Alcohol

According to local police, school staff and counselors, alcohol is the substance most often used by youth in Edina. The 2013 Minnesota Student Survey data shows that:

- 20% of 11th graders self-report drinking alcohol in previous 30 days,
- 12% of 11th grade boys report binge drinking (i.e. 5 or more drinks during one sitting) in previous 30 days,
- 6-7% of 11th grade boys self-report binge drinking multiple times per month.

The most common age of "first use" of alcohol (and marijuana) is 15 and 16 years old.ⁱ Youth perceptions of their peers level of use varies widely from self-reporting. When asked,

"In your opinion, how often do you think MOST STUDENTS in your school use alcohol?"

40% of 11th graders think that classmates drink at least weekly while self-reporting of weekly/daily alcohol use was 4-5%.ⁱⁱ

Effects on Teenage Brain

The earlier a person starts to drink the higher probability that he or she will have alcohol problems as an adult. This correlation may occur because drinking while the brain is developing encourages the brain to decide that it needs alcohol. Adults would have to drink more heavily to be as likely as teens to wire a tendency for alcohol use into their mature brains.ⁱⁱⁱ

Adolescents are oversensitive to damage from alcohol ingestion and undersensitive to the warning signs that they have drunk too

much alcohol. For reasons not yet understood, sedation effects of alcohol are not as pronounced in adolescents and the impairment of motor coordination is delayed. In the absence of these signs adolescent drinkers tend to drink more and do more damage to themselves than adults.^{iv}

Heavy alcohol use interferes with the encoding of new memories, at any age. Adolescents who are heavy drinkers have a smaller hippocampus, the brain structure that is key to the process of recording new memories, than nondrinkers. Alcohol interferes with a neurotransmitter, glutamate, which aids neurons in storing new memories and in learning. Alcohol's effect on glutamate is most pronounced in the teenage brain and persists into the early twenties. Adolescents who drink a lot of alcohol end up having more memory and learning impairment than adults who drink the same amount because adolescent brains are more susceptible to damage.^v

Current Laws and Ordinances

It is unlawful in Minnesota for a person under 21 to consume, purchase, or possess alcohol. Unlawful consumption can result in fines, mandatory health education or community service. When a student has contact with police due to an alcohol offense, police must notify the student's school. Minors may consume alcoholic beverage in the household of their parent or guardian and with the consent of the parent or guardian.^{vi}

State law also protects minors from prosecution for illegal alcohol consumption if they call 911 to help someone with an emergency. In such a case, they must stay

on the scene until emergency help arrives and cooperate with authorities.

Edina city code prohibits "House Parties" if any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance is possessed or consumed at the open house party by any minor.^{vii} Twice a year Edina police conduct compliance checks with all establishments selling liquor in the city, including stores and restaurants.

Tobacco and E-Cigarettes

Tobacco use by youth is trending downward with only 1-2% of high school Juniors reporting daily or weekly use of cigarettes or chewing tobacco in the 2013 Minnesota Student Survey. In 2013, 16.3 percent of 12th-grade students surveyed by Monitoring the Future (MTF) were current (past-month) cigarette smokers, the lowest teen smoking has been in the history of the survey.^{viii} By comparison, 22.7 percent were current marijuana smokers.

Small cigars and hookah water pipes have raised public health concerns and have recently been added to the MTF survey. In 2013, 21.4 percent of 12th graders had smoked a hookah at some point in the past year; an increase from 18.3 percent in 2012, and 20.4 percent had smoked a small cigar. No data from Minnesota Student Survey on Hookah or small cigars.

Electronic cigarettes are a relatively new item that's use is increasing among youth. E-cigarettes are battery powered devices that come in a variety of shapes and models. They deliver an aerosol mist of vaporized nicotine that users inhale. "Vaping" gives users a hit of nicotine without exposing them or those around them to tobacco smoke.

Health Effects

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cigarette smoking results in more than 443,000 premature deaths in the United States each year, about 1 in every 5 U.S. deaths, and an additional 8.6 million people suffer with a serious illness caused by smoking.^{ix}

E-cigarettes have not been fully studied, so consumers currently don't know the potential risks of e-cigarettes when used as intended, how much nicotine or other potentially harmful chemicals are being inhaled during use, or whether there are any benefits associated with using these products.^x

More than a quarter of a million youth who had never smoked a cigarette used electronic cigarettes in 2013, according to a CDC study published in the journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. This number reflects a three-fold increase, from about 79,000 in 2011, to more than 263,000^{xi} in 2013. The data, which comes from the 2011, 2012, and 2013 National Youth Tobacco surveys of middle and high school students, show that youth who had never smoked conventional cigarettes but who used e-cigarettes were almost twice as likely to intend to smoke conventional cigarettes as those who had never used e-cigarettes. Among non-smoking youth who had ever used e-cigarettes, 43.9 percent said they intended to smoke conventional cigarettes within the next year, compared with 21.5 percent of those who had never used e-cigarettes.

Current Laws and Ordinances

The St. Paul City Council approved a new ordinance on August 27, 2014 dealing with the sale of single-serve cigars.

Now, stores within the city limits will be required to charge at least \$2.10 for each cigar, or sell them in packs of five. The ordinance, which passed 6-0, was sponsored by council member Dai Thao, who has expressed concern about convenience stores and gas stations targeting youths with the cheap cigarillos, which come in a variety of flavors. In a statement, Dai Thao said tobacco companies are targeting young people with low-cost tobacco products "to create a new generation of tobacco addicts who will end up with cancers (and) respiratory and cardiac diseases."^{xii}

Only e-cigarettes that are marketed for therapeutic purposes are currently regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). Currently, the FDA Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) regulates cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco.

FDA has issued a proposed rule that would extend the agency's tobacco authority to cover additional products that meet the legal definition of a tobacco product, such as e-cigarettes.^{xiii}

E-cigarettes are largely unregulated. E-cigarettes can be advertised on TV and are not taxed like regular cigarettes. Because the devices don't contain tobacco they are not included in Minnesota's Clean Indoor Air Act. This leaves bars, restaurants and retailers to set their own rules pertaining to people using e-cigarettes.

Minnesota has passed a law to ban the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, and the use of e-cigarettes in daycares, health care facilities and state colleges and universities.^{xiv} The ban on use excludes restaurants and bars, giving businesses permission to adopt their own electronic cigarette rules.

Local communities are passing ordinances to deal with use and the sale of e-cigarettes. Hopkins approved a tobacco license for one e-cigarette retailer on Main Street in fall 2013 and then passed a yearlong moratorium banning any more until the city can further study the issue.^{xv} Some cities, like Duluth, have passed a ban on using e-cigarettes anywhere smoking is prohibited by the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act.^{xvi}

On August 4, 2014, the Edina City Council approved an ordinance to include electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes) under the same regulation that cigarettes are subject to under the Freedom to Breathe Act.

Marijuana

Marijuana contains around 80 cannabinoids. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the major psychoactive cannabinoid, largely responsible for the high. The chemical composition of two genetically identical plants can vary based on growing conditions, soil content, parasites and many other factors.

Marijuana has been used as medicine since 2800 BC in China. It has been used as an analgesic, an anti-spasmodic and anti-emetic. Until 1942, marijuana was listed in the U.S. Pharmacopeia, giving it legitimacy as a therapeutic drug. Research published in 1964 found the principal psychoactive ingredient in cannabis is THC. It was then synthesized. In 1970, Congress made marijuana a Schedule I drug, a class reserved for street drugs with abuse potential and "no currently accepted medical use". But, from 1978 until 1991 the federal government sponsored a "Compassionate Use Program", which supplied free marijuana to seriously ill patients who might

benefit from its use. Along the way, there has been some research on synthetic THC, and one type has been approved by the FDA. The Compassionate Use Program was suspended because it undercut the senior Bush administration's policy against the use of illegal drugs. In 1999 Canada began funding research on medical uses for marijuana. In 2008 the American College of Physicians called for making marijuana a Schedule II drug, and supported use of non-smoked forms of medical marijuana.^{xvii}

Statistics on Youth Use

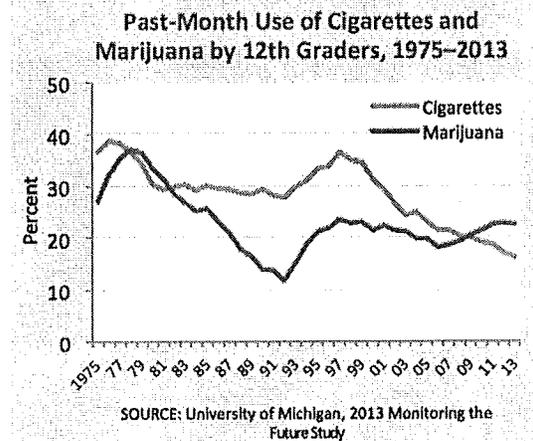
In the 2013 Minnesota High School Health Survey:

- About 84% of 9th graders and 65% of 11th graders self-reported that they had never tried marijuana or hashish.
- 24% of 11th grade boys self-report smoking marijuana one or more times per month.
- Average age of first use is 15-16.
- Nearly 50% of 11th graders think classmates smoke marijuana at least weekly while self-reporting of weekly/daily marijuana use is approximately 10%.^{xviii}

Young people are showing less disapproval of marijuana use and decreased perception that marijuana is dangerous. The percentage of teens who felt occasional pot use was risky fell from 36% in 1993 to 20% in 2013 and the percentage of 12th graders who had used pot increased from 26% to 36%.^{xix}

Fewer teens smoke cigarettes than smoke marijuana. Cigarette smoking by high school students peaked in 1996–1997 and has declined continuously since then. In 2013, 16.3 percent of 12th-grade students

surveyed by 'Monitoring the Future' were current (past-month) cigarette smokers—the lowest teen smoking has been in the history of the survey. By comparison, 22.7 percent were current marijuana smokers.^{xx}



Effects on Teenage Brain

Whole marijuana (versus specific cannabinoids) might increase risk for earlier and more intense psychoses, including schizophrenia. This was concluded by a meta-analysis of three dozen studies of young people in Sweden, New Zealand and the Netherlands where a strong link between marijuana use and later development of schizophrenia was found. Several studies connect marijuana use in adolescence with a long-term drop in overall intelligence, memory impairment and an increased rate of dropping out of school.^{xxi}

The director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse wrote the following in March 2013: "Regular marijuana use in adolescence is part of a cluster of behaviors that can produce enduring detrimental effects and alter the trajectory of a young person's life—thwarting his or her potential. Beyond potentially lowering IQ, teen marijuana use is linked to school dropout,

other drug use, mental health problems, etc. Given the current number of regular marijuana users and the possibility of this number increasing with marijuana legalization, we cannot afford to divert our focus from the central point: Regular marijuana use stands to jeopardize a young person's chances of success-in school and in life.^{xxii}

Current Laws and Ordinances

Marijuana possession in Minnesota has been "decriminalized" since 1976. This does not mean it is legal to possess marijuana, but that the infraction is a civil rather than criminal offense in possession cases under 42.5 grams/1.5 ounces. These are considered petty misdemeanors generally met with a citation akin to a traffic ticket. Legalization of medical marijuana passed the Minnesota House and Senate in 2009 but was vetoed by Governor Tim Pawlenty.^{xxiii}

Because it is classified as a Schedule I drug on the national level means there are no federal funds available for research to be done on marijuana. Schedule I drugs are defined as those drugs that have a high potential for abuse and have no currently accepted medical use. In 2014, twenty states plus the District of Columbia have legalized medical marijuana, even though it remains a Schedule I drug.^{xxiv}

Minnesota's new medical marijuana law, passed in 2014, is among the most restrictive in the nation. It allows only pill, oil or vaporizing form and only for approved diseases, including cancer, Tourette's syndrome, Crohn's disease, ALS, and epilepsy. There will only be 2 in state manufacturers who will also function as cannabis dispensaries state wide in MN.

Each manufacturer will be allowed to operate 4 dispensaries. Licensed pharmacists must distribute to patients. The law creates a task force to study the effects of medical marijuana.^{xxv}

Prescription Drugs and Heroin

Prescription drug and heroin abuse is on the rise across the country. Prescription drug abuse occurs when a patient becomes addicted to a drug or someone takes a drug that is not prescribed for them. Whether it is a painkiller to get high or Adderall to focus more, using someone else's prescription is dangerous.

Prescription drugs that are most often abused:^{xxvi}

Painkillers: Vicodin, Tylenol with codeine, OxyContin, Percocet

Depressants: Xanax, Valium, Nembutal

Stimulants: Adderall, Ritalin, Concerta

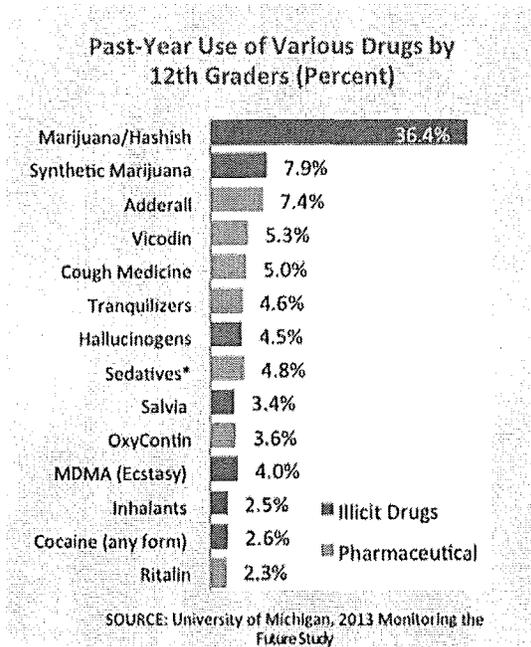
Opioids are medications that relieve pain. They reduce the intensity of pain signals reaching the brain and affect those brain areas controlling emotion, which diminishes the effects of a painful stimulus. Vicodin, Oxycontin and Percocet are all opioids. Across the country, prescribing opioids for pain is skyrocketing. In 2010 there were 4 times as many prescriptions written for opioid pain relievers than in 1999.^{xxvii}

Prescription drugs are often the gateway to heroin addiction because heroin can be cheaper and more easily available than prescription drugs. Minnesota has some of the purest and cheapest heroin in the U.S. MinnPost, January 2014, reports in 2011

there were 3,493 emergency room visits for heroin overdose; the 2009 figure was half that and the 2005 number was around 1,000 visits.^{xxviii}

Statistics on Youth Use

The Partnership for Drug Free America says 2,500 teens each day use prescription drugs to get high.^{xxix} There is a strong link between prescription drug and heroin abuse.



While heroin use is significantly on the rise in the Twin Cities, the National Institute of Drug Abuse reports that heroin use by 12-17 year olds is decreasing while use among 18-25 year olds is increasing. There have been no reports of heroin use by Edina youth and it is not recognized as a problem by police or school administrators.

Effects on the Teenage Brain

Painkilling, opioid drugs can have an addictive effect on the teenage brain. Some drugs prescribed for younger people can

have the reverse effect on adults and vice versa. For example, Ritalin tends to calm young people but tends to escalate activity in adults.

Heroin causes clouded mental functions and drowsiness. But more importantly it causes breathing and the heartbeat to slow down. That is why it is easy to overdose when using heroin.

Current Laws and Ordinances

The Minnesota Legislature recently passed a law allowing first responders, police officers and prevention program staffers to carry and administer naloxone (Narcan), a drug that counteracts the effects of a heroin overdose. The bill was referred to as Steve’s Law, named after an Edina resident who became addicted to heroin following years of pain reliever use and ultimately pain reliever addiction. The law also provides immunity for those who call for emergency assistance in a heroin overdose situation.^{xxx}

Adults need to assure their prescriptions are kept in a safe, secure place and are not easily accessed by family members or their friends. The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy is strengthening its Prescription Monitoring Program in hopes of curbing “doctor shopping” where one doctor refuses to prescribe the desired drug, so the patient goes to another doctor.^{xxxi}

Hennepin County provides six drop box locations for residents to dispose of their medicines, including Hennepin County Library-Southdale. The green medicine drop boxes are located in the lobby at each location. After collecting the medicines, Sheriff’s deputies transport the medicines to an incinerator, where they are destroyed.^{xxxii}

Everyone in the community needs to be cognizant of the prescription drug abuse issue, safeguard the needed prescriptions and destroy them when they are no longer needed. Prescription drug abuse is not just a youth issue.

Designer Drugs/Synthetic Drugs

The term “designer drug” in the context of drug abuse refers to substances chemically similar to or that mimic the drug-like effects of controlled substances. The term is often used synonymously with “club drugs,” “party drugs,” and “synthetic drugs.” Designer drugs affect the central nervous system and can display stimulant, depressant and/or hallucinogenic properties.

A large number of new unregulated substances are being abused for their psychoactive properties and often result in violent and unpredictable behavior. This growing phenomenon is particularly challenging, first because of the speed with which rogue chemists can modify existing drugs and market them and, second because of the ease with which the Internet allows for the sharing of information about and purchase of products such as “Spice” and “bath salts.”

Synthetic cannabinoids (“Spice”) and synthetic cathinone (“bath salts”) are most widely known.

“Spice” refers to a wide variety of herbal mixtures that produce experiences similar to marijuana (cannabis) and that are marketed as “safe,” legal alternatives to that drug. According to the MN department of public safety, synthetic cannabinoids are up to 100 times more powerful than typical marijuana. Labels on Spice products often claim that

they contain “natural” psycho-active material taken from a variety of plants. Spice products do contain dried plant material, but chemical analyses show that their active ingredients are *synthetic* (or designer) cannabinoid compounds.^{xxxiii}

The term “bath salts” refers to an emerging family of drugs containing one or more synthetic chemicals related to cathinone, an amphetamine-like stimulant found naturally in the Khat plant. Synthetic cathinone is designed to target the central nervous system with effects similar to those seen with cocaine, methamphetamines and LSD use. The synthetic cathinone products marketed as “bath salts” to evade detection by authorities should not be confused with products such as Epsom salts that are sold to improve the experience of bathing. The latter have no psychoactive (drug-like) properties.

Statistics on Youth Use

Fewer than 1% of students reported using synthetic drugs on the 2013 MN student survey. MTF added questions about use of synthetic drugs in 2011. Use of synthetic cannabis was down from 11.4% in 2011 to 7.9% in 2013 and use of “bath salts” was less than 1% in 2013.

Effects on the Teenage Brain

“Spice” users report experiences similar to those produced by marijuana—elevated mood, relaxation, and altered perception—and in some cases the effects are even stronger than those of marijuana. Some users report psychotic effects like extreme anxiety, paranoia, and hallucinations.^{xxxiv}

The synthetic cathinones in “bath salts” can produce euphoria and increased sociability and sex drive, but some users experience

paranoia, agitation, and hallucinatory delirium; some even display psychotic and violent behavior, and deaths have been reported in several instances.^{xxxv}

Current Laws and Ordinances

In recent years, the Minnesota Legislature enacted laws to combat the sale and possession of synthetic drugs. In 2011, the Legislature added synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones (“bath salts”) to Schedule I of the controlled substance schedules. Schedule I drugs are defined as those drugs that have a high potential for abuse and have no currently accepted medical use.

The MN Legislature also adopted an analog statute in 2011. Under the analog law, substances that are substantially similar to Schedule I and II drugs are treated as the equivalent for drug crimes. The analog law is based on federal law.

In 2012, the MN Legislature passed additional legislation targeting synthetic drugs. The legislation increased the penalty for the sale of synthetic cannabinoids. The law also synced the controlled substance schedules maintained in statute with the controlled substance schedules maintained by the Board of Pharmacy. The Board’s schedules had steadily expanded over the years without the Legislature keeping the statutory schedules up to date. Many of the substances on the Board’s schedules that were missing from the statutory schedules were synthetic drugs. Discrepancies between the two sets of schedules led to confusion among law enforcement and other criminal justice practitioners. Finally, the MN Legislature granted the Board of Pharmacy emergency rule-making authority

to schedule newly discovered street drugs expeditiously.^{xxxvi}

III. Prevention of Substance Use by Youth

Policies, Enforcement:

City of Edina E-cigarette Ordinance

On August 4, 2014, the Edina City Council approved an ordinance to include electronic nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes) under the same regulation that cigarettes are subject to under Minnesota’s Freedom to Breathe Act. The ordinance also includes electronic delivery devices in the definition of tobacco-related devices, requiring any business selling these items to hold a City tobacco license. The ordinance passed on the first reading during the consent agenda and there was no public hearing.

Under the new ordinance, e-cigarettes cannot be used in: bars and restaurants; offices or workplaces; retail stores; common areas of rental apartments, buildings, hotels and motels; public transportation; work vehicles, if more than one person is present; home offices with one or more employees onsite; educational facilities; auditoriums, arenas and meeting rooms; daycares or healthcare facilities. The ordinance does not prohibit smoking outdoors, except in City parks, regardless of distance from a building.

Although the Freedom to Breathe Act is a state-wide act, this ordinance only applies to Edina. Any enforcement of this ordinance is done on a complaint basis. State law prohibits sales of e-cigarettes to minors and sales of e-cigarettes from kiosks. They must be kept behind the counter.

City of Edina Social Hosting Ordinance

Edina's Open House Parties ordinance states: "No person having control of any residence or premises shall allow an open house party to take place at the residence or premises if any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance is possessed or consumed at the open house party by any minor." Edina City Code Section 905.02.

Here are the statistics on citations for Open House parties in Edina:

2014-(through August)-1;
2013-1;
2012-4.

Police are not able to enter a house unless invited in or with a warrant. Often parents or teens will not open the door for police responding to a call of a disturbance. If two officers answer a call, one can go around back while the other calls at the front door. Youth running out the back are then stopped by a police officer. But for a busy police department, sometimes only one officer is sent to answer a call.

Citations issued for underage alcohol consumption tend to be highest during the school year. In 2013, 68 citations were issued, in 2014, 57 citations have been issued to date. Citations issued by Edina Police are for offenses that occur in Edina and may not all be issued to residents.

EHS Homecoming is usually a weekend that underage citations spike due to several parties and also the number of young EHS alumni returning from college to visit.^{xxxvii}

Compliance Checks of Businesses Selling Alcohol and Tobacco

Edina tobacco sellers are checked once a year and alcohol retailers are checked twice

a year. Usually a youth from the Police department's Explorer program will go into a business to try to purchase alcohol or tobacco. They are accompanied by one or two plain clothes officers. If a sale is made to underage youth both the clerk or server and the business are fined. If there is a history of the business having previous citations for underage sales they may not be able to sell any alcohol or tobacco for a period of time or even have their license to sell revoked. Driver's licenses for those under 21 have a prominent red line so it is easy to determine if the youth is of legal age.^{xxxviii}

City of Edina Park and Recreation Policy

It is the Edina Park Board's philosophy to encourage parents and coaches to do their best to always display positive and healthy role modeling behaviors while interacting with youth.^{xxxix}

The Edina Park Board strongly encourages each Edina youth athletic association to take the following actions:

1. Establish a drug, tobacco and alcohol policy that reflects a zero tolerance approach to illicit drugs, tobacco and alcohol use by its youth participants.
2. Require that parents (and coaches) sign a statement that acknowledges that they have read and understand the association's current drug, tobacco and alcohol policy.

Coaches and parents are strongly encouraged not to consume alcohol or tobacco while interacting with youth on traveling team trips. This is not an enforceable policy, but strongly encouraged as positive role model behavior.

The associations also cover this in their preseason parent meetings for coaches, players and parents and during coaches training and orientation. They have parent/coaches meetings that discuss their policies and expectations for the upcoming season. Many associations are affiliated with a state or national organization that also covers these policies. For example, Edina Soccer Club (ESC) and Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) have a code of conduct that parents and coaches sign. They have additional information that is supplied by MYSA's PACT Program which is an additional training for parents and coaches on the Code of Conduct that includes more on drugs and alcohol.

Edina Public Schools Chemical Use and Abuse Policy

The Edina school board recognizes that chemical use and abuse constitutes a grave threat to the physical and mental well-being of students and significantly impedes the learning process. The school board believes that the public school has a role in education, intervention, and prevention of chemical use and abuse.^{xi} Policy 632 goes into detail about providing an instructional program in every school and establishing an advisory team to address chemical abuse problems in the district.

Recommended consequences for alcohol, tobacco and chemical possession or use on school district property or at a district-sponsored activity include social worker intervention, police referral and suspension from class. Third offenses could lead to expulsion. All consequences are determined on a case to case basis.^{xii}

The number of students suspended from Edina High School, grades 10-12, for chemical possession is summarized in the following table:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Alcohol, Possession or Use	1	17	2	3	4
Chemicals, Possession or Use	13	15	8	10	12
Tobacco, Possession or Use	11	4	2	4	10
Chemicals, Possession w/Intent Dist/Sell	0	2	0	2	0

Tobacco use or possession on district property or events can result in an in-school suspension, where the student serves the suspension supervised in a conference room during the school day. Alcohol or drug use, possession or intent to sell on district property or at events automatically results in an out-of-school suspension.^{xiii}

Minnesota State High School League Chemical Health Policy

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) is a voluntary, nonprofit association of public and private schools with a history of service to Minnesota's high school youth since 1916. The League exists to provide competitive, equitable and uniform opportunities for high school students to learn valuable lessons through participation in athletics and fine arts.

MSHSL requires participants to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free. If a student receives a citation from police for alcohol, tobacco or drugs outside of school, the police forward this information to the student's school. A

student who is part of an activity or club will be suspended from the activity for 2 weeks or 2 games/performances, whichever is greater, per MSHSL guidelines. Coaches and advisors may have a stricter consequence for alcohol and drug offenses.

Citations received by the Edina High School Athletic Office are summarized below:

2012-2013	46
Possession of Alcohol	2
Possession of Alcohol & Drugs	1
Possession of Drugs	11
Use & Possession of Alcohol	12
Use & Possession of Alcohol & Drugs	1
Use & Possession of Drugs	5
Use of Alcohol	12
Use of Drugs	2
2013-2014	85
Possession of Alcohol	2
Possession of Drugs	15
Use & Possession of Alcohol	26
Use & Possession of Drugs	10
Use of Alcohol	28
Use of Drugs	4
2014-2015 (through September 3)	5
Use & Possession of Alcohol	1
Use & Possession of Drugs	3
Use of Alcohol	1

Youth Court

Teen Youth Court or Peer Court is a diversion program to which a county attorney may refer low-level teen offenders. Participants are all teenagers, sworn to confidentiality. They serve as prosecutors, defense attorneys, jurors and bailiffs. Defendants admit guilt, agree to answer questions on the witness stand and carry out a sentence imposed by peers.

Defendants who participate have their records wiped clean or may not be charged after completion of the program. Offenses eligible for teen court may include shoplifting, disorderly conduct and underage consumption of tobacco and alcohol.

Dakota County has had a Peer Court since 2000. A school resource officer and social studies teacher organize the space for the court and recruit volunteer jurors. The court can be conducted as part of a social studies class or an after-school activity. Juveniles participate in a peer court away from their community for privacy reasons. Peer Court is public but uses only the first initial of last name and doesn't name the specific location where the offense took place. Dakota County has a 71% success rate with peer court. The remaining 29% either don't complete their peer court sentence or have another offense before they are 18.^{xliii}

Prosecutors say diversion works. According to recent studies, four out of five teens who go through a diversion program stay out of the system for the next two years, said lawyer Michael Chmiel, supervisor of the juvenile division in the Anoka County Attorney's Office.^{xliiv}

Education:

Edina Public Schools Curriculum

Presently the Edina Public Schools teaches about drug use and abuse in health classes in 5th, 7th and 9th grades.

Fifth grade class topics include dealing with feelings; planning for safety; tobacco and alcohol; learning about diseases and legal and illegal drugs.

Seventh grade health class has a chemical health unit that covers the effects of tobacco, alcohol, other drug use and abuse. The influence of family, peers and media on health decisions is examined. Interpersonal communication skills and decision-making skills to enhance health or reduce risk are taught.

The high school health class unit on drugs, alcohol and tobacco teaches students about chemical dependence, misuse/abuse, legal/illegal drug use, refusal, and treatment options.

Edina High School Chemical/Mental Health Coordinator

The position of Chemical/Mental Health Coordinator at the high school started in 2003 and was funded by a series of grants from the Safe and Drug Free School Act. According to Janet Schank, who formerly held the position, "The Chemical/Mental Health Coordinator position was originally split 50/50 between mental health and chemical health support for children and families. While the focus later shifted to Chemical Health, the mental health component was still an essential part of the work."^{xlv}

The Chemical/Mental Health Coordinator followed up with students who received citations from the police for alcohol or substance violations, counseled students and helped facilitate student groups like Sober Squad that focus on not using chemicals. "The position also involved consultation with parents, families, EPS staff, and students who were concerned about friends or peers. The coordinator was a part of the weekly student assist team meetings at EHS and the two middle schools and often worked with the middle

school and sometimes with elementary school staff re: student and family support and intervention. The school social worker and I also had a weekly harm reduction group for students who wanted to quit or reduce their alcohol/tobacco/drug use. Both the social worker and I often met individually with those students at least once a week."^{xlvi}

Janet said that the formation of Sober Squad made it easier for students to approach her, as being seen talking to the Chemical/Mental health counselor didn't necessarily mean you were using. According to Bruce Locklear, Principal of Edina High School, "The Chemical/Mental Health Coordinator is very important to have in the high school full time. They are a big help in preventing and intervening in substance use."^{xlvii}

At present this position is unfilled and being redefined.

Edina Public Schools Resource Officer/ Police Liaison

Edina has two school resource officers who share staffing duties at all nine Edina public schools. The School Resource Officers develop and present prevention and safety programs for youth, respond to calls for service at the schools and investigate crimes that occur on school property.

Police liaisons are a good resource for staff when dealing with substance issues. They interact with students in a positive way and focus on developing good communication and relationships with students and staff."^{xlviii}

Edina High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Edina High School PTO sponsors a program for parents on "Teen Social Life and the Law" at the High School at the beginning of the school year. The program features a panel that includes the EHS Liaison Officer, an attorney, an Assistant Principal and students. The information presented includes underage drinking and tobacco use, curfews, drug possession, hosting and chaperoning parties, parent liability, and legal consequences.^{xlix}

Edina High School Dances

Edina High School Student Council organizes parents, administrators and staff to chaperone dances at the High School or off-site. The Student Council Advisor meets with all the chaperones and police liaison before the dance begins to give instructions about the locations students may or may not be and what to do if a student is acting in a way that is altered. Parents are instructed to find the Student Council Advisor, police liaison or administrator if they suspect chemical use by a student.ⁱ

In 2013, a group of parents met with EHS administration after concerns about drinking at school dances. Breathalyzer testing was then introduced at the next Edina High School dance. Students were breathalyzed randomly or when under suspicion. In order to enter the dance, students were required to agree to submit to a breathalyzer test and if they declined, they would be asked to leave. If a student were to test positive on a breath test, they would be prohibited from attending the following two dances. Eighty students were breathalyzed at the dance and none were sent home.ⁱⁱ

Use of the equipment gets positive comments from many parents and students. It seems to help curb use before the dance but not post dance drinking. One student was quoted in the EHS newspaper, Zephyrus, as saying, "The only thing that may be seen in the future as a problem is drug usage because if alcohol is too risky, kids might turn to other drugs that can go below the radar".ⁱⁱⁱ

Edina Parent Communication Network (PCN)

PCN offers free forums for families and educators of children Pre K-12. PCN was created in 1998 with a goal to support parents and educators to build stronger families and a stronger community. PCN is funded through school PTOs.

PCN determines what topics and speakers to have based on perceived interest in the community and quality of available speakers.ⁱⁱⁱⁱ

In 2014-15 two of the four forums planned deal with chemical health:

- September-John Underwood, creator of the Life of an Athlete program. Life of an Athlete fosters a substance free community by providing scientific education on how substance use, sleep and nutrition affect performance in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities.
- November-Edina School Resource Officer will lead a forum on substance abuse in Edina.

Edina Family Center

The Family Center offers monthly parenting classes during the school year for middle school and high school parents. Topics for these classes include adolescent brain development and the effect of substances, a visit from members of Sober Squad, and obstacles faced by parents: parties, dances, party buses, lax parental attitudes, parent experiences with substances as a teen and ambivalence around the topic.^{iv}

Sober Squad

Sober Squad was started at Edina High School around 2006 by a student who believed that the teens who choose not to use substances should have a peer group. It is student led and supported by adult staff including the Chemical Health Coordinator and health class teacher.

High School Sober Squad members go into middle school classrooms and tell younger students that they do not have to use substances to fit in or be popular at school.

Membership numbers have varied over the years. It started out as a small group of 12-20 then grew to 200 members when high school activities fairs were held at the beginning of the school year. The group has 52 members in 2014-15 and meets on collaborative Wednesdays

There is currently no activities fee for Sober Squad, although this was suggested once. Tri-City partners donated \$1000 annually, but since it dissolved there has been no funding for Sober Squad. Funds were used for t-shirts the students wear when they make presentations, Homecoming parade candy, refreshments for 7:30am meetings, lunch on the run for students headed to a presentation who will miss lunch, and travel

expenses for events that require a registration fee.^{iv}

Some Sober Squad members also participate in Edina Committed. Sober Squad is more of an educational group whereas Edina Committed focuses on students in activities making healthy choices to improve performance. Both groups support healthy choices and not using drugs, tobacco or alcohol.

Edina High School Sober Squad students shared the following observations with the study committee:

- Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are common;
- e-cigarettes are used in the bathrooms and can be used to smoke marijuana;
- Breathalyzing for alcohol at dances will push teens to use other drugs that are not being screened for;
- "Drug dogs" at dances and in the school would decrease the amount of drugs used by students, "When other school districts are using the Edina dogs to search their school, and with the problems we see here, it's stupid that we don't do this."
- Teens avoid using chemicals because: they don't want to lose privileges or their parents' trust; their peer group doesn't use; they have been educated on the risks of use and have other ways to deal with stress; they don't need "that feeling";
- Teens also reported hearing about positive health choices regarding chemical use at an early age from older siblings, older cousins, 7th grade health class, Sober Squad visit at school, Girl Scouts and from their parents.

According to former Chemical/Mental Health Coordinator Janet Schank: "(Sober Squad) did so much more than speak in middle and elementary school classrooms. The mission of their group is to serve as role models to their peers and to younger students and to help others see positive alternatives to drug/alcohol/cigarette use. The Sober Squad students spoke to many community groups and parent groups. Members also represented a student perspective on various city committees and task forces."

Edina Committed

Edina Committed is a relatively new program facilitated by students who are involved in EHS sports and fine arts programs. It is based on John Underwood's Life of an Athlete program. It started at EHS in 2013 when Dr. Locklear and 3 students attended required workshops in Lake Placid, New York where Life of an Athlete is based.

This program fosters a substance free community by providing scientific education on how substance use, sleep and nutrition affect performance in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. EHS Students train their own groups in avoiding substances to improve performance. Students set the expectations and manage communication with the support of trained adults. Students are encouraged, but not forced, to sign a commitment sheet that they will not use substances.

Training is expensive. Edina Boosters have provided money for this: \$6,000-10,000 was needed to send 4 -8 students to Lake Placid for the training and to bring John Underwood to Edina.^{vi}

Participation by students has been encouraging:

- 70% of the 2013 football team took the pledge,
- 100% of women's 2013 hockey and women's 2013 basketball took the pledge,
- 75% of men's 2013 baseball and 85% of women's 2013 softball took the pledge,
- In 2014, the football team and Band plan to participate.

City of Edina Chemical Health Coordinator

A Chemical Health Coordinator for the City of Edina was first hired in 1988. The position and work done were funded through federal grants and non-profit organizations. Tobacco prevention for youth, smoke-free air lobbying and the Red Ribbon Campaign, to raise awareness of chemical health, were the focus at this time. The Edina Parent Toolkit was also created and is available online.^{vii}

In 1995 Tri City partners was formed and included the cities of Edina, Bloomington and Richfield. Funded by a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Tri-City partners worked to reduce youth substance abuse. In 2013 grant money ran out and Tri-City dissolved. The Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funds disease prevention and health promotion for Bloomington, Edina and Richfield. The program is administered by Bloomington and focuses on obesity and tobacco, not youth substance use.^{viii}

Kathy Iverson retired from the position in July 2014. At present this position is unfilled and being redefined.

Edina Community Health Commission (CHC)

The City of Edina Community Health Commission (CHC) researches, evaluates and prioritizes issues affecting the health and well-being of those who live and work in the City of Edina by working closely with other individuals and groups interested in health. The group serves as an advisory commission to the Edina City Council (Board of Health) and shares their findings and conclusions related to the needs of the City's environment and community members' health.

The CHC has nine volunteer members and meets each month. Each member serves a three-year term, except for the student member who serves a one-year term.

Besides working on the e-cigarette ordinance that passed in August 2014, the CHC is discussing youth and alcohol, working to help seniors and encouraging a dementia-friendly community.^{ix} The Council has requested that "health is in all policies" and the CHC will review policies to assess their effect on community health and wellness.

IV. Summary

There has been some reduction in substance use by youth but Edina youth are still using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drugs. Use of tobacco has decreased but marijuana use has increased. Also, new substances, such as synthetic drugs, are available to youth that parents may have little knowledge about. Prescription drug use is also a concern and might be available in the home or prescribed for the youth but shared with others.

Education about chemical health for students and parents is available in the community. Laws and policies exist to discourage youth use of substances, but these can be difficult to enforce.

Police liaison officers did not exist in 1997 when the LWVE position was written. At the time of the original study there was little or no peer leadership in this area; now the existence of Sober Squad and Edina Committed at Edina High School puts students in the forefront of the program

Edina Chemical Health Partners

Edina Chemical Health Partners was formed in 1997. The mission of Edina Chemical Health Partners is to reduce alcohol abuse in Edina by promoting collaborations within the community.

Edina Chemical Health Partners meet the third Thursday of each month and information is posted on the city website. The public is welcome to attend. Members currently attending include: City of Edina administration, the Edina Human Relations Commission, Edina Public Schools administration, Edina Police, representatives from the Edina Rotary and the Edina Morningside Rotary Clubs, Edina Parent Communication Network, Fairview Southdale Hospital and concerned citizens.^x

This group was formerly coordinated by the Kathy Iverson, now retired, and Tri-City Partners, now defunct.

for better chemical health. Peer led groups and programs at EHS that discourage use of chemicals are positive developments but do not always have a secure source of funding.

The position of a school Chemical Health Coordinator did not exist in 1997. At present it is unfilled and in the process of being redefined. The city of Edina Chemical Health Coordinator position, created in 1988, is also in limbo. For nearly a decade there was grant money to allow the functioning of Tri-City Partners – Edina, Bloomington, Richfield, that worked on chemical issues. This funding has now been redirected. When funding disappears, the support system for prevention of youth use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs suffers.

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ⁱⁱⁱ David Walsh, "Why Do They Act That Way?" (Free Press, Simon and Schuster, 2004), 142-145.

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^{xlvi} Interview with Janet Schank, September 23, 2014

^{xlvii} Interview with Dr. Bruce Locklear, Principal Edina High School, May 9, 2014

^{xlviii} Interview with Officer Tom Draper, Edina Police Dept., August 25, 2014

^{xlix} Interview with Cathy Groat, 2014 EHS PTO president, August 18, 2014

^l Interview with Melanie Pusateri, EHS Student Council Advisor, August 22, 2014.

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^{liii} Interview with Emily Wagner, EHS PCN representative, August 19, 2014

^{liv} Kristin Shelley, M.Ed., Licensed Parent Educator, Edina Family Center, May 28, 2014

^{lv} Interview with Matt Nilsen, Sober Squad Advisor, May 12, 2014

^{lvi} Dr. Bruce Locklear, (shortened from information provided in note ^{xlvii} above)

^{lvii} Interview with Kathy Iverson, Chemical Health Program Coordinator, May 6, 2104.

^{lviii} Interview with Community Health Commission Liaison, Jeff Brown and Chair, Alison Pence, August 26, 2014.

^{lix} Interview with Community Health Commission Liaison, (shortened from note ^{lviii} above)

^{lx} Edina Chemical Health Partners webpage, City of Edina, <http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=chemical-health>

Heather Branigin

From: Walt <mclclurew@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 9:50 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Re: proposed sidewalks for West Shore Drive
Attachments: Edina Council letter .docx

Please consider the views in the attached letter (also reprinted below) regarding proposed sidewalks for West Shore Drive.

If possible, we would appreciate acknowledgement this letter has been received.
Walter and Nancy McClure

7 Nov. 2014

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of Edina

We are Walter and Nancy McClure and live at 6621 West Shore Drive. We have lived at this address since 1986. We wish to speak against constructing sidewalks on West Shore Drive for at least the next fifteen years.

A criterion not readily apparent on the list of criteria in Edina's Comprehensive Plan for motorized and non-motorized traffic is the wishes of the residents of the street where sidewalks are proposed. We believe this criterion should be added specifically and unambiguously.

When West Shore Drive was reconstructed in 2008 or so, a survey found a substantial majority of the residents opposed constructing sidewalks, and the City respected their desires. We thought this settled the issue until the next time the street is reconstructed. Conditions and residents may have changed by then, but in the meantime we doubt that sentiment against sidewalks has changed much. Thus we were surprised to get a Notice suggesting the Council was holding hearings to build sidewalks on West Shore.

We have successfully raised three children to adulthood at this address; sidewalks restrict play space and are irrelevant to the real problems, such as children obviously chasing a ball into the street. And we enjoy the pleasure and health benefits of outdoor exercise, and are inveterate walkers in the neighborhood in all kinds of weather. Not only has the absence of sidewalks caused little problem, we consider the absence of excessive pavement critical to the attractive character of the neighborhood.

The Council has wisely sought to remove the financial issue from resident decisions by shifting increasingly from resident to public financing of public sidewalks. Will such financing cover residents' costs of reconstructing driveways, retaining walls, landscaping, etc.; otherwise the issue is reduced but remains.

But we emphasize that our decision, and many of our friends' on the street, was not primarily financial. We were drawn to Edina first because of its superb public schools but also because of its attractive suburban character ...

more greenery, more space, less concrete. How can one compensate for the environmental damage when sidewalks require, say, removal of residents' mature trees with their beauty and shade. If we wanted more pavement and crowded front yards, we could have stayed in Minneapolis.

Perhaps we misunderstood, that the Notice did not mean sidewalk construction was imminent, but simply remained in the Plan to be considered at the next reconstruction of the street. But the Notice said nothing about timing. So we are concerned that City Planning not become like so many unwanted private developers, coming back year after year each time their project is turned down, requiring citizens to continually mobilize to defend against an unwanted development.

In sum, we oppose sidewalk construction on West Shore Drive for the foreseeable future, and wish assurance the issue will not be raised again until the next reconstruction of the street. We believe a survey will show most of our neighbors share this desire. Thank you for consideration of our views.

Sincerely,
Walter and Nancy McClure
mcclurenw@hotmail.com
tel: 952-927-9633

Heather Branigin

From: E Roepke <eroepke@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 1:29 PM
To: Edina Mail; jan.callison@hennepin.us
Cc: cbremer101@gmail.com
Subject: Xerxes Ave Bump-outs

Dear Mayor Hovland and Commissioner Callison,

I am the property owner/resident at 5808 Xerxes Ave, Edina. I am contacting you concerning the bump-outs that were recently installed along Xerxes Ave. I understand this conversation is *still* underway.

To start with please let me explain that I am a major supporter of these bump-outs. Three times I have nearly been hit by a vehicle while working in my front yard. I know others along Xerxes have had similar experiences. Also, looking out of my house I have seen many instances of highly unlawful traffic behavior (i.e. passing on the right (shoulder)) and near misses between cars and bikers/pedestrians. These bump-outs are an extremely important factor in making Xerxes a safer street for residents and pedestrians.

That stated, I will admit that the bump-outs are not "pretty" and lack any amount of sophistication or appreciation for the aesthetic. I will point out, however, that we were told that this is what they would look like. We were even provided with pictures of what they would look like. So, the bump-outs, as installed, do not really conflict with my expectations. They also appear to be very successful at improving traffic behavior (everything except speed).

In the meeting held by Hennepin County Engineer James Grube, Mr. Grube explained that there is insufficient funds at this time to do more with the bump-outs. Many were unhappy with that response, but took some comfort in the plan that when Xerxes is modernized in the near future, proper bump-outs would be built, included with the curb line, and be "green space" (like Lyndale Ave). Again, Mr. Grube many times stated that money was not available for such a project now, but did reiterate several times that Xerxes is due for a complete overhaul and that hopefully funds would be available in a few years times. This would also likely solve the serious manhole problems on Xerxes.

In closing I would reiterate that I am very much as supporter of the bump-outs, but, if possible changes are now back on the table, I would ask for that Xerxes be modernized and made to look more like Lyndale - where green-space bump-outs are part of the street curb line. Please keep me informed of any decisions reached on this never-ending topic.

Thank you,

Erik Roepke
612-432-3745

P.S. Mayor Hovland, with the recent street improvements, it is obvious that traffic speeds have actually increased. The smooth, no longer suspension-ruining surface has countered any positive impacts received from the bump-outs regarding traffic speed. Clearly, Edina (and MPLS) PD should be patrolling Xerxes Ave with much more frequency. (And, I'd like to know if a bus has ever been pulled over for speeding... but I digress.)

Heather Branigin

From: ds234125@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Budget

Dear Mayor James Hovland,

I would like to see how the city spends its money. Where could I find a copy of the budget?

Dylan Schwartz

Heather Branigin

From: Susan Umlor <susanumlor@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2014 8:11 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Sidewalks on West Shore

Edina City Council,

We live on West Shore and Andover and received your letter recently about the sidewalk facilities plan. We wanted to be at the meeting on Monday the 3rd, however, I had a board meeting and my husband had to stay home with our infant who falls asleep before 7.

Our questions are below and we would really appreciate any responses you could provide. Thank you!

1. What side of the street will the sidewalk be on? The East or West?
2. How does this impact property values?
3. How will these be paid for? Are the homeowners responsible or is the city paying? Or is there some kind of split responsibility?

A big concern is the impact on property value and who is responsible for paying.

Also b/c West Shore tends to be a street people speed excessively on, we'd be curious to know if "local connector" streets tend to have higher traffic and/or speeding or if that is not impacted at all.

Thanks,
Susan and Clayton Umlor

Heather Branigin

From: PBK <pennbrokeith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2014 8:33 PM
To: Edina Mail; jan.callison@hennepin.us; cbremer101@gmail.com; Carole Cera; njmccarthy@q.com
Subject: Xerxes redesign letter from u

Just a quick note. Hello from Keith Reitman at 5400/5402 Xerxes. Thanks, Chris Brown, for ur effort to bring attention to the outcomes of the mill and overlay and "redesign" along Xerxes. Can u forward to me some of the concerns and observations of others? I have my own concerns and observations, too. We need a safer pedestrian crossing at 54th and Xerxes. Many people take great risk to cross Xerxes. Mostly kids, bus commuters, and dog walkers. But Edina and it's traffic engineer Chad Milner decided that pedestrian safety was not worth even half a gallon of WHITE PAINT to demarcate a crossing there. Of course no expense was spared setting up a camera to monitor and count the number of crossers over a number of days. A count which, I learned, was too low to "warrant" (that's the technical term) pedestrian demarcation there with half a gallon of paint. Heavy Unabated Traffic travels down hill in both directions toward 54th Street along Xerxes. Hence people travel at high speed there, and care very little about slowing down and yielding there. This is personal: The project also took away ALL STREET parking in front of our two houses by adding the bump outs, and tapering the stripe toward the curb. In discussions, out front, my recollection is Chad Ellis, the county engineer on the project, whipped out his tape measure and told me I would have a parking space in front of 5400 Xerxes, North of the bump out I acceded to. Thanks. Call or write. Sincerely Keith
622 386 8118

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From: Chris Bremer <cbremer101@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2014 9:02 PM
To: PBK
Cc: jan.callison@hennepin.us; Carole Cera; Edina Mail; njmccarthy@q.com
Subject: Re: Xerxes redesign letter from u

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- The islands with posts are unattractive (descriptors include ugly, cold, and ludicrous)
- They do not present a positive image of Edina at a highly visible border of our community
- They are not what some people expected
- They collect leaves and dirt in the channel intended for water flow

- They are visually distracting
- They are too small to allow for landscaping
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- The black asphalt ramps on the leading edges, installed to preserve snowplow blades, look like an afterthought
- Bicyclists might get hurt by falling onto the posts

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- When a post is run into by a vehicle, it stays bent over
- At least one island is placed immediately north of a driveway, so that it prevents the resident from safely backing out into the street

I was not aware of the pedestrian crossing problem. Thank you for that insight. We will continue to work on the issues and really appreciate your response.

Best,

Chris

Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 8:08 AM
To: Chris Bremer
Cc: Carole Cera; jan.callison@hennepin.us; Edina Mail; njmccarthy@q.com
Subject: Re: Xerxes redesign/ Observation at first snow fall

The white posts with narrow dark reflector bands on the bump outs now may appear invisible to all drivers as they blend in very well, and match like camouflage, with the fresh white snow and dark tire tracks on that snow, in the traffic lanes. I wonder how many will be breached this very day?

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Subject: Re: Xerxes redesign letter from u

Thank you again, Keith. I wonder what the point of using that product was, because I have never seen as much smeared and tracked paint as I did with this project. At 60th it looks like multiple cars were allowed to drive through fresh paint as they turned east from northbound Xerxes. It all adds to the general negative impression.

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From: Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul) <katie.knutson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Follow-up from 84%

Hi Mayor,

We spoke after the meeting ended and you offered to send me something if I emailed you a reminder. Funny thing I can't remember what I'm supposed to remind you to send me. Maybe this will jog your memory and you'll remember ☺

Thanks again for attending the meeting and being an active participant. Your insight is very helpful as we move forward.

Katie



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Heather Branigin

From: Bruce Hollands <admin1@uni-bell.org>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: U.S. Conference of Mayors Says Open Pipe Procurement Can Reduce Rising Water and Sewer Rates



November 10, 2014

His Worship Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

Attention Members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors

U.S. Conference of Mayors Says Open Pipe Procurement Can Reduce Rising Water and Sewer Rates

Dear Mayor Hovland,

A study by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) says open pipe procurement can reduce rising water and sewer utility rates. [Click here](#) for report.

The report entitled, *Municipal Procurement: Procurement Process Improvements Yield Cost-Effective Public Benefits*, discusses the tendency of many municipalities to buy traditional piping materials like ductile iron pipe without reviewing other options. Instead, municipal utilities should be focused on finding savings and efficiencies through open pipe selection practices.

Keep Rising Utility Rates in Check Through Competitive Pipe Procurement

Underground piping represents 60 percent of the total spending for water and wastewater infrastructure (including capital and operations and maintenance costs), so it is here where open procurement practices should be focused, says report author Richard F. Anderson, Ph.D., Senior Advisor, USCM Mayors Water Council. According to the study, an estimated \$2.28 trillion in infrastructure piping will be needed over the next 20 years to upgrade the nation's deteriorating underground piping networks. Updating procurement policies could help your community realize significant costs savings.



"The common practice of choosing metallic pipes without a full financial evaluation continues to dominate procurement decision-making... Only by modernizing procurement practices and the assumptions upon which pipes are selected can municipalities achieve much needed cost-savings and performance improvements in their underground infrastructure at a time of dwindling financial

We encourage municipal lawmakers across the county to request that utility and finance staff review their pipe procurement policies and include PVC pipe in all project bids. If your community's use of PVC is limited to smaller diameters, it's time to look at larger sizes (now made up to 60 inches) to reap similar performance and cost benefits.

Please do not hesitate to contact the PVC Pipe Association (PVCPA) at info@uni-bell.org for a free technical presentation or webinar on the design and installation of PVC piping systems.

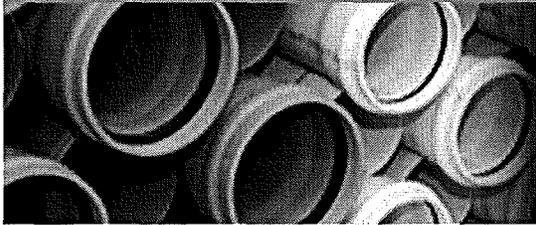
PVCPA is a proud Associate Member of the Mayors Water Council Water Development Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Regards,

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Heather Branigin

From: Jeremy Schroeder <JSchroeder@commoncause.org>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 10:25 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Jerry Franck
Subject: Good meeting with you and invitation to event honoring Sec. Ritchie
Attachments: Invitation Nov 19th Ritchie event.jpg

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thank you for meeting with myself and Jerry Franck last week. We are very excited to share our model policies around nepotism and public campaign financing and will share those shortly. In the meantime, we wanted to invite you to our event next Wednesday honoring Sec. Ritchie. The invitation is below and please contact me if you have any questions.

On Nov. 19th at 7 pm, Common Cause Minnesota will be honoring the work of outgoing Secretary of State Mark Ritchie at the Landmark Center in St Paul. During his time in office, Sec. Ritchie has worked tirelessly to expand the electorate, most notably through online registration and no-excuse absentee voting. Additionally, Sec. Ritchie led the highly contentious effort to recount the elections for Governor and Senator in a way that is now a national model for fairness and accuracy.

Common Cause President Miles Rapoport will attend as well. Since joining Common Cause this year, Miles has energized CC to be the pace-setter in the drive for our democracy. Under his leadership, CC is taking on new approaches to our traditional issues, including a close look at how wealth and racial inequality are made worse by the problems of pay-to-play politics and voting restrictions.

This is Miles' first trip to Minnesota as President of Common Cause. It would be wonderful if you could join us in honoring Sec. Ritchie. We will also highlight some exciting initiatives that Common Cause Minnesota is leading.

To RSVP (or send regrets) please visit www.commoncause.org/MilesinMN or contact Jeremy Schroeder at jschroeder@commoncause.org or (952) 923-6691 with questions.

Hope to see you there!

Jeremy Schroeder

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New National President, Common Cause and former Secretary of State for Connecticut

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Learn about Common Cause's efforts to strengthen our democratic system here in Minnesota
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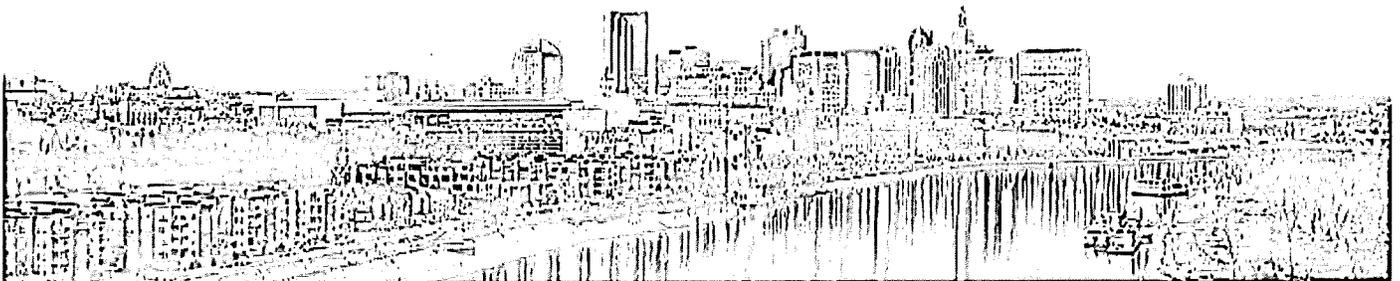
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Heather Branigin

From: Adam Kuzlak-Swanson <aswanson76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 11:03 AM
To: Edina Mail; jan.callison@hennepin.us
Cc: cbremer101@gmail.com
Subject: Xerxes Bump Outs

Dear Mayor Jim Hovland and Commissioner Jan Callison,

I am writing in regards to the bump outs that were installed on Xerxes Avenue. My husband and I participated in the initial meetings that discussed the bump outs on our street. We were both extremely excited at the idea! We both believed that there was a dangerous problem that existed with cars driving quickly on the shoulders, and that the cars traffic posed risks to both pedestrians on the sidewalks and cyclists that ride on the road.

Unfortunately, we envisioned a road with bump outs that resembled those that were installed last year on Penn Avenue, not ones that make the road appear as though it's a constant construction zone.

Fortunately, these bump outs have already solved our initial reasons for having them. Cyclists have a safe area to turn into when traffic is heavy and pedestrians have a safe area to stand on without the fear of a car flying into the shoulder because the car turning in front of them is seemingly a great imposition.

If we have the opportunity to remedy the look of the bump out to resemble those on Penn, then that would be great. However, if it is a discussion between having bump outs and not having them at all, then we believe it is unreasonable to put residents at risk because the safe option is simply "not pretty".

Warm regards,

Adam and Dominika Kuzlak-Swanson

5412 Xerxes Ave. South

Edina, MN 55410

Heather Branigin

From: Lizardsking3000 <lizardsking3000@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 3:55 PM
To: Edina Mail; jan.carlson@hennepin.us
Cc: cbremer101@gmail.com
Subject: Xerxes Avenue Bump-outs

Dear Mayor Hovland and Commissioner Callison,

This entire bump-out experiment has been a complete farce, and IMO completely unnecessary.

I have lived at 55th and Xerxes for 20 years and I have never seen traffic move poorly. I now have southbound traffic backed up past my house during rush hour.

The location of the bump-outs and the solid white lines up to the intersections do not allow folks living on interior streets to make legal right turns until getting to the intersection itself.

If the goal was to mess up an otherwise well moving north/south artery street. You were successful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Pederson
Edina, MN

Heather Branigin

From: Sue Quirt <susantq@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2014 12:15 PM
Cc: Cindy Larson; Edina Mail
Subject: Residential construction parking hampering snow removal

Cindy Larson and Edina City Council:

I live at 5925 Fairfax Ave. and have had teardowns going on all summer and fall. One is next door (Refined) one across the street, and one a few doors down. Today a city snowplow came and could not clear the street in front of my house due to construction workers vehicles. I did call the Edina police non-emergency number as you had previously instructed me to do for parking complaints. I was told that no snow emergency had been declared, but they would send someone out. It is now almost noon, three hours later, and I have even more vehicles lining the street, including one that is parked too close to my driveway. The snow removal guys I was trying to hire for the season drove by but could not even find a place to pull over. They also were not able to turn into my driveway due to a vehicle parked so close. I have severe spine problems and was not able to go out there and try to catch them. They gave up and drove away. One company already told me that this looked like too much hassle and "passed" on the job. This has never happened to me in all these years.

I do not know what the answer is for the developers and parking in the winter. I do know that having lived in Edina since 1976 I have never experienced such disregard for the residents. I am not willing to put up with a winter of unplowed streets, snow emergency or not. If I wanted that, I'd move to Minneapolis. I am also not willing to not have my driveway plowed because the guys can't get enough room to turn into my driveway. I need a solution. Perhaps the developers would like to take care of my driveway this winter. Actually, they should be required to compensate my neighbors and me for months of relentless noise, disruption and lack of privacy, Maybe Edina needs some new laws regarding teardowns. As nice as the workers themselves have been, the system governing construction, including setbacks, is not fair to the residents. Right now it looks like a free-for-all.

Thank you,
Susan Quirt

Heather Branigin

From: Jim Stromberg <js8778@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 11:01 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Late-Night Plowing

TO:
Mayor Hovland, and...
City Council Members

FM:
Jim Stromberg
3930 West 49th St.

RE:
Snow removal from 49 1/2 St. Parking Ramp

Mayor, and Council members:

I should have written this missive last winter when I first was awakened by this, but thought I would wait and see if this was an ongoing issue or simply something associated with an unusual winter (lots of snow!). Since it has already started this year, I'm writing this now in hope some relief can be found sometime before the whole winter season is upon us.

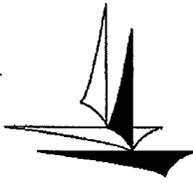
The parking ramp on 49 1/2 Street is to the south of my residence. When a snowfall occurs, removal of said snow must happen to the upper level of the parking structure - I certainly know and respect this. What I would like to suggest is two alternatives to what is happening now. Presently (and this was the case last winter as well), the plowing is done in the middle of the night - last night for well over an hour at 2:30 AM. My two alternatives are as follows:

1. Plow at daylight - maybe 7 AM, instead of 2 AM?
2. Disconnect the "beeper" on the machine that sounds whenever the vehicle is in reverse, which is half the plowing time.

I know that there's probably some regulation about the "beep" thing as a safety device to warn others of a vehicle backing up. But at 2 in the morning, I don't believe there's another soul that's in danger of being backed over on that upper level of the ramp. AND, I DO know this: if a resident in the neighborhood was employing someone to plow out his or her drive in the middle of the night, they'd probably soon be ticketed for excessive noise.

Please entertain one of those alternatives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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November 7, 2014

Mayor James Hovland
City of Edina
4801 West 50th St.
Edina, MN

Mayor Jeff Jacobs
City of St. Louis Park
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

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

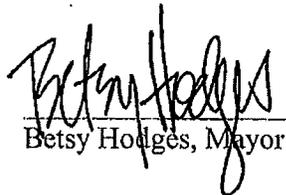
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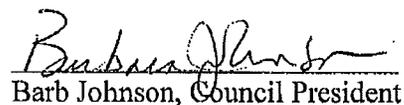
Thank you for your October 17 letter requesting additional time to consider the purchase of the City of Minneapolis owned land in the vicinity of 40th St W and France Ave S. We understand the complexity of this situation and therefore agree that the deadline can be extended to December 31, 2014.

To clarify, by that date we expect a written offer if you are interested in buying the land. Without such an offer, we will proceed to market the property to other interested parties. We also want to reiterate that any offers should reflect the fair market value of the land.

We look forward to working with you to obtain a mutually satisfactory outcome.

Sincerely,


Betsy Hodges, Mayor


Barb Johnson, Council President

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





- Ruth Schmoll
- Andrew LaVenture

Dear Edina Fire Department,
Thank you for hosting the
Fire Truck tours at the
Pumpkin Fest! We appreciate
all you've done to make
this another great event!

Thanks again,
Rachel & Megan

Deb Mangen

From: meghan simons figueroa <meghanfigueroa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 9:26 AM
To: James Hovland
Subject: Re: Cahill Shops

Thank you so much for the prompt reply!

I love Braemar so much. Even now, we frequent the clubhouse concession stand pretty regularly for happy hour (even though we don't golf, ha).

I'll definitely sign up for the "extra" and stay informed on its redevelopment, chiming in and participating however I can.

Thanks!
meghan figueroa

On Fri, Nov 14, 2014 at 9:08 AM, James Hovland <JHovland@edinamn.gov> wrote:

Megan, welcome back home. Since these properties are all privately held a petition will not be helpful. We will be doing a small area plan for that node in the future. Currently we are working on a plan for the Wooddale and Valleyview node. Residents, property owners, and retail lessees all are asked to participate. We use professional planners to help the group come up with a framework for redevelopment that they will support. When that is in place it becomes easier for a property owner to redevelop. I understand your frustration. The area is ready for change. As a side note the restaurant in the current golf clubhouse will probably be leased out to an outside of Edina restaurant company that is interested in becoming a neighborhood place to go. We are also looking at winter activities to have there to compliment. All of this will start happening in the next year or two. After the planning ends at the Wooddale node we will have a timeline for the start of Cahill. If you go to the city web site and sign up to get the city "extra" then you will hear about all the things happening in the city.

Ann Swenson, council

Sent from my iPad

From: meghan simons figueroa [<mailto:meghanfigueroa@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 8:58 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Cahill Shops

Dear Edina City Council,

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My question/petition:

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I'd love your help and insight on how I might begin a petitioning process to get this area updated and enhanced in a way that benefits the community surrounding it.

Thanks in advance -

Meghan Figueroa

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From: Susan Khatri <dragontales31@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 4:26 PM
To: Edina Mail; Joni Bennett; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Josh Sprague; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott H. Neal; Edina Mail
Cc: kevin@stauntonforcouncil.com
Subject: Edina sidewalk map updates - community input

Greetings all,

Today's Edina Sun has a front page article about sidewalks and online I viewed this map, showing the City of Edina and a 20-30 year sidewalk plan.

http://edinamn.gov/edinafiles/files/City_Offices/Engineering/Transportation/Sidewalk_Facilities_CompPlanNo_v14.pdf

I have a friendly suggestion about needed updates to the template the Engineering Department persists in using. Let's budget for them to devise a new template! Let's use an updated map when we seek community input at the upcoming sidewalk quadrant meetings! Let's not use an old outdated map template, where places of worship are identified with crosses, where at least three names for places of worship are incorrect and where at least two places of worship are simply omitted. We have this information; we just need to communicate it effectively to the Engineering Department! Someone convince them it's worth it to update their template. Thank you.

It reminds me of the times when the neighborhood naming meetings were underway, and community members noticed the names of several churches on the maps provided by the city were wrong/outdated. Organizers said *the maps they were using* (to talk with neighbors about neighborhood names and "boundaries") *were provided to them by the City of Edina Engineering Department. We can see they are still using the same old thing, with its persistent errors.*

Does the Engineering Dept know or care if church names are listed correctly? It surely looks like they think it's no big deal. They can't be bothered to update their map template. Do they think it's OK to identify places of worship with a cross? (yes, they seem to think that's just fine). Should they adopt a better practice, like our new Edina city map, and identify "Places of Worship" with something like a green dot? (yes, this goes without saying, they should not have church names wrong, they should not use a symbol such as a cross for a place of worship and they should be inclusive of all the places of worship in our city). Someone has spent a lot of time with different colors and dots and dashes to mark out possible sidewalk placements, but they are using an old template. The recently revised Edina City map *uses green dots to identify Places of Worship* (not crosses to identify churches), and *the names for the places are more accurate and inclusive.*

When we're going to schedule four community meetings to discuss sidewalks *and use a MAP as the BASIS* for these meetings, let's put our best foot forward and use a good map, because we know it's not Creek Valley Baptist on Tracy, we know the place of worship on France near W 54th is not Grace Church, and we know the place of worship on Wooddale at W 56th is not Colony Park Baptist. What we don't know is why the Jehovah's Witnesses on Tracy is omitted or why the SV Temple on Metro Boulevard is not included either. If someone put the wrong name on a city map for a St. Stephen's or a St. Alban's or a St. Patrick's or a CPC, or just left them off the map entirely when other places of worship were included, would we think that was all fine and not worth correcting? I doubt it. We can do better with this sidewalk discussion map (*updated October 2014 by the city's Engineering Department*).

Sincerely yours,
Susan Reiersgord Khatri

P.S. When this city map template is updated, please go ahead and change Southview Jr High to *South View Middle School* and Valley View Jr High to *Valley View Middle School*, because those are indeed the names of those places. The use of a name like Jr High reflects just how old this template is, and if that's good enough, why not just call the building location identified as Edina High School *by its original name Edina West High School* instead? After all, at one time, in the past, that was the name of that building. Of course we don't do that, because that is not the name of the building today, and this is an October 2014 updated map for our November 2014 community meetings.

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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Joyce Mellom, HPB member and resident at 4506 Arden

Date: 11/14/2014

Subject: Violation of City Council Resolution No. 2014-43 and ensuing total demolition of heritage resource at 4505 Arden

In violation of a standing Resolution by the Edina City Council, on October 27, 2014, Scott Busyn of Great Neighborhood Homes ordered a wrecker into the Country Club district of Edina and demolished entirely the house at 4505 Arden Avenue. (Attachment A - Resolution No. 2014-43. Upholding the Heritage Preservation Board's approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for Changes to the Street Facing Façade...)

4505 Arden, along with 555 houses in the historic Country Club District, has been on the **National Register of Historic Places since 1980**. The designation recognized the CCD as one of the first planned neighborhoods in the country with a significant and well preserved concentration of historic domestic architecture. Once a property is accepted onto the Register, it is officially recognized as a **national cultural resource**. In other words, its importance extends beyond the borders of the Country Club District, beyond Edina, and beyond Minnesota. **The house and neighborhood are a national heritage resource** and therefore deserves the city's full attention and support. Likewise, the city of Edina in 2003 assigned Heritage Preservation Landmark overlay zoning designation to the Country Club District to provide the long-sought local protection. (City of Edina website)

The national and local designations did not matter to Scott Busyn, nor to Tim and Michele Pronley who have owned the property since 2009-2010. The historic designations did not matter to the Edina city staff which includes Joyce Repya, Carey Teague, David Fisher, Cindy Larson, and Robert Vogel who colluded and conspired with Scott Busyn to allow the demolition. (Attachment B - 10.28.2014 email from Joyce Repya)

The procedural history of 4505 Arden is well known to this council. (Attachment C/Edina Appeal Brief to city council - argument 4.22.2014) Following the City Council's Resolution allowing changes to the street facing façade, the house continued to be rented out by the Pronley family until 8/31/2014. In September 2014, the house was readied for the renovation. At some point a sign was placed in the yard which said "demolition-renovation in progress." This sign was consistent with the COA as issued by the HPB and upheld by the city council Resolution. The garage/rear addition was to be a total demolition and the house and street facing facade were to be renovated.

A letter dated 9/1/2014 was sent to the neighbors by Scott Busyn. (Attachment C/9/1/2014 ltr from GNH to neighbors) The city assets this letter was notice of the total demolition. I read it as an invitation to a coffee klatch. A neighbor attended the 9/15/2014 meeting and there was absolutely no mention by Scott Busyn of a total demolition. Not much else transpired until 10/27/2014 when the wrecker came in and took the entire house down.

The city staff blithely claims the house was demolished because the foundation was bad. (Attachment D – 10.30.2014 email from Cindy Larson) In their respective reports discussing the condition of the foundation, **neither** Nick Hanson of The Hanson Group on 10/7/2014 **nor** David Fisher on 10/14/2014 recommended total demolition. Both reports recommended replacement/repair.

Scott Busyn and the city staff used these reports to justify and covertly allow the total demolition which violated the COA as issued by the HPB, the city council Resolution, signed by Mayor Hovland 4/22/2014 and certified 4/28/2014, as well as various city code provisions. The city council Resolution has the force and effect of law and is the law of the case, yet was completely ignored by the city staff. There was no attempt by GNH or city staff to revise the council Resolution.

The city staff argues that total demolition, without notice and procedure, was necessary due to life-safety issues. That argument is utter nonsense. Families lived in the house until 8/31/2014; people constantly walked past the house on the busy sidewalk, neighbors used the driveway alongside the house, and **small children live adjacent**. At no time were any of us advised of a life-safety issue or that the house was going to fall down on our heads.

As we all know, a good contractor will replace/repair a foundation. It happens every day and most of us in Country Club have repaired our foundations. Can anyone spell rebar? I was in the basement of 4505 Arden when Laurie Engel live there. The basement walls were a foot thick; it was built like a castle.

Recently I toured the Pillsbury A Mill which is 6 stories of porous limestone. The mill is 133 years old and used old construction methods, obviously. An excellent contractor came in and, voila, 251 lofts are nearly ready for move in. Same with Schmidt Brewery in St. Paul. The rehab list goes on and on. GNH and the Pronleys were defiant about this historic resource for 5 years. I wonder why they even bought the dump, considering they already live a few doors down at 4515 Arden. We were all quite hoodwinked about their real intentions, including the neighbors, the HPB and the city council.

Edina's website says:

“14. After a Certificate of Appropriateness has been issued, can the plans be changed?”

No. Either the work described in the COA application is carried out according to the plans reviewed by the HPB, or a new COA needs to be applied for.” Such was not the case here and the city, by not following its own rules, exposes itself to a lawsuit.

The city, via the HPB, states as its policy that the historic architectural integrity of the CCD should be preserved and protected. To fulfill this goal, the city would “use the historic district overlay zoning as a tool for preserving the architectural character of the CCD and Edina's identity as a first-ring suburb. “ The HPB went on to say:

New home construction can destroy the historic character, charm, and preservation value of the CCD. Demolition of homes that contribute to the historical and architectural significance of the district **will always be an adverse impact**. Demolition of historic homes reduces the CCD's prestige and distinction, makes it less attractive for investment in historic property rehabilitation, and may reduce property values for preserved properties.

Edina has other economic interests in maintaining the integrity of the CCD and its identity as a first ring streetcar suburb. The city recently hired a new marketing director for Edina's new tourism bureau, Explore Edina. Edina recognizes that tourism is a large economic engine in Minnesota, totaling around \$12 billion. Certainly the CCD will be promoted as a place of interest in Edina. Visitors will come to the historic CCD, to see for themselves the 550 houses listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Imagine their dismay and disappointment when they see the recent demolition at 4505 Arden and learn that Edina has not bothered to preserve part of our national heritage.

The punishment for the intentional, irreparable harm to the community must be severe. The builder, homeowners, and city staff colluded, conspired and covertly acted to override the order of the mayor/city council, an elected body whose order has the force and effect of law.

I respectfully request that Joyce Repya, Cary Teague, David Fisher, Robert Vogel, and Cindy Larson resign their positions with the city.

After 5 years of contention over the house, and after finally getting a Resolution from the city council that everyone could live with, I demand to know why the city staff took unilateral action that violated the decision of city council.

Given the fraudulent acts committed upon the citizens, the Heritage Preservation Board, and the elected body of Edina, I seek a standing Resolution that Scott Busyn, Margaret Busyn, and Great Neighborhood Homes be forever barred from pulling a demolition or construction permit within the city.

Given the irreparable damage to the historic Country Club District, the preservation community, and to my home and person at 4506 Arden, I seek damages from Timothy Pronley, Michele Pronley, Scott Busyn, Margaret Busyn, and Great Neighborhood Homes, in excess of \$50,000.00.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-43
UPHOLDING THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD'S
APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
FOR CHANGES TO THE STREET FACING FAÇADE AND A NEW DETACHED GARAGE
AT 4505 ARDEN AVENUE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Edina, Minnesota, as follows:

Section 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.01 Scott Busyn, on behalf of the current property owners Tim and Michele Pronley, requested a Heritage Preservation Board (HPB) Opinion as to whether he should pursue a tear down and rebuild of the existing home at 4505 Arden Avenue due to the poor condition of the home. No action was taken.
- 1.02 On January 12, 2010 a request was made to remove the historic resource classification from the home to allow for it to be demolished. The HPB denied the request.
- 1.03 On January 11, 2011, the HPB considered a Sketch Plan Review of a proposal to change the front elevation of the home.
- 1.04 On February 11, 2014, the HPB considered a Certificate of Appropriateness for whole house rehabilitation, a change to the street facing façade and a new detached garage. The item was continued to March 11, 2014, as the HPB considered the whole house rehabilitation to be a demolition of the original 1926 home.
- 1.05 On March 11, 2014, the Heritage Preservation Board approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to build a new detached garage and make changes to the street facing façade. The plans did not include a request for the whole house rehabilitation.
- 1.06 On March 17, 2014, Joyce Mellom, 4506 Arden Avenue appealed the decision of the Board to the City Council.

Section 2. FINDINGS

2.01 Approval is based on the following findings:

1. The plans submitted with the subject Certificate of Appropriateness request dated March 4, 2014, and approved by the Heritage Preservation Board on March 11, 2014 do not entail a demolition of the original 1926 home.
2. The new detached garage and changes to the street facing façade are consistent with the Tudor design of the home, and meet the standards of the Edina City Code Chapter 36, Article IX. Edina Heritage Landmarks; Edina Comprehensive Plan Chapter 6 Heritage Preservation, as well as the Country Club District's Plan of Treatment.

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3. The Country Club District's Plan of Treatment is consistent with the Edina City Code Chapter 36, Article IX. Edina Heritage Landmarks and the Edina Comprehensive Plan Chapter 6 Heritage Preservation; providing sound guidance for the Heritage Preservation Board when reviewing Certificate of Appropriateness applications.
4. The Heritage Preservation Board acted within their authority in awarding the Certificate of Appropriateness for 4505 Arden Avenue (H-14-02) on March 11, 2014.
5. Based on the record submitted to the HPB and all testimony and documents submitted to the City Council.

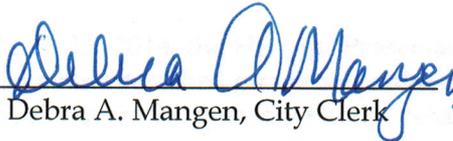
Section 3. APPROVAL

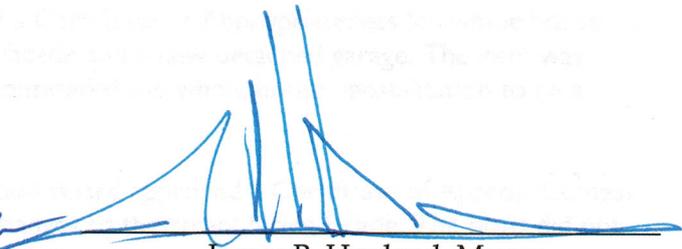
NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Edina, to uphold the decision of the Heritage Preservation Board to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a new detached garage and changes to the street facing façade at 4505 Arden Avenue, legally described as Lot 2, Block 2, Country Club District, Fairway Section, subject to the following conditions:

1. The plans dated March 4, 2014.
2. A year built plaque attached to the exterior of the detached garage.

Adopted this 22nd day of April, 2014.

ATTEST:


Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk


James B. Hovland, Mayor

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)SS
CITY OF EDINA)

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Clerk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Edina City Council at its Regular Meeting of April 22, 2014, and as recorded in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this 28th day of April, 2014.


City Clerk

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Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 11:29 AM
To: 'Joyce Mellom'
Subject: RE: 4505 Arden

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Dear Arden Avenue Neighbors,

Our company, Great Neighborhood Homes, will be renovating the home at 4505 Arden Avenue for Tim and Michele Pronley, current residents on the block. We are planning to remove the outdated addition on the rear of the home, renovate the existing home, and build a new detached garage. We will be doing some work to prepare the site for the demolition portion shortly.

We feel it is a privilege to renovate and bring new life to this home on Arden Avenue. It is our goal to enhance Arden Avenue by leaving behind a well designed, quality home that fits the character and scale of homes on the block. Attached are the elevations of the proposed renovation. We completed a similar project at 4620 Moorland Avenue if you would like to see an example of one of our finished projects.

I would like to share the complete plans and survey to the neighborhood and answer any questions you may have. **I plan on being available on Wednesday, September 10th at 4505 Arden from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.** I will have the full set of plans and survey to show at this meeting. If this time does not work for you please contact me directly at 952-807-8765 or at scott.busyn@comcast.net and we can schedule a time to meet individually.

The project will commence within a few weeks and be completed by next spring. We will utilize signage to prevent parking issues. However, the initial stages of construction do require larger vehicles (cement trucks, backhoe trailers, etc.) for demolition and foundation work, and we appreciate your patience during these stages.

During construction, we demand adherence to the City's Construction Management Plan as well as our company-specific rules by our subcontractors and suppliers:

1. Respect the neighborhood. Treat it like your own.
2. Stay off the neighbor's property.
3. Follow our parking rules, do not block the street, and do not turn around in neighbor's driveways.
4. Manage water drainage through all steps of project.
5. Clean the job site daily.
6. No loud music.
7. Watch out for kids at play.
8. Be safe and keep the job site safe for the neighborhood.

We appreciate the opportunity to breathe new life into this old home on Arden Avenue. Please feel free to call anytime with questions or concerns at 952-807-8765 or email me at scott.busyn@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Scott Busyn
President

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Joyce Repya

From: Cindy Larson
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 3:58 PM
To: 'Miriam Stake'
Cc: Joyce Repya
Subject: RE: Arden tear down

Hi Mimi,

Thank you for sharing your concern with us.

The building plans approved by the Heritage Preservation Board (HPB) for 4505 Arden Avenue have not changed. As the project commenced, problems with the existing foundation became apparent warranting an evaluation by a structural engineer and the city's chief building official – both agreed that the foundation needed to be replaced. This change in building process was not taken back to the HPB because the building plans have not changed, and life-safety issues are not subject to HPB approval.

The City required this project comply with the requirements for a "demolition" via the Construction Management Plan because the home's old addition that was approved to be removed comprised more than 50% of the building area of the home. The building plans for the new home have not changed since the initial neighborhood meeting notification that was distributed to properties within 300' of the subject property.

I hope this answers your questions.

Sincerely,



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From: Miriam Stake [<mailto:stakefam@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 10:27 AM
To: Cindy Larson
Cc: Joyce Repya
Subject: Arden tear down

Dear Cindy,

I am outraged that the builder on Arden was able to tear down a home that was specifically supposed to be a renovation without any discussion with neighbors and concerned citizens.

As I understand it the foundation was not solid enough to do the work that they hoped. As I speak to other builder friends this is not standard procedure. This could have been determined earlier. The design needed to be redone to allow for the limitations to the foundation.

How did this happen without contacting any neighbors? or put in front of the Preservation Cmte?

What do we need to do to communicate better and prevent this sneaky approach to building in this area?

Mimi Stake