



## REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

<b>To:</b> MAYOR AND COUNCIL	<b>Agenda Item</b> <u>IX. A.</u>
<b>From:</b> DEBRA MANGEN CITY CLERK	<input type="checkbox"/> Action
<b>Date:</b> JUNE 19, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information
<b>Subject:</b> CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING	

**INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:** Attached are copies of e-mails and letters received since the last Council meeting.

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 10:18 AM  
**Cc:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: Policy ob re-contruction of city streets



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**From:** [nashjohnn@aol.com](mailto:nashjohnn@aol.com) [<mailto:nashjohnn@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 10:15 AM

**To:** Edina Mail

**Subject:** Policy ob re-contruction of city streets

We suggest that the Mayor and council members review the policy and compare it to other suburbs!

Is it fair for the residents and the city?

Sharon and John Nash  
6400 Gleason Court  
Edina, MN 55436

**Subject:** Resolutions to overturn/undo Citizens United Supreme Court decision

Mayor Hovland,

Greetings to you Jim and I hope the summer is treating you well!

It was good to see you at Arneson Acres and at the O'Brian's for Ms. Franzen's fund raiser, and I believe at each of those occasions I briefly discussed the impact of the Supreme Court's Citizens United case and my interest in working with the City Council to draft a resolution opposing this decision.

We are now beginning to see the effects of this decision with the massive amounts of money (often anonymous donations) flowing into federal and state elections. The recent recall vote in Wisconsin is an example very close to home, where Gov. Walker outspent Mayor Barrett by 7 to 1.

Many grass roots organizations are mobilizing local governments to approve resolutions in favor of a Constitutional Amendment to overturn/undo this decision. Legislation has also been introduced into the Minnesota Legislature to begin this process.

On Wednesday the St. Paul City council unanimously approved a resolution in favor of such a Constitutional Amendment, and yesterday (Thursday) the City of Minneapolis City Council approved a similar resolution. Duluth had previously approved a resolution. Other cities/counties that have already passed resolutions include: New York City, Los Angeles, Boulder, Co., Dane County, Wis. and about 200 others.

On May 22 I made a brief presentation to the Edina Human Rights and Relations Committee where I outlined the impact of this decision and offered some background information to those members for their consideration. I will follow up with Ms. Kingston and the HRRC based on the actions of Minneapolis and St. Paul so that this can be moved to the Council as soon as practical.

I would also like to meet with you in the near future to have a discussion on this topic and would prepare a packet of information for you, including the resolutions from Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

I would also appreciate your guidance on how we can move this discussion through the council.

With regards,

Laird Beaver  
5624 Melody Lake Drive  
952 200 2358

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 3:15 PM  
**Cc:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: Edina, compete in the Earth Hour City Challenge

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...For Living, Learning, Raising Families & Doing Business -----Original Message-----  
**From:** World Wildlife Fund [<mailto:ecomments@wwfus.org>] On Behalf Of Michael Carlin  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 1:50 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina, compete in the Earth Hour City Challenge

Jun 14, 2012

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

Dear Mayor Hovland,

As a Edina resident, I'm writing to urge you to help protect my family and our city from the harmful consequences of increasingly extreme weather by participating in WWF's Earth Hour City Challenge, a competition among cities to prepare for a changing climate.

More and more, communities in Minnesota are facing heavier precipitation and dangerous flooding. We aren't alone. Cities throughout our country are on the front lines of increasingly extreme weather, from more intense heat waves and wildfires to droughts, rainstorms, and floods. As climate change worsens, dangerous weather events are getting more frequent or severe - or both.

But our city can take practical measures at the local level to prepare for these weather extremes, protecting us from more costly and dangerous problems in the future. Infrastructure improvements and other proactive actions will save us money and keep our families and communities safer and healthier.

How is our city preparing for these climatic changes? And are we doing enough?

With this letter I challenge our city to compete in WWF's Earth Hour City Challenge! I hope you will participate and protect my family and fellow residents by preparing for the increasingly extreme weather our community is already facing. Learn more at [worldwildlife.org/citychallenge](http://worldwildlife.org/citychallenge).

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Carlin  
6901 Hillcrest Ln  
Edina, MN 55435-1605

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 12:48 PM  
**To:** Susan Faus  
**Cc:** Susan Howl; Ann Kattreh; John Keprios  
**Subject:** FW: Pool and Track at Edinborough Park

Good afternoon,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Susan Faus, Ann Kattreh and John Keprios.



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**From:** STRAND,PHYLLIS STRAND,PHYLLIS [<mailto:phyllisj35@msn.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 12:06 PM

**To:** Edina Mail

**Subject:** Pool and Track at Edinborough Park

I am writing to show my support for retaining the pool and track at Edinborough Park. I believe both the pool and track are a benefit to our community. I use the track during the winter months when the weather makes it difficult to walk outside and also during the summer months if it is raining. While walking on the track I notice there seems to be quite a few people using the pool for swimming classes for children, water exercise classes and also just those who wish to swim laps. I think it would be a shame and very unfair to some of the elderly people who live at Edinborough who would not be able to go elsewhere to exercise.

Thank you.

Phyllis Strand  
7520 Edinborough Way, #2213  
Edina, MN 55435

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 2:38 PM  
**Cc:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: Sound Wall



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**From:** Dan King [<mailto:daking33@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 2:22 PM

**To:** [jonibennett12@comcast.net](mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net); Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; [joshsprague@edinarealty.com](mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com); [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Sound Wall

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I was wondering if there is any long term planning for sound walls on Highway 100. I live on the 5900 block of Josephine Ave. Since Highway 100 was expanded, the noise has also increased. A large stretch of the highway has sound walls but my area doesn't. Is there any planning to add sound walls along highway 100?

Sincerely,

Dan King

5905 Josephine Ave.

Dear Mayor Jim Hovland ,

I am writing you this letter today. Am I doing not of walking around centennial lakes park, to target and Byerly's. You have that cross walk on Hazelton Rd. I sur push the botton so that the light will flash for the people that are driving the cars. On June 4 2012. I was crossing on that crosswalk the light's was flashing on of the car did not stop the car was speeding. The other person in the other car could have hit me if I was out in the crosswalk little more. After she had drove thought the crosswalk and saw that I was in the crosswalk and little bite. Inside her car she put her hand s up and now that she had done something wrong. They are not looking at the light flash or if people are in the cross walking at all. Some time people do not push that botton . The drives are on the cell phone and do not care to stop there for a few seconds. Sur people in their car are also speed in down that road. On Sunday is pass weekend I was again walking over there. There three people were crossing that crosswalk on Hazelton Rd the person in that car did not even stop. They did push so that the lights would flash. I have heard that people are walking hear at night and people are not stopping at this cross walk when they even have children in strollers pushing their kids. Something is going to happen very bad here sur if you do not get a cop there all the time. You need to get more cops in your city if people are not driving like they are to be driving sur. Her is my name and my phone number I would like to talk to you about this Jim Hovland. The best time of day would be for me about 2:00 pm I am at home then. Here is my phone 612-866-4512. My name Is Patty Murphy I hope that you will give me a call I am walking a lot over there. Lot to long to walk from my house. Well thank you for reading this Mayor Jim Hovland . I am just very concerned person. You also have seniors walking over a lot as well. Mayor Jim Hovland you have a good day now sur.

Patty Murphy

7326 Thomas Ave. S.

Richfield, MN 55423

**Subject:** Edina Housing Statistics - May 2012

Good Afternoon, Mayor Hovland and Members of the Council –

Attached please find the most recent housing statistics from the Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS®, for the City of Edina and the Twin Cities metro area as a whole. This report describes our market in May 2012. Please let me know if you have any questions.

As a reminder, if you are interested in seeing more in-depth statistics and figures for your city, or other cities and counties in the metro – please feel free to check out our online statistical reports at [www.mplsrealtor.com](http://www.mplsrealtor.com). **The Thing**, our interactive market analytics tool, is very useful, as it offers many choices of variables for your review. Check it out here: <http://thething.mplsrealtor.com/>

*(June 12, 2012)* – The month of May provided another confirmation that the Twin Cities metropolitan area's housing market continues to positively lean toward market recovery. During the month, buyers signed 5,130 purchase agreements, 27.3 percent higher than last May, and sellers introduced 6,599 properties to the market, 6.0 percent less than May 2011. This combination of activity drove down the number of homes for sale on the market to 17,262, down 31.1 percent.

The median sales price was up 10.5 percent from last May to \$169,000. That's the third-largest jump since January 2004. Prices have risen 22.5 percent since February (from \$138,000 to \$169,000). Home prices are now at their highest level since October 2010. Prices are "melting up" because distressed properties now comprise a smaller share of overall sales. Since traditional homes sell for a median price of \$205,000, foreclosures sell for \$116,350 and short sales go for \$135,000, these shifts have translated into notable overall price gains.

Distressed homes (short sales and foreclosures) made up 31.1 percent of all new listings and 39.4 percent of all closed sales - the smallest shares since June 2008 and September 2008, respectively. Traditional sales made up the remaining 60.6 percent of all closings and sold for 76.2 percent more than foreclosures.

The number of homes for sale has dropped for 16 consecutive months, down 31.1 percent from last May to 17,262 active listings – the lowest inventory reading for any month since January 2004.

"Residential home prices have been increasing steadily," said Cari Linn, President of the Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS®. "It's been a positive change for our local housing market and it's been a long time coming."

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# Local Market Update – May 2012

A RESEARCH TOOL PROVIDED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



MINNEAPOLIS AREA ASSOCIATION  
of REALTORS®

## Edina

**+ 6.7%**

Change in  
New Listings

**+ 54.5%**

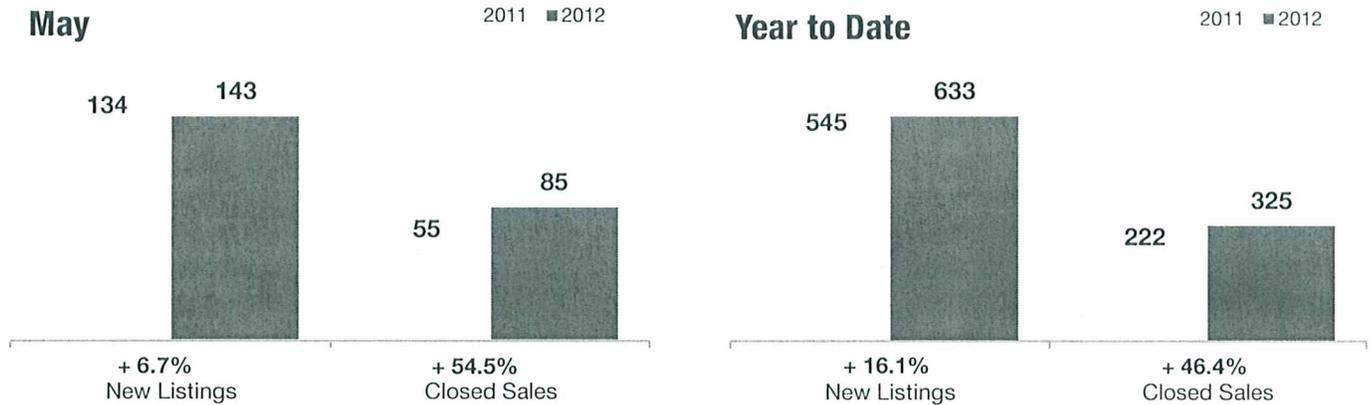
Change in  
Closed Sales

**+ 0.4%**

Change in  
Median Sales Price

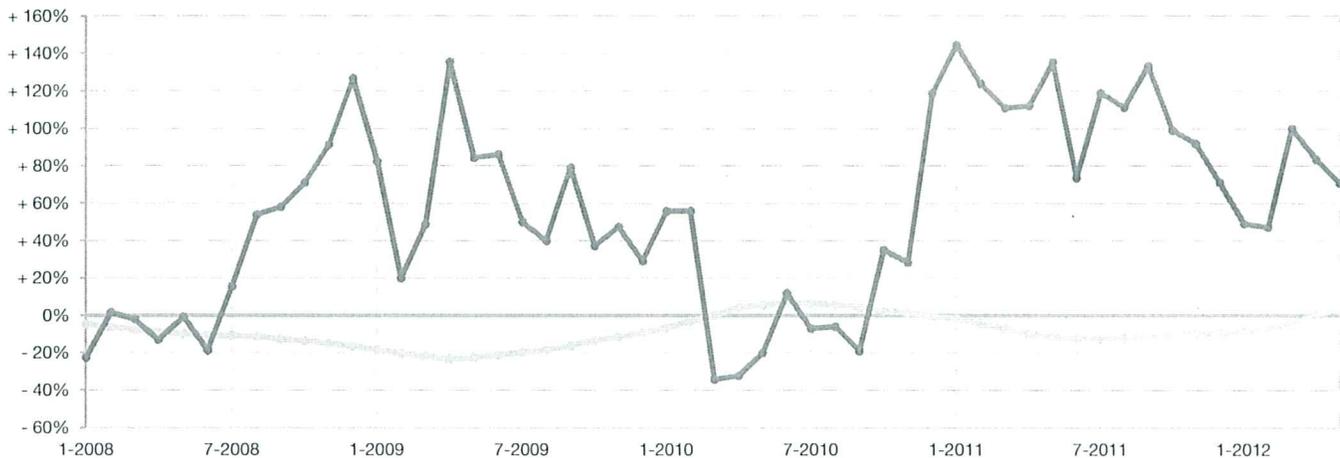
	May			Year to Date		
	2011	2012	+ / -	2011	2012	+ / -
New Listings	134	143	+ 6.7%	545	633	+ 16.1%
Closed Sales	55	85	+ 54.5%	222	325	+ 46.4%
Median Sales Price*	\$353,900	\$355,250	+ 0.4%	\$329,900	\$318,000	- 3.6%
Average Sales Price*	\$423,015	\$432,637	+ 2.3%	\$439,818	\$439,379	- 0.1%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$152	\$159	+ 4.5%	\$160	\$154	- 4.0%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	90.5%	93.6%	+ 3.4%	89.3%	90.9%	+ 1.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	135	125	- 7.4%	168	164	- 2.6%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	437	372	- 14.9%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	8.0	5.2	- 34.9%	--	--	--

\* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size



### Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)\*\*

Twin Cities Region Edina



\*\* Each dot represents the change in median sales price from the prior year using a 6-month weighted average. This means that each of the 6 months used in a dot are proportional according to their share of sales during that period. | Current as of June 8, 2012. All data from Regional Multiple Listing Service, Inc. | Powered by 161n Research and Marketing. | Sponsored by Royal Credit Union www.rcu.org

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## Twin Cities Region

**- 6.0%**

**+ 20.5%**

**+ 10.5%**

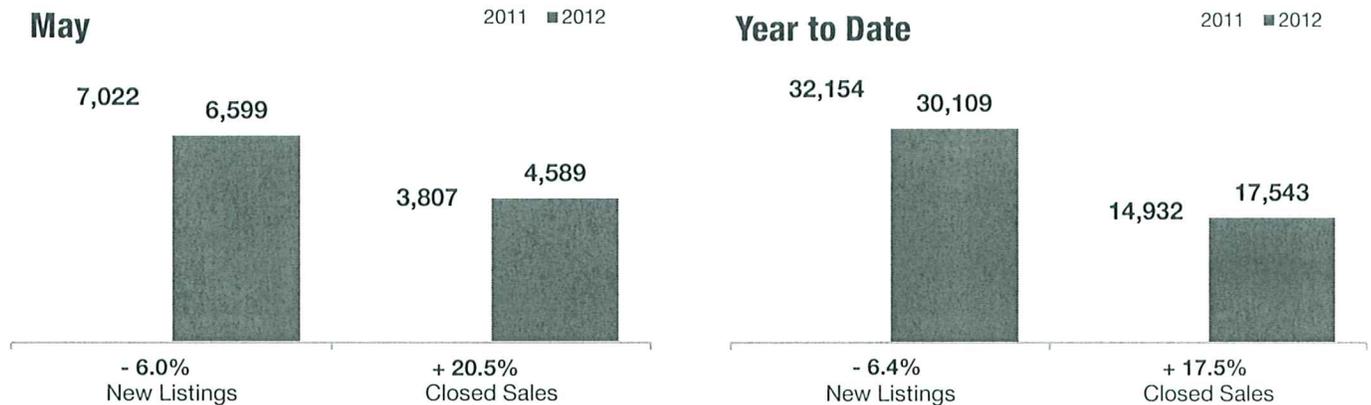
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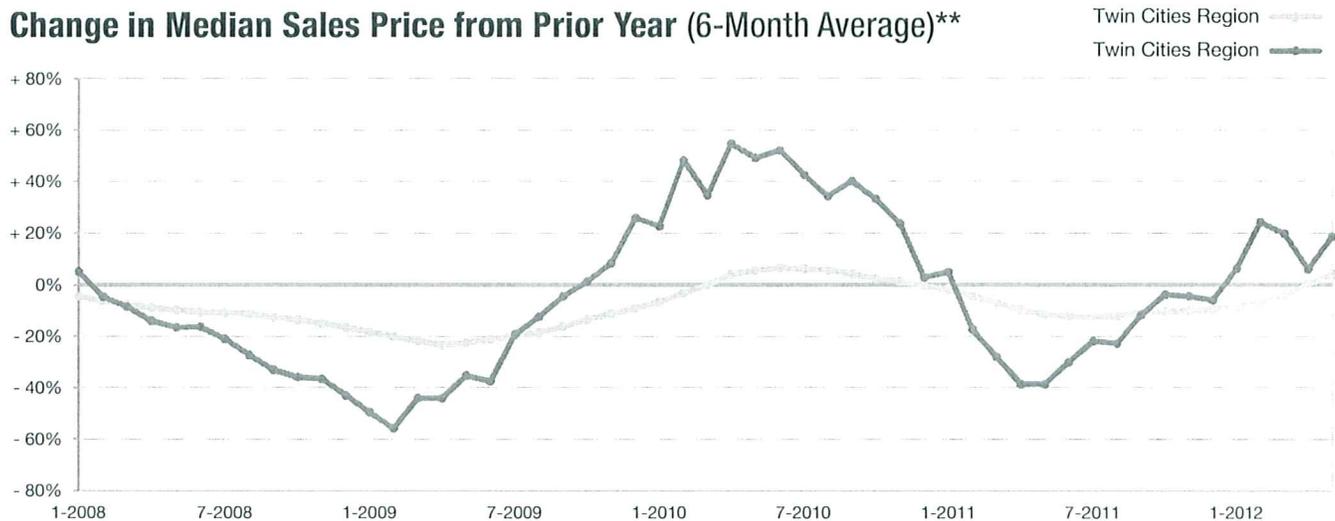
Change in  
Median Sales Price

	May			Year to Date		
	2011	2012	+ / -	2011	2012	+ / -
New Listings	7,022	6,599	- 6.0%	32,154	30,109	- 6.4%
Closed Sales	3,807	4,589	+ 20.5%	14,932	17,543	+ 17.5%
Median Sales Price*	\$153,000	\$169,000	+ 10.5%	\$145,000	\$154,900	+ 6.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$194,610	\$207,873	+ 6.8%	\$186,592	\$195,288	+ 4.7%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$94	\$100	+ 6.2%	\$91	\$94	+ 2.9%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	91.1%	94.5%	+ 3.8%	89.5%	92.7%	+ 3.5%
Days on Market Until Sale	155	125	- 19.6%	158	137	- 13.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	25,037	17,262	- 31.1%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	8.3	4.5	- 45.6%	--	--	--

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June 4, 2012

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

James Hovland  
Edina City Hall  
4801 W 50th Street  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear James,

If you're a Minnesotan, you know Southdale mall. In fact, it's difficult to find a local who isn't aware of the mall and its historical significance. It was very encouraging to our team to hear that at long last, at nearly 56 years of age, Southdale--the world's first enclosed shopping center--is getting a new look. At Kids Quest/Cyber Quest we have been watching the story evolve and read that the Simon Property Management Group, together with the city of Edina, will be giving the mall a much-needed facelift. If all goes according to plan, there will be a stronger customer base and a new generation of shoppers walking the halls and patronizing its stores, restaurants, and other amenities.

At Kids Quest/Cyber Quest we have a bit of a history as well. Having just celebrated our 20-year anniversary, Kids Quest is the largest hourly child care provider in the country. In addition, our parent company, locally owned and operated New Horizon Academy/Kinderberry Hill, has a 40-year foundation of educating children in the state of Minnesota. Kids Quest operates in 12 states, entertains over a half million children a year, and has provided over 27 million hours of care since we began in 1992. Our mission is to care for children while providing a safe, supervised, and fun entertainment experience for little ones while their parents visit other resort amenities at our host properties.

With the renovation of Southdale becoming a reality, we see an opportunity for a partnership between Kids Quest/Cyber Quest and the shopping center. We whole-heartedly agree that there should be a play area for families to enjoy, but we also believe there should be a place for parents to take their children when they want time to themselves. This could mean a number of things, but shopping without a child in tow makes for a more leisurely retail excursion and ultimately a more profitable experience for the retailers who call Southdale home. We can also lend the necessary support for date nights at Southdale. Movies, restaurants, and special events are easier to enjoy if children are at Kids Quest where they have fun activities in a place to call their very own. Cyber Quest, our non-violent family arcade, is also a potential addition to Southdale. At Cyber Quest we provide a supervised, well-lit, bright, and clean arcade atmosphere for our guests. Children over the age of 12 are admitted to play without an adult; those under the age of 12 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 21. Finally, Kids Quest/Cyber Quest also splits our profits with our host properties—thus creating a simultaneous stream of revenue for the mall.

Our concept in a retail setting is currently being discussed by The Boulevard Mall and Town Square in Las Vegas. Why not add Southdale, Simon Properties, and the City of Edina to that group of retail centers who are going the extra mile for their clientele? We are confident that we can enhance the experience of your guests and their children while helping you attain a healthy bottom line.

Please review the enclosed materials that explain our concepts. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me and I will be happy to assist you. In addition, the fact that we are Plymouth-based would make for an effortless meeting!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Zenor", written over a horizontal line.

Ann Zenor  
Kids Quest/Cyber Quest Development

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VILLAGE HOMES AT CENTENNIAL LAKES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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June 11, 2012

Edina City Council,  
Edina City Hall  
4801 W. 50th Street  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Edina City Council,

We, the Board of Directors of the Centennial Lakes Condominium Association, are asking you to keep the pool & track open at Edinborough Park for the following reasons.

Swimming and/or water exercise has these health benefits:

- promotes flexibility, joint mobility and coordination
- increases muscular endurance, strength and aerobic capacity
- often recommended by physicians for rehabilitation after illnesses and/or injuries
- may be the only exercise possible for seniors and/or “baby boomers” who have health concerns
- can be a lifelong aerobic activity
- helps build friendships, connections with neighbors & a sense of community
- encourages visits to Edinborough Park, a multi-generational facility
- enables healthy people to create healthy communities

There are also financial considerations for maintaining access to this neighborhood pool:

- for the past 22 years our 250 unit complex has paid \$45,000 annually for park fees
- this amenity enhances the property values of our association homeowners as well as that of our neighbors in the Edinborough condos, Coventry townhomes, Edina Park Plaza and Residence Inn who also pay yearly park fees.

We certainly empathize with your difficult task of making ethical decisions regarding this and other challenging concerns. We alert you to this matter because we believe continuing access to this pool is very important to the well-being of our neighborhood.

Thank you for all of hard work on behalf of the city of Edina and for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors  
Village Homes of Centennial Lakes Condominium Association

**To:**

The Edina Park Board  
Edina City Council  
Lakke Management  
Edinburgh Condominiums

**Subject:**

**Edinburgh Park Expansion:** concerning consultants' recommendations are to close the swimming pool, track and fitness area and repurpose those spaces with additional children's activities, birthday party locations, and office space.

As owners, and payers of monthly association dues, we want to voice our comments and concern:

**We are opposed to the closing down of the pool, track and fitness center.**

We use the track and fitness center regularly when unable to go outside.

We do not understand how you can consider taking away things that we have in an agreement with the association upon purchasing this condo and pay for on a regular monthly basis to use.

Sincerely,

**Stephen and Melanie Bacon**  
**7618 York Avenue South, #1117**  
**Edina, MN 55435**

[Redacted Signature]

MELANIE JOY BACON



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Susan Howl

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Subject: FW: Edinborough Park

Importance: High

City of Edina City Council:

Re: Edinborough Park

Attn:

Mayor Hovland

Joni Bennett

Mary Brindle

Josh Sprague

Ann Swenson

As an Edina resident since 1979, I would be extremely disappointed to learn the City of Edina will invest MILLIONS of tax payer dollars into Southdale Mall, having the history of the 1st in-closed mall, Yet doesn't have the same pride to ensure the 1st in-closed City Park remains in providing fitness & wellness to many tax payers.

I am saddened to know Council Member Sprague, who is a major supporter of changing the park is Board Member of the near by Southdale YMCA .... such a conflict of interest to use his elected position as a means to fulfill his fundraising goals for his personal involvement w/ the YMCA -- already achieving membership from his "scare tactic s" my elected officials have allowed. Shameful.

How many of you do use the fitness center at the Park? I am there 6 days a week. I can tell you the demographics, the numbers & SHAME on you for thinking the active demographics want the change, you invested to HIRE an OUT OF STATE company to review.

As a resident who's family has endowed THOUSANDS of dollars to the Edina Park system, I am saddened, my City is more concerned in attracting 20% increase of attendees from OUT OF EDINA, than supporting the EDINA tax payers who have used the 1st in-closed park in this area. To state, more revenue would be gained from shifting it to a commercial space, I ask ....SERIOUSLY, there are so many commercial spaces not filled, AKA SOUTHDALE, where you are giving a major loan to sustain -- yet not interested in doing the same for the adult community who prefers this fitness center, has SUPPORTED this community facility & now isn't protecting our INVESTMENT of our tax & community dollars for the past 20 years, supporting this crown jewel of the Edina Park board.

To support the gain of 1 council member's volunteer financial commitment, at the sacrifice of the active members who have ELECTED not to join the YMCA, tells me the City of Edina, is no longer interested in the good of many, & now more interested in supporting the interest of few, who use our TAX dollars to achieve their personal gain.

Shame on you Edina City Council if you allow this shift. It will diminish my pride of being an active Edina resident, who has financially support the City, the park board, the golf course, the hockey rink, the City liquors & so many other areas I selected to support my local community. Funny, its the folks in power who don't "do as they say" by investing in the community gain, by allowing our City Council to be BOUGHT by our Council Members personal gain.

I challenge you all to become active users of this facility .... to experience the community, the blending of all ages, imagine that ... its fulfilling the mission of the park board .... just leaves me asking, why do you not want to fulfill the community mission & remove a key facility that provides a sense of community to the pride of Edina's park system.

*nancy! Johnson*

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2012 9:27 AM  
**Cc:** Susan Howl  
**Subject:** FW: GreenStep award photos for Mayor Hovland



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**From:** Muessig, Philipp (MPCA) [<mailto:philipp.muessig@state.mn.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 6:59 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** GreenStep award photos for Mayor Hovland

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thank you once again for being at the Environmental Initiative awards ceremony and joining the robust partnership in accepting the GreenStep awards! Here are a few pictures of us all. Hope to see you up in Duluth,

- Philipp

<http://bit.ly/JuVRcC>

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<http://www.MnGreenStep.org>

**From:** K Ostman [<mailto:ostman44@msn.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 7:31 PM

**To:** Edina Mail

**Subject:** Edinborough Park

Edina ciy council members,

I am a homeowner in the Countryside area and I also own a condo at Edinborough where a family member resides.

As an Edina resident, I understand that you need to be good stewards of our tax money and at the same time not discriminate against age groups. Most of our parks cater to youngsters and youth groups. This is one park that can be enjoyed by all age groups. When my children were toddlers, I could bring them to play at this park with no fee. Now it seems that those with less money cannot benefit from the parks that their tax dollars support.

As an Edinborough homeowner, I have paid towards park maintenance every month. It is an amenity for the condos. Without this amenity, the value of our condos will further go down and so also the taxes based on a home's value.

The indoor park is an asset to Edina. A warehouse could be converted to a children's play area if there is a need for such an area.

The pool and fitness area is an asset enjoyed by some of the older members of the community. Do the elderly living in the adjoining highrise need to be subject to more noise. Keep the park as a quiet retreat and build a children's play area in a stand alone building.

Karen Ostman  
5917 Olinger Road  
Edina,MN

Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2012 9:43 AM  
**To:** Susan Faus  
**Cc:** Susan Howl; Ann Kattreh; John Keprios  
**Subject:** FW: Edinborough Park

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Susan Faus, Ann Kattreh and John Keprios.



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Please make note of my new email address.

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**From:** Gale Moesler [<mailto:glm55021@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 9:27 PM

**To:** Edina Mail

**Subject:** Edinborough Park

Please, please do not take our swimming pool and track away! It was one of the reasons we decided to live at Edinborough Village in Edina! This benefit bring people to this area! For many, this is the only way they are able to get the excercise needed! Please reconsider and do the right thing for the people who live in this area.

Thank you,

Gale L. Moesler  
7625 Edinborough Way #2220  
Edina, MN 55435

June 10, 2012

Dear Edina Council Members:

I am writing to express my concerns over what I have heard of proposals being made to increase revenues at Edinborough Park. I am aware that I do not have all of the information that you have, but I want you to know that I am unhappy to hear that recommendations are being considered to close the swimming pool, to close the track and fitness area, and to remove two-thirds of the park's foliage.

I have lived here at the Village Homes of Edinborough for about fifteen years now. I have utilized the pool, the track and fitness area, and have enjoyed the greenery (especially during our long winter months). Before the large slide and playground was installed I would enjoy walking around the upper level. I would often see seniors from the high-rise walking there as well. It was a peaceful, quiet, and beautiful place.

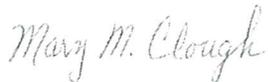
I have had no problem funding the maintenance of the Park because I knew I had access to the facilities. I am aware that this past year the residents of the Village Homes have paid the city of Edina \$70,000 toward the maintenance of the park. I do not know what the plan is for funding if the "park" is turned into a "playground," but I would find it an injustice to be expected to continue with this support.

I have a few questions:

1. What was the original vision thirty years ago when the city decided to build a park connected to a senior high-rise and within a condominium community?
2. What is in the contract between the city and the condominium association, what is the length of the contract and what happens when the contract expires?
3. What responsibility does the city have to the association and what responsibility do the residents of the condo association have to the city with regard to the Park?
4. What say do the residents have in the decision-making process to make such major changes to the functions and structures of the Park?

So to be clear, based on the information that I now have, I **am opposed** to the removal of the pool, exercise area, and the foliage to create a more kid-friendly environment.

Sincerely,



Mary Clough  
7621 Edinborough Way #2103  
Edina, MN 55435  
952-831-7547

**Subject:** Magnificent Edinborough Park

Dear Council Members,

We are writing to you again to express our enormous concern regarding the proposed plan to destroy our beloved Edinborough Park.

Further to the detailed letter we sent you last April (attached herewith for your convenience) we would like to state the following:

1. When we purchased our unit at Edinborough 20 years ago, the key factor in our decision was the appeal of Edinborough Park with its unusual beauty and adult and child facilities, particularly the pool and the jogging track. Our understanding was, and continues to be, that this is a contractual arrangement. Furthermore, the purchase value of our unit included the asset of the proximity of the Park and its facilities, particularly in winter time.
2. Removing the Park and its facilities for the senior residents of the Edinborough community, while expanding them for children's activities, is not only a serious deprivation to our health and well-being activities, it is plain discriminatory.
3. We understand that there is a conflict of interest involved that is potentially impacting the decision making process, specifically, in relation to aiming to increase the membership of the Edina YMCA. This is regrettable and should be unacceptable to the behavior and reputation of the city of Edina!

We hope that fair, equitable and far-sighted decisions by the City of Edina will prevail.

Sincerely,

Riva and Marv Bartell  
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#7218  
Edina, MN 55435

E-Mail: [rbartell@shaw.ca](mailto:rbartell@shaw.ca)

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April, 21, 2012

Council Members of the City of Edina

Re: Edinborough Park

Dear Council Members,

We are writing to you to express our deep concerns, and that of our neighbors and friends here in the Edinborough Condominium Community, regarding the consultant's recommendation to the City of Edina.

We request that you maintain the integrity of the Edinborough Park in its present organic wholeness, serving adults and children alike.

We are veteran residents of Edinborough Condominium Community, since October 1992. We are shocked and distressed by the reported consultant's recommendation to the City of Edina.

- In purchasing our unit, we, like many other residents here, took very much into consideration the access and accessibility to the Edinborough Park, and in particular, the pool and track and the tropical plants' environment, as an integral part of our Edinborough life style and living experience, and as a contractual partnership between Laukka Property Development and the City of Edina.
- We view the consultant's recommendation as a terrible blow to our sense of belonging in the Edinborough Community, an undermining of the quality of life here and as a serious threat resulting in the likely devaluation of our property.
- We understand that among the various financial reasons stated in the consultant's recommendation there is a conflict of interest involved with the YMCA regarding competing memberships and loyalties. This is regrettable and should be viewed as unacceptable.
- To remove the facilities of the pool and track, as well as the tropical plants with their calming, cleansing, (producing oxygen) and healing effects, is an unacceptable deprivation of services to the adult membership of our community, that is also the majority of our community.
- The City of Edina is admired for its progressive practices and its investment in parks and care of the environment and its residents. We refuse to believe that you would even consider taking actions, affecting the adult residents of Edinborough Condominium Community, that are contrary to your fine reputation and your past record. Such actions are viewed as age discrimination, particularly, considering the reliance of the elderly and weak amongst our members on the facilities of Edinborough Park for their health and wellbeing.

- The longstanding Edinborough Park is a unique gem, worthy of recognition beyond Edina and Minneapolis, beautifully serving **children and their families, and adults - young and old together** and creating a vibrant environment of a wholesome life cycle community, and continues to be a most valuable attraction for potential new property owners in our community of Edinborough Condominium Association. Please keep it this way!!!

Sincerely,

Riva and Marvin Bartell

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Susan Howl

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**From:** Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2012 1:28 PM  
**To:** Susan Faus  
**Cc:** Susan Howl; Ann Kattreh; John Keprios  
**Subject:** FW: Edinborough Park Exercise Area

Good afternoon,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Susan Faus, Ann Kattreh and John Keprios.



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**From:** [elainehewitt3@q.com](mailto:elainehewitt3@q.com) [<mailto:elainehewitt3@q.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2012 1:24 PM

**To:** Edina Mail

**Subject:** Edinborough Park Exercise Area

The Edinborough Park and Exercise Area is very important to us and was one of the factors we chose to buy a condo at Edinborough. When our health permitted, we were using the exercise area almost on a daily basis. We use it now as often as health permits, and we also go to the indoor park very frequently. It is a great stress reliever. Both areas are very important to us and we would appreciate it if you would not make changes. We think we seniors deserve to have this exercise area and also the park area. There is already a lot of space devoted to the childrens' play area and we do not think that should be increased. We do not think one age group should be targeted; we think it is better to target multiple age groups as is being done now.

Thank you for your consideration,

David and R. Elaine Hewitt

7606 York Ave. S.

Unit 7101

VILLAGE HOMES AT CENTENNIAL LAKES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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June 11, 2012

Edina City Council,  
Edina City Hall  
4801 W. 50th Street  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Edina City Council,

We, the Board of Directors of the Centennial Lakes Condominium Association, are asking you to keep the pool & track open at Edinborough Park for the following reasons.

Swimming and/or water exercise has these health benefits:

- promotes flexibility, joint mobility and coordination
- increases muscular endurance, strength and aerobic capacity
- often recommended by physicians for rehabilitation after illnesses and/or injuries
- may be the only exercise possible for seniors and/or “baby boomers” who have health concerns
- can be a lifelong aerobic activity
- helps build friendships, connections with neighbors & a sense of community
- encourages visits to Edinborough Park, a multi-generational facility
- enables healthy people to create healthy communities

There are also financial considerations for maintaining access to this neighborhood pool:

- for the past 22 years our 250 unit complex has paid \$45,000 annually for park fees
- this amenity enhances the property values of our association homeowners as well as that of our neighbors in the Edinborough condos, Coventry townhomes, Edina Park Plaza and Residence Inn who also pay yearly park fees.

We certainly empathize with your difficult task of making ethical decisions regarding this and other challenging concerns. We alert you to this matter because we believe continuing access to this pool is very important to the well-being of our neighborhood.

Thank you for all of hard work on behalf of the city of Edina and for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors  
Village Homes of Centennial Lakes Condominium Association

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

From: Jennifer Bennerotte

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 3:43 PM

To: Ann Swenson; Jim Hovland; Joni Bennett; Josh Sprague; Mary Brindle

Cc: Susan Howl

Subject: FW: Housing Proposal at Southdale

FYI

Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications & Technology Services Director

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

From: PMG [<mailto:pmg@SisyphusCafe.com>]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:38 PM

To: Jennifer Bennerotte

Subject: Housing Proposal at Southdale

Dear Jennifer,

I just read the 6.5.12 Council Connection. Will you please pass on to the City Council members that if the Southdale Center housing project moves forward, I strongly encourage them have the developer include affordable housing units in the project.

The location, within walking distance to public transportation, grocery stores, medical facilities, and many other amenities, makes this an ideal place for people of low income.

Much thanks,

Paulette Hastings

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