



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Agenda Item <u>VIII. A.</u>
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Date: MARCH 20, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion
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Subject: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING	

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

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 12:39 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Edina Housing Statistics - February 2012
Attachments: Twin-Cities.pdf; Edina.pdf



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From: Julia Parenteau [<mailto:juliap@mplsrealtor.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 11:32 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Scott Neal
Subject: Edina Housing Statistics - February 2012

Good Morning 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. These reports describe our market in February 2012. Please let me know if you have any questions.

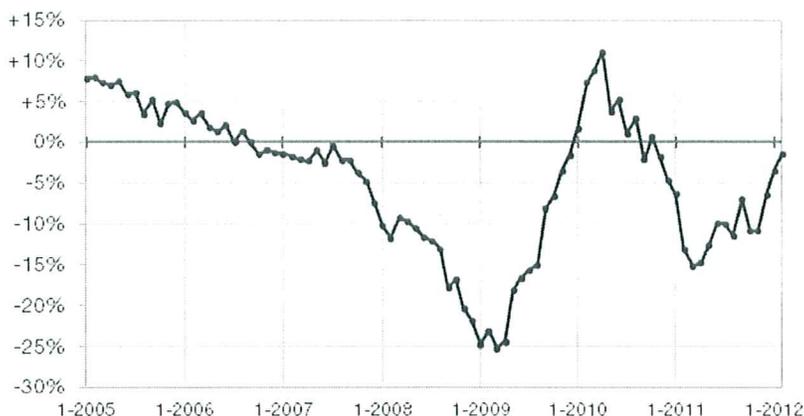
As a reminder, if you are interested in seeing more in-depth statistics and figures for your city, or other cities and counties in the metro – please feel free to check out our online statistical reports at www.mplsrealtor.com. **The Thing**, our interactive market analytics tool, is very useful, as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

Home buyers in the 13-county Twin Cities metropolitan area entered into 3,756 purchase agreements during February, a 34.2 percent increase over last year. A warm winter certainly helped activity, but low interest rates and affordable prices were likely the main draws. More people signed purchase agreements last month than during February 2006 and every February thereafter.

Motivated by less competition and an improving economic landscape, sellers were more active. There were 5,366 newly listed properties, up 1.1 percent from February 2011. The number of

homes for sale continued to drop, down 27.2 percent from last year to 16,689 active listings – the lowest inventory reading for any month since 2003. Months' supply of inventory was at a six-year low of 4.6 months. Traditional sales surged 36.2 percent, while foreclosure sales increased 8.5 percent. Both segments had nearly identical market shares, comprising 42.7 and 42.3 percent of overall sales, respectively. Short sales were up 36.3 percent to make up the remaining 15.0 percent of sales.

Year-over-Year Change in Median Sales Price
Twin Cities 13-County MSA, Residential Properties Only



“The mix of homes selling is slowly starting to change which has translated into the smallest price decline since October 2010,” said Cari Linn, President of the Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS®. “Subsiding price declines are a sign of market rebalance.”

Julia Parenteau

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Local Market Update – February 2012

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Twin Cities Region

+ 1.1%

Change in
New Listings

+ 24.7%

Change in
Closed Sales

- 1.1%

Change in
Median Sales Price

February

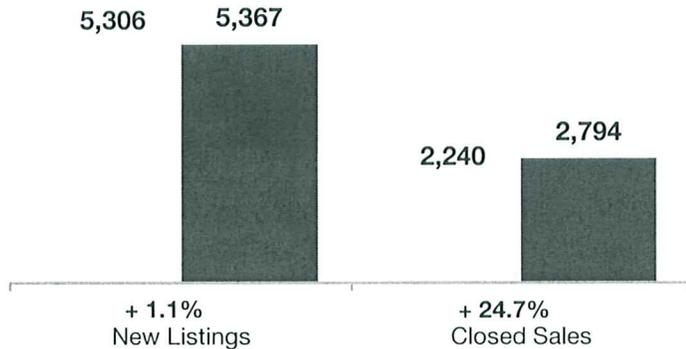
Year to Date

	2011	2012	+ / -	2011	2012	+ / -
New Listings	5,306	5,367	+ 1.1%	10,923	10,483	- 4.0%
Closed Sales	2,240	2,794	+ 24.7%	4,391	5,293	+ 20.5%
Median Sales Price*	\$140,000	\$138,500	- 1.1%	\$142,950	\$139,900	- 2.1%
Average Sales Price*	\$177,660	\$181,688	+ 2.3%	\$182,307	\$181,424	- 0.5%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$89	\$88	- 0.7%	\$89	\$88	- 2.0%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	88.3%	90.6%	+ 2.6%	88.3%	90.9%	+ 3.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	159	145	- 9.0%	157	143	- 8.8%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	22,940	16,773	- 26.9%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	7.3	4.6	- 36.5%	--	--	--

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

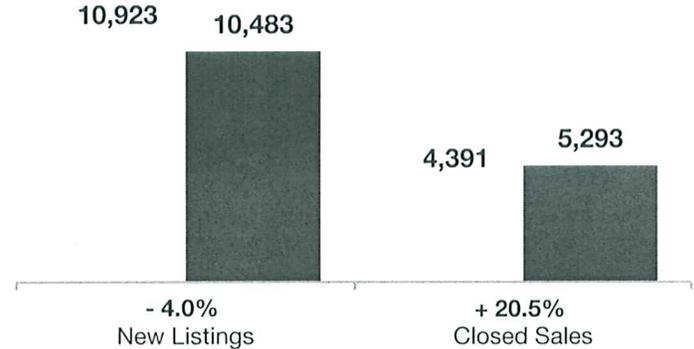
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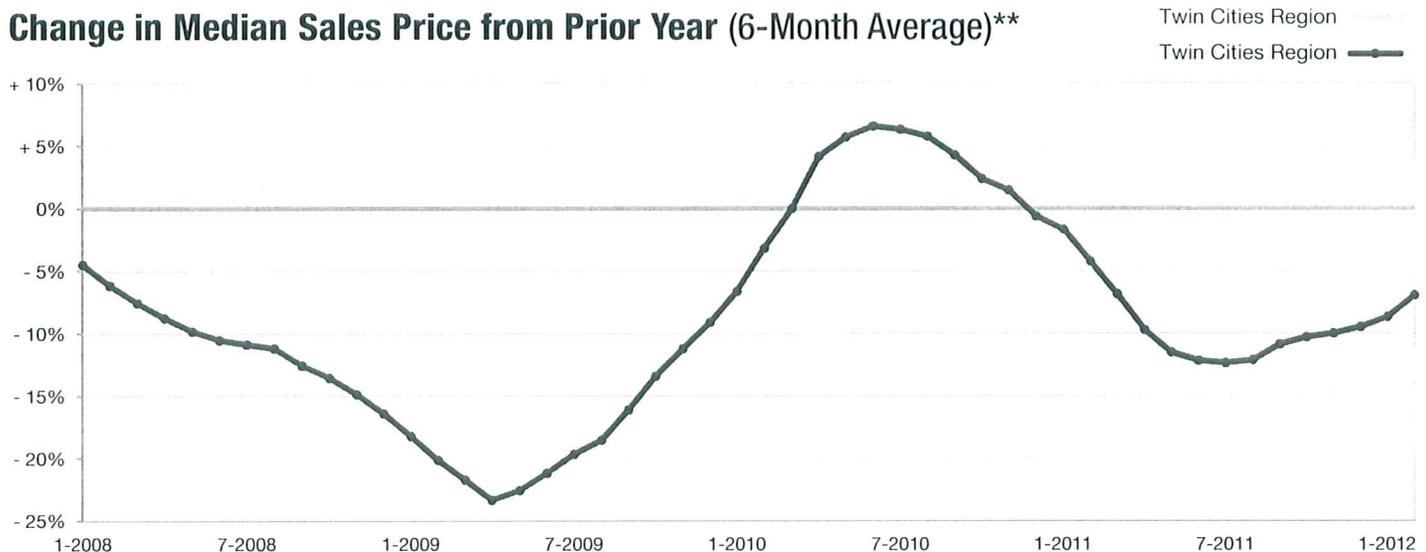


Year to Date

2011 ■ 2012



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



** 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 needs a first or prior period according to season so it's only during that period. | Current as of March 12, 2012. All data from Regional Multiple Listing Service, Inc. | Powered by iM Research and Marketing | Sponsored by Royal LePage, Inc. www.rlp.com

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Edina

+ 23.3%

Change in
New Listings

+ 70.8%

Change in
Closed Sales

- 8.7%

Change in
Median Sales Price

February

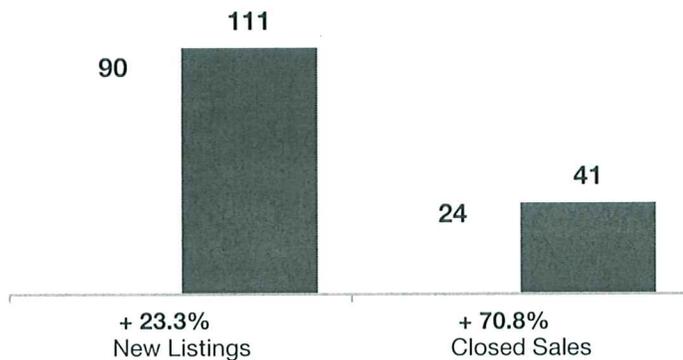
Year to Date

	2011	2012	+ / -	2011	2012	+ / -
New Listings	90	111	+ 23.3%	175	223	+ 27.4%
Closed Sales	24	41	+ 70.8%	55	81	+ 47.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$300,000	\$274,000	- 8.7%	\$297,500	\$348,000	+ 17.0%
Average Sales Price*	\$493,458	\$457,144	- 7.4%	\$404,066	\$471,102	+ 16.6%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$179	\$157	- 12.5%	\$155	\$156	+ 0.6%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	89.8%	89.0%	- 0.9%	87.7%	88.4%	+ 0.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	189	176	- 7.3%	168	189	+ 12.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	387	365	- 5.7%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	7.1	5.9	- 17.5%	--	--	--

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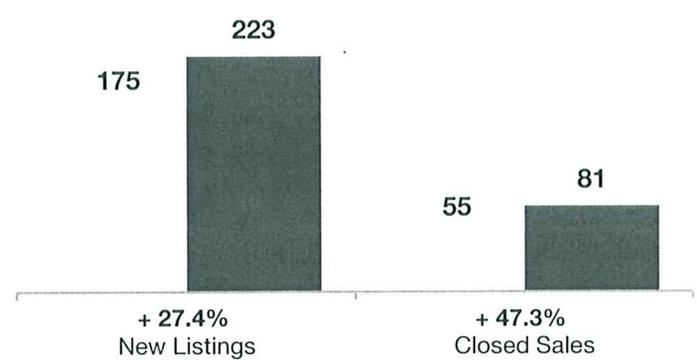
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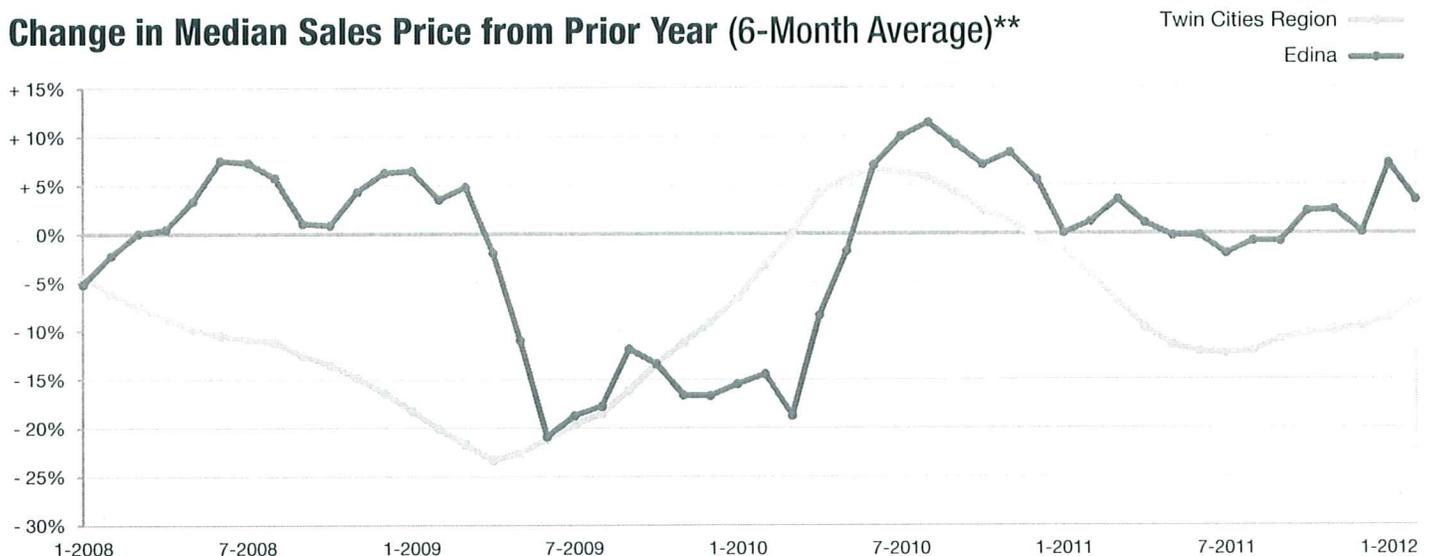


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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:36 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Tracy Ave Project

Good morning,

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

From: Jadi Gray [<mailto:herreidgray@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 6:40 AM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Tracy Ave Project

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I are residents of Tracy Avenue. We are writing to ask you to delay your decision in the matter of the Tracy Ave Reconstruction, also involving the Water's Commercial Development (WCD), until all parties benefiting from the Tracy Ave project can be assessed appropriately.

Thank you,

Jadi and Brent Gray

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:25 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Tracy Ave

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

From: Lynn Hagedorn [<mailto:hagedornla@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 7:32 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Cc: Charles Zajicek
Subject: Tracy Ave

I always assumed that Waters would have to "chip in" to the Tracy project since they are THE REASON for the changes.....please do not penalize the citizens living on Tracy to benefit the profits of Colonial Church and Waters

Lynn Hagedorn
5808 Creek Valley Road
952-993-9004

From: TOlson7515@aol.com [mailto:TOlson7515@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 6:41 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: (no subject)

I am voting for everything in blue in the email I received as follows:

If you agree with the following content and recommendations please send an e-mail edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us to the City Council Today or no later than tomorrow noon as them to VOTE AS INDICATED in BLUE BELOW. Then come prepared to weigh in to the City Council Meeting at 7:00PM March 6, 2012 at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

The Recommendations below would result in Two 11-foot wide traffic lanes plus one 8-foot wide parking lane plus one 8-foot wide shoulder minus 2-feet of Boulevard equals the same 36 Foot wide Tracy Avenue and includes all the features on 44th Street and many more features than other streets in Edina.

Roundabout: The majority of the neighbors feel that the roundabout is not something that is needed at Benton and Tracy.

- The offset intersection is something we are all familiar with and it has been serving us well without an accident for over 30 years.
- The stop signs are something that the kids and drivers understand.
- The offset intersection maintains the property values of all the residents.

Please VOTE NO for the roundabout.

VOTE FOR the offset intersection with the improvements the Transportation Commission recommends.

Many of the comments received from residents between Benton and Vernon were concerned with speed. They were interested in seeing the existing 30MPH speed limit being enforced. This speeding on Tracy in both directions is the biggest safety issue that exists. A Roundabout would only add to improved traffic flow and speeding out of the Roundabout.

Sidewalks/Boulevards/Parking Lane/Bump Outs/Crosswalks/Traffic lanes and Bike Route/Lanes are complicated issues.

Keeping Tracy the same width seems to be the desired end result of the neighborhood.

The only way that is possible is to model Tracy after 44th Street that was resurfaced last year.

Is there a difference between Country Club and Countryside?

44th Street was considered Different because of the trees and older homes (Historic).

Tracy Avenue also has trees we don't want to lose. There are also valued homes we do not want to infringe on and change the quality of life of the residents.

Homes on 44th St have more space between the street and homes that would have allowed widening the street without the issues it would create for Tracy residents.

We also have a quality of life on Tracy Avenue that we need to and should have the right to maintain.

A precedent was set with the 44th Street Reconstruction Project that should be followed on Tracy.

Since 44th Street has been allowed to eliminate Bike Lanes and instead chose to "Share The Road" so too should Tracy.

The width of 44th street is about 33 feet wide. There is no marking of lanes on the street.

Tracy is presently 36-feet wide with double yellow lines right down the middle of the street.

The sidewalk is on the North side of 44th Street and is 5-feet wide.

Tracy sidewalk is 5-feet wide on the East side.

Recommend leaving the sidewalk at 5-feet wide.

The Boulevard on 44th Street is 3-feet wide.

Tracy east side Boulevard is 5-feet wide.

Recommend a 3-foot wide Boulevard on the East side of Tracy.

From France going west on 44th Street Parking is allowed on both sides of the street for about 2-3 blocks. Then No Parking signs on one side. Parking lanes are not marked.

Tracy east side Parking Lane is actually 6-feet wide.

Recommend 8 feet wide Parking on the East side with Bump outs

Traffic Lanes are not marked on 44th Street

Tracy East Side Traffic Lane is 12-feet wide with 6 feet of Parking

Tracy West Side Traffic Lane is 12-feet wide with a 6-foot shoulder.

Recommend East Side 11-foot wide Traffic Lane with 8-feet of Parking.

Recommend West Side 11-foot wide Traffic Lane with 8-feet of shoulder

There are no Bump outs along the parking lane on 44th Street.

There is a short parking "Bump In" on the South side of 44th Street at a park.

Tracy has no Bump Outs now, but most residents are not opposed to them.

Recommend The Bump Outs on the Parking Lane as presented by Engineering.

Crosswalks as presented by Engineering look good

Recommend Crosswalks as presented with a slight rise to improve sight lines and reduce speed on Tracy.

Signage that Reads Edina Shares The Road with an arrow-pointing west indicates a Bike Route is posted along 44th Street. Same signage is on the opposite side of the street pointing east

Recommend the same signage "Edina Shares the Road - Bike Route" on both sides of Tracy.

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Marian A. Olson

6201 Hillside Road

3-10-12

Mary Brindle
Council Member

Re: Edenborough Pool

Please help us keep our pool open! Water exercise is the key to keeping healthy and active in the community. There comes a time when you can no longer walk the hard surfaces of the parks. The Edenborough pool is the perfect place to get this much needed exercise. I tried it once and have been coming back twice a week for the last 15 years.

Thank You
Jean Scheevel

3-10-12

Joni Bennett
Council Member

RE: Edenborough Pool

This pool was set up perfectly for water exercise - no drop-offs and is kept at a comfortable temperature. There are lots of seniors and "near-seniors" in the area. It needs to be better advertised. Water exercise is the best - very therapeutic for sore muscles and we all have them.

Please save our pool!

Thank you
Jean Scheevel

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:17 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Tracy Avenue/WCD

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From: TOlson7515@aol.com [<mailto:TOlson7515@aol.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 6:24 PM

To: Lynette Biunno

Subject: Tracy Avenue/WCD

I agree that these issues need to be addressed now rather than later

M.A. Olson
6201 Hillside Road

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:12 AM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Final Thoughts

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From: H Havir [<mailto:hhavir@nbs-inc.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 10:34 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Final Thoughts

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Harvey and Mary Havir
Re: Final Thoughts.
Date: March 6, 2012

After listening to much internet and neighborhood discussion over the past week, we would like to make a final recommendation.

The cities of Europe that are interesting are those that have retained their original character. We would like for Edina to retain its original charm and not implement the latest fashion, which will then have to be replaced with a still later fashion at a future date. It is too often the American way and becomes a veritable hodge-podge which loses its charm.

We suggest that Tracy Avenue remain essentially the same with the exception of widening 1 or 2 feet and made a Bikeway with appropriate signage. Benton should be moved on the school property to align with the West side of the intersection. Traditional parking has served the City well and will continue to meet the needs of all of the residents. Change is always hard for people (except those who are profiting from it) and there is really no point in change for change sake. The volume of Bicycle traffic is primarily seasonal and has not been a problem. Adding width (but avoiding the lane rules) will increase safety and still maintain the neighborhood character that fits in with the surrounding streets.

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Tracy Ave Project

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From: pegdodge@comcast.net [mailto:pegdodge@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 4:10 PM

To: Lynette Biunno

Subject: Tracy Ave Project

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am asking you to delay the vote for the Tracy Ave. Project until the impact of the Water's Corp. Residence can be worked into the assesment. I have read the e-mails from my concerned neighbors in the Countryside Neighborhood and believe that the Tracy Ave. residents are being unfairly assesed. Thank you for your consideration.

Peggy Dodge
6117 Sherman Cirle

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:55 PM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Tracy Avenue Reconstruction

Good afternoon,

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From: Judith Rodgers [<mailto:jbr62@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:49 PM
To: Lynette Biunno; jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; mbrindle@comcast.net; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott Neal; Karen M. Kurt
Cc: Barbara Hoganson
Subject: Tracy Avenue Reconstruction

Mayor Hovland and City Council Members

As much as I would like to see the Tracy project decided upon I request that the decision on Tracy Avenue reconstruction between Benton and Vernon be delayed until all the parties benefitting from these improvements are held accountable for the project costs and Phase I and Phase II are completely designed appropriately.

Bill Rodgers

6100 Arbour Lane - Edina

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:53 PM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Tracy Avenue Reconstruction Project

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From: rochellelackner@gmail.com [<mailto:rochellelackner@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Rochelle Lackner

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:46 PM

To: Lynette Biunno

Subject: Tracy Avenue Reconstruction Project

Please DELAY the City Council decision until all of the parties benefiting from the Tracy Ave project be involved and assessed appropriately, (i.e. including the Water's Commercial Development (WCD)). The WCD is expected to break ground in July 2012 and these improvements on Tracy will also benefit the residents at WCD significantly too.

Thank You.

Rochelle Lackner
5821 Tracy Ave
Edina, MN 55436

763-242-5348

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members:

I support everything in the letter written(below) by D. Henry. Developers must definitely have to be included in paying for all infrastructure that their development affects-Tracy Ave.

Ann and Charles Compton
5201 Lochloy Dr
Edina, MN

Dear Council and Mayor,

As an Edina resident I am concerned that the actions of the Council could open an opportunity for the City to be sued regarding the nexus of apportionment with regard to assessments of the proposed Phase I and Phase II Tracy Avenue right of way improvements.

I am not a lawyer, traffic engineer nor do I live in the Countryside neighborhood or along Tracy Avenue, but it appears that a private, commercial enterprise will be able to obtain a significant benefit at the expense of the homeowners who front on Tracy Avenue between Vernon Avenue and Hwy 62 if you approve the plans before you tonight.

Two years ago the Edina Planning Commission and Edina City Council approved the development plans for the 5 story Waters Commercial Development "WCD" which includes the addition of at least 425 vehicles per day into the neighborhood. While the WCD project is located on Colonial Way, just west of the fire station on Tracy Avenue, the City's traffic consultant indicated most of these vehicles would travel on Tracy Avenue. Even with residents asking for the help of the Planning Commission and Council to require some kind, if not any kind, of significant traffic mitigation improvements or even contribution by WCD to help fund right of way projects in the future, the Commission and Council refused. Not believing the residents, the Mayor asked the Traffic Consultant to confirm the 425 cars per day, which the Consultant confirmed and the Consultant added that the Hwy 62 is unsafe due to the bridge rail obstructing driver line of sight. (Watch the tapes of the meetings, it's all there.) After this, the Mayor and Council ignored the requests of the residents and approved the WCD project without any required traffic mitigation (aside from the painted line in front of the fire station that the Edina Fire Chief requested for left turns off Tracy onto Colonial Way).

Now, a short two years later, the City Engineer, is required to include all of the potential impacts of these City approved, additional 425 vehicles per day in any reconstruction scenarios of Tracy Avenue Phase I and Phase II plans & specifications. Maybe, due to this City approved increased volume, a traffic circle will be required, I really don't know. However, in any event, upon assessment by the City, **the homeowners will need to pay for the improvements, including those improvements attributed to and benefitting the WCD project, of which WCD is paying \$0.**

To put this in perspective, the 35 households in Phase I have maybe two cars on average per house for 70 cars and pay \$5,500 per house or \$2,750 per car, while WCD, which has City mandated parking requirement of 371 vehicles and pays \$0. **If WCD had to pay as much per vehicle, as the homeowners along Tracy Avenue, there would be an additional \$1,020,250 in the pot to pay for all of this required work!**

Page 1 of 2It is highly likely that these folks are not happy about subsidizing a commercial enterprise that most of them (evident by the number of yellow NO yard signs two years ago) ask Planning Commission and Council NOT to approve.

Remember, in response to the City's complete disregard for their concerns and very shortly after the WCD project was approved, they quickly formed one of the largest and most informed neighborhood associations and networks in the City of Edina. I have little doubt that if you approve this Resolution before you tonight, the City would face a lawsuit the City couldn't defend and would cost all of us taxpayers dearly.

Please delay your decision until **all of the parties benefiting** from these improvements are held accountable for the project costs and Phase I and Phase II are completely designed appropriately.

Sincerely,

D Henry Edina Resident

Sources:

City of Edina, Engineering Dept. Feasibility Study – Tracy Avenue Benton to Vernon Avenue Roadway Improvements, Improvement No. BA 368, February 6, 2012

The Waters Senior Living narrative dated May 28, 2010 as submitted to Cary Teague, Planning Director, City of Edina.

City of Edina Planning Commission Meeting – June 30, 2010 City of Edina City Council Meeting – July 20, 2010

From: Marilyn Rivkin [marilyn.rivkin@gmail.com]
Received: Wednesday, 07 Mar 2012, 10:17pm
To: mail@edinamn.gov [mail@edinamn.gov]
CC: Josh Sprague [jjsprague@gmail.com]
Subject: Sidewalk on Interlachen Boulevard

Dear City Council Members:

I frequently walk down Interlachen Boulevard to go to Jerry's, the library, the bank, etc. I can't tell you how much more comfortable it is to walk on that new little stretch of sidewalk near William on Interlachen than walking in the bike lane. In the winter in particular, it is very scary to walk on ice and snow that isn't fully cleared knowing that I could slip and fall into traffic or cars could slide into me as I walk. On any day, it is very scary to watch the number of cars that cross into the bike lane as they round the corner heading towards Vernon near the Holiday station. On one of my walks, I watched 5 out of 6 cars cross well into the bike lane as they made the turn.

I am wondering if there is any opportunity for creating a sidewalk along Interlachen from Vernon to at least Mirror Lakes Drive? It worked so well in the one block stretch, I would love to see it extend the whole route. It could connect Vernon with the Highlands neighborhood and the park. Many people walk down Interlachen to get to the bus or to commerce. There are 4-6 people alone who take the 8:00 a.m. bus at the corner of Interlachen and Vernon every day. I don't know that they all would walk but I do know my husband would!

I know this has been considered in the past but has not happened. Seeing that one bit of sidewalk built gave me renewed hope that it could be continued down the road.

Thanks so much for your consideration. Please let me know if there is something I can do to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Colby Rivkin
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From: Bert Finsand [<mailto:bert@finsand.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:53 AM

To: Lynette Biunno

Subject: Tracy Avenue

We are disappointed in everyone of you with your decision. Obviously you don't and won't listen to any of your constituents. Even more disheartening is that you don't and won't listen to your neighbors.

Very sad,

Bert Finsand

From: Sprague, Josh [<mailto:joshsprague@edinarealty.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 10:38 AM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: FW: Re kaboom playgrounds

Please forward to council.

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josh sprague, realtor
edina realty 6800 france
cell 612.501.0252
<http://joshsprague.com>

From: Tara Kumar [<mailto:kumar.tara@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 10:16 AM
To: Sprague, Josh
Subject: Re: Re kaboom playgrounds

Hi Josh,

It looks like KaBOOM has some photo galleries of the playgrounds they have built. I believe the article references both Thermal, California and New Orleans as two of the multi-generational play spaces. You can see those photos galleries at the following link:

http://kaboom.org/build_playground/photo_galleries

You might also want to contact one of the KaBoom staff for further information.

Thanks,

Tara

On Fri, Mar 9, 2012 at 9:53 AM, Sprague, Josh <joshsprague@edinarealty.com> wrote:
Thanks for the article. Any pictures of these types of playgrounds you could send along?
Josh Sprague, Edina City Council

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:40 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: proposed plans for grandview area



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From: Lynette Biunno **On Behalf Of** Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:37 AM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: Arlene Forrest; Floyd Grabel; Jeffrey Carpenter; Ken Potts; Kevin Staunton; matt rock; Melissa Stefanik; Michael Fischer; Michael Platteter (platteters@comcast.net); Michael Schroeder; Nancy N. Scherer
Subject: FW: proposed plans for grandview area

Good morning,

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From: Cindy [<mailto:ckaros@visi.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 7:10 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: proposed plans for grandview area

First of all, thanks to all the committee members who have worked very hard on putting these materials together. It is a very comprehensive document!

I would like to suggest that we consider a more expansive community center with more workout facilities and meeting spaces...something more in line with what the southern suburbs (like Chaska) have built. While we do have a community center, it could be so much more...especially a place where families and kids could gather and spend time together.

Thanks for your consideration!
Cindy Karos

From: Dyan Harlem [<mailto:dyanh@robindrug.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 10:32 AM

To: Wayne Houle; Edina Mail; Cary Teague; Jackie Hoogenakker; Joyce Repya; look@theopticaledina.com; julie.boosalis@cosbar.com

Subject: Parking Ramp at 51st and France

To Whom It May Concern:

As the President of the Board of The Lanterns of Edina Association (the building at 4075 West 51st Street), I am representing the 44 households within The Lanterns. Our building is directly across the street from the parking ramp that is scheduled to be updated.

Although we have not yet been given the opportunity to view the plans, we understand that the updates will have the ramp coming right out to the sidewalk and that the grass and trees in front of it will be eliminated. We have great concern about this, and we want to express our opinion as early as possible in this process. We understand that we will be notified at some point about an upcoming meeting, but our fear is that by that time it will be too late to truly address our concerns.

The members of the Edina City Council have talked a lot lately about the concept of "living streets". This means streets that are not just created for cars but also welcoming to pedestrians, bikes, etc. and that create a harmonious environment and beautify our community. From what we understand about the current plans, the concept of living streets seems to have been somewhat abandoned in this situation, and a patch of grass and trees will be replaced by a block of concrete.

Please understand that while some might consider this an unimportant issue because the location is in the back of businesses, it is in the "front yard" of our homes. We are 44 households that will be affected by the look of this ramp. It will affect our environment aesthetically, it will affect our property values, and it will determine whether that side of the street is a welcoming and accessible location for pedestrians. The current plans in some respects will not enhance our community aesthetically and will not be in keeping with the neighborhood, but will instead sacrifice the concept of all-inclusive public areas in favor of a few extra parking spaces. We do not feel this is what Edina is all about.

I have spoken with the Board President of the Regency, the building on 51st and France, and the residents there share our concern. We urge you to consider carefully the long-lasting impact of eliminating natural beauty and replacing it with concrete.

Dyan Harlem

Chief Financial Officer

763-540-6300

 **Robin Drug Corporation**

Merwin LTC Pharmacy, Merwin Home Medical, Merwin IV & Specialty Pharmacy

3001 Louisiana Avenue North

New Hope, MN 55427

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 8:44 AM
To: Susan Faus
Cc: Susan Howl; Ann Kattreh; John Keprios
Subject: FW: Edinborough Park Pool

Good morning,

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



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From: Barbara Byrne [<mailto:busiabjb@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:50 PM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: Edinborough Park Pool

Att: City council and Park Board

Greetings. Regarding the pool at Edinborough Park. I am an adult lap swimmer who greatly appreciates having this facility. I am a regular user, especially in the winter. I hope this will be available for myself and others for years to come. Thank you.

Barbara Byrne

36 year Edina resident

Subject: Edinborough Park - Swimming Pool (Where is the agenda and hearing information on your website?)

Hi,

I understand you or a hearing or a committee meeting that is looking into options for the Swimming Pool at Edinborough Park next Tuesday evening at 5:00. I've been looking all over your website and am not locating any information. Where is it? What is the agenda? How much time do I need to allot for the meeting?

I do know, that I a Resident of Edina, I have used the pool at Edinborough Park for many years. How many years has it been open? I've been there close to that many years. The Edina Community Education program has provided Water Aerobics classes and most classes are full and I attend the evening class.

An interesting example tonight: There were no children playing on the basketball court (which also used to be Volley Ball Courts) for the last hour and a half of the day. There were probably 30 to 40 people using the pool.

The Edinborough Park swimming pool has provided exercise for so many adults. More then that, it has provided "community" and friendships. Because of those classes a group of people that have formed friendships through Water Aerobics meet in the summer to walk Centennial Lake, picnic and enjoy the band concerts at the Band Stand. More then that, because of the friendships at Water Aerobics at Edinborough Park, 4 of us went on a Mediterranean Cruise! I would never have gone without those friendships. That's priceless!

I would like to attend the meeting at 5:00 on Tuesday but need more information.

Yes, I have been at hearings and participated in Council Meetings to get Pinstripes to come to Centennial Lakes. I have lived in the area for over 30 years and love how it has developed through the years from a sand pit to what we have today. In a few weeks, my cousins from Washington State are coming to visit me. They asked where they should stay and I suggested the Marriott at Edinborough Park because of the child's play area with all the tunnels and the pool for them to exercise and swim.

Please consider ALL the residents in the area that would have no pool if you make it a child's play area. We would lose so much as a City and you have done a great job with the Promenade, Centennial Lakes and so far Edinborough Park.

Thank you.
Marlys Wiens
7310 York Avenue S #105
Edina, MN 55435

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:17 PM
To: Susan Faus
Cc: Susan Howl; Ann Kattreh; John Keprios
Subject: FW: Pool at Edinborough

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: L. C. Winn [<mailto:lcwinn@comcast.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:12 PM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: Pool at Edinborough

I am a resident of Edina and have been for over 30 years. I have seen our city improve and update in keeping with the pace of this growing city. I think we should congratulate every city worker and official for the great job.

I really need the pool at Edinborough. It is a good senior resource for me. The interaction among the women and advice that is readily given is a god send. I am no longer insulated from the real world. I need the exercise, it is the only facility that I can use. The time of the classes and easy access to the building make is just the most wonderful opportunity for me. The instructor has been well trained and really knows how far to push and encourage us. Many of the women have been using this pool for years and years.

With all the other communities near us expanding some of their community activities and facilities, surely you could manage the pool in a more profitable manner. Our senior population (which is quite large) should be encouraged to partipate in wellness activities. I know the YMCA has services that I could make use of, however, the parking lot is full. I don't feel the closeness in a large multi functional institution. The pool is just right for a lot of us that are intimated by all the traffic and congestion. When you act upon this issue, please think of your Mother. What would be a benefit for her, what can you do for her. I know the taxpayers are the people you serve. But there are a lot of Mothers in that group.

Thank you

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Grandview District comment

Good morning,

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

From: jjbergfalk [<mailto:jjbergfalk@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 8:27 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Grandview District comment

What I cannot tell from the sketches displayed is whether thought has been given to the library/senior center parking issue.

In a nutshell, the problem is far too few parking spots for the L-SC. On Monday afternoons, when I go to play cribbage at the SC, there usually are NO parking places at the L-SC. I am forced to park illegally or on someone's private area or lot or I cannot go. At the same time I arrive -- 1pm, there are also 20 or so people arriving to play 500, usually another SC group gathering, sometimes a meeting in the meeting room of the library, and of course all the library users at that particular time. I am sure this is the situation many other times during the week - I have experienced this on other days when using the library. Seniors in particular are less able to walk great distances from parking spots and are at risk when crossing Eden Avenue from other parking areas. (The crossing of Eden Ave. right at the library is especially hazardous!)

Hopefully the City of Edina can focus on this matter along with all the opportunities presented by the Grandview District development.

Yours truly,

Jerrold Bergfalk
5124 Skyline Drive
Edina 55436

Subject: Tracy Project

Please forward to Mayor Hovland.

Thanks

This is informational only.

On Friday night 3-09-12 there was a break in the water main on the East side of Tracy south of Arbour Lane. The crew had to break out the curb and go into the boulevard about a foot. The point is when the street is complete and this happens again crews will have to break the curb out to get at the water main. If the boulevard was reduced by two feet and two feet was expanded on the West side when Tracy was widened the curb would not have to be removed. I still believe this could have been done. I do not understand why there is so little flexibility with the street improvements.

Thank you for maintaining the Benton/Tracy intersection as is with some improvements.

Thanks Again for listening. I hope you are able to enjoy the fantastic weather.

Bill Rodgers Ex-Chair of the Tracy Project
6100 Arbour Lane
Edina, MN 55436

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 9:31 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Request for City Rental License and Inspections Code



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From: Anne Marie Plante [<mailto:poppyplante@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 11:06 AM

To: Edina Mail

Cc: joshsprague@edinarealty.com

Subject: Request for City Rental License and Inspections Code

To the Members of the Edina City Council:

The number of rental properties in Edina has increased dramatically in recent years, especially in single-family housing zones. This is not a positive trend for the City of Edina, as it leads to the erosion of property values and a decline in civic engagement by occupants with no vested interest in the community. Many blatant examples of Edina's poor control of rentals are readily visible along France Avenue from 50th to the Crosstown. There are some deteriorating rental properties along West 70th Street as well.

The city of Richfield has been much more proactive and far-sighted in enacting a code for the inspection and licensing of all rental properties, including private homes: <http://www.cityofrichfield.org/permits/rental.htm>.

The advantages of having a code include:

1. Revenue for the City (annual fees for all rental properties, including single-family homes and rented rooms).
 2. Better control over landlords, especially in single-family home areas, and assurance of code compliance, occupancy limits and tenant registry (Subd. 3), as well as codes of appropriate conduct (city Code 407.14).
- This issue should be of special interest to the Council as a major "liveability" issue, and I urge the Council to adopt rental licensure and control as an integral part of its vision for a better Edina.

Thank you,

Anne Marie Plante

4801 West 70th Street

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 9:49 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Multi-generational parks

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members, Park Board members and John Keprios.



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From: Tara Kumar [<mailto:kumar.tara@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 9:28 AM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: Multi-generational parks

Hello,

While I do not live in Edina, I did see this article about multi-generational playgrounds and thought of the proposed Edinborough Park redesign I had read about in the news. Just want to make sure those involved in the planning processes have this type of multi-generational concept on their radar screens. Kaboom is a great organization and while they may focus on more low-income areas, their ideas can serve all.

<http://www.aarp.org/relationships/friends-family/info-03-2012/new-playgrounds-older-adults.html?sf3439894=1>

Thanks,

Tara Kumar

SW Mpls resident with a Master in City Planning and an interest in community development

Jonathan and Ruth Buuck

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March 9, 2012

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

Dear Mayor Hovland:

On February 2, 2012, I believe my Toyota Highlander was damaged while going through the wash at Edina Car Wash. After asking for a claim through their insurance carrier, Indiana Insurance, I was told by their insurance carrier that Edina Car Wash does not carry insurance coverage for vehicles while inside of the car wash. Furthermore, I was informed by a Senior Claims Specialist at Indiana Insurance via telephone call that Edina Car Wash does in fact know that they do not carry coverage. I find this amazing that they do not carry insurance for the very business that is part of their name.

My personal opinion is that a business operating in such a manner does not meet the standards that Edina would expect from a local business. The purpose of my letter is to inform you of their lack of coverage.

If you would like my records regarding this incident, I would be happy to share them with you. I have included the letter of rejection from their insurance carrier with this letter.

I write this letter by way of information for you, and please know that I will be contacting the Better Business Bureau regarding this business.

Sincerely,



Cc: Council Member Joni Bennett, Attorney Roger Knutson, Ms. Zee Gatena



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Jonathan Buuch
6116 St Johns Ave
Minneapolis MN 55424

Insured Name: Murphy Automotive Inc.
Loss Date: 02/02/2012
Claim Number: 904741610

Dear Mr. Buuch:

We have received notice of a loss occurring on February 14, 2012 involving the damages to your vehicle while it was in the car wash owned by our insured.

Based on our investigation, there is no coverage for this loss under the policy issued to Murphy Automotive Inc. on the date of the accident and we will be unable to honor your claim.

If you have any further information which would cause us to reevaluate this position, please contact us.

If you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please contact us. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Claims Specialist I-CL
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Susan Howl

Subject: FW: 6120 Brookview Ave Subdivision Proposal
Attachments: 6120 Brookview letter 3_9_12.pages; ATT9216875.htm

From: barbara nelson [<mailto:barbellen6@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:50 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: 6120 Brookview Ave Subdivision Proposal

To: Edina City Council
Planning Department
Planning Commission

RE: Opposition to 6120 Brookview lot subdivision

DATE: March 9, 2012

I am writing to express my strong opposition to allowing the JMS company to subdivide the lot at 6120 Brookview across the street from my property where I have lived for 23 years. I am sure that you have received many letters expressing all the legal reasons why my neighborhood is opposed to this. So I will just write from my heart that I am feel the initial lenience in favor of JMS allowing the building of the oversized house at 6120 Brookview has been a huge mistake. The placement of the house off center only 5 feet from the property line of the Whitbeck's historical Edina home is ridiculous as anyone who sees the house knows. I remember Mr. Schoenwetter claiming that he just chose this placement for no reason! It seems to me that he has manipulated and deceived the City and in turn all of the neighbors as to his intentions to maximize his financial gain from the beginning. Now, after this home is still not selling 2 years later and all that has gone on in terms of carefully researched objections in the face of his bullying behavior, to allow him to get his way is just not right. It is a betrayal of the trust of all of us taxpayers and loyal residents of this neighborhood.

Please take a stand.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara E Nelson
6137 Brookview Ave S
Edina, MN 55424

Subject: Edinborough Pool

As an Edina Senior, I am very much against closing the Edinborough Pool!! I am handicapped and use it for the Stretch and Tone Class and it helps me a lot. I also use the chair to get in and out of the pool. Many people of all ages also use the track and fitness machines.

Edina is supposed to be dedicated to improving the fitness of people in their community – see article below. Edina has a large population of seniors. There are many parks for children in the city, including the rest of Edinborough Park. St. Louis Park was noted in the paper as considering an indoor pool as an enhancement for their city.

Please considering voting against closing the pool! I think more publicity would bring more people to the pool. Many people in Edina aren't aware of its existence.

“Bloomington, Edina and Richfield and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota join forces to create Minnesota’s first healthy ‘do.towns’

Edina, Minn., Sept. 27, 2011 – The mayors of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) today launched an 18-month project to improve the health of their communities by making changes that support healthy eating and active living choices.

The initiative, called “do.town,” focuses on preventing illness caused by unhealthy eating and physical inactivity, which combined are the second leading cause of death and disease in Minnesota.

The mayors of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield announced do.town today at a meeting of community leaders from across the three cities. The goal of the do.town initiative is to make the communities places where the healthy choice is the easy choice — giving residents more opportunities to eat right, get physical activity and create healthier homes, schools and workplaces.”

Edina Park Plaza uses the pool as one of their attractions for their apartments and I am sure the hotel does it too. I expect they pay the city for the use of the pool. They, too, would hate to have it close.

Bob and Sue Stover
6000 View Lane
Edina, MN 55436
952-920-7278

March 12, 2012

To: Mayor Hovland and members of the City Council

Re; Closing of the pool at Edinborough

I strongly urge you not to close the pool. I have benefited both physically and mentally from the exercise I get in Kay's classes.

Kay is an excellent instructor and well liked by all of us.

I cannot afford to join the "Y" and don't know if they even have a program like ours.

If you close the pool, who will entertain the little children on the other side of the glass?

Sincerely,



Therese (Terry) Miller
8010 Queen Ave. So.
#208
Bloomington, MN 55431

DEAR STATION #1,

Thank you for helping my wife out on Jan. 1st, 2012. I know it was just helping the Ambulance crew transport my wife to the hospital but you guys being there was a great comfort.

My very ill wife has since died on 1/23 while in a nursing home. I hope this donation to your Fire Fighters Fund will be put to good use.

Thanks again,

Mark Hardick

1-1-12

E82: Schmitzer
Brooks
Hardacker

(Henn. Cty Amb.)

Good
work!
Thanks
Mark

March 9, 2012

Three Rivers
Park District
Board of
Commissioners

Sara Wyatt
District 1

Mr. Kevin Roggenbuck, Transportation Coordinator
Transportation Advisory Board
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Marilynn Corcoran,
District 2

**RE: Re-Evaluation Request
2011 Regional Solicitation for Surface Transportation Program (STP)
Federal Transportation Funding
Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment**

Dear Mr. Roggenbuck:

Joan Peters
District 3

Three Rivers Park District (Park District) has reviewed the scores for the projects submitted to the Metropolitan Council under the STP Bikeways and Walkways category during the 2011 Regional Solicitation for Federal Transportation Project Funding. Based on the review of the scores preliminarily approved by the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) Funding and Programming Committee, the Park District is submitting this letter to you to officially request that a re-evaluation of the criterion score be performed for the funding application for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment submitted by the Park District. Below is a summary of the criteria the Park District requests be re-evaluated and the reasons associated with this request.

Dale Woodbeck,
Vice Chair
District 4

**Category A. Facility Type
A-1. Spot Facilities to Remove Barriers and A-2. System Segments.**

John Gibbs
District 5

The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail is a significant segment in the overall regional trail system located in the southeast portion of Hennepin County. The regional trail is planned as part of a large trail network that will provide a continuous safe route as a multi-use off-road bikeway facility for commuting, reaching various agency services, accessing shopping and recreating between several cities in the area. It will connect to four regional trail systems to the northwest including the Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail, North Cedar Lake Regional Trail, Minnesota River Bluffs LRT Regional Trail and Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail. It will also connect to the portions of the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail in Richfield and Bloomington and adjacent to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. This project will provide a significant connection to a number of cities within Hennepin County, including Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Edina, Bloomington and Richfield. The use of this regional trail will remove a significant number of vehicle trips from the roadways within these communities, provided that the users have a safe and functional route to use.

Larry Blackstad, Chair
Appointed

Barbara Kinsey
Appointed

Cris Gears
Superintendent

Retrofitting the City of Edina's urban fabric to safely accommodate multimodal transportation is a challenge; however, the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail route utilizes existing open space and available right-of-way to make the most safe, direct, and efficient route possible while preserving access and forming critical connections with transit, retail, commercial, employment, schools, parks, and neighborhoods. Further, the regional trail route has a limited number of stops per mile relative to studied alternative routes and other trails through fully developed communities.

In order for the trail network to provide a safe travel way for users, it must overcome various barriers along the route. If these barriers are not removed and the trail utilizes high volume roadways as an alternative alignment, it will not allow for the safe passage of users. This will only place users in an unsafe condition or prevent them from using the trail at all. The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment project addresses this concern within the funding application that was submitted to the Metropolitan Council.

The primary barriers are the Canadian Pacific Railroad and Trunk Highway 100 (TH 100). The application proposes an underpass of the railroad and a bike/pedestrian bridge over TH 100. The only alternatives to these crossings are to use West 70th St. and West 77th St. In the area where the regional trail would need to utilize these roadways, the average daily traffic volumes range from 9,000 to 12,000 vehicles per day. They also do not have safe facilities that protect the trail users from adjacent traffic. On West 70th St., the trail users would likely have to cross traffic at an unprotected crossing near the bridge that carries West 70th St. over the railroad.

In order to make the trail safe for users and enhance the usage for commuting purposes, which will increase the number of users, the Park District feels that these barriers must be eliminated and a safe alternative provided. Again, this would be accomplished with an underpass and an overpass as part of the project. The Park District feels that it would be irresponsible to take the approach of sending trail users to the adjacent busy highways as an alternative. It is expected that Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail will carry 500,000 user trips annually.

Review of this category's score revealed that the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment application only received 50 out of 250 points. The Park District strives to develop comprehensive trail networks that provide for safe and continuous routes for bicyclists and pedestrians that eliminate problematic barriers along trail corridors. The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment project is a demonstration of this effort and should be scored accordingly.

It is the opinion of the Park District that this project lost credible points in this scoring category due to the scoring methodology.

The scoring methodology for this category indicates that projects were scored by ranking each project from top to bottom and providing points in 25 point intervals with the 'top' project receiving 250 points and the 'bottom' project receiving 25 points. It is the opinion of the Park District that each project should be scored on the merit of the project and not simply ranked upon comparison of other projects. If two projects were very similar in how they accomplished removing barriers, their scores should be very similar. By using the scoring system that provides a score from 25 to 250 between 10 projects and each one 25 points apart, this one category significantly skews the final overall score of all the applications.

Re-evaluation Request:

Three Rivers Park District respectfully requests that the Metropolitan Council staff and TAC Funding and Program Committee review the Category A: Facility Type score provided for Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail: East Segment and make the appropriate adjustment based on the merits of the project and what it is accomplishing for the overall trail network and trail users.

Category E2. Progress Towards Affordable Housing Goals

The funding application instructions indicate that the score for this category is based on a calculation conducted by Metropolitan Council staff measuring progress towards affordable housing goals. The instructions state that "up to 50 points can be awarded to a project, based upon a community's or group of communities' progress in addressing their affordable housing goals for 1996-2010."

The scoring methodology states that "using the city where the project is located, the scorer awarded points based on the city progress toward meeting its affordable housing goal." This methodology resulted in a score of 10 points out of 50 points. It is believed that this score is reflective of the City of Edina's progress towards meeting affordable housing goals and not reflective of all the cities located along the entire regional trail corridor.

The Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail is located within the cities of Hopkins, Minnetonka, Edina, Richfield, Bloomington and Minneapolis, therefore meeting the definition of a "group of communities"; therefore, it is the opinion of the Park District that this category should consider all of the cities along the entire trail corridor in aggregate in the scoring computation.

Re-evaluation Request:

Three Rivers Park District respectfully requests that the Metropolitan Council staff and TAC Funding and Program Committee review the Category E2: Progress Towards Affordable Housing Goals score and make the appropriate adjustment based upon the affordable housing goals met among the cities of Hopkins, Minnetonka, Edina, Richfield and Bloomington along the entire trail corridor in aggregate.

Thank you for considering a re-evaluation of the score for this regionally significant project.

Sincerely,



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