

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR FEB. 17, 2012

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- 1. Golf Dome Collapse** – The investigation is still ongoing to determine the cause of the Feb. 10 fire and collapse of the Braemar Golf Dome. The insurance carrier has pronounced the dome to be a total loss. The building has not been judged to be a total loss. We are in settlement discussions with the carrier.
- 2. France Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Grant** – City Engineer Wayne Houle, Chuck Rickert of WSB and I appeared before the Metropolitan Council's TAC Programming and Funding Committee Feb. 16 to ask for their support of a scope change and sunset date extension of this \$1 million grant. On a relatively close vote of 8-10, the committee voted against our request. I will ask the Council for authorization to pursue the matter to the next level of Met Council decision making at the Council's Feb. 21 meeting.
- 3. Outdoor Ice Rinks** – The 2011-12 outdoor ice rink season has certainly been a challenge due to the warm winter. Our park maintenance dedication to providing quality ice for residents has caused us to successfully remain open. If weather remains in our favor, 8 of our outdoor ice rinks will close after work on Monday, Feb. 20. Four will remain open, weather permitting, until Feb. 29. They are Arden Park, Weber Park, Cornelia School Park and Normandale park.
- 4. How A City Works** – City staff have been working with representatives of the University of Minnesota's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on the production of a five-week seminar class called "How A City Works: Edina." The kick-off class will be March 29. It wraps up on April 26.
- 5. Special HRA Work Session** – Just a reminder about the special HRA work session on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The work session starts at 4:30 p.m., immediately prior to our scheduled 5:30 p.m. Council work session/joint meeting with the Energy & Environment Commission. The purpose of the HRA work session is to review the HRA's role and authority in city government and in the community. Mark Ruff and Jay Lindgren will facilitate the session. Background materials for the work session are included in your Council packet.
- 6. Legislative Conference** – The 2012 League of Minnesota Cities legislative Conference will be held on March 22 at the St. Paul Crown Plaza Hotel. If you are interested in attending, please contact Susan Howl for help in getting pre-registered.
- 7. Traffic Enforcement** – The results are in for our January 2012 speed enforcement statistics. The average citation for a speeding violation on a city street was for 15 mph over the posted limit. The highest speed citation issued in January on a city street was to a driver for driving 55 mph in a 30 mph zone. For highways, the average was 16 mph over the posted limit. The highest speed citation issued in January for a highway was to a driver for driving 90 mph in a 55 mph zone.