

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JUNE 1, 2012

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- 1. France Avenue Pedestrian and Bike Crossing Project** – Director of Engineering Wayne Houle facilitated the first stakeholder meeting on Thursday night for the proposed France Avenue Project. A diverse group of about 16 people from Hennepin County, Bike Edina Task Force, Edina Transportation Commission, residents, do.Town, Three Rivers Park District, staff and consultants attended the meeting. There was not much attendance from the business and property owners along France Avenue. We will do some additional outreach to the group in advance of the next stakeholder meeting, which will be held 7 p.m. June 26, at the Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility. Wayne will also update the Chamber of Commerce’s Government Relations Committee about the project on June 5 and also at its General Membership meeting on June 27.
- 2. Employee News** – The City’s new Environmental Engineer, Ross Bintner, started his new job this week, as did our new Director of Public Works, Brian Olson. I will introduce Brian to the Council at the June 5 Council meeting. The new Assistant City Engineer, Chad Millner, will start his new job on Monday, June 4. The recruitment process for the Economic Development Manager position closes Friday, June 8. We will begin interviewing for that position before the end of June.
- 3. Golf Revenue** – YTD golf revenue is \$946,887 compared to \$968,460 at this time last year, despite the fact that rounds of golf sold are up 34 percent YTD 2012 compared to 2011. The difference in the bottom line is the loss of approximately \$208,000 in golf dome revenue.
- 4. Hornets’ Nest Update** – Staff are discussing the proposed contents of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with representatives of the Drive For The Hive group for the proposed Hornets’ Nest project. We are making progress. Staff will also initiate discussions with the Edina Hockey Association, Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club and the school district on side agreements that are referenced in the MOU. The City Attorney has opined that a zoning change or guide plan change will not be required to accommodate the proposed project. In my previous discussions with Council, it was presumed that the City Council would take public input on the Hornets’ Nest proposal as part of public hearing on the anticipated zoning amendment. Since that is no longer required, the Council may want to host a public hearing at the time you consider approving the MOU. I am interested in Council feedback on this idea.
- 5. Bike Boulevard Project** – Plans and all other documentation for the bike boulevard project will be submitted today to MnDOT by our consultant. We anticipate approval within the next couple of weeks at which time we will be able to advertise for bidding the project.
- 6. Live TV** – For the first time, the June 5 City Council meeting will be broadcast live on Edina Community Channel 16 and streamed live on the City’s website.

7. **Golf Dome Future** – Staff will advance a recommendation to the City Council at its June 5 Council meeting to rebuild the Golf Dome on the current Golf Dome site. Staff have been informed that making this decision in June will allow the City to plan, bid and rebuild the golf dome in time to put it into operation by November 2012.

8. **Edinburgh Park Recommendation** – The City staff recommendation on the future of Edinburgh Park will be advanced to the Park Board for a “review and comment” action at its June 12 Park Board meeting. The Council will consider the recommendation, along with the comments from the Park Board, at its July 19 meeting.