

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR MAY 11, 2012

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- 1. Rescheduled MLC Board Meeting** – The May 7 MLC Board meeting that was canceled has been rescheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, in the Hughes Pavilion at Centennial Lakes Park. If Council Members would like to attend, please RSVP through Susan Howl.
- 2. Southdale Redevelopment Agreement** – I was informed this week by Metro Transit that they have reached agreement with Simon Property Group in the essential terms of the public transit easement. Their respective legal counsels are drafting the final documents.
- 3. Taste of Edina** – The Chamber of Commerce’s annual Taste of Edina event will be 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Centennial Lakes Park.
- 4. July 3 City Council Meeting** – The first City Council meeting in July is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3. Because of the meeting date’s proximity to the 4th of July holiday, I suggest the City Council consider canceling the July 3 Council meeting. There are no public hearings scheduled for that evening and no significant issues queued up for the Council to consider at that meeting. If the Council has interest in canceling this meeting date, it would be good to know sooner rather than later so that we can make plans for it.
- 5. Golf Dome Settlement** – The City has received a partial settlement from Travelers for the Golf Dome loss of \$668,000. We are continuing to work with Travelers to clear the site and on finalizing the balance of the settlement. Staff plans to discuss rebuilding options with the Council in June.
- 6. Open to Business** – In 2011, Council approved the City’s participation in the Open to Business program in 2012. The business advising/mentoring program has been working with Edina residents since January. The program will begin to have regular business office hours in City Hall starting in June. A representative from Open to Business will be in the Mill Room in the Assessing Division office on the second Wednesday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. City staff will not book appointments for Open to Business. We will have instructions about how to book an appointment on our website.
- 7. Hornets’ Nest Proposal** – Staff is working on the first draft of the MOU and will share it with Drive for the Hive representatives next week.
- 8. Edinborough Park Recommendation** – City staff had originally planned to advance a recommendation to the Park Board regarding the future of Edinborough Park on May 8. Earlier this week, staff decided to postpone that presentation in order to develop a more detailed financial pro forma for the recommendation and the alternatives. We now plan to advance this recommendation to the Park Board for its review and comment June 12. We plan to advance the recommendation to the Council on June 26.

- 9. Chamber of Commerce President Search Process** – The Chamber’s executive committee, Chamber staff, School Superintendent Ric Dressen and I interviewed three finalists for Chamber President this week. The executive committee members will do reference checks on two of the three finalists. The Board hopes to announce a selection decision before the end of May.
- 10. Electronic Council Packets** – Staff is starting to research options for creating and distributing our Council meeting packets to Council Members electronically. If you have any thoughts on that matter, please share them with City Clerk Debra Mangen. Staff wants to discuss this item with Council Members at the July 17 second quarter Business Meeting.
- 11. Liquor Ordinance Amendment** – The amendment to the City’s liquor ordinance that was approved by the Council at the May 1 meeting became effective on Thursday, May 10.