

Grandview Update
January 2015

Former Public Works Site – Exploration Phase Continues

The City continues to collect ideas and suggestions for public facilities to consider at this vacant site behind Jerry's Foods and across from Our Lady of Grace Church. The City is working in partnership with Frauenshuh Commercial Real Estate Group to prepare development scenarios that include complementary public and private components – similar to Edinborough Park or Centennial Lakes, but smaller in scale. The general idea being that revenue raised at the 'private' component could help pay for the new 'public' component.

After the [large-group Exploration Session](#) on Dec. 4, the City & Frauenshuh continue to seek ideas from the community. In January, ideas were collected through Facebook, SpeakUpEdina.com and small group "Exploration Sessions." So far, small group conversations have been completed with Edina High School students, Public Art Edina, Arts & Culture Commission, Edina Basketball Association and Edina Baseball Association. Additional small group conversations are scheduled for February, including a session hosted by League of Women Voters.

If you and your neighbors have ideas to share, please contact Heather Branigin at 952-826-0403 or hbranigin@EdinaMN.gov to schedule an Exploration Session. Sessions can be customized to be as brief as 15-minutes or up to 1-hour in length depending on the time available. Daytime and evening hours are available.

Former Public Works Site – Save the Date for Upcoming Sessions

Discovery Session (public comment and evaluation of initial re-use ideas and concepts)

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Edina Community Center, 5701 Normandale Road, Room 303

Open House (View and comment on possible scenarios)

5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square

School District Bus Garage

This month, the School Board of Edina District 273 authorized a referendum to seek voter approval for nearly \$125 million in bonds to finance capital improvements to all ten educational facilities throughout Edina.

The focus of the proposed referendums is upgrades to all of the elementary, middle and high school buildings to meet the needs of the future students. Two elements in the [Concept Plan](#) are of interest to the Grandview community. Excerpts from that plan include:

- *“Construct a Transportation Services Facility to replace the current building with a secure facility that can house the entire District fleet of buses and provide for possible expansion in the future. A portion of the cost of this new construction would be offset by the sale of the current facility.”*
- *“Multi-purpose Activity Center (a space for a variety of learning, academic and athletic activities for use by students, staff and community) – Construct a multi-purpose space on the West Campus to address current secondary curricular and co-curricular, as well as community program needs, including:*
 - *“Large and small group learning spaces to address high school curricular needs including physical education, fitness and health that align with strategic efforts to promote personal wellness and healthy lifestyle habits*
 - *“Spaces that provide opportunities for large group hands-on learning during the day*
 - *“Adaptable activity, athletic and competition spaces to address:*
 - *“Growing co-curricular needs at the high school and middle schools*
 - *“Increased community program space needs*
 - *“Accessibility improvements to provide handicap access for all users”*

Additional information about the Facility Improvement referendum can be found here:
<http://edinaschools.schoolwires.net//facilitiesplanning>

Dan Patch Rail Line Study

The City Council recently encouraged MnDOT to study potential passenger rail service along the Dan Patch rail line that runs between the Twin Cities and south central Minnesota. Several communities along this route have already encouraged MnDOT to consider this route for passenger rail (instead of additional freight traffic) in future long-term planning. More information about MnDOT’s Statewide Rail Plan can be found here: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/railplan/index.html>