

Grandview Update – April 2014

Former Public Works site – The City-owned site at Eden and Arcadia is currently vacant. The City has no plans to sell the 3.3 acre site for private development.

The current vision for the site is articulated in the GrandView Development Framework. This guiding document was prepared with extensive community involvement and adopted by the City Council in 2012. It suggests redeveloping the site with a community building, outdoor plaza and complimentary private use with shared parking facilities on the remainder of the site.

Community Advisory Team and RFI – The CAT has been meeting regularly to discuss how to redevelop the former public works site in a manner best suited for the community. In March, the CAT prepared two versions of a Request for Interest (RFI) document intended to harness professional expertise in bringing the optimal blend of uses to the site.

The RFI version supported by 4 of the 7 members in attendance (3 members were unable to attend) calls for engaging a consultant to further refine the type of potential projects to consider on the site. The version supported by 2 of the 7 members in attendance calls for engaging a potential development partner to refine the vision for the site. If the preliminary project concept satisfies the needs of the City, this process anticipates that the tentative developer would be named as the full developer responsible for implementing and building the City's vision.

These documents were submitted to City Council on March 18th. A copy of the documents can be found here:

http://edinamn.gov/edinfiles/files/City%20Council%20Staff%20Reports/031814_CC_Meeting/Item%20IV_%20I_%20Grandview%20%20CAT%20report%20-%20public%20works%20RFI.pdf

Community Facilities Inventory – The City commissioned an inventory of Community Facilities located in and around Edina. These include both publicly-owned facilities as well as privately-operated facilities that serve a community need. In addition to mapping more than 50 sites in Edina and nearly as many in nearby cities, the report also summarizes noteworthy suggestions that were expressed during the consultant's interviews with facility managers. Structured as an inventory, the report does not make any final recommendations or findings. The final report can be viewed here:

http://edinamn.gov/edinfiles/files/City_Offices/Community_Development/Planning/Grandview_District_Update/Edina%20Facilities%20Inventory%20FINAL%202-13-14%20%20.pdf

Resident Survey– The City commissioned a telephone survey of 400 random households regarding community facilities in general and re-use of the former Public Works site in the Grandview neighborhood. The preliminary presentation of the survey results from the February 27, 2014 Advisory Team meeting is posted here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3c159aI9HzA> . The full report will be presented to City Council on May 6th and will be posted online when available.

Upcoming CAT meetings - With the two versions of the RFI submitted to City Council in March, the Advisory Team will not meet in April. The City Council is anticipated to discuss 'next steps' at the May 20th Work Session.