

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006
AT 5:00 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. in Community Room of Edina City Hall. Answering rollcall were the following members of the City Council: Housh, Hulbert, Masica, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Planning Commissioners Michael Fisher, Geoff Workinger, Kevin Staunton and Planning Commission Chair John Lonsbury. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager, Heather Worthington, Assistant City Manager, Wayne Houle, City Engineer, Dan Cornejo, Acting City Planner, Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Marketing Director and Debra Mangen, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland explained the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed revision of Edina's Comprehensive Plan. He turned the floor over to Planner Cornejo who made a power point presentation that explained the purpose and etiology of the existing plan and laid out the work plan to be followed for the update.

Mr. Cornejo's presentation included:

- Definition of a Comprehensive Plan
 - A broad statement of community goals and policies that direct the orderly and coordinated physical development of a city into the future.
 - Anticipates change and provides specific guidance for future legislative and administrative actions
 - Reflects the results of citizen involvement, technical analysis, and the judgment of decision-makers
- Purpose of a Comprehensive Plan
 - The maps, goals, and policies of the plan provide the basis for the adoption of regulations, programs, and services which implement the plan.
 - The plan serves as a guideline for designating land uses and infrastructure development as well as developing community services.
- How can a Comprehensive Plan aid in governance
 - The Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document
 - Enhances the ability of the City Council to make decisions about future developments based on the input from the community,
 - Does not relieve the Council's responsibility to make decisions about future developments based on their compatibility with the city's zoning code, and other guide documents such as special precinct plans (e.g. Southdale Area Study).
- Statutory Requirements of a Comprehensive Plan MS 473.859
 - Foundation:
 - Policies & objectives
 - Planning area designation for the municipality
 - Forecasts for population, household numbers, & employment
 - Land Use:
 - Existing land & water
 - Future land use & staging to accommodate forecasted growth
 - Location, intensity & extent
 - Housing plan
 - Special resources: solar access, historic preservation, aggregate & critical area
 - Public Facilities - Transportation:
 - Traffic Analysis Zones
 - Roads & Highways
 - Aviation
 - Transit
 - Bicycles & Pedestrians
 - Public Facilities - Water Resources:
 - Wastewater
 - Sewers
 - Septic systems
 - Surface water

- Water supply
- Public Facilities – Park:
 - Regional Parks
 - Regional Trails
 - Local Parks and Open Spaces
- Implementation:
 - Official Controls
 - Zoning
 - Subdivision
 - Capital Improvement Programs
 - Housing Implementation Program
- Work Program for the Plan:
 - Staff reviewed the existing Chapters:
 - Land Use
 - Stormwater and Sewer
 - Housing
 - Airport and Aviation
 - Heritage Preservation
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Transportation
 - New Elements for the 2008 Plan
 - Urban Design
 - Information Technology
 - Public Safety
 - Communications & Marketing
 - Public Engagement Process
 - Obtain input on issues and values
 - Articulate opinions on the desired future of Edina
 - Build consensus
 - Review goals and policies for growth management and redevelopment
 - City Departments To Contribute:
 - Administration
 - Communications & Marketing
 - Planning
 - Information Technology
 - Engineering
 - Police & Fire Departments
 - Parks, Open Space and Natural Resources
 - Health Department
 - Role of Planning Commission
 - Appointed a Five Member Task Force to:
 - act as focal point for public input
 - monitor work progress
 - provide advice on community values and development issues
 - review interim work and final document
 - Role of the City Council
 - Advise on community values, opportunities, and needs.
 - Review and adopt final 2008 Comprehensive Plan.
 - Meet jointly with Planning Commission to review progress reports.

The Council, Planning Commissioners and staff discussed how to accomplish the update to the Plan to be adopted and submitted in early 2008.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangen, City Clerk