

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL AND
EDINA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL
MAY 19, 2009
5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall.

Answering rollcall were: Members Bennett, Housh, Brindle, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Edina Transportation Commissioners present were: Commissioners Abramovitz, Bonneville, Brown, Janovy, Mooty, Plante, Sierks, Usem, White, and Workinger. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; Wayne Houle, City Engineer; Jack Sullivan, Assistant City Engineer; and Jane Timm, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland said the meeting was an opportunity to explore issues of mutual concern between the Commission and the Council. City Engineer Houle started the meeting with a diagram of the 44th Street and France Avenue neighborhood parking. Houle stated that the Planning Department would need to get involved if a small area study were ordered. He explained that there would be no funding available in the near future for additional studies. Mr. Houle stated the goal would be to maximize parking without building a parking structure.

The Council and Commission discussed the parking concerns around 50th and France. Some points of discussion were:

- East bound no left turn on France Ave in Minneapolis
- Removal of parking by Pinehurst Building
- Parking on 50th Street at Ann Taylor location
- Right turn lane at east bound 50th Street at Halifax
- Busing employees
- Cost of employee parking in ramps

Mr. Houle told the Commission and Council that the Country Club project was going well. He added the Greater Cornelia Area/70th St Traffic Study was under review.

The City Council and Transportation Commission discussed the “complete street” concept. Mr. Houle noted the Engineering staff supported the complete street concept, but citizens do not support complete streets in all cases.

Mayor Hovland thanked the Transportation Commission for their work and asked them to explore ways to refine the process and develop ideas to better serve the community, and directed staff to forward any educational opportunities to the Commission.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Timm, Deputy City Clerk