

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Art Center Board, 4:30 p.m. Sept. 22
- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. Sept. 27
- Park Board, 7 p.m. Sept. 27
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Sept. 28
- Town Hall Meeting, 10 a.m. Oct. 1

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A summary of the Sept. 20 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council to consider recycling, air and water quality recommendations. The Council will soon consider a number of measures recommended by the Energy & Environment Commission.

At a work session prior to its regular meeting, the Council met with members of the commission to hear their recommendations. Among them are:

- Add recycling bins at all City parks and pair them with trash cans for greater use.
- Establish a policy stating that only compostable tableware will be used, bottled water reduced and organic composting implemented at City facilities.
- Revisit the Park Maintenance Department's turf management practices.
- Replace the wood-burning fireplaces at the Hughes Pavilion at Centennial Lakes Park with gas fireplaces.
- Erect "no engine idling" signs around the community, particularly near schools and restaurants.
- Ban coal tar, marketed as a means to protect and beautify underlying pavement, but can leach into water.

The Council will discuss each of the recommendations at meetings this fall.

The Council also directed the

Planning Commission to again discuss the section of the zoning ordinance relating to drive-throughs. Commission members believe that drive-throughs, which lead to greater emissions, should not be allowed in certain zoning districts.

Council approves West 70th Street landscaping

The Council awarded the bid for the West 70th Street landscaping project, to be installed next spring, to Cedar Ridge Landscaping.

West 70th Street east of Minnesota Highway 100 is currently being reconstructed. Residents along the roadway weighed in on landscaping related to the project, which includes planting in the median located along West 70th Street on the westerly side of Highway 100. The project also includes adding infill boulevard trees where no boulevard or front yard trees exist today.

Daylilies will be planted in the boulevard area between West Shore Drive and Wooddale Avenue. Adjacent property owners will be required to maintain the daylilies after the three-year maintenance period.

A number of residents with homes between Highway 100 and West Shore Drive are also interested in receiving planting material, which they would plant and maintain within the boulevard area of their homes. Staff will work

with them to prepare an agreement for City Council to approve in order to add this cost to their special assessment, similar to the turn-around agreements that the City is offering to residents along West 70th Street.

Council Members asked that City staff consider adding the daylilies to the area in front of Arneson Acres Park on West 70th Street to provide a consistent look and feel along the street.

The estimated cost for the landscaping portion of the project was \$202,614.50. Cedar Ridge Landscaping's bid for the project was \$115,001.

City to seek consultant for Art Center study

The Council directed staff to work with the Art Center Board to draft a Request for Proposals to study the organization, operations, finances and building of the Art Center.

Consultants were recently hired for similar studies of Braemar Golf Course and Edinborough Park. The National Golf Foundation was chosen for the golf course study and completed its work, presenting its findings to the Park Board and City Council on Aug. 30. The Edinborough Park study is under way.

The Art Center Board and City Council will select a consultant for the project after