

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. Oct. 22
- Arts & Culture Commission, 4:30 p.m. Oct. 24
- Transportation Commission, 6 p.m. Oct. 24
- Grandview Community Advisory Team, 7 p.m. Oct. 29
- City Council, 7 p.m. Nov. 4

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A summary of the Oct. 14 Edina City Council meetings

Council OKs subdivision in Indian Hills

The Council approved a preliminary plat and front yard setback for 6609 Blackfoot Pass.

Great Neighborhood Homes Inc. on behalf of Douglas Johnson is proposing to subdivide the property at 6609 Blackfoot Pass into two lots. The existing home would be torn down and two new homes built on the new lots. One new home would be located generally where the existing home is located. The home on the other lot would be located toward the street in an area away from the adjacent home to the south, to avoid large oak trees and some of the steeper slopes on the site.

The second home could be built without the need for a variance, but in doing so, some of the best trees on the site would be removed, more slopes would be disturbed and the home would be located much closer to the existing home at 6705 Cheyenne Trail.

The Council gave preliminary plat approval and a front yard setback variance from 100 feet to 45 feet for the second house.

Both lots would gain access off Blackfoot Pass.

Developer gets go-ahead for Brookview Avenue subdivision

The Council approved a subdivision with variances on Brookview Avenue.

AKARE Companies LLC on behalf of John Peterson is proposing to subdivide the property at 5820 Brookview Ave. into two lots. The existing home would be torn down, and two new homes built on the new lots.

Both lots would gain access off Brookview Avenue. Within the neighborhood, the median lot area is 6,725 square feet, median lot depth is 134 feet and me-

dian lot width is 50 feet. The new lots would meet the median width and depth, but may fall just short of the median lot size.

The Council approved the subdivision with lot width variances from 75 feet to 50 feet for each lot and lot area variances from 9,000 square feet to 6,711 square feet for each lot.

Council moves forward with plans for 'sports dome'

The City Council agreed to move forward with a plan to build a seasonal "sports dome" adjacent to Braemar Arena. The sports dome would be inflated from November through April, but its artificial turf field would be available the other months of the year.

The Council also green-lighted a new outdoor refrigerated sheet of ice between the sports dome and the Arena, upgrades to Braemar's east indoor rink and an artificial turf field and other improvements at Pamela Park. Total project cost is estimated to be about \$14 million and would be paid for with bonds sold by the Edina Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Staff and consultants will develop plans and specifications for the project and determine a detailed financing plan to fund not only the construction, but the annual operating needs of the projects at Braemar Arena and Pamela Park.

Staff has already secured financial support from several of the City's athletic associations. The Edina Soccer Club, Baseball Association, Lacrosse Association and Football Association have all made contractual commitments to dome usage and a \$30 dollar per person priority scheduling fee – a per athlete charge for every athlete in the association or club. The \$30 fee will raise an estimated \$95,000 annually or more than \$1.4 million over 15 years.

The Braemar projects could be ready for bidding in February or March of 2014 with construction starting in May and anticipated completion in November or December of 2014. The Pamela Park project would need watershed district input and approval next spring, but the design phase could be completed over the winter. Construction could begin in June. The Pamela Park project would be completed next summer with anticipated completion in November 2014.

Council amends liquor law

The Council lifted a provision of the City's liquor law, allowing restaurant owners in Edina to have more than four liquor licenses.

The City Code previously prohibited any single person or entity from possessing more than three On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses simultaneously. This municipal code provision was common during the regulatory era when State Statute prescribed a defined number of On-Sale licenses to city governments based on population. The intent of the provision was to limit any one person or business entity from controlling a majority of the available On-Sale liquor licenses in a community. When that element of State Statute was eliminated in 1990s, many cities deleted the provision of their codes. Edina did not.

Parasole recently requested the City eliminate the liquor license limit. Parasole operates several restaurants in Edina, three of which have full liquor licenses: Salut Bar Americain, Mozza Mia and Pittsburgh Blue. Now that the provision has been eliminated, Parasole plans to make application for another liquor license as part of a plan to open a new restaurant in Edina in 2014.