

# Council Connection



**Upcoming meetings:**

- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Nov. 14
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Nov. 14
- Art Center Board, 4:30 p.m. Nov. 15
- Transportation Commission, 6 p.m. Nov. 15
- Park Board, 7 p.m. Nov. 19

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## A summary of the Nov. 5 Edina City Council meeting

**Council sets special meeting**

The Council set a special meeting for next month to consider 2013 street reconstruction projects.

The Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, to consider the proposed Mendelssohn A Neighborhood, Normandale Neighborhood, Braemar Hills B Neighborhood, St. Patrick's Lane, Gleason Circle and Lake Edina Neighborhood street reconstruction projects. A public hearing will be held on each of the projects.

**Council approves work at indoor park**

The Council approved the infill of the grotto at Edinborough Park.

In July, the City Council supported a number of recommendations to make the park operate more efficiently. One of the recommendations was to fill in the grotto to provide handicapped accessibility and create more space for the public to enjoy.

The Council approved excavation and concrete work in line with the recommendation. The stairs and pond in the lower grotto will be eliminated and the exposed aggregate flooring will be extended on the same level as the main lower level walkway. A four-foot plant bed will be retained along the outer stone wall. This area will allow staff to showcase

local art and offer classes and demonstrations for kids and adults. Since trees have been removed, two corner plant beds will be filled in to provide additional birthday party space and an additional private place for the public to sit, eat and enjoy the facility. One of the plant beds is adjacent to the concession stand and the other is located in the most popular birthday party site on the upper level of the Park, overlooking Adventure Peak. The tree rings will be filled with exposed aggregate to match existing flooring. In a separate project, the waterfall will be renovated for a more updated look and improved water flow.

Total cost of the project is \$95,059. Work is expected to be complete this fall.

**Council grants preliminary approval for medical office building**

The City Council gave the green light for construction of a new medical office building on a site across from Fairview Southdale Hospital.

Mount Development is proposing to tear down the existing office buildings at 4005 W. 65th St. and 6500 France Ave. to build a new five-story, 62-foot tall, 102,478-square-foot medical office and retail building with an attached four- or five-level parking ramp.

The City Council previously considered redevelopment of the site for a two-phase, four- to six-story building. That proposal was to be denied by the City Council. The developer withdrew the request prior to the City Council taking final action in order to rework the plans.

The site plan and building are generally similar to the previous plan. However, the revised plan now proposes a single phase five-story building with the mechanical equipment to be located inside the building and on the ground along the south lot line. The overall height would not exceed the height of the mechanical equipment on the roof of the previously proposed four-story building. The parking ramp would be attached, rather than detached as previously envisioned.

Access to the site would remain from 65th Street, with a secondary right out on France.

The City Council was satisfied with preliminary plans for the project and approved a Comprehensive Plan amendment, preliminary rezoning and preliminary development plan.

Mount Development is expected to file applications for final rezoning and development plan approval later this fall.