

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- City Council, 5 p.m. Feb. 5
- Public Art Committee, 4 p.m. Feb. 7
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Feb. 12
- Park Board, 7 p.m. Feb. 12
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Feb. 13

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A summary of the Jan. 22 Edina City Council meeting

Council approves 9-1-1 contract addendum

The Council approved an addendum to the contract between the City of Edina and the City of Golden Valley for dispatch services.

In September 2010, Edina entered into a contract with the City of Golden Valley to provide dispatch services to that community, understanding their long-term goal was to join the Hennepin County Sheriff's Dispatch Center.

After the initial year of set-up and troubleshooting, Edina's expenses for dispatching for Golden Valley have lessened. Scheduling changes, restructuring and reassignments within the Edina Police Department have also contributed to the lower costs.

Under the addendum, Golden Valley's annual fee will come down from \$178,142 to \$142,140, or \$11,845 per month. The contract allows Edina to adjust the fee based on labor costs and other economic factors.

Hennepin County has approved the construction of a new dispatch center. Golden Valley has been given approval to join that center upon its completion.

However, there is not an agreement yet on cost. The switch-over date might be in June 2014. In the approved contract addendum, a 90-day notice to terminate the contract was enacted. The notice can be provided by Edina or Golden Valley.

The Golden Valley City Council will act on the contract addendum Feb. 5.

Council hears from residents on 'Name Your Neighborhood' initiative

The City held a public hearing on proposed neighborhood names and boundaries.

A Neighborhood Identification Steering Committee led the "Name Your Neighborhood" project to determine neighborhood names and boundaries. The group of residents also helped staff draft a policy for establishing and interacting with City-recognized neighborhood associations.

Once approved, residents in each neighborhood would have the option to voluntarily form a City-recognized neighborhood association. Some goals of voluntary associations are to foster communication between neighborhoods and the City, promote community and civic engagement, and ensure neighborhood safety and security.

The Council will consider the matter at its meeting Feb. 5.

Council lowers residency requirement for Edina Swim Club

The Council lowered the residency requirement for the Edina Swim Club.

In May 2012, the Council approved a Priority Use of the Edina Aquatic Center Facility Policy and Relationship Document that reflected a 75 percent residency requirement for the Edina Swim Club and granting it first priority access.

As the Edina Swim Club prepared their request for Edina Aquatic Center hours for the 2013 season, administrators realized they were not meeting the 75 percent residency requirement that grants them priority access. Of current Swim Club participants:

- 71 percent are Edina residents
- 85 percent of those under age 12 are Edina residents
- 52 percent of those over age 12 are Edina residents
- 41 percent of those over age 14 are Edina residents

After hearing from Parks & Recreation staff, the Council lowered the residency requirement to 60 percent.

Council OKs plans for Countryside Park

The City Council approved \$1 million renovation of Countryside Park.

The nine-acre park is located on Tracy Avenue near Fire Station No. 1. The master plan, driven by input from neighborhood residents, includes new handicapped-accessible playground equipment, a larger outdoor skating rink, a new shelter building and a relocated basketball court.

Construction will begin once bids are approved by the Council later this spring. Parks & Recreation staff hope the park project will be complete by October.