

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. June 26
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. June 27
- Art Center Board, 4:30 p.m. June 28
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. July 9
- Park Board, 7 p.m. July 10

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A summary of the June 19 Edina City Council meeting

Council approves CUPs

The Council approved Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) for two new homes in Edina that might otherwise have had difficulties with water.

Kate Schmitt plans to construct a new home at 5537 Park Place. A CUP is necessary so that the first-floor elevation of the new home can exceed the first-floor elevation of the previous home on the site by more than one foot. Specifically, Schmitt would like to raise the first floor elevation 3.75 feet above the first floor elevation of the previous home in order to protect the lower level of the new dwelling from ground water intrusion. The proposed building height to the ridge line of the new home would be 30 feet; 5 feet lower than what would be allowed at 35 feet.

Doug and Abby Power would like to tear down a house and build a new one at 4805 East Sunnyslope Road on Minnehaha Creek. Like Schmitt's case, a CUP is necessary so that they can build a home that exceeds the first-floor elevation of the current house by more than one foot. The Powers would like to raise the first-floor elevation 4.68 feet.

Council denies request for ROW vacation

The Council denied a couple's request to vacate a public right-of-way.

Planning to build a new home, Jennifer and Mathias Samuel made a request for the City to vacate the existing public right-of-way of Natchez Avenue

between Monterey Avenue and the south property line of Lot 15, Block 4, of Minikahda Vista, Third Addition, Morning-side Minnesota, and West 41st Street from Natchez Avenue to Monterey Avenue.

CenterPoint Energy did not object to the proposed vacation and no other companies have utilities in the northerly area of the requested vacation. The City has a storm sewer along West 41st Street that connects to the City of St. Louis Park's storm sewer system. The Edina Comprehensive Plan does not indicate future roadways, sidewalk or trails within the proposed vacation area.

Council members did not see a compelling need for the vacation and denied the request.

Council amends Southdale redevelopment agreement

The Council amended the City's redevelopment agreement with the owners of Southdale Center.

In April, the City Council approved an agreement that would provide Simon Property Group with a \$5 million loan to renovate the interior common area and exterior of the mall. Following the action, the agreement was executed by the City and delivered to Simon Property Group's corporate offices in Indianapolis for execution by their corporate officers. However, Simon's corporate officers raised objections to a provision in the agreement that bars Simon from appealing the market

value of the Southdale Center property during the term of the agreement.

The City Council reconsidered the agreement and decided to amend it.

According to the amended agreement, the market value of Southdale Center will be \$115 million, going up to \$120 million in January 2013. Each year thereafter, the value will increase 2.5 percent. Simon Property Group will not appeal the market value unless, and only to the extent that, it is greater than such agreed-upon amount.

Restaurant's liquor license suspended for one day

Cocina Del Barrio was fined \$1,000 and given a one-day liquor license suspension for serving a minor during the Edina Police Department's compliance checks in May.

This was Barrio's second alcohol ordinance violation in six months. The first was for failing to meet the food-to-alcohol sales requirement of 60 percent food and 40 percent alcohol. The penalty for a second violation within 24 months is a \$1,000 fine and three-day liquor license suspension.

The restaurant owner appealed the decision to the City Council. After hearing from him, the Council agreed to reduce the three-day suspension to a one-day suspension.