

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. June 28
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. June 29
- City Council Work Session, 5:30 p.m. July 5
- City Council & HRA, 7 p.m. July 5
- Public Art Committee, 4 p.m. July 7

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A summary of the June 21 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council approves construction of FlowRider

The Council approved the purchase and installation of a new amenity at the Edina Aquatic Center.

Bids were approved for a FlowRider, a surf-simulator. Aqua Logic will construct the pool basin and oversee site construction. Aquatic Development will provide the surf equipment. Together, their work will cost about \$1 million.

Construction is expected to begin next month and be complete in time for the opening of the 2012 season.

Planning Commission to consider changes to The Waters

The Council directed the Planning Commission to consider an amendment to a site plan for a senior housing project.

The City Council has approved rezoning, site plan and a Comprehensive Plan amendment for The Waters Senior Living of Edina, a proposed 139-unit, three-story senior housing complex on the Colonial Church site. Final plat approval is still pending and the developer has now requested a change to the building.

The developer would like to shorten its planned building by 28 feet and remove the underground parking below its memory support wing. The Council deemed an amendment to the site plan would be necessary for the changes and sent the project to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the matter. Once the Commission

acts on the matter, it will be heard by the City Council.

Council reviews sketch plan, asks developer to go back to drawing board

The Council reviewed a sketch plan for a proposed housing development on Indianola Avenue.

JMS Homes would like to tear down the existing single-family homes at 5020 and 5024 Indianola Ave. and build seven detached homes over a 26,730-square-foot area. Two lots currently used as parking for an adjacent church would also be included in the development.

The proposed density would be 11 units per acre, which would require a Comprehensive Plan amendment from low-density residential to medium-density residential and rezoning from R-1, Single-Dwelling Unit District, to PRD, Planned Residential District.

After reviewing the sketches, Council members indicated they would not be supportive of the project, preferring to keep the area zoned as R-1.

Park Board, Transportation Commission meetings to be filmed quarterly

The Council approved a new policy for recording and broadcasting City meetings.

Under the new policy, all regular meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission will be recorded and broadcast on Edina Community Channel 16. Meetings of the Park Board and Transportation Commission will be televised quarterly. Meetings of all other advisory bodies will be televised once a year. Additional meetings could be tele-

vised if public hearings are called or the Council directs a particular meeting be recorded for broadcast.

The new policy will go into effect July 1.

Edina to participate in Local Government Performance Measurement Program

The Council endorsed a report to the State authorizing the City's participation in the Local Government Performance Measurement Program.

In 2010, the State Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation. In February, the Council released a standard set of 10 performance measures that will aid residents, taxpayers and State and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services.

Cities and counties that choose to participate in the new standards measure program may be eligible for reimbursement in Local Government Aid and exemption from levy limits. Those that participate in the program for 2011 are eligible for a reimbursement of 14 cents per capita in local government aid and an exemption from levy limits for taxes payable in 2012 if levy limits are in effect. Edina's reimbursement would be a little more than \$6,000.

Edina's 2011 Quality of Life Survey will provide much of the data needed to comply with the standards measure program. Acquisition costs of data required to participate in the program that is not included in the survey will be minimal.