

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Art Center Board, 4:30 p.m. Aug. 26
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Sept. 1
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 5:30 p.m. Sept. 3
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. Sept. 9

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A summary of the Aug. 17 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Finalists named for City Manager position

At a work session prior to its regular meeting, the Edina City Council named Dean R. Lotter and Scott H. Neal finalists for the position of City Manager and invited them to interviews.

Twenty-nine people applied for the position of City Manager, previously held by Gordon Hughes, who retired July 30 after 36 years of service to the community. The Council hired PDI Ninth House to lead the search and interview process. Six semi-finalists were interviewed by panels of City staff and community members. Four of them were interviewed by a panel of area city managers and administrators. At its meeting Aug. 3, the Council recommended that the four of them continue on in the process and complete testing conducted by PDI. Since that time, two applicants voluntarily withdrew from the process.

At the work session, the Council reviewed the testing report from PDI and agreed to name the two remaining candidates finalists.

Lotter is currently the City Manager of New Brighton, a position he has held since 2007. Prior to that time, Lotter served as City Administrator of the Minnesota cities of Minnetrista, Janesville and Sherburn. He completed his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and his master's degree in urban studies from Marquette State University.

Neal has served as City Manager of Eden Prairie since 2002. He was previously the City Administra-

tor of Northfield. He also has held the positions of City Administrator for the communities of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Norris, Tenn. Neal received his bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from Iowa State University.

Council to consider change to liquor law

The Council agreed to consider issuing additional non-profit organizations temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

The Church of St. Patrick requested that the Council amend the City's liquor code to allow the church to sell liquor at its annual fundraiser. Under the current law, only the Edina Chamber of Commerce, 50th & France Business & Professional Association, Edina Community Foundation and the City may obtain temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

Council members indicated their general support for such a change and directed staff to prepare more information on the issue for review at its Sept. 7 meeting. If the Council continues to be interested in making an amendment, a public hearing will be held later in the month.

'Time Piece,' 'Minnesota Eco Turtle' donated to City

The Council accepted donations of public art for permanent placement on the Edina Promenade.

Dee Kennedy donated money for the purchase of "Time Piece," a steel, aluminum, cedar and rock sculpture by St. Paul's Dean Holzman. Members of the Public Art Committee donated money for the purchase of "Minnesota Eco

Turtle," a painted steel sculpture by Kathy Gustafson of Bemidji.

The Public Art Committee's goal is to designate as many as half of the 10 Edina Promenade plazas for permanent sculpture, with the remaining plazas to display rotating pieces on loan annually.

Council supports Taste of Creativity

The Council approved the Edina Art Center's plans for "Taste of Creativity," a fundraiser planned for 4 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4.

The event will feature a silent auction, artists' demonstrations, gift sales, hors d'oeuvres and live music.

Proceeds from Taste of Creativity will benefit the Art Center, Fairview Auxiliary and the Edina Public Art Committee, which share a mission to enhance individual and community development through arts and healthcare. The Edina Art Center has long been involved in promoting arts in healthcare, making a commitment to positive distractions and transformative healing experiences through art enrichment outreach programs. The Art Center is an active member of the Midwest Arts in Healthcare Network.

The Taste of Creativity will be held at the Edina Art Center. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. Sept. 1 at the Edina Art Center and online.