

# Council Connection



## Upcoming meetings:

- Park Board, 7 p.m. Oct. 12
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Oct. 12
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. Oct. 14
- Community Health Committee, 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19

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## A summary of the Oct. 5 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

### Council grants permit for more than three pets

The Council granted a permit to a family, enabling them to keep more than three animals in their home.

In August, the Health Department evaluated the interior condition of a home after being directed by Hennepin County to do so. An inspector found eight pets living in the home and observed that carpets of the dining room, stairwell, living room, TV room, master bedroom, den and basement bedroom were heavily soiled with pet urine, animal fur and dirt.

Edina law allows just three cats or dogs at a residence. The family's doctors and veterinarians sent the City letters in support of the family's application for a permit. No neighbors objected. By Sept. 13, major improvements had been made in the living conditions and cleanliness of the residence. The carpets had been cleaned, cat boxes were being maintained and the family had contracted with a company to help train the dogs.

Convinced by the testimony and efforts by the family, the Council agreed to grant the permit, subject to continued monitoring by the City's Animal Control Officer. In addition, as the pets die, five cannot be replaced so that the family is in compliance with the law again.

### Council amends liquor law

The Council amended Edina's liquor law to allow more organizations to obtain temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

In August, 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. Only the Edina Chamber of Commerce, 50th & France Business & Profes-

sional Association, Edina Community Foundation and the City were allowed to obtain temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

Under the amendment, any club or charitable, religious or other non-profit organization in existence for at least three years; a registered political committee or a State university may apply for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for an event held within Edina. No more than two such licenses would be granted to the same organization, corporation or location within a calendar year with at least 30 days between issue dates. The premises must be under the supervision of a manager and policed by security personnel. All servers of alcoholic beverages must be at least 18 years old.

### Council sets hearing on regional trail for Dec. 7

The Council will hold a public hearing Dec. 7 to consider the possible routes for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail through Edina.

The Edina City Council and Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners held a joint work session in September to discuss possible routes for the proposed Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail. The Park Board will discuss the routes at its Oct. 12 meeting and will make a recommendation to the Council prior to the December public hearing.

The concept for the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail was established over 10 years ago as part of a larger initiative to lay the foundation for development of multi-use regional trails in the first-ring suburbs. The regional trail is envisioned to provide a critical connection with the existing Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka, running

east-west through the City of Edina, extending into the City of Richfield, and providing a connection to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in the City of Bloomington and Grand Rounds Trail System at Lake Nokomis in the City of Minneapolis via the planned Intercity Regional Trail. Several alternative trail route segments are under consideration and include routes adjacent to roads and along the Nine Mile Creek corridor.

### Interlachen maintenance facility moves forward

The Council decided not to hold another public hearing for a maintenance facility at Interlachen Country Club.

The Council approved a conditional use permit for a parking lot with maintenance building at the club in July 2009. Interlachen has revised the approved plans. Specifically, Interlachen staff wants to enlarge and move the wash stall area, construct a roof covering over the soil storage area and add an overhead door to the west wall of the cart storage area.

Staff found the changes to be minor. The Council was asked to determine if the plan changes are significant enough to require an additional public hearing. Members agreed that they are minor and did not call for a hearing.

### New restaurants receive liquor licenses

The Council granted liquor licenses to two new restaurants.

Licenses were granted to Pin-stripes, set to open in November at The District at Centennial Lakes in the space adjacent to The Container Store, and Mozza Mia. Mozza Mia, 3910 W. 50<sup>th</sup> St., also plans to open in November.