

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JAN. 11, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JAN. 11, 2013

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- 1. Residential Redevelopment Work Plan** – At its Jan. 9 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a work plan and timeline to address issues surrounding residential redevelopment on smaller lots. An online discussion was started yesterday on the City’s civic engagement website, www.SpeakUpEdina.org, to solicit resident comment and feedback. Two “Public Input Forums” will be held to discuss issues and concerns. The meetings will be held 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 26 and 7-9 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Edina Senior Center. In February, the Planning Commission will summarize the feedback from the “Speak Up” site and forums and develop a preliminary recommendation that will be advanced to the City Council at the scheduled March 5 joint work session. A press release will go out this week outlining this work plan.
- 2. Joint Meeting with State Legislators** – Our 2013 joint meeting with our state legislative delegation is scheduled for the City Council’s Feb. 5 work session. My plan for that work session is to use the Municipal Legislative Commission, Metro Cities and League of Minnesota Cities legislative agendas as the basis of the discussion. If there are additional items that Council Members wish to discuss at the work session, please let me know. I would like to provide the legislators with advance notice of our discussion topics so that they can come prepared.
- 3. Employee News** – Jacob Heckart started his new job as a Police Officer on Jan. 2. Peter Knaeble started his new job as a Firefighter/Paramedic on Jan. 2. Laura Adler will join our staff in Engineering as our new Water Resources Coordinator later this month. Susan Faus has been promoted from Senior Recreation Facility Manager (manager of Edinborough Park and the Edina Aquatic Center) to Assistant Parks & Recreation Director. She will cover both jobs (and both offices) until the new Edinborough/Aquatic Center General Manager is in place.
- 4. Southdale Center TIF Loan** – Simon Properties has met all the requirements of the TIF loan agreement with the City. Simon invested approximately \$16.2 million into the common areas of the mall. This exceeded the minimum required investment of \$15 million. 113 new full-time-equivalent jobs were created by the new tenants that were attracted by the new improvements. In addition, 220 new full-time-equivalent positions were created with the recent opening of Herberger’s. The City has secured the easements for the future water treatment plant and the future transit center. The City has also secured conditional lease rights to the mall’s third-floor retail space. The loan agreement requires Simon to reimburse the City for the expenses incurred by the City to create the agreement, which resulted in a final loan agreement of \$4,863,335.77, which was disbursed to Simon prior to Dec. 31, 2012, per our agreement.
- 5. Name Your Neighborhood** – The City Council will hold a public hearing on the Neighborhood Association Initiative on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7 pm. The new maps and draft policy are awaiting comments on the City’s civic engagement site, Speak Up, Edina!, at www.SpeakUpEdina.org/projects. Residents can share their comments on the maps and draft policy through Jan. 15.
- 6. Aviation Noise Update** – I will attend the Jan. 16 meeting of the MAC’s Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) in order to formally propose the Council’s request that NOC add a new Community Representative position for the City of Edina.

7. **Golden Valley 9-1-1 Contract** – In light of the recent decision by Hennepin County and the City of Golden Valley regarding the future of their public safety dispatching needs, City staff have reached an agreement with the Golden Valley staff on an amendment to our current service contract. Staff will advance the amendment to City Council in February.

8. **Pentagon Park Dedication Event** – The event will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Pentagon Park.