

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR MARCH 15, 2013

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- Hornets Nest Open House** – The community Open House for the Hornets Nest is tomorrow from 10 a.m. to noon at Braemar Arena.
- Byerly's Redevelopment** – A motion by the Planning Commission to approve the proposed redevelopment of the Byerly's site on France Avenue failed on a 4-4 vote. Redevelopment plans include the construction of a new Byerly's Store, 246 units of apartments and 21,000 square feet of additional retail space. The City Council will review this request at its March 19 meeting.
- Employee News** – Patty McGrath has accepted the Edinborough Park/Aquatic Center General Manager position. Patty has worked at the YMCA since 1991, most recently serving as Executive Director of the Hudson and West St. Paul YMCAs since 1997. She has a bachelor's degree from Winona State University in Recreation and Leisure Studies. Patty starts her new job for the City on Monday, March 18.
- Inspections Sharing Agreement** – We have reached an agreement with the City of Richfield to share building/mechanical/plumbing inspectors. The purpose of the agreement is to provide both cities access to extra staff to assist with inspections when either city is having peak demand for service. We are working on similar agreements with the cities of Eden Prairie and Bloomington.
- Centennial Lakes Park** – The 2012-2013 ice skating season ended with good numbers this year: skate rental \$70,008; sled rental \$6,571; trainer rental \$5,590; concessions \$23,093; and skate sharpening \$992; for total revenue of \$106,255.
- Yorktown Continental Apartments** – The Planning Division received a sketch plan proposal to build a four-story, 76-unit senior assisted living at 7151 York Ave. (Yorktown Continental). The building would be attached to the existing apartment building on the east side of the site. Sketch Plan review is planned for the Planning Commission in early April, and City Council review later that month or May.
- Old Public Works Building** – The contractor who will be doing the demolition of the old public works building demolition will start the project next week. They will start with removing items inside of the building. We have had the building evaluated and determined it to be in "substandard" condition. This is an important step in preserving our future options for including it in a future tax increment financing district. The Council will consider this matter at its meeting on March 19.
- Noise Oversight Committee** – The Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) of the Metropolitan Airports Commission is scheduled to take formal action this week to amend its bylaws to include Edina as an at-large NOC city. Council Member Joni Bennett and City staff will attend the meeting.

9. **Grandview District Development** – The Planning Commission has recommended approval of plan for redevelopment of 5109-5125 W. 49th St. into 17 attached housing units. The property is located north of Vernon Avenue, east of the Holiday Gas Station. The City Council will consider this project at its April 2 meeting.
10. **Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Projects** – All neighborhood roadway reconstruction projects have been bid. Engineering Department staff will send out surveys next week to neighborhoods that underwent roadway reconstruction in 2012.
11. **Golf Dome** – The Braemar Golf Done reconstruction project will finally be before the Council at its meeting on March 19. Staff seeks your approval of the insurance settlement and the award of contracts for several aspects of the reconstruction project. If we can move this project forward at this meeting, we believe we can have the dome rebuilt and ready for play by November 2013.
12. **St. Patrick's Day** – It looks like the weather will be lousy, but it's still my favorite holiday of the year. Happy St. Patrick's Day!