

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 2012
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR NOV. 30, 2012

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1. **Southdale Courthouse** – The Hennepin County Commission received a staff report this week recommending closure of the Southdale Courthouse and relocating the criminal justice caseloads to the Ridgedale and Brookdale courthouses. The County Commission will take formal action on the recommendation in early 2013.
2. **Southdale Transit Center** – At its meeting this week, the Metropolitan Council’s Transportation Committee approved the transit center easement agreement with Simon Properties and the City at Southdale Center on behalf of Metro Transit. Plans for the new transit center are already under review by City regulatory staff. We will see construction of the new center in 2013.
3. **Planning Commission Update** – The Planning Commission approved a variance to allow signage for General Sports and Velocity Training at Braemar Arena. These two businesses will be allowed 43 square feet of signage above their respective store entrances.

The Planning Commission also recommended approval of the final rezoning to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the France Avenue Medical Building proposed at 6500 France Ave. The City Council will review the project at its Dec. 18 meeting.

Community Development Director Cary Teague, Chief Building Official Steve Kirchman, Assistant City Planner Kris Aaker, Director of Engineering Wayne Houle and I met this week with the Planning Commission subcommittee that is researching the subject of how much house is appropriate for a lot that is 50 feet wide.

4. **Aviation Noise** – I spoke this week with our representative to the Metropolitan Airports Commission, Commissioner Lisa Peilen, regarding setting up an opportunity for the Council to be briefed on the RNAV proposal. We are examining dates in January 2013. Commissioner Peilen has also offered to set up a public reception/briefing as well. We did not discuss dates or venues for that presentation, but I’m sure we will soon.
5. **Joint Staff Meeting** – The City’s executive leadership team met in a joint staff meeting today with our peers from Edina Public Schools. The meeting was held at the Braemar Arena and included a tour of the Hornets Nest.
6. **Mosquito Control** – We received our annual report of activity in Edina by the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) this week. The MMCD treated 1,842 acres and 1,529 catch basins for larval mosquito control and responded to 19 calls from Edina citizens in 2012.