

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
AUGUST 6, 2012
5:06 P.M.**

Mayor Pro Tem Swenson called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle, Sprague and Mayor Pro Tem Swenson. Mayor Hovland entered the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Staff attending the meeting: Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Technology Services Director; Wayne Houle, Director of Engineering; Ari Klugman, City Manager Intern; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Debra Mangen, City Clerk; Scott Neal, City Manager; Brian Olson, Public Works Director; and Cary Teague, Community Development Director. Others in attendance were consultants Chuck Rickart and Andrew Plowman of WSB and Michael Fischer of LHB, Jonathan Vlaming of Three Rivers Park District, and Edina Transportation Commission Chair Paul Nelson and members Courtney Whited and Katherine Bass

Mayor Pro Tem Swenson noted the purpose of the work session was to review the France Avenue Intersection Enhancement and at 6:00 be joined by the Heritage Preservation Board to discuss items of mutual concern.

FRANCE AVENUE INTERSECTION ENHANCEMENTS

Chuck Rickart reviewed the background and history of the proposed France Avenue Intersection enhancements. He noted the scope change approval included: median refuge islands with landscaping at intersections, intersection improvements, signal improvements, east/west bike accommodations, eastside missing sidewalk connections in existing right-of-way, better accessibility to Transit, and minimal right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Rickart reviewed the proposed project costs. Council and staff discussed the options available with Option 3 being preferred.

JOINT WORK SESSION WITH HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD

Mayor Pro Tem Swenson turned the meeting over to Mayor Hovland. Mayor Hovland asked that members present introduce themselves. Attending from the Heritage Preservation Board (HPB) were: David Anger, Claudia Carr, HPB Chair, Jennifer Christiaansen, Ross Davis, Joyce Mellom, Robert Moore and Joel Stegner. Associate Planner Joyce Repya, HPB Liaison was also in attendance.

HERITAGE DESIGNATIONS

Chair Carr called on members of the Heritage Preservation Board to review the following areas: City-wide Heritage Designations, Morningside Bungalows, Southdale Center (eligible for Landmark Designation), and Mid-Century Modern Context Study. Associate Planner Repya explained the process followed for designating a property an Edina Heritage Landmark. The Board and Council discussed the process. It was suggested that when a new property owner was being queried about possible designation, a possible plan of treatment be shared with them.

DESIGN REVIEW

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Ms. Repya presented the list of properties that had received Certificates of Appropriateness from July 2011 through July 2012.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & EDUCATION/2012 WORK PLAN

Community awareness and education were identified as a large component of the mission of the Heritage Preservation Board. The Board provided the activities undertaken as part of their 2012 work plan relating to this area which included: training in historic preservation, sponsoring "Preservation Month" May with participation in community outreach activities, the annual summer walking tour which was conducted on the west side of Morningside in conjunction with the Edina Historical Society, advising and assisting historic property owners in building conservation and rehabilitation matters, assisting with the creation of neighborhood association program, and improving public access to heritage preservation through the City's web site, media and public outreach.

The Council thanked the Heritage Preservation Board for the work they have done and their continuing efforts on behalf of the community.

Member Sprague left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Hovland declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, August 21, 2012.

James B. Hovland, Mayor