

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Human Rights & Relations Commission, 7 p.m. July 27
- Planning Commission, 7 p.m. July 28
- City Council work session, 5 p.m. Aug. 2
- HRA & City Council, 7 p.m. Aug. 2

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A summary of the July 20 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council approves senior housing project

After a lengthy public hearing, the Council granted a developer final development plan and final rezoning approval to construct a senior assisted living facility.

The Waters Senior Living plans to build a three-story, 139-unit senior assisted living building on land owned by the Colonial Church at 6200 Colonial Way. Colonial Church plans to sell six acres of land to the developer, but retain partial ownership of the development. A similar partnership exists between Normandale Lutheran Church and The Colony at Eden Prairie. There, church members volunteer to work with the seniors living on the campus.

The height of the building was reduced by one story and the number of units reduced by more than 10 since the project was given preliminary approval in February.

Colonial Church is expected to appear before the Planning Commission and City Council later this summer for consideration of the final subdivision of the property.

Council OKs condemnation as last resort

The Council authorized condemnation of land needed for a section of sidewalk on France Avenue.

In February 2009, the Council authorized a small sidewalk project, which includes reconstructing an existing retaining wall and a fence that runs along the rear property line of three properties. Three temporary easements are required

for the project.

To date, two of the three easements have been secured. The City's land acquisition consultant has exhausted its ability to negotiate with one of the property owners.

Council members indicated their desire that the easement be acquired without eminent domain proceedings. However, if that proves impossible, they approved the use of condemnation.

Council appoints students to boards, commissions

The Council granted first reading of an ordinance adding students to Boards and Commissions.

Earlier this year, the Council asked staff to prepare an ordinance amendment to allow appointment of two students to each City board, commission and committee. All would be non-voting members. The Council will further consider the ordinance amendment at its Aug. 2 meeting.

The Council appointed student members for one-year terms beginning in September. Those appointees were: Maria DePesa and Thea Zerbe, Art Center Board; Zack Antar and Daria Brosius, Human Rights & Relations Commission; Karwehn Kata and Alma Pronove, Energy & Environment Commission; Austin Dummer and Felix Pronove, Park Board; John Beuerlein and Francesca Sifferlin, Community Health Committee; Tara Mohtadi and Matt Rock, Planning Commission; Katherine McLellan and Lauren Thorson, Heritage Preservation Board; and Sarah Enge-

bretson and Bodhe Scheerer, Transportation Commission.

Council approves construction of bathrooms

The Council approved the construction of bathrooms at Edinborough Park.

There are currently no bathrooms near Adventure Peak or the birthday party area within the park, presenting a challenge for families who patronize the facility. Since the Great Hall is no longer available for private rentals, park staff proposed converting the catering kitchen off of the gymnasium into bathrooms.

Cost of the project is \$96,250. Jan Lasserud Construction was awarded the bid and will complete the project by Oct. 15.

Council renames Park Centrum the 'Hughes Pavilion'

To honor retiring City Manager Gordon Hughes, the Council voted to rename the Park Centrum at Centennial Lakes Park the "Hughes Pavilion."

Edina has had three City Managers. Hughes, the third City Manager, will retire July 30, after 36 years of service to the community.

The clubhouse at Braemar Golf Course was named the "Warren C. Hyde Clubhouse" in honor of Edina's first City Manager. Lake Cornelia Park was renamed "Rosland Park" after the retirement of City Manager Ken Rosland in 1998.