

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Park Board, 7 p.m. March 9
- Heritage Preservation Board, 7 p.m. March 9
- City Council Annual meeting, 5 p.m. March 10
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. March 11

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A summary of the March 2 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council begins consideration of Domestic Partner Registry

Prior to its regular meeting, the Council held a work session with the Human Rights & Relations Commission to begin discussing proposed domestic partnership ordinances. The Commission seeks approval of the ordinances to ensure equality within the City.

The Commission recommends the City establish a registry for domestic partners, similar to those in Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Paul. Members also want to ensure all public venues operated by the City include domestic partners and their families within existing family or household memberships, registrations and fees for City programs and services.

The Council and Commission also discussed updating the City's personnel policies to allow City employees sick and bereavement leave to care for or mourn their partners.

The City Manager and City Attorney were directed to draft ordinance amendments for the Commission to review at its April meeting. If approved by the Commission in April, the Council could review them as early as May.

The Commission also recommended entities that the City of Edina works or contract with also be required to provide equal benefits to spouses and domestic partners and their families. The

Council stopped short of directing staff to prepare ordinance amendments to that affect and will continue the discussion on the matter in the future.

Keprios recognized by Council

The Council recognized Park & Recreation Director John Keprios on his recent induction into the Minnesota U.S. Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Hall of Fame.

Each year, seven to 10 men and women are inducted into the Minnesota USSSA Hall of Fame. This year, Greg Brown, Barb Drake Lindgren, Kurt Hornnes, Jeff Kurkowski, Mike Pendzimas, Jim Sweat, Jeff Thompson, Mike Trewick and Keprios were honored, each receiving a plaque and custom-made ring nestled in an attractive commemorative ring box. Similar in style to a Super Bowl championship ring, Keprios' bauble has the USSSA logo and "2009" on one side, the Minnesota Recreation & Parks Association (MRPA) logo and his name on the other and is topped by a ruby red surface surrounded by the words "Hall of Fame" and softballs.

Of the honorees, six were players, one an umpire and two administrators. One of the two administrators, Keprios was se-

lected for the honor for his commitment to the sport of softball. Over the years, he has served as a volunteer, player, coach, league scheduler, tournament director and umpire. He served as MRPA Recreational Sports Commission Chairman and President. An employee of the City of Edina since 1977, he oversaw the construction of two local softball complexes.

Council issues new liquor license

The Council granted new liquor licenses for a restaurant at 50th & France.

Raku Japanese Restaurant plans to open at 3939 W. 50th St., Suite 100, later this month.

The Police Department reviewed the application and investigated the owners, managers and officers of the restaurant with no negative findings and recommended issuance of on-sale intoxicating and on-sale "Special Sunday Sales" licenses.

Flicek appointed to advisory board

The Council made an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Gene Flicek was appointed to a term on the Board ending Feb. 1, 2013. The Zoning Board of Appeals typically meets at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month.