

Council Connection



Upcoming meetings:

- Park Board, 7 p.m. June 17
- Energy & Environment Commission, 7 p.m. June 17
- Zoning Board of Appeals, 5:30 p.m. June 18
- Transportation Commission, 6 p.m. June 18

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A summary of the June 16 Edina City Council & HRA meeting

Council approves co-op addition

The Council approved an addition to one of the country's first senior housing cooperatives.

The Council granted final rezoning, final development plan with variances and a final plat for a 76-unit, four-story addition to 7500 York Cooperative.

Ebenezer Society plans to build the addition on the northwest side of the existing 337-unit, nine-story senior housing development. Of the new units, 47 would be for assisted living, 16 for memory care and 13 for elder care. Access to the site would be off Edinborough Way and Parklawn Avenue. Parking will be provided underground and within a small surface lot off of Parklawn.

During discussion of the project, it was discovered that under the current City Code, efficiency units are not allowed in Planned Senior Residential Districts. The Council directed staff to prepare a related ordinance amendment to consider in July.

Council denies petition

The Council denied a petition for a redesign of an

intersection in the Country Club District.

Earlier this month, residents submitted a petition for a redesign of the intersection of Drexel Avenue and Country Club Road.

The Country Club neighborhood has been studied extensively since 1993, with public hearings in 2005, 2007 and 2008. A neighborhood street reconstruction project is currently under way.

Finding that extensive public process has already taken place and concerned that accepting the petition would reopen the discussion for traffic calming within the Country Club District, the Council denied acceptance of the petition.

Grant approved for bungalow study

The Council approved a grant agreement with the Minnesota Historical Society.

To identify potential properties as Edina Heritage Landmarks, the Heritage Preservation Board plans to complete a study of historic bungalows in the Morningside Neighborhood. The study is to be complete by July 31,

2010, and is expected to cost \$10,000. Under the grant agreement the Historical Society will reimburse the City \$5,000.

Council awards street project

The Council awarded the street reconstruction project in the St. John's Park Neighborhood to Midwest Asphalt Corporation.

The project includes portions of West 59th Street, West 60th Street, Ashcroft Avenue, St. Johns Avenue and Fairfax Avenue. City staff initiated the project to update aging infrastructure and address drainage problems and needed sanitary sewer repairs. The existing roadway will be reconstructed and new concrete curb and gutters will be installed. In addition, the water main, sanitary and storm sewer systems will be improved.

The project will be funded by special assessments and respective utility funds. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$2.24 million. Midwest Asphalt's low bid was just under \$1.59 million.