NO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1998

NO ACTION ITEMS FOR THE COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

20 July 1998

TO:

Planning Commissioners

FROM:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

RE:

Regent's action and city follow-up on soccer stadium

<u>Regents' action.</u> The Regents approved the Cleveland Avenue site for a women's soccer stadium. The resolution also approved working with the community on alternative site designs and it stated that the University would consider covenants on the site. In addition the resolution said the University is open to alternative sites.

<u>City action.</u> The city is first asking for guarantees that covenants governing the use of the site as consistently represented by the University be approved by the president and on the Regents' agenda on September 11, 1998. The convenants are: no more than 12 NCAA women's soccer games a year (1 more than the U promised), practice by the women's intercollegiate soccer team and use by intramural recreational sports people. In addition, no lighting on the field, no more than 1,500 seats and the sound system is tied to the games themselves and one hour prior to the game.

Following the guarantee of covenants, the city will use a site design task force to review alternative sites. This is less significant than the covenants because there are some, but not many options for the layout of the site. How frequently it is used will have a large impact on the neighborhood. The city's planner, John Shardlow, is working with alternative site designs.

St. Paul action. Mayor Norm Coleman and the St. Paul City Council offered to look for sites for use by the University. Apparently, they are working on this.



