

City of Falcon Heights

PLANNING COMMISSION/COUNCIL WORKSHOP

- DATE:** Wednesday, 26 January 2000
- TIME:** 7:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** City Hall, 2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
- PURPOSE:** To hear the presentation by University of Minnesota officials on the proposed capital improvements to the Twin Cities campus with a focus on the St. Paul campus.

**NO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 25, 2000**

JOINT COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

ITEM: Presentation and discussion on the University of Minnesota's planned capitol improvement program

SUBMITTED BY: Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

PRESENTERS: Jan Morlock, University of Minnesota, Community Relations Director

Eric Kruse, Vice President

Others as presented

EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:

Summary and action requested. The planning commission and council are being provided with information on the building plans of the University of Minnesota. As the city's major property holder, employer and traffic generator, it is crucial that the city and university converse about future plans for this institution so their impact on the community, if any, can be evaluated. The formation of the St. Paul Land Use Task Force which includes the university and the neighboring institution, the State Fair, and the St. Anthony Park Neighborhood, approximately a year ago is an excellent way to discuss these plans and potential changes. In May, 1999 the city council adopted some fundamental principles to consider in the University of Minnesota's land use planning process to bring to this discussion.

Goal 4.	To provide a responsive and effective city government.
Strategy 3.	To maintain collaborative relationships with other entities.
Action item.	Community with the University of Minnesota

ATTACHMENTS:

1	City of Falcon Heights fundamental principles adopted in May, 1999
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ACTION REQUESTED:

Introduction by Mayor Gehrz
Presentation by the University of Minnesota
Questions and Discussion

26 May 1999
**City of Falcon Heights' Position
On Future Changes on the St. Paul Campus**

Purpose

To communicate Falcon Heights' position on future changes on the St. Paul campus; and to state Falcon Heights' commitment to open, timely communication and a cooperative spirit in planning for these changes with the University of Minnesota.

Fundamental Expectations

The University of Minnesota will openly communicate and actively involve Falcon Heights in a timely way about possible future changes to the St. Paul campus that may affect the essential character of its surrounding neighborhoods. When the University of Minnesota implements pre-approved plans and projects that do not affect the essential character of the St. Paul campus's surrounding neighborhoods, Falcon Heights will cooperate in expediting the planned project.

In fulfilling its mission, the University of Minnesota will not initiate any physical changes on the St. Paul campus that will adversely affect the neighborhoods that surround it.

The University of Minnesota will locate land uses that generate significant traffic volumes, parking needs, crowds, noise, lights or other associated nuisances within the interior of the campus near the transitway, existing parking and current high activity areas in order to protect the essential character and quality of life in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

Falcon Heights will independently review proposed projects for their conformance to the city's objectives including standard planning, zoning, traffic, parking and nuisance principles and will provide the results of this analysis to the university.

Falcon Heights will notify the University of Minnesota of possible changes in land use occurring outside university property that may affect university facilities or operations.

The University of Minnesota will follow through on its commitments to Falcon Heights when it implements plans through individual projects.

Barriers to Trust

Falcon Heights' past experience with the University of Minnesota over siting the soccer stadium after Falcon Heights had participated in good faith in a master planning process for the Twin Cities campus.

The University of Minnesota's lack of a comprehensive, cohesive integrated decision-making process on land use planning and project implementation.

Current activities being undertaken by the University of Minnesota, like the athletic precinct plan, that may compete or conflict with the recommendations coming from the University Community Land Use Planning Task Force.

On-going Communication and Cooperation

Falcon Heights is an integral part of the broader university community and is committed to on-going, meaningful communication and cooperation with the University of Minnesota as it plans for future changes on the St. Paul campus.