## CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

# Regular Meeting/Workshop of the City Council City Hall 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

## July 14, 1999 AGENDA

A.	CALL TO ORDER:	7 p.m.			
B.	ROLL CALL:	GEHRZ GIBSON TALBOT HUSTAD JACOBS KUETTEL HOYT ATTORNEY ENGINEER			
C.	COMMUNITY FOR	COMMUNITY FORUM			
D.	APPROVAL OF MIN	NUTES: June 30, 1999			
E.	PUBLIC HEARING:	None			
F.	CONSENT AGENDA	<b>\( :</b>			
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## CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS REGULAR MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Gehrz.

PRESENT: Gehrz, Gibson Talbot, Hustad, Jacobs, Kuettel, Administrator Hoyt

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

There was no one wishing to take advantage of the community forum.

MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 1999

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilmember Gibson Talbot moved approval of the following consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1. General disbursements and payroll
- 2. Licenses
- 3. Awarding of contract for tree removal and incidental tree trimming for 1999
- 4. Approval of the Falcon Heights Fire Relief Association By-Laws

The meeting adjourned to workshop at 7:05 P.M.

#### WORKSHOP

The mayor and councilmembers discussed the financial constraints facing the EMS service provided by the city with representatives of the fire department. The workshop concluded with the council directing the administrator to have the auditor and, if necessary, a financial consultant look at the current and future status of the fund.

The workshop adjourned at 8.	45 PIVI.
Respectfully submitted,	
Susan Hoyt	Susan L. Gehrz
Recording Secretary	Mayor

CONSENT 1

Meeting Date: 7/14/99

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Disbursements

SUBMITTED BY: Roland Olson, City Accountant

#### EXPLANATION/SUMMARY:

General disbursements through 7/9/99, \$41,261.36
 Payroll, 6/16/99 to 6/30/99, \$14,106.92

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS PERIOD ENDING: \_7-9-99\_

CHECK#	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	DEPT.	AMOUNT
37740	CASH KUETTEL, LAURA	FOOD-COUNCIL WORKSHOP	LEGISLAT	36.77
	KUETTEL, LAURA	MN LEAGUE CONF EXP REIMB	LEGISLAT	307.23
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 11	344	.00
	AMERICAN OFFICE PRODUCTS			
	AMERICAN OFFICE PRODUCTS		ADMINIST	
777/0	US BANCORP	HOTEL MN LEAGUE CONF	ADMINIST	270.60
37740 37740	CASH	HOTEL MN LEAGUE CONF PARKING EXPS PARKING FOR TIF CONF	ADMINIST	2.50
37740	CASH	CAFR POSTAGE	ADMINIST	3.00
31140	BEHM, JO	DEFIND DADY DENTAL SEE	ADMINIST	71.05
	INSTY-PRINTS PLUS	CITY ENVELOPES	ADMINIST	266 62
	INSTY-PRINTS PLUS	LETTERHEAD	ADMINIST	160.02
	INSTY-PRINTS PLUS IVERSON, TERRY GREYHAWK BUILDERS	ADMIN MILEAGE REIMB	ADMINIST	5.27
	GREYHAWK BUILDERS	REFUND ON BLDG PERMIT	ADMINIST	99.05
	MIDWEST DELIVERY SERVICE	DELIVERYS TO SPRINGSTEAD	ADMINIST	21.30
37742	MN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	6/30 STATE WITHHOLDINGS	ADMINIST	942.46
37741	PERA	6/30 PERA WITHHOLDINGS	ADMINIST	1,256.35
	SENSIBLE LAND USE COALIT.	SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS	ADMINIST	ፈበ በበ
	KINKO'S INC.	COPYING	ADMINIST	14.91
	*** TOTAL	COPYING FOR DEPT 12	3,180	.71
777/0				
37740	CASH	SUPPLIES DEAD WTR EVENT		
37740	CASH *** TOTAL	TAG BOARD/MAGNETS PARADE FOR DEPT 16		.25
	TOTAL	FOR DEPT TO	30	. 23
	CASTLE INSPECTION SVC	PLUMGING INSPECTIONS	PLANNING	198.75
	CASTLE INSPECTION SVC			
	DAHLGREN SHARDLOW & UBAN			
	PAKOY, GENE			
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 17	11,997	
	HUGHES & COSTELLO	7/99 PROSECUTIONS	PROSECUT	2,297.00
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 23	2,297	.00
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		CLEANING FIRE HALL	FIRE FIG	80.00
	AND THE CONTRACT OF CONTRACT CASES AND	3 YRS SUBSCRIPTIONS	FIRE FIG	45.95
	OXYGEN SERVICE COMPANY		FIRE FIG	54.00
		OIL	FIRE FIG	2.75
	SUBURBAN HARDWARE	SPARK PLUGS/ MISC PARTS	FIRE FIG	22.31
	SUPERAMERICA	FUEL	FIRE FIG	46.07
	USWEST COMMUNICATIONS		FIRE FIG	162.03
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 24	1,054.	.06
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CHECK#	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	DEF	Υ.	AMOUNT
	IVERSON, TERRY  *** TOTAL	INSPECTIONS MILEAGE REIM FOR DEPT 25		PRE 239	
	BROWNING-FERRIS IND.	7/99 WASTE REMOVAL	CITY	HAL	209.71
	BOARD OF WATER COMMISSNRS	WATER	CITY	HAL	253.34
	BOARD OF WATER COMMISSNRS			HAL	144.55
37740	CASH	DISHWASHER SOAP/SPOONS			
37740	CASH	COFFEE AND FILTERS			
	GLENWOOD INGLEWOOD	COOLER RENTAL	CITY	HAL	9.00
	HERMES FLORAL COMPANY	COOLER RENTAL BLACK DIRT	CITY	HAL	11.96
	M-75 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	6/99 CLEANING SVCS	CITY	HAL	206.88
		GAS TO 7/;2	CITY	HAL	37.40
	NSP	ELECT TO 7/2	CITY	HAL	899.77
	OXYGEN SERVICE COMPANY	2 TANK RENTALS	CITY	HAL	9.00 34.08 35.94
	SUBURBAN HARDWARE	EDGER RENTAL	CITY	HAL	34.08
	SUBURBAN HARDWARE	HOSES	CITY	HAL	35.94
	USWEST COMMUNICATIONS				
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 31		2,480.	46
	BATTERIES PLUS	BATTERY	STREE	TS	53.24
	CARLSON EQUIPMENT COMP.	RENTAL OF COMPACTOR	STREE	TS	72.29
		ELECT TO 78/2	STREE	TS	8.69
	NSP	ELECT TO 7/2	STREE	TS	8.87
	NSP	ELECT TO 7/2	STREE	TS	39.94
	NSP	FLECT TO 7/2	STREE	TS	7.06
	NSP	ELECT TO 7/1	STREE	TS	68.55
		ELECT TO 1/T	PIKEE	15	21.89
		ELECT TO 7/.1			
	ONE HOUR ROSEVILLE PHOTO				
	SUBURBAN HARDWARE		STREE	TS	6.38
	SUPERAMERICA	FUEL	STREE	TS	235.81
	CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN	ADV FOR BIDS FOR SEALCTN	STREE	TS	56.55
	D-ROCK CENTER & SMALL ENG	MULCH	STREE	TS	60.71
	D-ROCK CENTER & SMALL ENG				20.24
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 32		2,698.	80
	BAILEY NURSERIES INC	2 HACKBERRY TREES	TREE	PRO	178.07
	BAILEY NURSERIES INC				418.00
	BAILEY NURSERIES INC				337.75
	KUNDE CO INC	SHADE TREE DISEASE INSPC	TREE	PRO	464.10
	LINDERS GREENHOUSES	IRONWOOD TREES	TREE	PRO	89.87
	*** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 34		1,487.	79
	BOARD OF WATER COMMISSNES	H2O- COMM PK	PARK	R R	5.77
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	BOARD OF WATER COMMISSNES			& R	11.67
	BROSI SIGN SYTEMS INC		PARK		112.89
	LONG LAKE TRACTOR & EQUIP		PARK		22.86
	GARCEAU HDWR & PWR EQUIP		PARK		76.68
					196.44
	KNOX LUMBER CO.			& R	20.41
	NSP			& R	

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	ON SITE SANITATION SUBURBAN HARDWARE USWEST COMMUNICATIONS D-ROCK CENTER & SMALL ENG	PORTABLE BIFFY COMM PK TARP/ POLY /TRIMMER LINE TELE TO 6/22	PARK & R - PARK & R PARK & R	68.65 59.51 56.35
	*** TOTAL		1,252.0	
37740	US BANCORP COLIN CALLAHAN CASH GOPHER SPORT	MISC SUPPLIES-SUMMR PROG REISSUE LOST PAYROLL CK COOKING CLASS SUPPLIES	PARK PRO PARK PRO PARK PRO	314.12 225.21 31.78
	GOPHER SPORT I PRINT TEXTILES	YOUTH VESTS T- SHIRTS	PARK PRO PARK PRO	256.97 957.65
37743	I PRINT TEXTILES I PRINT TEXTILES MCNABB, MEREDITH OFFICE MAX CREDIT PLAN	REFUND MINI SOCCER CLAS	PARK PRO	25.00
	OFFICE MAX CREDIT PLAN *** TOTAL	FOR DEPT 50	2,040.	12
	GOPHER SPORT MIDWEST CONCRETE DRIVEWAY MUSKA ELECTRIC CO.	1 SET PVC SOCCER GOALS	PUBLIC W	352.00 500.00 139.31
	NSP *** TOTAL	ELECT TO 7/2 FOR DEPT 75	SANITARY 128.6	
	MARY RIGNEY ANOKA-HENNEPIN TECHNICAL	REPAIR IV ARM REIMB- EMT TNG JOHNSON-POWERS EMT TNG	RESCUE S RESCUE S	118.65 165.16 76.00
	KUNDE CO INC LAWRENCE SIGN CO MOGREN BROS *** TOTAL	FORESTRY CONSULT-TREES THATCHEER CLINIC SIGN SOD FOR DEPT 82	LARPENTE S LARPENTE S LARPENTE 10,016.4	286.00 2,666.50 63.90
	*** TOTAL	FOR BANK 01	41,261.3	6
	*** GRAND	TOTAL ***	41,261.3	6

#### CHECK REGISTER

CHECK	CHECK	EMPLOYEE NAME	CHECK	CHECK
TYPE	DATE	NUMBER	NUMBER	<b>AMOUNT</b>
COM	6 29 99	6 SUSAN GEHRZ	29500	286.06
COM	6 29 99	8 SAM JACOBS	29501	277.05
COM	6 29 99	10 JAN GIBSON TALBOT	29502	200.00
COM	6 29 99	11 JOHN HUSTAD	29503	277.05
COM	6 29 99	12 LAURA A. KUETTEL	29504	277.05
COM	6 29 99	34 CLEMENT KURHAJETZ	29505	275.45
COM	6 29 99	35 LEO LINDIG	29506	63.66
COM	6 29 99	42 MICHAEL D. CLARKIN	29507	62.67
COM	6 29 99	60 TERRY D. IVERSON	29508	29.56
COM	6 29 99	63 RACHELLE L. MARVIN	29509	111.75
COM	6 29 99	70 JUSTIN T. NOVAK	29510	46.17
COM	6 29 99	74 MARK J. ALLEN	29511	46.17
COM	6 29 99	75 JOSEPH P. KRAJEWSKI	29512	36.17
COM	6 29 99	1002 SUSAN HOYT TAFF	29513	1389.02
COM	6 29 99	1003 TERRY IVERSON	29514	1050.31
COM	6 29 99	1005 CAROL KRIEGLER	29515	970.00
COM	6 29 99	1007 PATRICIA PHILLIPS	29516	956.75
COM	6 29 99	1013 WILLIAM MAERTZ	29517	1073.09
COM	6 29 99	1033 DAVE TRETSVEN	29518	814.60
COM	6 29 99	1057 KRISTIN L. WOLVERTON	29519	634.70
COM	6 29 99	1083 JAMES W. SNOWDEN	29520	550.95
COM	6 29 99	1103 DIANE MEYER	29521	438.20
COM	6 29 99	1136 ROLAND O. OLSON	29522	920.33
COM	6 29 99	1148 RACHAEL J SEVERSON	29523	559.84
COM	6 29 99	1149 WILLIAM J MONCRIEF	29524	369.73
COM	6 29 99	1150 THAO NGUYEN	29525	179.37
COM	6 29 99	1152 KARNA M BLOOMQUIST	29526	244.83
COM	6 29 99	1153 MARK P BORSHEIM	29527	195.37
COM	6 29 99	1168 RYAN P. LAVELLE	29528	498.84
COM	6 29 99	1169 JAY PAUL KURTIS		
COM	6 29 99	1171 CARRIE J. KLEIN	29529 29530	519.56
COM	6 29 99	1172 MICHELLE M SMITH		214.42
COM	6 29 99	1173 ELIZABETH M. POSTIGO	29531	127.45
COM	6 29 99		29532	160.69
		1174 JAMES O ECKBERG	29533	187.03
COM	6 29 99	1176 MICHAEL P ECKBERG	29534	63.03
		COMPUTER SHEET	-	
		COMPUTER CHECKS	1	4106.92
		MANUAL CHECKS		.00
		NOTICES OF DEPOSIT		.00

\*\*\*\*TOTALS\*\*\*\*

14106.92



ITEM: Acceptance of North Suburban Cable Commission Special Programming Grant

SUBMITTED BY: Carol Kriegler, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities

REVIEWED BY: Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

#### EXPLANATION / DESCRIPTION:

#### Summary and action requested

The council is being asked to accept a special programming grant for the North Suburban Cable Commission in the amount of \$3,500.00. The grant is being offered to cover the costs associated with production of a video in conjunction with the city's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The goal of the video is to educate and entertain viewers about the city of Falcon Heights, it's 50 years, and the unique institutions and places with its boundaries. Much of the footage is expected to include the birthday events and celebrations that are taking place throughout the year

Levi "Skip" Nelson, a long time Falcon Heights resident, has already volunteered much time in filming the birthday events. In addition to filming, Skip has volunteered to produce the video. He is a retired chief photographer and producer for KSTP's channel 5 television station with experience producing television programs and commercials. Skip will organize and direct a team of professional broadcast video production colleagues who will also volunteer their time, or provide services at a cost that will be considerably less than commercial rates.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Acceptance of a \$3,500.00 grant from the North Suburban Cable Commission.

CONSENT 3 Date: 7/14/99

ITEM:

Request to approve sealcoating bid for Allied Blacktop-

SUBMITTED BY:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** 

Terry Maurer, City Engineer

#### **EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:**

<u>Summary and action requested.</u> The council is being asked to approve a bid for sealcoating the Northome area. The lowest of four bidders was Allied Blacktop for \$17,565.00. The city sealcoats a section of the city each year on a four year rotating schedule. The budget includes \$22,000 for sealcoating.

<u>Goal 2.</u> To maintain and promote the assets of the city's unique neighborhoods. <u>Strategy 4.</u> To maintain the city's infrastructure.

#### The bids were as follows:

Allied \$17,565 Bituminous \$17,830 Pearson Bros. \$22,064 Astech \$36,528

#### ATTACHMENT:

1 Letter from the city engineer dated 2 July 1999

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the bid to Allied Blacktop in the amount of \$17,565 for sealcoating the Northome neighborhood.



July 2, 1999

File: 807590J (0060)

Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Falcon Heights 2077 West Larpenteur Avenue Falcon Heights, MN 55113

RE:

1999 SEAL COAT PROGRAM

#### Dear Council Members:

We have tabulated the bids opened Wednesday June 30, 1998 for the 1999 Seal Coat Improvements project. The area to be seal-coated is the streets to the southeast. There were a total of four bids. The following list provides the bidders' names and total bids.

Allied Blacktop Company	\$17,565.00
Bituminous Roadways, Inc.	\$17,830.00
Pearson Bros., Inc.	\$22,064.00
Astech	\$36,528.00

Allied Blacktop Company has previously successfully completed seal coating in the City of Falcon Heights. Therefore, we would recommend award to Allied Blacktop Company as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$17,565.00.

Sincerely,

Howard R. Green Company

Terry J. Maurer, P.E.

TJM

CONSENT 4 Date: 7/14/99

ITEM:

Consideration of resolution 99-17 regarding a variance

from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

for Garden Avenue

SUBMITTED BY:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

**REVIEWED BY:** 

Terry Maurer, City Engineer

#### EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:

Summary and action requested. The council is being asked to formally adopt a resolution for a variance in allowing parking on Garden Avenue, state aid street, without expanding the street width from 36 feet (current size) to 38 feet wide. (The city will not allow parking by on the north side from Holton to just past the entrance of Falcon Heights school.) This variance is needed because the city applied for state aid funds to reconstruct the portion of the street in front of the school as part of the street reconstruction project. The MnDOT committee is recommending this variance to the Commissioner of Transportation, but a formal resolution is required from the city making the request.

Goal 4. To provide a responsive and effective city government. Strategy 6. To effectively manage the city's financial resources.

#### ATTACHMENT:

1 Resolution 99-17 requesting a variance for Garden Avenue

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve resolution 99-17.

Date: July 14, 1999

#### CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

	QUESTING MNDOT GRANT A VARIANCE STATE AID RULES ON GARDEN AVENUE
The state of the s	on Heights wishes to use a portion of its state-aid allocation state-aid system, as allowed for under Minnesota Rules
	innesota Department of Transportation, State Aid for Loc red the state-aid street system in Falcon Heights; and
	eet system is in acceptable condition and therefore eligible ts, except for a segment of Garden Avenue/MA Route No and
WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules to the standards;	8820.3300 provides an opportunity to request a varianc
variance from the Geometric Design	SOLVED that the City of Falcon Heights requests a Standards for width, as specified in Minnesota Rules n Avenue between Snelling Avenue and Pascal Avenue;
state of Minnesota and its agents ar	Falcon Heights indemnifies, saves, and holds harmless that employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or reason of the granting of this variance.
Moved by:	Approved by:
GEHRZ In Favor GIBSON TALBOT HUSTAD Against JACOBS KUETTEL	July 14, 1999 Date  Attested by:  City Administrator July 14, 1999 Date

CONSENT 5 Date: 7/14/99

ITEM:

Schedule for upcoming city council meetings

SUBMITTED BY:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

#### EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:

<u>Summary and action requested.</u> The following schedule is planned for the city council budget workshops and regular council meetings over the summer months. If these dates concur with councilmembers, the dates will be posted and put on the city's website.

#### DATES:

July 14	7:00 PM	regular meeting
July 24	8 AM to 10 AM	budget workshop
July 28	cancelled	
August 4	6:00 PM	budget workshop
August 11	cancelled	
August 18	6:00 PM	budget workshop/ regular business as needed
August 25	6:00 PM	budget workshop/ regular meeting
September 1	6:00 PM	budget workshop (if needed)

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt summer schedule

ITEM: Awarding of contract for the 1999 sidewalk / repairs

SUBMITTED BY: Carol Kriegler, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities

REVIEWED BY: Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

Mark Graham, H.R. Green Consulting Engineer

#### **EXPLANATION / DESCRIPTION:**

Summary and action requested.

The council is being asked to award the 1999 contract for sidewalk replacement / repairs to Midwest Concrete at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000. Approximately 1,350 square feet of replacements are at a cost of \$4 / S.F. and about 800 square feet are at a cost of \$7 / S.F. Replacements at \$7 / S.F. are associated with areas with special construction specifications and requirements. This '99 program incorporates the 1998 and 1999 repairs because 1998 work was not completed.

#### Background:

The city takes responsibility for replacement and repair of public sidewalks as part of an on-going sidewalk maintenance program. The Parks / Public Works staff conducts an annual sidewalk survey throughout the city to determine which sidewalk panels are cracked or raised to the extent that they pose a hazard or a problem aesthetically. In consultation with Mark Graham of Howard R. Green Co., the identified panels are prioritized, measured and costs estimated.

The 1998 contract for sidewalk replacement / repair in the amount of \$5,360 was not completed last fall. The contracted firm, Midwest Concrete, was unable to complete the work before the close of the construction season. Only a small amount of high priority areas were completed. The 1998 capital budget for sidewalk repairs was \$8,000, of which only about \$800 was actually expended. The sidewalk replacement / repair budget for 1999 is \$10,000. It is suggested that the 1999 replacement / repairs include the incomplete work from 1988 as well as the additional panels identified as being in need of replacement during the 1999 inspection. A significant portion of the work identified in the 1999 inspection requires special construction specifications and requirements. These areas include panel replacement on a driveways (requiring extra concrete thickness) and the entrances (requiring insulation) to the Community Park building.

Howard R. Green requested proposals for the work from two contractors last fall who have a history of submitting competitive prices. Midwest Concrete was awarded the contract. They will honor the 1998 contract prices. Midwest has conducted the city's sidewalk replacement / repairs in a very satisfactory manner for the past several years. Their proposal is considerably less than the costs being utilized in the current market. Work is expected to be complete by July 16.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Awarding of the 1999 contract for sidewalk repairs / replacements to Midwest Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

POLICY: 1 Date: 7/14/99

ITEM:

Consideration of resolution 99 - 16 regarding the zoning on the area

north of Lindig Street

SUBMITTED BY:

**Planning Commission** 

REVIEWED BY:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator Roger Knutson, City Attorney John Uban, Planner, DSU Terry Maurer, City Engineer

#### EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:

Summary and action requested. The city council is being asked to review the process and options discussed by the planning commission and to adopt the language recommended by the planning commission regarding the requirements for any future development of the property north of Lindig Street (attachment 1). The property north of Lindig Street is currently owned by property owners along Roselawn, Tatum Street and Fairview Avenue. The rear of these properties is used for open space and gardens. The planning commission decided to review the zoning on this area after a request to extend Lindig Street by one lot was made earlier in 1999. After reviewing four options for zoning on this land and surveying the property owners, the commission is recommending some modifications to clarify the language adopted by the city council in February, 1999 that requires the area north of Lindig Street to be developed as a whole rather than on a lot by lot basis.

<u>Goal 2.</u> To maintain and promote the assets of the city's unique neighborhoods including commercial, residential and open space uses for present and future generations.

#### Background on the area north of Lindig Street.

- The area north of Lindig Street has not been developed, in part, because the area has drainage, access and sanitary sewer problems that cannot be resolved without an investment in infrastructure including a small lift station, storm drainage pond or stormsewer and road. These development requirements lead the city to designate this area a 'no build' zone in the 1970's. The 'no build' designation was not the result of the uniqueness of the area due to a protected wetland or unique wilderness traits.
- In the seventies some of the property in the 'no build' zone was built upon after council action. The city has received no development proposals for the area with the recent exception of a request to extend Lindig Street one lot to the north so that a property could be developed. The city council denied this request because of the drainage, access and sanitary sewer problems that would not be resolved with this extension.
- The planning commission reviewed the zoning of the area north of Lindig Street, which is currently zoned R-1, like other single family neighborhoods in the city to determine if there were more restrictive zoning options available for this area that might limit future development of these open space areas. The commission did this in two consecutive meetings, one in April and one in May. Property owners and neighbors were invited to attend these meetings.
- The four options provided by the city's consulting planner included (attachment 2):
  - Maintaining the R-1 zoning and strengthening the language in the city council's recently adopted policy to require that the any future development proposals

- address all the property in the area as well as manage the infrastructure problems associated with developing this area.
- 2) Rezoning the rear portion of the Fairview lots and the 'back' lots off of Tatum Street for open space. (Attorney recommended against this because it could be construed as a taking of property rights; suggested that property owners could accomplish this more permanently through private conservation easements.)
- 3) Rezoning the area as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with some development parameters for the future. (Attorney said that this would be challenging to define in a zoning code at this time because no actual development was planned or proposed for the area. If and when a proposal came forward, it would likely be a PUD).
- 4) Rezoning the area to R-1A, a new zoning district, that would require that the lots be developed as long lots, larger than the standard city lot, and not permit an 'infill' development in the future.

#### Survey done for planning commission (attachment 3)

The planning commission received comments from several people living near these lots as well as from property owners at its March meeting. After receiving the information from the planner, attorney and residents, the commission decided to survey property owners about their interests.

The 22 property owners of the area on Roselawn, Tatum and Fairview NOT to determine if they wanted to develop the area to the rear of their property, but to determine if they wanted to retain the right for themselves or future property owners to develop the rear or back lots of their property at some future date. Thirteen or 59% of the property owners returned the self-addressed stamped survey, which is a lower percentage than most surveys the city has done. The administrator received only one question about the survey from a property owner. The survey was accompanied with a sheet explaining the current policy on lot by lot development and the fact that there was no change being proposed or being pursued by any developer or the city now. The survey results are broken out by the street location of the property owners. Although this is speculative, the property owners along Fairview and Tatum appear to have direct potential benefit from almost any future development in this area. In the case of Roselawn property owners, if access to a development extends Lindig through to Roselawn, the Roselawn property owners located where the extension would logically go would be critical to any development proposal and would be involved in the development. On the other hand, since Roselawn is on the northern edge of the area, a development could be designed to go behind these large lots using access off of Fairview or Tatum and not require Roselawn property owners to be part of the development project, thereby not giving them a direct financial benefit in a future project.

<u>Planning Commission recommendation to the city council.</u> The planning commission discussed the current policy on Lindig Street:

Existing (as of February, 1999):

Lindig Street not be extended north to serve the development of individual lots on a lot by lot and that the future development of the area be considered as a whole and provide for adequate sanitary sewer facilities, storm drainage facilities and road access to serve these properties.

#### Proposed:

Lindig Street not be extended north to serve the development of individual lots on a lot by lot. And that the area north of Lindig Street and south of Roselawn Avenue (as identified on attachment A)

not be developed on a lot by lot basis and that any future development consider and address the area as a whole and provide for adequate sanitary sewer facilities, storm drainage facilities and public access to serve the development.

Under this policy, the minimum requirements for development are:

 All property within the area north of Lindig Street must be addressed or planned for in any future development proposal even if it is not part of the actual area being developed.

(Practically speaking, although a developer would not be required to have an option on all of the rear lots off of Fairview and Tatum, he or she would have to have an option on almost all of them to create a uniform development which adequately meets standards and would need to address the others in the plan.)

- Adequate storm drainage probably in a storm drainage pond
- Adequate sanitary sewer including a lift station
- Adequate access off of a public street including for public safety vehicles

(This does not necessarily mean access by extending Lindig Street through to Roselawn; other plans could be developed with access off of Fairview or Tatum as options.)

Other requirements for any residential subdivision

#### Option for Roselawn property owners that does not require city involvement.

Roselawn property owners appear to be in the most agreement in wanting more limiting zoning or control over the area north of Lindig for the future. One way for some or all of these property owners to guarantee that open space is maintained to the south of their properties is to independently work each other and, if desired, with the two property owners to the south of their properties (one off of Tatum and one off of Fairview) to arrange permanent conservation easements from these abutting property owners. It wouldn't guarantee that the entire area south of their property and north of Lindig Street would remain open space forever, but an agreement could be drafted to guarantee that the property abutting their own would be open space and not be used for access to Roselawn unless they agreed to release the conservation easement on the property. This could be a stronger land use control than zoning. Since this would be a private agreement, the city would not be involved in initiating, promoting or implementing it.

#### Outreach to neighbors of this area.

Property owners and residents in the entire block bordered by Roselawn, Tatum, Fairview, Larpenteur and Lindig Street were invited to these meetings and received copies of the survey. They were also mailed letters with the planning commission recommendation and a notice to this meeting with the planning commission recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Map of area
- 2 Resolution 99-16 with planning commission recommendation
- 3 Zoning options
- 4 Survey results
- 5 Comments received on survey
- 6 History of Lindig Street
- 7 Map of original 'no build' area

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Report from city administrator on planning commission recommendation Questions from councilmembers
Questions and comments from the public (not a public hearing)
Discussion
Consider planning commission recommendation in resolution 99-16

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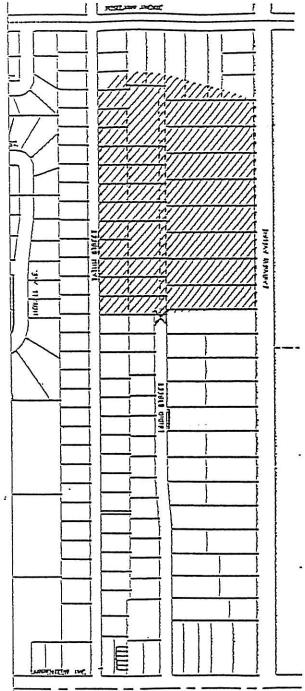
## CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

	Date: <u>July 14, 1999</u>
RESOLUTION REGAR	DING THE EXTENSION OF LINDIG STREET TO THE NORTH
WHEREAS, th potential; and	e area north of Lindig Street may have future development
	promote the public health, safety and efficiency in city services, nately served by public utilities including sanitary sewer and
	promote the public health, safety and quality neighborhoods, nately served by storm drainage facilities; and
individual lots on a lot by lot l Roselawn Avenue not be dev consider and address the area	ndig Street not be extended north to serve the development of casis. And that the area north of Lindig Street and south of eloped on a lot by lot basis and that any future development as a whole and provide for adequate sanitary sewer facilities, public access to serve the development.
Moved by:	Approved by:
GEHRZ In Favor GIBSON TALBOT HUSTAD Against JACOBS KUETTEL	Mayor  July 14, 1999  Date  Attested by:  City Administrator  July 14, 1999  Date

99-16

Map of area that needs to be addressed (not necessarily part of) any future development proposal:



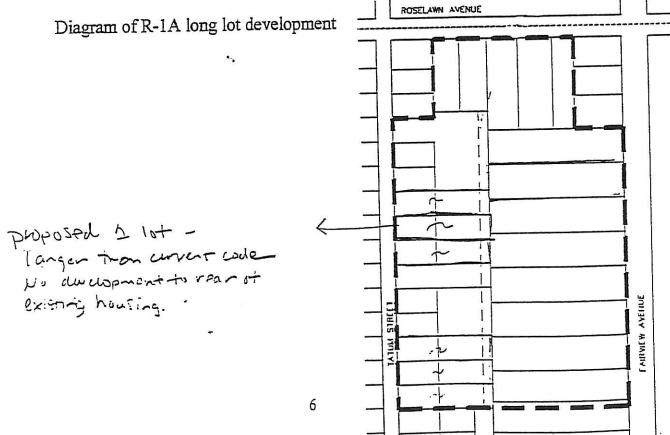
#### OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Options	Description	Comments
1	Retains the current zoning but requires that any development	Same zoning as rest of city.
R-1 as is; reiterate	address all property in the	The development constraints on this
current policy	area and meet the criteria for	site require any future developer to get
	sanitary sewer, storm	options from nearly all property owners
	drainage, good access to a	to proceed and requires private
	public street and minimum setbacks.	investment to cover costs of all public improvements.
	×1	No requests for developing the area
		beyond a single lot have ever been received by the city under this zoning.
2	The city would zone the rear	Attorney recommends against city
	area along the Tatum and	involvement in this due to the possibility
Open space or	Fairview lots as permanent	of being declared a taking.
private conservation	open space; or the owners	
easement	would agree among	Limits the current ability of the Fairview
	themselves to a private conservation easement.	property owners from building anything (gazebo, storage shed, etc. on the rear
	Sonorvation casement.	of their property.)
		Owners are free to proceed on their
		own with private conservation easement.
3	Develop an overlay zone	The attorney finds this to be a very
- Annual	which generally requires the	complicated approach which may put
Planned Unit	area to be developed as a	requirements on the property in the
Development Overlay	whole with certain conditions	interim.
zone	are how it is done; but not	If this was set is some developed to
15	specific enough to determine the layout at this time.	If this property is ever developed, it would likely be done through a PUD
	the layout at this time.	zone.
4	Would require larger lots in	Eliminates the possibility of any future
D	this section of the area than	in-fill development without a zoning
Re-zone R-1A	elsewhere in the city. Would	change. Doesn't guarantee that there
for larger lots	maintain the pattern along the north end Fairview.	will not be building of accessory structures, etc. in the current green
(see diagram)	norui ella i aliview.	landscaped area along the rear lots.

## Option 4. Create an R-1 A zone that maintains the 'long lot' single family development along Tatum and Fairview.

- This approach is designed to maintain the single family development along the block without allowing for more density of housing in the interior area. It essentially requires Tatum Street property owners to combine their two lots into one longer lot. This permits construction over the entire lot if it meets the single family zoning code. (e.g. garage in rear yard).
- Since Falcon Heights significantly exceeds the Metropolitan Council's residential density benchmark, this development pattern is acceptable. (Falcon Heights has a density of 3.4 single family units /acre; the benchmark for the area is 1.8 to 2.8 single family units/acre).
- Three properties on Tatum, 1838, 1880 and 1890 Tatum, would become non-conforming under this plan and their status would need to be clarified as part of this approach.

 This option does not guarantee that the platted 'back lots' on Tatum will remain entirely landscaped open space because structures can be placed on them according to meet the single family zoning code.



#### SURVEY RESULTS:

Street yes – retain righ		no – not	don't know	no response		
(surveys received out of total possible for street)	to future development of back lot	interested in retaining right to develop back lot		-		
Tatum (6 / 9)	3	2	1	3 (33%)		
Fairview (3 / 8)	1.5*	1	.5*	5 (63%)		
Subtotal(9/17) Tatum/Fairview	(4.5)	(3)	(1.5)	(8) (47%)		
Roselawn (4 / 5)			0	1 (25%)		
TOTAL (13/22)	4.5	7	1.5*	9 (41%)		

<sup>\*</sup> split household - one a firm 'yes'; the other 'I don't know'

Interested in not retaining future development/ response to options (9 out of 13	Would consider permanent open space zone or easement			Would consider large lot zoning		
responders; 9 out of 22 property owners )	yes no		maybe/ don't know understand	yes	no	maybe/ don't know understand
Tatum (3 surveys)	1	0	1	1	0	2
Fairview (2 surveys)	0	1	1	1	0	1
subtotal	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(0)	(3)
Roselawn (4 surveys)	1	2	1 1	1 1	1	2
Total	2	3	3	3	1	5

For information purposes, copies of the survey were mailed to all property owners on Larpenteur, Fairview and Roselawn that are not in the area potentially being re-zoned. Three of these property owners sent in their surveys stating they wanted to eliminate the property owners right to retain the future opportunity to develop the rear of their properties.

## **POSSIBLE** INTERPRETATION OF SURVEY RESULTS AND NUMBER OF SURVEY RETURNS:

- There is no consensus on retaining the right to develop or not among property owners.
- Property owners that didn't respond may not have felt a need to respond if they are comfortable with no change and with the fact that they have not been approached about developing their property by a developer; and the city is not pursuing this and they are assured that properties will not be developed on a lot by lot basis.
- Property owners that didn't respond may have been confused about the survey content since the survey tried to briefly explain the options discussed.
- Property owners along Tatum and Fairview, who did not respond, may realize that since the
  property they own is probably critical to any future development of the area that they needn't
  respond or give up control of their future property interests because they have the right to
  decline a development proposal. (They have some control over the future since they own
  their land.)
- Property owners along Fairview, who did not respond (5 of the 8), may be aware of the development opportunity that was available to the property owners to the south on Fairview when Lindig Street was extended in 1963 and may not at this time have an opinion to record about whether or not they want to restrict this opportunity for themselves further at this time.

- Some property owners said they wanted to retain the future opportunity to develop their
  property, but had no interest in doing so now or in the forseeable future. They just wanted to
  make sure they retained their individual property rights at the level they are now.
- Roselawn property owners are interested in restricting development in the area and
  maintaining the open space, which is south of their rear yards. They are also likely
  concerned about having Lindig Street extended north onto Roselawn, thereby, impacting their
  property. (These five properties abut directly two properties to the south one off of Tatum
  Street and one off of Fairview).
- There is clearly no consensus on the option for mandating open space or a private
  conservation easement. 5 of 13 responders are interested in considering open space zoning
  and 3 are clearly not interested. Since open space would not be a zoning change but a
  private agreement among property owners, these people can work to convince their
  neighbors about the desirability of this independent of the city.
- 8 of 13 responders might consider or don't understand large lot zoning; 5 of these are on Fairview and Tatum. However, 12 property owners on Fairview and Tatum are either not interested in large lot zoning as an option or did not respond to the survey, which does not lend a lot of support from the property owners for a zoning amendment that further restricts their property. (Commissioners may interpret this differently.)

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#### 24 May 1999 Comments from Property Owners

#### Tatum:

1. No – to question of retaining future development opportunities

We would really like to keep the lots open space – not developed (even partially) as single housing. We would probably like to keep our lot as a separate lot for tax purposes until we sell – then combine as one lot unless there is no large tax consequence for having a large lot.

(responded yes to open space; maybe to large lot)

(FYI - Tatum 'back' lots are taxed as agricultural property because they are not developable as they are currently platted – no access to utilities or public street.)

No – to question of retaining future development opportunities

But we don't want someone else deciding how to develop this land without our consent. (responded yes to large lot option.)

3. Do not know – to question of retaining future development rights

This survey represents too narrow a range of options and should be redesigned. Also, are we on the record? and expected to sign? Without this indication it isn't valid for community interest.

#### Fairview

Yes – to question regarding retaining future development opportunities

Under no circumstances would we be willing to give up control of our property. While I have no interest in selling or developing at this time, I may want to change my mind if someone will show me the money.

2. No – to question regarding retaining future development opportunities

(This is a summary of some extensive comments received from one owner.)

- rezoning Tatum back lots to larger single family lots would help standardize land parcels in the area
- current easement is a problem with access by non-residents; has mixed feelings about this as an option
- any development would result in 'winners' and 'losers' and be difficult to accomplish without an agreed upon party leading the development and a shared profit basis for getting property owners together
- difficult to value the open space against development value
- Essentially economic arguments and open space value key issue as steward of the area, which set of values do we as individuals and as a community wish to impose on ourselves and those who will follow us?

#### Roselawn – 1 of the 2 lots north of Tatum properties (roughly west of easement)

1. No – to retaining development opportunities

I want the land to stay as it is, I don't want the area developed. I would like to come together and discuss as a group. I thought this was a dead issue. Missed the last meeting.

#### Roselawn - 1 of the 3 lots north of Fairview lots (roughly east of easement)

1. No – to question of retaining future development opportunities

No – to rezoning as open space; conservation easement We bought this house because of the privacy afforded by the large back yards and desire no change. We favor no additional development of this space either to large single family lots or open space.

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### History of Lindig property between Luruenteur and Roseiawn (Source city records, not county property records)

- Arthur Lindig Subdivided: development along cul-de-sac begins 1963
  - Development of lots and subdivision and development of lors fronting along Fairview occurred over the aera two decades
- Julie Lindig property sold through Ramsey County 1969
  - City considered purchasing it for a park
  - Purchased by a group of neighbors
  - The property appears to have been divided up among the purchasers with lors being recorded at the county, no city action was involved in lors
  - No request for a subdivision and unlittles was made by property owners to the city at this time
- Northwest Area Stormsewer Study done by city to determine development issues 1974 nomin of cui de sac
- City designates a no build zone due to drainage issues 1975
- City approves subdividing and building in the no build zone for the Martin property along 1976 Fairview to construct 1782 Lindig Street on the ensisted of the cut de sac.
  - This property was already served by unlities and access from the public street.
- City approves subdividing and building in the no build zone for the Anderson property along 1984 Fairview to construct 1788 Lindig Street on the east side of the cal de sac
  - This property was aiready served by unlitties and access from the public street.
- City approves subdividing, building in the no build zone and extending utilities to 1985 the Brown property north of the Lindig Street for 1799 and 1805 Lindig Street
  - Houses moved in for Loos and Ozam.
  - This property did not have public street access so a gravel road was created.
- City considers a storm drainage and utility improvement plan for the area north of 1985 Linding Street cal de sac, but does not proceed with the plan.
- City approves subdividing and building in the no build zone for the Lin property fronting 1986 on Fairview to later construct 1804 Lindig Street on the ensiste of the cul de sac
  - The property was aircady served by unlittles but not by paved public access.
  - The house was built in 1990 with some special accommodation for sanitary sewer. due to the level of the house in relation to the sewer.

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POLICY 2 Date: 7/14/99

ITEM:

Request to the work with citizens to approach the Minnesota

State Fair about creating an off-leash dog walking area

SUBMITTED BY:

Mr. Steve Wikstrom, 1987 Garden Avenue

REVIEWED BY:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

#### EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:

<u>Summary and action requested.</u> The city council is being asked to request the Minnesota State Fair to consider creating an off-leash dog walking area on the fairgrounds (attachment 1). Leashes are required on dogs in the city.

#### Background.

#### Existing ordinances.

- Dogs are required to be leashed as they are walked in the city. This is a typical ordinance designed to protect the public health and safety by controlling dogs when they are in the community.
- The city does not permit pets in its parks. This includes the two neighborhood parks, the Grove and Curtiss Field, and Community Park. Although dog owners can walk their dogs on the edges of these parks on the sidewalks and public pathways. (Community Park has public pathways on the west and north and the fields to the south; the Grove Park has a trail to the south of the park.)
- This policy appears to work fairly well because Falcon Heights has a significant amount of open space owned by the University of Minnesota and the State Fair that is not designated as park area and is available for leashed dog walking the university field roads (not the fields!), the trail on the southside of the golf course and the State Fair area (attachment 2). The park and recreation commission discussed this ordinance in 1995 and briefly revisited it again this year along with other park policies. The commission continues to believe that this policy functions well for park users without severely limiting open space for dog walkers.

#### Enforcement of existing ordinances:

 The leash ordinance on city streets and in the parks is not aggressively enforced, but relies upon the dog owner taking the appropriate responsibility for obeying local ordinances by educating the dog owners. Occasionally, other walkers remind dog owners of this requirement. The university uses the city's newsletter and informational fliers as a way to educate dog walkers about the sensitivity and value of the research fields, which receive damage from pet owners who let their animals run off the field roads and through the crops. From discussions with university officials, it is clear that the university wants to keep these fields open areas with some access for the public and will do so as long as the damage to the fields can be reduced.

#### Proposed idea:

- Some dog owners are interested in having their pets run off their leashes.
   Dog owners in several communities are researching places that can accommodate this desire.
- Mr. Wikstrom has surveyed Falcon Heights and found that the State Fair has open space with low use by people except during special events, therefore, he is interested in working out an arrangement with the State Fair.
- Dog owners like Mr. Wikstrom, are the best spokespeople for the needs and desires they have for their pets for off leash exercise. Since the city has an official relationship with the State Fair, Mr. Wikstrom believes that a communication from the city would be the most effective initial contact with the fair about this interest of dog owners.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Letter and map of State Fairgrounds from Mr. Wikstrom
- 2 Summary of dog ordinances
- 3 Map of city with open space and park areas
- 4 Letter and response to dog owner regarding dogs in the park

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

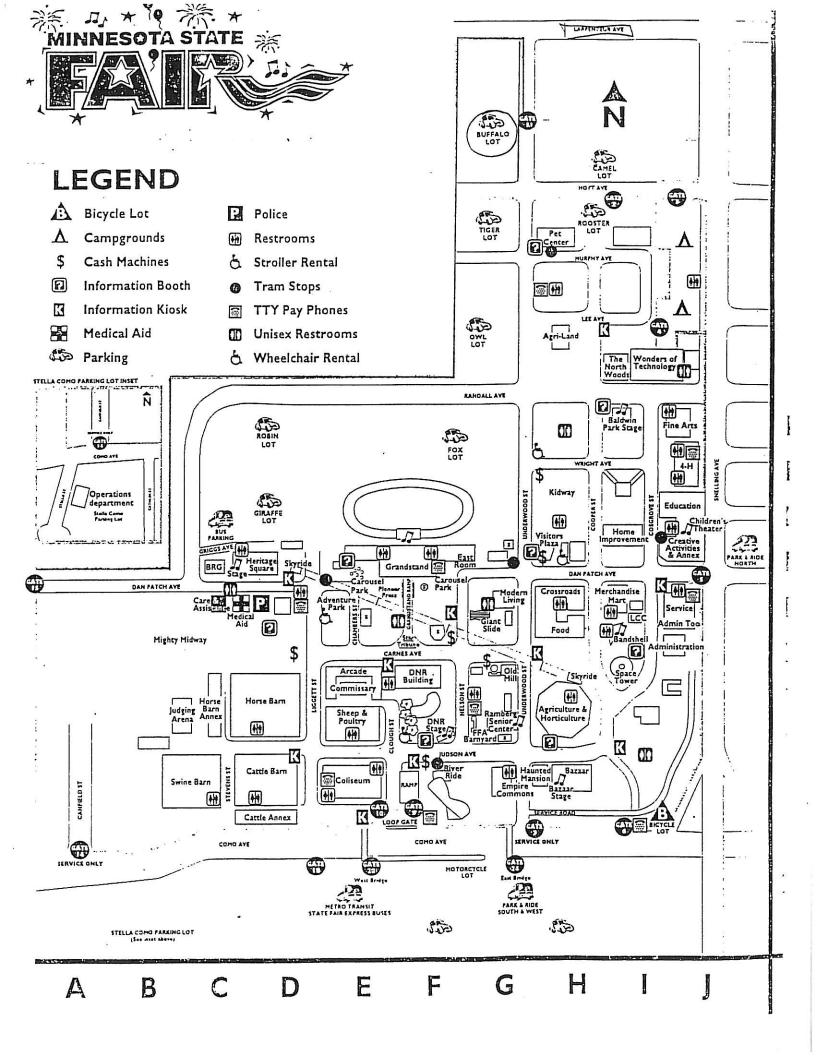
Brief summary of city policy on leashing Receive information on request from Mr. Wikstrom, others Discussion Direction on how to proceed with request June 9, 1999

Dear Falcon Heights City Council,

I would like to work with you and/or others from the city to pursue creating an off-leash area for dogs within the Minnesota State Fairgounds. I am attaching a map of the grounds showing a parking lot that I think has good potential for such a site. I feel partnering with the city and having your support will greatly increase the chances of this idea being given serious consideration by the state fair officials.

Thanks for your attention,

Steve Wikstrom 1987 Garden Ave. Falcon Heights, MN 55113 Home phone: 651.486.3321 e-mail: stevew@reell.com



## 9 November 1995 PARK POLICY ON PETS

1. <u>Background.</u> It appears that pet ownership has been significantly increasing over the past few years. Overall the number of pet complaints are on the rise in metropolitan areas where there are conflicts between people and animals. There were at least two articles in last summer's paper about pet problems. One focussed on a group of Minneapolis residents who were successful in getting a portion of their neighborhood park open for dog use. The other described the growing "pet wars" in suburban communities.

The police department handles most of the city's pet complaints, which are primarily about dogs pooping, at large or barking. Chief Engstrom says that our community has fewer pet/dog complaints than many cities of a similar size, probably because most pet owners are responsible pet owners. (40 complaints were made with several from the same two parties regarding the barking dogs.)

2. <u>Current city policy</u>. The city does not permit pets in the parks (Falcon Heights School is <u>not</u> a city park.) This policy is in place because pets can be dangerous, yet attractive to people, and leave pet feces.

The city's policy differs from the policy in neighboring communities of Roseville and St. Paul. However, unlike many urban or suburban communities, Falcon Heights has a significant amount of available public open space and walkways that staff believes is usually available for pet owners with <a href="leashed">leashed</a> pets. This includes the U of M field roads (the U of M does not want unleashed dogs running in the fields, it disturbs the crops), the U of M Golf Course (when not in season), the State Fair, the U of M playing fields, the pathway to the north of the Grove neighborhood, the U of M playing fields and the public pathways and sidewalks. (See map in attachment 1).

#### City ordinance enforcement.

The city educates the public about ordinances through newsletters. Ordinances can be enforced in a number of ways. The city enforces many of its codes that are routinely followed by people, based upon a complaint. For example, after a snowfall the city ordinance requires that snow be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours. However, after each snowfall the city does not pay staff to patrol and ticket property owners that neglect to remove the snow within 24 hours because it is costly and the property owner may be ill or on vacation or have a snow removal arrangement that failed. If the property owner is a chronic abuser of the ordinance, the city notifies the owner to carry out his/her responsibility and proceeds with further action if necessary.

# Education and enforcement options for the park.

There are several ways that codes can be enforced in the parks when problems arise. These include enforcement through education including signs, other park users and neighbors. Police enforcement is one option.

## a. Police enforcement

Staff met with Police Chief Engstrom to discuss how pet ordinances are enforced. Officers currently enforce the pet ordinance on a complaint basis. (In 1994 the city has three formal complaints recorded about dogs at large in the city parks.) Officers will give a citation to a chronic abuser. However, the police received no formal complaints about dogs in the parks this year.

(This is quite different than how the police enforce vandalism, loitering after hours, drinking alcohol and other illegal activities which they aggressively enforce in the parks.)

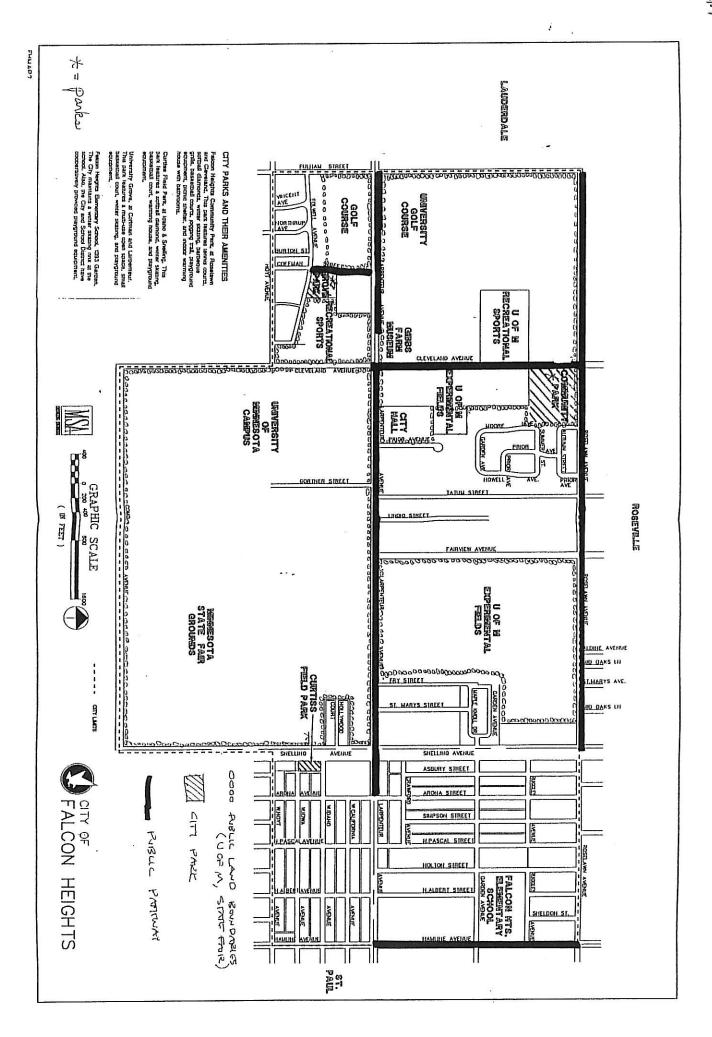
The police can issue verbal or written warnings and citations when they see a clear violation of park pet use. However, if the city chooses to consistently and aggressively enforce the pet ordinance in the parks without taking an officer away from other police priorities, it would require paying for a police officer or an animal control person to be assigned to the parks for an extended period of time and issuing written warnings so that park users understood the policy was being enforced. After a few weeks of this, the rules would likely be followed for awhile.

# Education and other enforcement mechanisms

Educating park users about park ordinances through the newsletters and park and recreation fliers is one way to get compliance with park policies. Also clear and prominent posting in the park may help. This in combination with park users who are willing to nicely let people know about the rules is also useful.

# Messages from different enforcement options

People respond differently to different enforcement methods. For example, people may or may not be offended by another park user or neighbor nicely reminding them about rules regarding pets. People are frequently more upset when a uniformed police officer (even nicely) reminds them of the rules, especially if it is in front of neighbors or their children. When considering the appropriate enforcement approach it is also important to avoid a situation that may divide park users into "pet lovers" and "pet haters".



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May 6, 1999

L. Christina Sjostedt PO Box 8042 St. Paul, Minn. 55108-8042

Dear Christina,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the ordinance prohibiting pets in the city's parks. I too am a dog owner and enjoy recreating with our dog. I can appreciate your desire for information regarding the basis for the policy and opportunities for change.

In 1995 the city's parks and recreation commission spent considerable time addressing the issue of dogs in the parks. The impetus of that discussion was the perception that dogs were creating a problem for users at several park locations. As I recall, the common problems were the intimidation created by unleashed dogs and the prevalence of dog droppings. Enclosed you will find information from Nov. of 1995 that I hope will provide you with some basis or background to the current policy. As indicated in the enclosed material, much consideration was given to the fact that the city of Falcon Heights is very unique in the amount of open space available for walking a leashed dog.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to call if you would like to discuss this further. I am part-time and most easily reached between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities





From:

<SVEN4CHRIS@aol.com>

To:

<pphillips@ci.falcon-heights.mn.us>

Date:

Mon, May 3, 1999 6:44 AM

Subject:

Falcon Heights Community Park

Hi!

My husband and I are new residents in Falcon Heights and we think the area is beautiful.

I walk by the Community Park (on Roselawn and Cleveland) every day, but despite the fact that even though I now am a tax-paying resident of Falcon Heights, this beautiful part of the city is not available to me, unless I leave my best friend at home. She is a dog, and she is not welcome, despite the fact that I have plastic bags in my pocket, which I use to pick up her droppings in, and she is on a leash all the times.

I have noticed that Roseville and other communities allow pets in their parks, provided that owners clean up after them and that they are on leashes, why is this not the case in Falcon Heights Community Park, can the rules be changed or at least looked at and a change be taken under consideration? I am sure that there are many other Falcon Heights residents that would agree with me.

Thank you for your time and have a good day!

Sincerely, Chris L. Christina Sjostedt 1860 Snelling Ave N Falcon Heights

(Mailing address: PO Box 8042 St Paul, MN 55108-8042)

POLICY 3 Date: 7/14/99

ITEM:

Update on the rescue service (EMS) fund

SUBMITTED BY:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

#### **EXPLANATION/DESCRIPTION:**

Summary and action requested. The council will be briefed on the steps taken to proceed with an analysis of the current and future status of the rescue (EMS) service fund following the June 30, 1999 where the deficit status of the fund and the future of the EMS / BLS service was discussed. Questions about the fund's accounting methods and proposals to reduce costs were raised by the fire department and need to be addressed. The auditor was asked to review the current status of the fund based upon the financial trends over the past 1 ½ years as well as to predict the future balance of the fund based upon historical trends with some anticipated adjustments in revenues and expenditures. The analysis is underway with a report from the auditor anticipated in early August.

Goal 4: To provide a responsive and effective city government Strategy 6: To effectively manage the city's financial resources.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1 Letter to city auditor dated 8 July 1999

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

No action required.



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8 July 1999

Ms. Jennifer Thienes Kerne, DeWintre, Viere St. Cloud, Minnesota

RE: Review of rescue (EMS) fund

Dear Ms. Thienes:

The city of Falcon Heights is requesting a review of the city's rescue fund. The purpose of the review is to 1) explain the use of an enterprise fund, 2) to determine the status of the fund as of June 30, 1999, 3) to project the future of the fund based on historic trends with any variation on historic trends based upon predictable changes in revenues and expenditures and 4) to discuss the future health of the fund given what performance expectations there are for enterprise funds. Please prepare your findings in a report with clear explanations of terms and assumptions.

## Enterprise fund.

- a. Why does the city use an enterprise fund to account for the rescue service?
- b. What are the requirements of an enterprise fund?
- c. What do the terms used in the enterprise fund mean?
  - e.g. cash and cash equivalents retained earnings
- d. What assumptions are used in accounting in the enterprise fund?
   e.g. depreciation, capital replacement, etc.
- e. What criteria are used to determine the current and future health of





### an enterprise fund?

- 2. <u>Status of the rescue (EMS) fund as of June 30, 1999.</u> The city is interested in determining the status of the fund as of June 30, 1999. This will include a year and a half of the fund with reduced transports due to the dual dispatching system.
  - a. The city is anticipating some one-time reimbursement revenue for some past EMT training. The amount of the one time 'back' reimbursement will be provided by the city.
  - b. The depreciation schedule should be revised to reflect 3 CPR mannequins, 2 pagers (rather than 10) and 2 radios (rather than 3).
- 3. <u>Future projections of fund for the next three years.</u> The city is interested in anticipating the status of the fund for the next three years. This should be done using historical revenue and expenditure trends except where it is noted or where you find changes.
  - a. Revenue. The city anticipates that the revenue stream will remain what it has for the past one and half years with the following changes:
    - The city is anticipating an on-going reimbursement for some training expenses in the future. (The city will provide you with the numbers governing these revenues and expenditures.)
    - 2) The city will no longer receive full payment for any medicare runs after December 31, 1999. The number of medicare transports and the reimbursement for the past year and a half as well as the new reimbursement rate will be provided by the city's ambulance billing service.
  - b. <u>Expenditures</u>. The city anticipates that expenditures will be the same as they have for the past year and a half with some exceptions as follows:
    - Regular salaries. The time allocated to the fund for the fire marshal and accountant will be reduced. These percentages are not final at this time.
    - 2) Officer compensation. Assume \$420 rather than \$840 a year.
- 4. If trends continue, what do the projections suggest?

A list of the data that will be required for this study is attached. Let's discuss the best way to get the data. Please contact me if you need more information or have questions about this task.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Hoyt City Administrator

# 7 July 1999 DATA FOR AUDITOR'S EVALUATION OF RESCUE (EMS) FUND\*

1. Detail of revenues and expenditures over the past five years-

(Many expenditures will not vary even with the change in number of transports)

- 2. Financial data for 1999 through June 30, 1999
- 3. Number of transports for 1998 and to date 1999
  By location of call
  By location of user
- Medicare transports:

Number of medicare transports for 1998 Number paying over 'cap' rate Number paying 'cap' only

Number of medicare transports for 1999 Number paying over 'cap' rate Number paying 'cap' only

- 5. Depreciation schedule
- 6. 1999 bad debt through June 30, 1999
- 7. Average charge per transport in 1998 and 1999
- 8. Number of and dollar amount of 'treatment no transport' charged in 1998 and 1999

Number of these collected and amount collected in 1998 and 1999

Reimbursement rate for EMT training courses

Cost per EMT course

Reimbursement per EMT course

One time reimbursement in 1999 requested as 'back pay' for EMT training

10. Ambulance/equipment repair records

Expenditures per year (5 years)

Expenditures per each ambulance per year (5 years)

11. Hourly rate including benefits for fire marshal; accountant Anticipate 3% salary increase each year into future

\* Please add to this list if there are other items.

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# City of Falcon Heights City Council Meeting Notice BUDGET GOAL-SETTING WORKSHOP

DATE:

Saturday, 24 July 1999

TIME:

8:00 AM

PLACE:

City Hall Council Chambers

TOPIC:

Goal setting for the year 2000

Mayor Sue Gehrz will lead the council in a goal setting discussion for the upcoming year.

# ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 1999 Goals
- 2 Possible action items from city administrator

# CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS 1999 BUDGET GOALS

Purpose: To promote a community that is a good place to live, work, and visit.

Goal 1: To protect the public health and safety.

Strategy 1: Providing public safety services to citizens.

#### Action Items:

 Provide a responsive, visible, community police service (police)

Provide a responsive, well-trained fire service (fire department).

 Work with the fire department to evaluate the fire service. (city administrator/fire dept.)

 Provide emergency medical services that include advanced life support and medical dispatching (fire department, St. Paul Fire).

**Strategy 2:** Participate in initiatives designed to prevent crime and the need for emergency responses.

#### Action Items:

- Promptly removing graffiti from public buildings and providing removal materials for city businesses (parks and public works staff).
- Develop a written plan for responding to hate crimes (human rights commission).
- Communicate the role of neighborhood block watch captains and recruit new captains (adm.assn't/police)
- Review and implement an improved crime block watch notification program (adm. assn't, police)
- Host a personal safety workshop and make a tape of the presentation available to interested parties for home use (police, mayor, staff)
- Create a year 2000 task force to prepare for the technologies transition to 2000 (mayor/council/ adm. assn't/volunteers)

**Strategy 3:** Participating in early intervention programs with juveniles.

#### Action Items:

- Support Northwest Youth and Family Services and the Teen Court (mayor/council)
- Continue the Juvenile Firestarter program (fire marshal/fire department).
- Goal 2: To maintain and promote the assets of the city's unique neighborhoods including commercial, residential, and open space uses for present and future generations.
  - Strategy 1: Maintain and enhance the neighborhood and community parks with updated facilities, recreation, and community services.

#### Action Items:

- Improve the entrances to and identification of Community Park (park and recreation commission/ parks/public works staff)
- Develop and implement a sound maintenance program for city landscaping, facilities (administrator/parks/public works staff)
- Investigate using volunteers to monitor some community plantings (park & rec commission/ parks/public works staff)
- Strategy 2: Work with businesses and homeowners to maintain a functional and desirable business and residential environment

#### Action Items:

- Continue to review and communicate city code requirements to business and commercial property owners (admin. assn't)
- Maintain the desirability of neighborhoods by developing a team approach to code enforcement (admin. assn't/parks/public works staff)
- Explore a raccoon control program (admin. assn't)

# Strategy 3: Expand pedestrian and bicycle opportunities

#### Action Item:

 Include these components in the Larpenteur Avenue reconstruction plans and, where feasible reconstruction projects (Ramsey Co., city)

Strategy 4: Maintain the city's infrastructure

### **Action Items:**

- Plan for and implement street improvements
   (Larpenteur phase III, northeast quadrant. (Ramsey County, administrator, engineer, financial planner).
- Continue the sidewalk maintenance program (parks/public works staff).
- Publicize the availability of housing rehabilitation funds to owners of single and multi-family property owners (admin. assn't)
- Continue the sewer maintenance program (parks/public works staff).
- Continue with a boulevard tree program for replacement, maintenance and expansion (forester, parks/public works staff)

**Strategy 5:** Protect and enhance the physical land use characteristics of the community

#### **Action Items:**

- Review and amend the comprehensive plan with community involvement (planning commission, community, administrator, planner)
- Review the zoning code as needed (planning commission, administrator, planner)
- Create and maintain a community identity along intersections through a streetscape plan - Phase III
- Improve the business environment and retail identity in the Snelling/Larpenteur intersection with landscaping, lighting, and other amenities (mayor/council, parks/public works staff)

# Strategy 6: Pursue community and economic development opportunities and business retention activities Action Items:

- Be well informed with the necessary planning, engineering and legal expertise when making land use decisions (mayor/council, planning commission, administrator, consultants)
- Communicate with commercial property owners and business owners and institutions about community development
- Explore opportunities to strengthen the business community including exploring the financial realities and planning concepts for the SE corner of Snelling and Larpenteur
- Keep in touch with Harvest States as business relocation plans proceed

- Plan a council retreat focused on community development and economic development information and ideas (mayor/council,administrator)
- Host a meeting for the business community (mayor/council)
- Goal 3: To expand opportunities for the interaction and involvement of citizens of all ages in their neighborhoods and community.

# Strategy 1: Promote and participate in youth development

#### Action Items:

- Continue the junior leaders program (parks/recreation staff)
- Include youth as commission members (mayor and council)
- Informally interacting with youth when the opportunity arises (mayor, council, staff, police, fire department)
- Contribute to the Chamber of Commerce dinner scholarship for a high school student
- Speaking about local government at schools or youth related functions (mayor, council, staff)
- Participate in the Roseville Area Family Collaborative (mayor/council)
- Host an intergenerational dialogue to develop intergenerational action plans (mayor/council/Keeping Connected)

## Strategy 2: Host community/neighborhood activities.

#### Action Items:

- Birthday party activities (April 1, 1999) (birthday committee, admin. assn't
- Dead of Winter event (parks and recreation commission)
- Impromptu neighborhood gatherings (parks and recreation commission/parks/recreation staff/ admin. assn't)
- Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out activities (police, fire department, admin. assn't)) (mayor/council/admin. assn't)
- Recognize arbor day (forester/admin. assn't)
- Fire Department Open House (fire department)
- Welcome new resident event (Keeping Connected, admin. assn't)
- Host a breakfast for businesses (mayor/council/

admin. assn't)
Host a meeting for apartment managers/owners (mayor/council/admin. assn't)

 Encourage volunteers to plan and be involved in community events (mayor, council)

**Strategy 3:** Explore, create and provide an array of recreation programming

#### Action Item:

 Explore and create opportunities for youth of all ages (park & rec commission, park & rec staff)

Strategy 4: Encourage citizens to participate in city government

#### Action Items:

- Promote participation by volunteers in any area of city business that is possible
- Invite citizens to be part of the review of the comprehensive plan) (admin. assn't, staff, volunteers)
- Initiate a Y2K compliance task force to prepare for the transition on January 1, 2000

Strategy 5: Build stronger neighborhood connections

## **Action Items:**

- Review, revise and more aggressively distribute the city's "Welcome to Falcon Heights" information (admin. assn't)
- Work with neighbors to improve communication and to help each other (volunteers/staff)
- Pursue conflict resolution resources for neighbors to use in resolving neighborhood conflicts (MCAD, Keeping Connected, intergenerational volunteers, admin. assn't)
- Share ideas for community building in the newsletter (intergenerational volunteers, MCAD, (mayor/councilmembers, Keeping Connected, admin. assn't)

Goal 4: To provide a responsive and effective city government

**Strategy 1:** Establish goals to guide the activities of city staff and commissions.

## Action Items:

- Publish a summary of the goals in the city's newsletter (staff).
- Convey these goals to the city's representatives at the legislature, at the county, at the Metropolitan Council, and to neighboring communities (mayor/council, staff)
- Examine goals at midyear to determine progress (mayor/council).
- Develop a legislative agenda for the city focusing on the city's unique composition of tax exempt properties (mayor/council/administrator)

**Strategy 2:** Communicate promptly and clearly with the citizens, businessowners and institutional representatives by anticipating information and quickly responding to questions.

#### **Action Items:**

- Provide a photo of staff members and a description of jobs in the newsletter
- Explore a website
- Use e-mail as a communication tool
- Develop a team approach to get new ideas for the 3 times a year newsletter (admin. assn't, staff, volunteers)
- Get out information in a timely way on any activity that is coming up (admin. assn't)
- Investigate having local businesses advertise in the newsletter (admin. assn't)

Strategy 3: Maintain collaborative relationships with other entities

#### **Action Items:**

- Work with the U of M on developing a plan to communicate with cities (mayor/council, administrator)
- Participate in the U of M Master Plan Advisory Committe(administrator)

Strategy 4: Strive to provide citizens with more efficient and convenient city services.

#### Action Item:

 Continue to develop, budget for and implement an improved maintenance program for city facilities and infrastructure (parks/public works staff)

Strategy 5: Effectively manage the city's consulting and personnel resources

#### **Action Items:**

- Review and clarify staffing assignments and responsibilities
- Evaluate the performance and work assignments of city employees through annual performance evaluations (supervisory staff)
- Recognize employees with a recognition event (planned by the staff)
- Provide employees with the affordable resources they require to efficiently and effectively do their jobs including a training plan and technology resources (administrative staff)
- Provide adequate funds for personnel, equipment and contractors to maintain the city's infrastructure, facilities, public spaces and public improvements
- Provide council leadership and resources on personnel issues (councilmembers/administrator)

Strategy 6: Effectively manage the city's financial resources

#### Action Items:

- Prepare a well researched five year capital improvement program (staff)
- Review and adjust the city's fees for service as part of the budgeting process (staff)
- Analyze the city's rescue fund on an ongoing basis (accountant)
- Review and, if necessary, revise contracts with neighboring cities to make sure they cover city's costs for providing theservice (specifically sewerjetting, rescue with the City of Lauderdale (staff)
- Review and evaluate the city's long term financial needs and the city's current and future financial resources to meet these needs (financial advisor, auditor, staff, mayor/council)
- Maintain a contingency fund to be prepared for unexpected but necessary expenditures (mayor/council)



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#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

21 July 1999

TO:

Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM:

Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

RE:

Possible items for upcoming budget discussions

The following items might be considered as specific action items over the coming months and year 2000. Costs are still being researched so those listed are quite tentative.

- Financial analysis of redevelopment options on the southeast corner
   \$2,000 (?) (Fall, 1999 start date of study)
- Comprehensive plan update including GIS mapping and consultant putting together document (\$20,000 done in year 2000 – need to extend Metro Council deadline past December to accommodate university planning and GIS start-up)
- Computer network/GIS/website/telephone communications consulting \$10,000 (for 2000)
- Communications (continue with professional layout person)
- Staffing and consulting
  - increase planning consultant time from \$5,000 to \$8,000
  - include 75% director of park/recreation/public facilities
  - include 15% time elections/special projects position
  - continue temporary employee for miscellaneous office work
- GIS equipment and set up \$15,000 (capital)
- Alleys (capital)
- Larpenteur east of Arona (Ramsey County; capital)





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Goal setting for the year 2000