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## REQUEST FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

<b>Meeting Date</b>	July 24, 2012
<b>Agenda Item</b>	Workshop
<b>Title</b>	Continued discussion on creating a "special event" ordinance in Falcon Heights: Planning for public input
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<b>Description</b>	In response to inquiries received from local businesses, the City Council has requested that Planning Commission provide a recommendation regarding the adoption of an ordinance regulating special events in the City.
<b>Background</b>	<p>The City has been approached by three food service related businesses – Stout’s Pub, The Coffee Grounds, and Dino’s Gyros – inquiring whether these businesses would be allowed to host some variation of tented event, such as a “beer garden”, on a limited basis. That is, they are interested in doing this as a one-time or occasional or annual event.</p> <p>The city code does not make any provision for this type of event. The city attorney confirms that it is not allowed. Many cities have special event ordinances to allow events under special permits. The City Council has asked the Planning Commission to study the issue and make a recommendation.</p> <p>At the June 26 meeting, Commissioners decided to continue discussion of this topic in workshop and to seek public input. The purpose of tonight’s workshop is to plan the gathering of public input and the timetable for the process.</p>
<b>Budget Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	None. Staff recommends that Commissioners bring the materials that have been distributed in earlier workshop packets on this topic for reference.
<b>Action(s) Requested</b>	Plan public information gathering process, identify questions that need answers, create timetable, indentify stakeholders.