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9 weeks to go

Presidential Candidates Firmed for Minnesota Ballot

Presidential candidates had until Aug. 29 to file with the Secretary of State's office in order to gain a spot on the state general election ballot. Only the Republican and Democratic parties have major party status in Minnesota. Other parties had to present petitions to get on the ballot. (Major and minor political parties are defined in Minn. Stat. 200.02).

2,000 signatures are required for minor party nominating petitions. There is no filing fee for presidential candidates in Minnesota. (However, the fee for U.S. Senate candidates is \$400 and \$300 for U.S. House candidates).

Presidential and vice presidential candidates who will appear on the Minnesota general election ballot on Nov. 8 are as follows:

Donald J. Trump, Michael R. Pence (Republican)
Hillary Clinton, Tim Kaine (Democratic)
Darrell Castle, Scott Bradley (Constitution Party)
Dan R. Vacek, Mark Elworth Jr. (Legal Marijuana Now)
Alyson Kennedy, Osborne Hart (Socialist Workers Party)
Jill Stein, Howie Hawkins (Green Party)
"Rocky" Roque De La Fuente, Michael Steinberg (American Delta Party)
Evan McMullin, Nathan Johnson (Independence Party)
Gary Johnson, William Weld (Libertarian Party)

The voter turnout in Anoka County and statewide for the 2012 presidential election was 82%. There were over 527,000 same-day registrations statewide, and 2.95 million voters in total.

President Obama's challenger Mitt Romney carried Anoka County by nearly 5,000 votes and carried 58 of Minnesota's 87 counties. Obama however won the state, besting Romney by 226,000 votes overall.

Gary Johnson, the 2012 presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party, received 2,284 votes in Anoka County and 35,095 statewide. Jill Stein, the Green Party's presidential candidate in 2012, received 687 votes in Anoka County and 13,023 statewide.

Virgil Goode, the Constitution Party's 2012 presidential candidate received 232 votes in Anoka County and 3,721 statewide. Other minor parties' totals were below these levels.

(2012 election coverage in the *Record* can be found in the Nov. 8, Nov. 22 and Dec. 8, 2012 editions — available on our website, www.AnokaCountyRecord.com).

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They brought home the award, now what?

Col. Heights' lack of leadership compels city hall to spend \$10,675 of taxpayer money for award

What caused Columbia Heights officials to conclude that residents don't feel good about themselves or their city, and embark on a long bus trip to Denver to correct this perception? It's a perplexing question but the motivations are now irrelevant — they came back with an award that makes it official: Columbia Heights is an "All-America City."

The award was given in June to ten cities across the country by the National Civic League, a non-profit organization based in Denver that promotes the strong city manager/weak city council form of government.

Cities wanting the award pay a \$200 application fee and send in a flowery essay or long-form report on three accomplishments they feel deserve an award. The NCL pares down the list to twenty finalists and advises them they should converse with past winners and watch videos of past presentations to prepare for the award process.

An NCL panel determined the award winners after seeing presentations made by the delegations, which are typically made up of two to three dozen people each. The panel however sets up shop annually in a Denver hotel, so the award seekers have a long trip to make.

The award would be more meaningful if the city officials and cheerleaders didn't know it was coming. The National Civic League should send the panel members on reconnaissance missions of a week or two in various cities. They could evaluate a city on a number of points: observations made on the street, from policing to cleanliness.

They could interview the "man on the street" as well. What is the media saying about the city? What kind of talk is heard at the cafe? Attend some city government meetings (especially the ones not televised) as well as school or community events. What are people saying in the church? What is government doing, and what is it not doing?

Observations from the Field

Bryan Olson



COMMENTARY

You've heard of retail stores using "secret shoppers" to do checks on their stores — the same concept is being proposed here. Using the internet, much research could now be done from the Denver home base.

Instead, the application and fee, the written essay and a 10-minute presentation before the panel is the requirement for the competition.

Woodbury was the only other Minnesota city among the twenty finalists. Ten took home awards. Woodbury was not one of them. Besides Columbia Heights, winners included the large cities of Norfolk, Virginia and San Antonio, Texas, as well as Brown Deer, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee.

The presentations were mostly of the same variety, consisting of recitation, a little acting, song and chanting. Some had their lines fairly well memorized while others relied on cheat sheets. Many of the presentations, including that of Columbia Heights, can be seen on You Tube.

Judge for yourself, but the various speeches outlined activities that are run of the mill

Taxpayers help buy award *continued on page 2*

2017 Minnesota Gardening Calendar Now Available

The University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Landscape Arboretum have released Minnesota Gardening 2017, a calendar developed for home gardening and landscape enthusiasts across the state. The Minnesota Gardening 2017 is the only calendar designed and written exclusively for Minnesota. It is the perfect complement to any gardener's collection.

Each month, in addition to the full-page color photo, the calendar features timely tips for lawn, garden and houseplant care; maps of average frost-free dates; Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants Information; and USDA Plant Hardiness Zones for Minnesota. The calendar is spiral bound and measures 13" x 9 1/2." There is room to write in day blocks and it includes monthly tips.

Minnesota Gardening 2017 is available at the Anoka County Extension office. The price is \$15 per calendar (extra charge for mailing the calendar). Individuals interested in purchasing the calendar can stop by the Extension office at 550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Andover or call the office at 763-755-1280. Office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Taxpayers Help Buy Award

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for any city. Participatory activities at the library, school, parks department, etc. These may be wonderful things but they are not unique, except for the 18-hour bus ride to make the 10-minute recitation. That was unique.

The panel asked questions of each delegation after their presentation. Unfortunately these were not included in the You Tube videos.



City Manager Walter Fehst makes his pitch to judges

Costs of the trip discussed — about \$28,000 in total

The June 27 city council meeting featured about an hour of welcome home back-slapping about the trip. Over the course of this and the next meeting,

the expenses of the trip trickled into the discussion. A brief itemization of the expenses was put into the August 8 council meeting packet for formal approval.

The tab borne by the city's taxpayers was \$10,675.

The bus rental came to \$8,135 — a cut rate when compared to a price quote obtained by the *Record* of \$11,500 from another bus company.



Mayor Gary Peterson

Taxpayers also paid \$1,700 for registration fees for the delegation, and \$840 for "foam core presentation posters," which were placards that many of the delegation held in front of their chests when addressing the judging panel.

Were records kept by city staff of their hours spent on this project? That is a cost to the taxpayers as well.

Another \$17,373 in expenses for hotel rooms, rehearsal space and meals were paid for with private donations and fundraising.

City manager Walter Fehst said "about 38 or 39" people were in the party.

Fehst grumbled that he "had heard comments" from always unnamed "people" who described the trip as a "vacation". He wanted to shoot down this notion, saying "it wasn't the most luxurious (of) conditions, just a step up from a yellow bus," then dared anyone else to take the "18 hours out and 18 hours back" bus trip and call it luxurious.

Fehst declared, "I'm a taxpayer in this town, I don't like to waste money" then trailed off without explaining how the \$10,675 expenditure of public dollars was justified. He did however say "if it was for only bragging rights alone, it would be worth every penny we spent. People spend a lot of money to get the kind of p.r. we got from this."

Other locales that have won the award claim the "community pride" that the award brings is beyond any price tag. As a bonus of the award, prosperity is promised but without tangible measurement. The Hy-Vee grocery store chain is proposing to move into the vacant space at 44th and Central — we expect city officials will soon make the claim that the business is doing this solely because the city won the All America City award.



Peterson bangs his walking stick on the floor as the delegation shouts, "Heights Pride!"

Rep. Peggy Scott Statement On MNsure Rate Increase

ST. PAUL, MN — Health insurance premium rates through the failed \$400 million MNsure website have reached historic levels. Preliminary rate increases were released through Healthcare.Gov last Thursday. Minnesota families and individuals who buy insurance on their own could pay an average increase around 60 percent, the highest average increase of any year since Governor Dayton and Democrats established MNsure.

Premiums in the MNsure exchange have risen in each of the three years

Naysayers make Fehst testy

Fehst grumbled again with those same unnamed "people" on his mind: "they call it a fake award — you have to apply for this award..." then Fehst's voice rose in a haughty, uppity tone: "you have to apply for the Nobel Peace Prize too."

Fehst's defenses got the best of him. He should have researched the Nobel Foundation's website before making such an uninformed remark.

The nominating committee members are selected by the Norwegian Parliament. Awards are made in six different categories, peace being one of them. Since 1901, nearly 600 awards have been given to recipients aged 17 to 90. Names of nominees are not released until 50 years have passed.



School Superintendent Kathy Kelly

Only a select group of about 3,000 academics, past Nobel Prize recipients, members of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, among others, are allowed to submit nominations. They all have a background in at least one of the six fields being awarded.

The committee receives a few hundred nominations each year. After a lengthy process of deliberations, research and consultation with peers, the committee writes reports of findings and the award recipients are determined.

No, Mr. Fehst, you cannot pay a \$200 application fee, nominate yourself and get on a bus to pick up your Nobel Prize. (No one "applies" for a Nobel Prize, nor can anyone nominate himself).

"We had the goods"

Fehst went on to say "you don't get an award unless you have the goods, and we had the goods."

We're still trying to figure out what "the goods" were.

Fehst impressed upon the council that if they are asked why the city got the award, they should answer: for the new library, the City of Peace park and "our general collaboration with the school district." *ACR*

(A related column appeared in the May 24, 2016 edition of the *Record*)

new prices have been set, but the current hike is projected to be the largest once updated prices are finalized in the coming weeks.

"Governor Dayton and legislative Democrats continue to fail Minnesotans with a third-straight year of higher MNsure costs," said Rep. Peggy Scott, R-Andover. "Instead of raising taxes — as the DFL proposed — we need to follow the lead of House Republicans to make health care more affordable for families throughout the state."

In 2016, Scott voted to reduce the MNsure tax which would have saved families at least \$22 million over the next three years. The measure passed the House, but was vocally opposed by Democrat legislators and was not enacted.



ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

Always on the lookout for governmental waste, fraud, and abuse in Anoka County

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September 2, 2016

Quote of the Week: "Many Minnesotans have serious doubts about the wisdom of tying their environmental and economic future to a fossil industry of a soon-to-be past era."

- Willis Mattison

Quote of the Week: "The DFL environmentalists want to deprive us of our quality of life and use of our wilderness. These fakes who call themselves Democrats oppose mining, the right to own a gun, freedom of speech, our American values, and the style of life we have on the Iron Range."

- Robert Vlaisavljevich, Mayor of Eveleth

Quote of the Week: "we're going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business."

- Hillary Clinton

Fact of the Week: Exploitation: "the action or fact of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work (or vote!)."

EXPLOITED

As we approach Labor Day and move closer to a pivotal election, many working class voters are taking a long, hard look at the Party that professes to have their back, the Democrat Farmer Labor (DFL) Party.

For generations, certain segments of the American populace have loyally voted DFL - and received nothing in return.

While there may have been a time when the DFL was ruled by leaders with an authentic egalitarian world view, that time has long passed.

Today's DFL party is run by wealthy, urban elites who hold views that are diametrically opposed to those held by the working class, be it the minority working class in the urban core or the white working class in rural counties.

These urban elites are deeply involved in politics to promote radical gun control, abortion on demand, gay marriage, a radical environmentalism, and economic policies that appear to be progressive but instead leave massive loopholes through which they escape their self-professed obligation to "pay their fair share."

These radical views are not only at odds with those in the working class, they are harmful.

Today's DFL is led by a trust fund governor who's lived a life of carefree luxury.

It's led by a House Minority Leader who lives in a tony Minneapolis enclave and pays more in property taxes than some people make in a year.

It's led by a clownish U.S. Senator who made a fortune playing the fool in Hollywood, writing vacuous trash while doing dope.

All three live in Minneapolis and consider walking down to the farmer's market to pick up some kale to be "farming."

These feckless politicians string along these

groups, promising help and support that never comes.

Take mining. The Iron Range has always been sensitive to economic shocks, as any commodity-dependent area would be.

The plunge in commodity prices, particularly iron ore, has wrought economic devastation that has resisted the general recovery being experienced across the country.

Economic distress is quite evident across the Range.

Of course, the antidote for this malaise would be to get more mining jobs up and running, especially for those minerals, ferrous and non-ferrous, that have recovered in price point.

But the urban elites who run the DFL won't allow it.

Instead, they engage in a cynical game of stringing people along, claiming that there's just "one more" environmental regulation to clear.

Years later, miners are still waiting for good jobs. They won't be coming, at least so long as Mark Dayton is governor.

You see, there is no intention to allow this mining to start up. It's all a smoke screen to cop some more votes out of Iron Rangers for the next election.

It's about the false hope. The DFL party has delayed considering a resolution to oppose mining.

It wasn't defeated. Only delayed until after the election. Just like Hillary's calendar.

There are some signs of life in the traditional constituency. The unions representing construction trades men and women, the skilled mine workers, have been courageous in calling out Dayton and the Democrats.

There are also Iron Range Democrats who have also bravely declared that the emperor has no clothes.

And it's not just mining. Enbridge Company recently announced that they will bypass Minnesota in building an oil pipeline out of the Bakken Oil Field.

The pipeline, and its jobs and tax base, will simply bypass Minnesota.

The oil will still flow, it will still be transported, it will still be consumed.

Nonetheless, the DFL environmentalists will thump their chest publicly while privately cheering that the pipeline won't run near their lake home, the one they use when they're not at the Minneapolis condo.

In the urban core, the same exploitation occurs with black citizens.

For generations, the DFL has run our urban cores. For blacks, the schools are horrible, the crime is worse, and the economic opportunity non-existent.

Nothing has gotten better for that demographic.

It could.

Education reforms could make the schools much better. But the DFL would never offend the teachers' union.

Reforming welfare programs would help. But

there is an industrial complex of government workers and non-profits that rake in government money to administer these growing and failing programs. Can't offend the government unions and the non-profit executives who attend the swanky fundraisers.

It's about exploitation.

Consider the Huffington Post article this week regarding the leaked memo from Nancy Pelosi's staff, encouraging DFL congressional candidates to distance themselves from black activists.

The memo reads, "Listen to their (BLM) concerns, but don't offer support for concrete policy positions."

The memo puts the lie to the concern Democrats claim to have for black lives.

It's kind of like transportation. When they had control, there was no gas tax. Now, it's all about the gas tax.

Also consider an opinion piece this week regarding the continued folly of Southwest Light Rail.

The author, Mary Pattock, describes meeting some black supporters of the transit line, which doesn't offer service to the most underserved areas in Minneapolis and those most in need of transit options.

"We really didn't know the facts and were told what to say," one black testifier related. After being told how the route circumvented their neighborhood, they ripped off their stickers.

Exploitation.

It remains to be seen if members of these exploited groups will fight for their right to self-determination and do more than vote DFL by rote.

The Iron Range appears to be moving that direction.

The big test will come in the campaign between DFLer Rick Nolan and Republican Stewart Mills.

If Mills wins, we can say that the Iron Range and northern Minnesota are waking up.

The urban core still appears to have a ways to go. In the meantime, you can rest assured the DFL will do nothing to enhance educational outcomes, reduce crime, or encourage a culture of work and personal responsibility.

The Anoka County Watchdog is a place where concerned taxpayers can find fact-supported information and other resources about governmental waste and abuse in Anoka County.

My intent is to provide you, the taxpayer, with the information you need to hold your local politicians accountable.

Visit my website and sign up for free weekly e-mail updates at:

www.AnokaCountyWatchdog.com

or contact me personally at:

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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HOMEOWNER EDUCATION FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Homeowners wanting to better understand, operate, and maintain their septic systems will want to attend a Homeowner Education for Septic Systems program being presented by the University of Minnesota Extension. Hear about water saving ideas, find out if you should be using additives, and get your questions answered.

This two-hour program will be held Thursday, November 3, 2016 and again on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7–9 pm at the Bunker Hills Activities Center, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover; two miles west of Highway 65 on Bunker Lake Boulevard. The cost to attend is \$10. You will receive the University of Minnesota Extension Septic System Owner's Guide at the class.

Pre-registration is required. You can get the flyer and registration form online at <http://z.umn.edu/ssclass>. If you have any questions or to request the flyer and registration form, call the University of Minnesota Extension, Anoka County at 763-755-1280. Presentation of this program is partially covered by an Anoka County Ag Preserves Grant and is presented by Valerie Prax, Retired Extension Educator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANOKA COUNTY COMBINED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that Anoka County Housing Authority (ACHRA) will meet on September 27, 2016 at 10:15 a.m. or later, for a regularly scheduled ACHRA Board Meeting which includes conducting a public hearing at the Anoka County Government Center, The draft CAPER 2010 Third Avenue, will be available for Room 705, Anoka, MN. citizen review during The purpose of this Community and public hearing is to afford Government Relations an opportunity for the office hours (8:00 public to comment on the am to 4:30 pm) until performance of Anoka September 26, 2016. County Community Persons wishing to and Government Relations in meeting should contact Renee housing, community and Sande at 763-323-5714. Upon request, needs as outlined in the attempts will be made Anoka County portion to provide the CAPER in of the 2015 Dakota an alternative format. County Consortium If you have questions Consolidated Plan regarding the CAPER, and the Anoka County please contact Renee portion of the 2015 Sande in Community Dakota County and Government Consortium Action Plan. Relations at 763-323-Persons who wish to 5714. If you would like to contact Renee Sande CAPER, please at Community and send them in writing Government Relations, to Community and 325 East Main Street, Government Relations, STE W250, Anoka, ATTN: Renee Sande, MN. Telephone: 763- 325 East Main Street, 323-5714; TDD/TTY: STE W250, Anoka, MN

763-323-5289; Fax: 55303; or by FAX (763) 763-422-7437, prior to 422-7437. Comments 4:30 pm on Monday, will be accepted until September 26, 2016. September 26, 2016.

If you require special accommodations, please contact Community and Government Relations at least one week before the hearing.

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ANOKA COUNTY Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, a public informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Anoka County Highway Department, 1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard, Andover, MN 55304. The purpose of this meeting will be to review and accept comments on the Anoka County Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

The SWPPP is a document required by the State and Federal government that outlines how the county will work towards reducing pollution in storm water runoff. This Plan will be presented and public feedback will be received during the meeting.

A copy of the SWPPP become effective from is available for public and after its passage and review at the Anoka publication. County Highway Passed and adopted Department Offices, by the City Council of 1440 Bunker Lake Blvd., the City of Oak Grove Andover, MN 55304. this 29th day of August, 2016. Written comments on 2016. To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:

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PUBLIC NOTICES *continued from page 4*

LOT 10, BLOCK 10, our website at www.DONNAY'S OAK PARK.columbiaheightsmn.gov; or by emailing HEARING DATE AND TIME: Said hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at the Blaine City Hall Council Chambers, located at 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, Minnesota, 55449 at 7:00 p.m.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. If you cannot attend, please mail your comments in. Persons who have questions may call the Planning Department, PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (763) 785-6180.

CITY OF COLUMBUS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Variance

Hearing impaired Notice is hereby given persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact Dawn Bugge at (763) 785-6180 no later than September 6, 2016. Catherine Sorensen, City Clerk

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

FACILITY SUPERVISOR FOR HYLANDER CENTER

Position Summary:

Works with adults and youth monitoring the gym area, the exercise area, and lobby of the Hylander Center for the City of Columbia Heights.

Maintains order, resolves conflicts and problems of the patrons, and ensures that services are provided in a professional and safe manner. Records THAT PRT OF NE1/4 attendance and collects OF NW1/4 OF SEC 31 admission fees. Ensures TWP 33 RGE 22 DESC that all policies and AS FOL: COM AT N 1/4 procedures of the facility COR OF SD SEC, TH S are enforced. Completes ALG E LINE OF SD 1/4 records and reports as 1/4 680 FT TO POB, TH Columbus City Code required. Reports any W 165 FT, TH N 100.65 is hereby amended as questions/concerns to the FT TO N LINE OF S 75 follows:

Recreation Director and FT OF N1/2 OF SD1/4 Coordinator. Performs related duties as needed. Required Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Must pass a background check and satisfactorily complete concussion training.

Hours: 10-14 hours per week. Shifts available include:

Monday - Thursday, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon, and

Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Desired Qualifications:

One year experience working in a recreation facility or other comparable facility. One year providing customer service, especially to youth.

Wage Range:

\$12.41 - \$15.51/hour

Application Procedure:

WHEREAS, Minnesota

City applications can be

Statutes, Section 415.11

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590 40th Avenue N.E.; the City Council to fix

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ORDINANCE NO. 16-08'

AN ORDINANCE

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SALARIES PURSUANT

TO MINNESOTA

STATUTES

Recitals

WHEREAS, Minnesota

Statutes, Section 415.11

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District, according to

Section 7A-560 of this

Code:

A. Public Service The

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recommend and the City

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ordinance; and WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a reasonable salary for attendance at public meetings while members are conducting official business on behalf of the City or representing the City as liaison to other committees, commissions and units of government. To be considered for this position, applicants must submit a completed City application to: Recreation Department, City of Columbia Heights, 530 Mill Street, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

Closing Date: Applications accepted

until vacancies filled.

CITY OF COLUMBUS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given

that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.,

at 16319 Kettle River

Blvd., Columbus,

Minnesota to consider

a variance request from

the required side or

rear yard placement to

a front yard location for

an accessory building

(stable). The hearing

shall continue until all

evidence and testimony

has been received.

Applicant:

Pavel & Alena Bodnar

Property Owner:

Pavel & Alena Bodnar

Property Location:

18788 Lexington

Drive NE, Columbus,

Minnesota

Legal Description:

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ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

AND PERFORMANCE

STANDARDS

SECTION 7A-

753. SUBURBAN

RESIDENTIAL

(SR) DISTRICT

CONDITIONAL USES.

The following uses shall

be conditional in the

SR district according to

Section 7A-540 of this

Code:

A. Attached residential

dwellings may be

considered at higher

densities with more units

per building through a

CUP review and subject

to the PUD provisions

on Section 7A-819.

B. Senior Citizen

Housing subject to the

requirements in Section

7A-766 and Section 7A-

819.

SECTION 7A-763.

COMMUNITY RETAIL

(CR) DISTRICT

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Section 7A-560 of this

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Facilities and Public Utilities. B. Mortuaries. C. Domestic animal veterinary clinics with commercial boarding facilities.

D. Senior Citizen Housing subject to the requirements in Section 7A-766 and Section 7A-819.

SECTION 7A-777.

HORSE RACING (HR) DISTRICT USES.

The PUD is approved following uses shall be by the City Council, regulated within the HR

the City shall issue a conditional use permit to

the plating procedures prescribed in Chapter

8 of the City Code. If

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that are customarily and the raising of hogs commonly associated or swine are not allowed with Senior Citizen on parcels of less than Housing, such as twenty (20) acres.

medical and foodservice 2. Commercial boarding facilities. of horses shall be

4. Horse Racing subject to the restrictions (HR) District Hotel PUD. applicable to Interim Use Hotels, motels, banquet Permits and Residential and convention facilities Zone Businesses under shall be allowed as part § 7A-806. Dog kennels of a PUD in the HR are subject to the District. In exchange for provisions in § 7A-809 higher design standards, Dog Kennels.

site preservation 3. Farm Animal Density: techniques, other hooved animals. One-unique development half (0.5) habitable considerations, and acre per Animal Unit other public benefit, the shall be required for dimensional criteria of hooved farm animals, the underlying zoning including but limited to district may be modified horses, cows, swine, or varied, including, but not limited to: setbacks, non-poultry, non-fowl, building separation, non-bird or furbearing shared access, street frontage, and lot area.

SECTION II. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance was adopted as required to restrain by the Columbus City the animal, adequately Council on this 24th day drained so that it is of August, 2016 and not flooded, and is shall become effective accessible to the animal after its publication.

By order of the City Council

CITY OF COLUMBUS

ORDINANCE NO. 16-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 – PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CHAPTER 7A – ZONING REGULATIONS

IN THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE

The City Council of on lots of five (5) acres the City of Columbus or more. Land shall be ordains the following considered habitable amendments to the for the purposes of this Columbus City Code: Chapter 7A if it is fenced

SECTION I. ARTICLE V as required to restrain PUBLIC SAFETY AND the animal, adequately PUBLIC NUISANCE, drained so that it is SECTION 5-500 not flooded, and is PUBLIC NUISANCES accessible to the animal AFFECTING PUBLIC at all times of the year SAFETY is amended other than intermittently by adding the following due to severe weather.

Subsection: 5. Animal Structures.

GG. Habitually crowing Permanent wood roosters, defined as structures or pre-daily crowing of roosters manufactured farm between the hours of animal structures shall 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 be required for the a.m., whether year-round or seasonally safe keeping of all round or seasonally farm animals. Animal from March through structures shall not be September, and audible located closer than one off of the Owner's or hundred (100) feet from caretaker's property.

SECTION II. Animal structures shall not be allowed in the Front

PROVISIONS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, SECTION 7A-804.

General Provisions for the Rural Residential (RR) District and Public Utility and Public Service Facility Standards, Subsection H. Animals is replaced in its entirety to read:

H. Animals: Customary farm animals may be housed in the RR District, subject to Minnesota Law and the following provisions:

1. Feed lots with ten (10) or more animal units composted in a manner

that does not result in odors or unsanitary conditions impacting neighboring properties.

7. Animal Feed and Water. Animal feed shall be kept in secure containers to prevent attraction to rodents or other vermin. Animals shall have daily access to water.

8. Slaughtering. Slaughtering of animals, except for personal consumption, shall be prohibited.

9. Product Sales. The sale of farm animals, eggs, meat or other animal products shall be compliant with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Dairy and Food Inspection requirements.

10. The keeping of animals is subject to the provisions of Chapter 5 of the City Code: Public Safety and Public Nuisance.

[§ 7A-804, Subsection H. amended by Ord. No. ___, effective ___ 2016.]

SECTION III.

Effective Date. This Ordinance was adopted by the Columbus City Council on this 24th day of August, 2016 and shall become effective after its publication.

By order of the City Council.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Preliminary Plat

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota, to consider a request for a preliminary plat "North Metro Harness Initiative Plat 2" creating one (1) new lot. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Applicant: Trinity Business Consulting, Inc. (John F. Seibert)

Property Owners: North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC

Aces Hotel, LLC (Taro Ito)

Address: 15201 Zurich Street NE, Columbus, Minnesota

Legal Description: PIN#24-32-22-32-0002

Lot 1, Block 1, North Metro Harness Initiative, Anoka County, Minnesota

Elizabeth Murko, Zoning Administrator

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