

Stalemate! Second attempt to fill vacant city council seat grinds to a halt

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL TRIES AGAIN NEXT MONDAY

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

The Columbia Heights City Council met April 3 at 4:00 p.m. to continue its deliberations over making an appointment to fill the fifth seat on the council. The vacancy occurred in early January when city councilor Donna Schmitt took the mayor's oath after winning the general election. A process for appointing the seat, dictated by the city charter, has been underway for three months now. Seventeen candidates had until Feb. 23 to make application for the open council seat. Since then, there has been a series of interviews and votes taken by the council, all ending in no decision.

Eight candidates were re-interviewed in the open meeting, which was televised live. They were Tim Fitze, Denelle Bing, Frost Simula, Christine Nelson, Ted Landwehr, Jerome Klein, Bruce Nawrocki and Stan Hoium. A new set of questions were asked of these candidates, some of which were tailored to each, based upon the content of their applications. Although some councilors said they would have liked to have re-interviewed Catherine Vesley, Tami Diehm and Nick Novitsky, they were not in the council chambers.



Columbia Heights City Council (L-R): Buesgens, Williams, Schmitt and Murzyn

Applicant Tim Fitze, who was supported by all four councilors in the first straw poll held some weeks earlier, was asked a question by Councilor Connie Buesgens regarding the need for bicycle paths in the city. Fitze said that such paths could be modeled after Minneapolis, where paths are only on designated streets and not too close to each other, so

that motorized traffic would not be disrupted. Buesgens also asked what Fitze meant when he stated on his application that he would speak for "the voiceless." Fitze explained those are the people who are not in the room, they're out on the streets and he would talk to them and bring their opinions to the council meetings. Councilor Bobby Williams asked him about his coaching and bicycling exploits.

Councilor John Murzyn Jr. asked all candidates how they would handle two different situations: being the one "no" in a 4-1 vote; and disagreeing with a city staffer. The answers were mostly predictable and didn't seem to sound any alarms. Murzyn also asked all candidates whether they intended to run for a city office in the next election. Bruce Nawrocki said no, and Catherine Vesley in the first round of interviews a month ago also said she would not run. (Vesley's declaration had been voluntarily given, the council did not ask her the question). The other April 3 interviewees said yes, or probably yes, or maybe yes to running in the next election, when the appointee's seat would be on the ballot.

Candidate Frost Simula told Buesgens that he thought the next city priority would be public transit. He has observed that the bus stops always have people waiting. "We could start looking at alternative transportation options — light rail or a streetcar system." He was then asked for his opinions about attracting technology-based businesses to the city. "Start-ups like older buildings that are renovated and move-in ready," Simula said, "there's plenty of older buildings here." He thought businesses would be attracted to Columbia Heights for the same reason he was — lower taxes. When asked about councilors getting along with staff, Simula described them as "researchers; they are experts in their fields." He left some wiggle room, suggesting he may have knowledge on a particular subject that may be a benefit. Mayor Schmitt asked where he would make

Is Southwest Light Rail Transit Line on the Ropes?

By Tom Steward

The Met Council always expected the Southwest Light Rail Transit line to be on the short list in Washington — the short list for \$895 million in federal funding for construction. Instead, the controversial \$1.9 billion project has suddenly popped up on a different list of transit projects that the Washington Post warns "could be out of luck under the Trump Budget."

President Trump's budget proposal zeroes out the New Starts program that funds light rail transit projects like SWLRT. "Future investments in new transit projects would be funded by the localities that use and benefit from these localized projects," according to the budget blueprint.

Transit projects with full-funding grant agreements already in place would receive federal dollars under the administration's spending plan. But SWLRT's application won't be submitted to the Federal Transportation Authority until later this year.

As a result, a project that once seemed all but inevitable suddenly appears vulnerable, even to the rail line's staunchest proponents at the Met Council.

"An administration that has claimed to focus on jobs and infrastructure should not change course on projects that are about to break ground," Metropolitan Council Chairman Adam Duinick told the AP.

The opening has led both state and federal elected officials to contact U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao to support the administration's proposal to defund the New Starts program and SWLRT by extension.

"For years Congress has funded DOT programs like New Starts and, unfortunately, these funds have sometimes gone to projects with little merit," Rep. Jason Lewis, R-Minn., wrote in a March 24 letter to Chao. "One such project was the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) system in Minneapolis, MN."

Chao also received a lengthy letter signed by 84 Republican Minnesota state legislators, blasting the Met Council for attempting to ram the controversial line through without broad public support.

"The Metropolitan Council's response to the Legislature's opposition to SWLRT was to circumvent the legislature, and identify alternative capital funding in lieu of state funding," House Speaker Kurt Daudt, Senate President Michelle Fischbach, four committee chairs and dozens more lawmakers said in the four page letter.

"...It is our belief that further investment in SWLRT as planned would be counter-productive to the State of Minnesota's transportation and environmental interests, and would recklessly consume scarce transit resources well into the future."

SWLRT could move ahead with construction without the federal government's 50 percent share, but at a steep cost to Hennepin County taxpayers. Center of the American Experiment opposes the project on the grounds it diverts hundreds of millions of transportation dollars that could be spent more effectively.

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E-mails reveal staff attempts to thwart televising of council candidate interviews

City councilor Bobby Williams said during the April 3 candidate re-interviews, "this open meeting law is very important. I like openness. I always have." His comments were made in reference to the live televising of this meeting. However he said he was taken aback when the issue of televising the council interviews came up just before the first interviews on March 2. (See *Record*, Mar. 14, 2017).

"You were going to do this (televising) on your own," Williams told the mayor. She asked him what he was talking about. "We weren't informed of it and then we took a 2-2 vote..." then in his next sentence he said he is for open meetings. Williams did not elaborate as to why he and councilor John Murzyn Jr. have not objected to televising subsequent interviews.

A considerable storm, by Columbia Heights' standards, was raised by some citizens and even a few of the candidates themselves, who said they wanted the interviews televised and made available on the city website as video files.

Several people speaking at the council interview meetings have mixed up certain aspects of the open meeting law with the televising or recording of meetings. The open meeting law requires that the door be unlocked; televising meetings is simply a courtesy granted, or not granted, by a city council.

Most communiques of city staff and elected officials are subject to the data practices law, and are public information. The *Record* obtained staff e-mails that show a behind-the-scenes effort to keep the interviews from being televised, and insisting that a vote of the four councilors be taken on the matter. Such a vote however is not required. — *Bryan Olson*

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changes to the charter. As with so many others who have spoken at recent meetings, Simula finds fault with the appointment process, which he described as "ill-defined" and "cumbersome" and would like to see it more "streamlined." The candidates were asked about their visions for improvements to Central, 40th, and University Avenue. Simula said he would look to downtown Hopkins as a model.

Williams asked many of the candidates about the city's All America City award that was obtained last summer. How did they feel about it? Denelle Bing said "as a newer resident, it made me proud." Other candidates' responses were similar. Williams related a tidbit about a recent meeting he attended of Anoka County elected officials: "They didn't even know about it." (*Record*, May 24, Sept. 6, and Oct. 11, 2016).

Several candidates were asked for their opinions on the "City of Peace" effort, with Williams often mentioning that former mayor Gary Peterson was behind these projects.

Schmitt asked candidate Christine Nelson about the open meeting law, "what does that mean to you?" Nelson said, "it means that the public has every right to be a part of the meeting and have the opportunity to ask questions or give their input as well." The mayor had a follow-up question which she asked many of the candidates: "Have we failed or are doing okay (in this area)?" Nelson said she had wanted her video-recorded interview posted on the city website so it would have been

accessible to the public. When asked if she had any suggestions for changes to the city charter, Nelson replied, "I'm not too familiar with the charter," then paused and added, "I'm willing to learn though."

After nearly 90 minutes spent on the interviews, the councilors starting making motions on a choice.

Buesgens moved to appoint Tim Fitze, but the motion failed for lack of a second. Williams moved to appoint Bruce Nawrocki, which resulted in a 2-2 tie, the two yes votes made by Williams and Murzyn.

Votes to appoint Ted Landwehr and Tami Diehm were also 2-2 ties. Buesgens and Schmitt favored Landwehr, and Williams and Murzyn favored Diehm.

Mayor Schmitt then suggested the council take up the matter again on Monday, April 10. All were in agreement.

For the record, we are including a report on the March 27 council interview meeting below:

City Council meeting held Monday, March 27 to re-interview two finalists

At a previous "work session" meeting (see *Record*, Mar 21, 2017), the city council decided to re-interview for a second time, two candidates of the body's choosing: Sean Broom and Nick Novitsky. The interviews took about a half hour, prior to the council's regularly scheduled televised meeting at 7 p.m.

Seventeen questions had been prepared before the meeting, with

On Mar 1, 2017, at 7:22 AM, Kelli Bourgeois <KBourgeois@columbiaheightsmn.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Walt –

We did send the interview procedure to all of the Council members for review and comment/edit. I haven't heard back from any of them but will check with Katie when she gets in this morning. I will be sitting in on all of the interviews. I'll be keeping time and ensuring no one asks anything they are not allowed to. I agree about not inviting the public and I did explain to Donna there's a difference between allowing the public to attend to comply with the open meeting law and "inviting" the public to attend. Katie and I provided amended language to her notice regarding this. It's still more inviting than necessary but less than it had originally been. I don't know if having Jim at the interviews is necessary, but having him there at next week's work session where they discuss their thoughts on the candidates may be a good idea so we ensure no lines get crossed. Jim, are you available?

Subject: Re: Interviews
Date: 2017-03-01 10:19:41
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From: James D. Hoeft
To/Cc: Kelli Bourgeois +

I have the easier questions to answer. The interviews are being conducted at a noticed public meeting. They can be and there is no other prior notice necessary (either to the public or applicants). Whether it is a good idea is beyond my grade. As to inappropriate comments being made at a public meeting, welcome to my world - always a concern.

The Charter speaks to the administration of the City.

JDH

On Mar 1, 2017, at 8:56 AM, Kelli Bourgeois <KBourgeois@columbiaheightsmn.gov> wrote:

The Mayor has directed Adam that the interviews will be live broadcast and recorded for scheduled re-broadcast. She has also directed Katie to be present at the interviews even though she had scheduled time off for Thursday afternoon. Jim, can we legally broadcast these interviews? If we can, do we have to notify the applicants prior to the interview?

There are a few issues with this that I am concerned about. First, the Mayor is directing the work tasks of our staff (both part time and full time). Second, I don't believe this was discussed with the rest of the Council members. Third, I worry that if we broadcast the interviews and something is said that shouldn't be there is no very public record of such.

How should we proceed? Should I sit down with Donna and discuss these concerns with her or Walt, would rather call her? Or do I just let this go?

Subject: Re: Thursday
Date: 2017-03-01 17:59:03
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From: James D. Hoeft
To/Cc: Walt Fehst +

As a reply to all, most of these discussion points are policy related and thus do not require a legal opinion. However, there is one point that everyone should understand. Meeting video is not an official record. At no time is a meeting required by law to be video taped. The written minutes make up the official record of the meeting.

JDH

On Mar 1, 2017, at 5:20 PM, Walt Fehst <WFehst@columbiaheightsmn.gov> wrote:

We'll definitely talk tomorrow.

I like what you suggested. Also, I think. Your reasoning is sound on not broadcasting until after. I do not agree with the Mayor's reasoning. We have never recorded interviews on Commission member applications or Council candidates for open positions. In any event, the Council collectively makes the call. Jim needs to confirm this for us. I'm thinking Jim may need to be at the interviews, too: or, at least until a decision is made about broadcasting and the procedure generally.

I think that the entire Council needs to receive the points made by you and the Mayor in advance (hand delivered if necessary) so that every Councilmember is informed, not just the Mayor. Both views have merit, but I believe strongly that each Councilmember has the same vote. Perhaps the Council should be called in advance as well.

By the way, did you or Joe authorize Adam to work at these interviews??

Subject: Re: Thursday
Date: 2017-03-02 09:39:09
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From: Donna Schmitt
To/Cc: Kelli Bourgeois +

Kelli,

If you didn't authorize Adam to tape these, then who was going to videotape the interviews so the council could review later on during the work session? That was mentioned several times during the discussion. You gave your opinion but never stated that it go to council for discussion.

(Walt, you need to use my city email for city business.)

Donna

On Mar 2, 2017, at 9:16 AM, Kelli Bourgeois <KBourgeois@columbiaheightsmn.gov> wrote:

Walt, I was not asked to nor did I request or authorize Adam to work at these interviews.

Kelli

eight of them being posed to the two candidates. The first question asked of Sean Broom, stated that the city's number one priority, a new grocery store, had been reached but what should be the next priority? Broom said it should be a new city hall.

"A flagship grocery store gives people a really good reason to come here," Broom said, "and the city hall that reflects both the history of Columbia Heights and the potential we have..." He also suggested that ways for existing businesses to latch onto Hy-

Vee's momentum should be explored. Novitsky said a farmers' market should be a priority and reported that meetings about this have been enthusiastic.

When asked about what strengths and skills the candidates have that the current city council does not, Broom joked that he makes "an amazing chili" and is "spectacular at trivia." He said he could add levity to the council meetings. Broom said the skills

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Quote of the Week: "They have the potential to be the worst team in baseball."

- Anonymous baseball scout, on the 2017 Minnesota Twins

Quote of the Week: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

- Fourth Amendment to the Constitution

Quote of the Week: "No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

- Fifth Amendment to the Constitution

CRONY CAPITALISM, GANGSTER GOVERNMENT

It's that time of year. With spring in the air and calendar turning to April, it's time to waive the Minnesota Twins hello and goodbye.

"Hello" in the sense that the season will start next week and Minnesotans can look forward to the Boys of Summer.

"Goodbye" in the sense that any hopes of winning baseball are already out the window.

Heck, any hopes of competitive baseball are out the window.

The hometown 9 are just one year removed from a franchise record for losses (103) and the worst record in baseball that year.

Recall that the taxpayers were told that the Twins needed a new stadium to be competitive.

In 2006, the taxpayers ponied up \$400 million.

So what did they get?

Since that time, the team is 501-633, well below the .500 winning percentage standard.

Attendance has plummeted from 3.2 million in 2010, the stadium's first year, to 1.9 million last year.

But guess what has gone up during that time?

How about the value of the team?

In 2009, the team was valued at \$356 million.

Today, the franchise is worth an estimated \$910 million.

That a whopping appreciation of 255%!

That's a better return than what the Pohlads boys got from their Wall Street investments, to be sure.

Moreover, the team has flat-out lied to the public regarding claims that they needed a new

stadium to "field a competitive team."

Last October, a Twins spokesman said the following about the claim, "We said the ballpark would be an important piece to our overall product. No doubt the on-field play has been disappointing and we are taking appropriate measures to address the problems. We never stated a new ballpark would guarantee a competitive team, we did say the new ballpark would provide revenues aimed at helping the Twins compete."

Is that so?

During the 2006 campaign to win a taxpayer-funded ballpark, here's what the team's website said about the need for a new stadium:

"In 2002, 2003 and 2004, the Twins finished in first place in the American League's Central Division; nevertheless, the revenues they were able to generate in the Metrodome ranked only 25th out of 30 major league franchises. This is due to the configuration of the Metrodome as a football facility, as well as the lease limitations on major revenue streams such as advertising, suites and parking. This will result in the team's inability to field a competitive team and offer fans an exciting Major League Baseball experience over the long-term."

So, yeah, the Twins lied to get a new stadium funded out of the public fisc.

They wrangled a new stadium in order to increase revenue, which was clearly designed to do nothing more than enrich the Pohlads by enhancing the team's value.

In 2010, team revenues were \$158 million.

They are now \$240 million a year.

And here's one more factoid: the Twins have the third highest average ticket price in the American League.

Crony Capitalism.

The cousin of "crony capitalism" is "gangster government."

Gangster government is government that trammels constitutional rights and steals things, tangible and intangible, from the citizenry.

Besides the IRS, there is probably no more offensive weapon in gangster government than "civil asset forfeiture" (CAF).

Civil asset forfeiture is a device that allows law enforcement to seize the assets of the citizens suspected of being involved in crimes, and it's big business.

According to the United States Justice Department, law enforcement has seized over \$4 billion in cash alone since 2007.

Amazingly, over \$3.2 billion of the seized cash was taken via administrative procedures, meaning that no civil or criminal charges were filed against the owners and no judicial review of the seizure took place.

Keep in mind that this report didn't report the value of other items seized, like cars, homes, electronics, etc.

The concept of private property lies at the heart of our constitutional government.

It underpins the rule of law and forms the cornerstone of our economic system.

In large part, our laws and courts are designed to protect private property rights and recognize

those rights as inherently intertwined with our other inalienable rights and liberties.

Thus, when government seizes property in the absence of criminal or even civil charges and there is no judicial review, we have nothing more than a constitutional crisis.

It matters not that some of the citizens who have experienced this injustice are less than sympathetic people.

There is no doubt that some of these people are involved in criminal activity.

Some obtained their cash dealing drugs or stealing.

It doesn't matter because another sacred legal concept is equality under law and due process for all.

If we sit back and allow government to pick winners and losers with respect to constitutional rights, we have slouched towards totalitarianism and a banana republic.

There is a very simple but powerful principle at issue here: government may not deprive any citizen of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

Government may not arbitrarily steal stuff, whether it be cash, freedom, or even Twins tickets.

In addition to crony capitalism and gangster government, there is the odious practice of plain old government waste.

This week, the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA), released an audit of the state's welfare eligibility practices.

As one might expect, counties are failing to engage in proper procedures to vet applicants with respect to welfare eligibility.

For example, sample testing revealed that nearly half of recipients were granted benefits despite there being a lack of proper documentation regarding items like assets, income, and family relationships.

The audit also found that counties also in many cases failed to reduce benefits when recipients failed to meet child support obligations.

Moreover, the audit also found that approximately 10% of sampled cases showed that ineligible recipients were receiving medical benefits.

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he has learned as an aide to elected officials can help the council “direct staff better and get the best outcomes possible from them.” Novitsky said he has the ability to rally the citizenry and that he is willing to learn.

“If you could change anything in our city charter, what would it be?” asked city councilor Bobby Williams.

Broom said the “easy answer” is to change the charter to allow for special elections. On the other hand, he said he was concerned about the cost of special elections. He also had another suggestion, that the charter be amended to create “a citizens-police leadership-responsibility board.”

Another wish Broom has is “to make a complete sidewalk network throughout the city.” For Novitsky, it would be an indoor playground to be used during winters where a lack of snow can put the kibosh on outdoor sports.

Novitsky said the city charter lacks clarity regarding the appointment process.

Mayor Donna Schmitt asked a peculiar clinker: “What is the one question you were hoping we wouldn’t ask?”

Broom referenced last year’s general election where he came in fourth in a race for two council seats. Novitsky replied he was open to answering any and all questions.

Several citizens were given a chance to make comments, as has been the practice with all the interview meetings.

Among them was Charter Commission member Frost Simula, a city council applicant himself, who said the appointment process “has been very confusing and poorly defined. The timeline has been too long. We need a fifth person on the council desperately.” He said he intends to bring up the matter at the next commission meeting. “It’s also been mentioned tonight, the idea of ‘runoff voting.’ That’s a good suggestion; that’s something we could look at.”

During the regular meeting that followed that same evening, the vote was taken.

Murzyn and Williams were in favor of Novitsky, while Buesgens and Schmitt favored Broom. 2-2 ties both, and the council agreed to continue the matter on April 3.

Former mayor discovers another Open Meeting Law violation

Julienne Wyckoff said she raced to the meeting to speak during Citizens’ Forum (public comment), after having been watching the proceedings on cable television.

“I’m mad, but not for reasons you might think,” said the former city councilor and mayor who served one term as each. (She too was an applicant for the vacant council seat.)

She reported finding city hall’s main door locked; and only after stirring up enough commotion did someone inside open the door for her so she could get to the council chambers. State statute says the meeting has to be accessible to the public at all times while it’s in progress.

Wyckoff had a second item, regarding the mountains of cigarette butts she finds in the city park near Medtronic. She complained that Medtronic employees are forbidden to smoke anywhere on company property so they use the park instead. She advocated for a smoking ban in city parks.

Watson and Broom warn council about becoming “dysfunctional”

Former city manager Malcolm Watson, a regular during the public comment periods, provided some city history again. “I don’t like to hear conflict in the council, for a very good reason: In 1957, the mayor John Stopka had a newspaper called *The Echo* and he got into conflict with some members of the council. The news media had picked up on this... we issued bonds and we had only one bidder. I called other bonding companies and asked them, ‘why didn’t you bid on our municipal bonds?’ They said there was ‘too much bad publicity about your city council. We questioned how stable your community was.’” Watson said a few years later the city sold bonds again and got a very favorable interest rate, compared to having to pay top dollar when the conflict was going on. He told the council, “don’t project conflict, because it can have an affect on all of our citizens.”

Sean Broom followed with similar comments. He urged the council to find consensus. Broom reminded them of the “dysfunctional” city council that existed in Greenfield, where every meeting ended in arguments, leading to problems with its insurance coverage from the League of Minnesota Cities.

“It cost them an incredible amount of money to be dysfunctional,” Broom said. *ACR*

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“It’s a \$2 billion project that does nothing to relieve congestion,” said Kim Crockett, American Experiment Vice President and Senior Policy Fellow. “We need to go back to the drawing board and come up with transit projects that actually relieve congestion and get people where they want to go.”

The outcome depends on how far Congress will be willing to cut back on the New Starts program, if at all. Transit projects in the works for years like SWLRT stand a better chance of successfully lobbying for funding. But opponents insist it’s not too late to put on the brakes if citizens contact their members of Congress.

“Light rail is an obsolete form of transportation that will be made even more obsolete in a few years by self-driving cars,” said Randal O’Toole, a CATO Institute Senior Fellow and public transit expert. “Congress should stop funding light rail, including the Southwest line, as well as other obsolete transit programs, such as an extension of the Northstar to St. Cloud.”

The proposed \$1.5 billion Bottineau light rail transit line would also be eliminated from consideration for federal funding under the administration spending plan.

(Tom Steward writes for the Center of the American Experiment)

Judiciary and Public Safety Funded by MN House

The Minnesota House has approved legislation yesterday evening that funds judiciary and public safety priorities over the next two years, addresses illegal Interstate protests, and increases penalties for sexual predators and traffickers.

It’s illegal for protesters to shut down Interstate 94, yet it’s happened. You can’t expect to walk onto a 65-mile an hour freeway because you’re upset about something. Doing so puts your life in danger, as well as the lives of drivers and law enforcement.

The current intentional public highway obstruction law is a misdemeanor and isn’t deterring lawbreakers from protesting on a freeway. This legislation would strengthen the penalty to a gross misdemeanor, which increases the probability for a jail stay, higher fine, and longer probation.

We also dedicate funds for additional sex trafficking prevention grants. As we saw with Peony Massage in Blaine, sex trafficking is alleged to be happening in our own backyard and we need to do all we can to stop it.

We’re also addressing an unbelievable loophole in state law that keeps some convicted sexual predators off of Minnesota’s sex offender registry. The bill eliminates stays of imposition and adjudication for sex crimes, increases supervision post incarceration for some crimes, and increases the length of punishment for those convicted of child pornography crimes.

With news of a released sex offender relocating to Blaine last year, increased supervision is rightfully on the minds of many.

There’s no doubt this public safety bill will better protect Minnesotans, and I was proud to support it.



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School Referendum Bills Are Rediculous

To the editor:

I find the legislation proposed by Reps. Lohmer and Dettmer (House File 1964) and Sens. Housley and Chamberlain (Senate File 1361) to be absolutely fascinating.

They propose that school board members be removed from office for “nonfeasance,” which they redefine to include “the willful failure to uphold the intent and purpose of a voter-approved policy.”

Well, very, very interesting. Minnesota law does

not allow voters to set school district policy. Minnesota law does not even allow voters to make spending decisions. Minnesota law limits district residents to voting yes or no for taxes for levies and bonds. Minnesota law requires that all policy and spending decisions be made by the school board alone. Under Minnesota law the list of projects on a bond referendum is not a promise from Santa Claus as these astute members of the political class seem to believe. It is a very serious limitation on what bond proceeds may be spent.

It prevents a school board from taking the money and spending it on pet projects the voters do not want. It has long been the law in Minnesota that

the amount of money approved for a bond is a limit, not a requirement. If the only issue on which voters speak is yes or no on the tax itself, then it is impossible to say voters have put in place a policy. We live in a republic where policy is set by elected representatives, not by public referendum. This bill is complete nonsense. One can only wonder how much money from special interest donors is at stake for our legislators to introduce such ridiculous bills.

Note to local Republicans: Please stop endorsing Democrats in sheep’s clothing and send us some real conservatives. Thank you.

Carl Blondin, Stillwater

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on March 7, 2017. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2017-20 Day to End Domestic Violence, #2017-21 University of Minnesota Extension Anoka County 100th Anniversary, #2017-22 Contract with State of MN, #2017-23 Conveyance of Property, #2017-24 Setting Sale of Capital Improvements Refunding Bonds, #2017-25 Economic Assistance Payments, #2017-26 National Nutrition Month, and #2017-27 HIPAA Policies and Procedures. A public hearing was held related to the imposition and proposed transportation and transit uses of a ¼ cent sales and use tax, and \$20 per motor vehicle excise tax, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 297A.993. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anokacounty.us (4/4, 2017 ACR) #642

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2017-07
Description of Bid/RFP:
Snow Removal and Ice Control Services – No Prevailing Wages
Bid Opening: May 5, 2017

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids. (4/4, 4/11, 2017 ACR) #643

CITY OF OAK GROVE COUNTY OF ANOKA

STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission's Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St NW, to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a variance for James Wear, 2040 191st Ave NW, to construct an accessory building not meeting the required setbacks at the following legally described property: Lot 1, Block 1, Spars Cedar Creek Estates; further described by PID #27-33-24-34-0003.

All written and oral comments will be heard. The hearings of this request are not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason, has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary

aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold
City Clerk
(4/4, 2017 ACR) #641

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333

The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **TLC REALTY**
2. Principal Place of Business:

**14204 Flamingo St NW
Andover, MN 55304**
Nameholder(s): **TLC REALTY, LLC
14204 Flamingo St NW
Andover, MN 55304**

5. This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 1525919-2. Originally filed on 5/29/2005.

Under the name **TLC REALTY**

6. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 3/20/2017,
940429200030
/s/ Myhanh Nguyen /
Owner
(3/28, 4/4, 2017 ACR) #637

PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID

CITY OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Andover will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

PUBLIC HEARING: Preliminary Plat Revisions and Variance Requests for the residential development known as Catcher's Creek 2nd Addition.

For the properties described as 14315 Prairie Road, 14367 Prairie Road, and Outlot A, Outlot B, Outlot C, Catcher's Creek – legally described as Outlot A, Outlot B, Outlot C, Catcher's Creek and that part of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 32, Range 24, Anoka County, Minnesota.

There are several ways to participate in this process. You can attend the public hearing or send a letter or an e-mail to be added to the public record. A staff report summarizing the item also will be available prior to the meeting. Please contact Stephanie Hanson, City Planner, with any

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2017 STREET IMPROVEMENTS CITY OF OAK GROVE ANOKA COUNTY, MN

The City of Oak Grove will receive sealed bids at the City Hall, located at 19900 Nightingale Street NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011-9204 for the construction of 2017 Street Improvements until May 1, 2017 @ 2:00pm. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The work for which bids are asked includes the following: The work consists of rural street reconstruction and reconditioning with full depth reclamation, bituminous paving, culvert installation, and associated work. The work includes the following approximate quantities for construction:

Common Excavation	500	CY
Remove Bituminous Pavement	1,700	SY
Full Depth Reclamation	35,500	SY
Aggregate Base Class 5	470	CY
Bituminous Pavement (All Mixes)	7,000	TON
48" Diameter RC Pipe Culvert	80	LF
Seeding	0.5	AC
Striping	10,000	LF

The BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be examined at the offices of MSA Professional Services, Inc., St. Paul; the City of Oak Grove. Planholders list will be updated interactively on our web address at <http://www.msa-ps.com> under Bidding.

Copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #5003890 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Published by the authority of the City of Oak Grove.

CONSULTING ENGINEER:

MSA Professional Services, Inc.; 60 Plato Blvd. E., Suite 140; St. Paul, MN 55107; Charles D. Schwartz, P.E.; 612-548-3141 (4/4, 4/11, 2017 ACR) #641

ANNETTE M. GILLESPIE

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF ANOKA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Janice L. Johnson, Plaintiff, Court File No. _____
vs. Case Type: Other Civil

U.S. Bank National Association, and
Annette M. Gillespie, and
SUMMONS

to all other persons unknown having or claiming an interest in the property described in the complaint herein,
Defendants.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a **written response** called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: Katz & Manka, Ltd., 120 S.6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Anoka County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of Lots 2 and 3, Block 10, COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES, according to the recorded plat thereof, Anoka County, Minnesota, lying Easterly of the following described line "A":

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Lot 2; thence East along the North Side of said Lot 2, a distance of 7.70 feet to the Point of Beginning of said Line "A"; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 119.65 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes 47 seconds East, a distance of 162.29 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 2, and said Line "A" there terminating.

The object of this action is partition of said real property.

Dated: February 23, 2017
KATZ & MANKA, LTD.
/s/ Corwin R. Kruse, #334418
Attorneys for Plaintiff
120 South Sixth Street - Suite 1240
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Telephone: 612.333.1671
ckruse@katzmanka.com

(4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 2017 ACR) #644

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 17-1 CITY OF COON RAPIDS, MN

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 10:00 a.m., April 14, 2017 at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvement.

Street Reconstruction		
Remove Watermain	3,150	LF
Remove and Replace Hydrants and Valves	19	EA
Remove and Replace Valves	18	EA
Concrete Curb	32,000	LF
6" Concrete Driveway Apron	13,000	SF
Bituminous Wear Course	6,000	TON
Reclaim Bituminous Surface	49,000	SY
Street Signs	54	EA
Crosswalk Markings	130	SF
Replace Storm Sewer Structures	38	LF
Storm Sewer Pipe	130	LF
4"-16" Watermain and Appurtenances	3,140	LF
NMC Loop Detectors and Appurtenances	3	EA
Temporary Mailbox	250	EA
and other necessary appurtenances		

Project documents are available at <http://www.questcdn.com>. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDoc™ # 4876726 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

All bids shall be accompanied by a 5% bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the Engineering Division, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the inscription "Bid for Street Reconstruction Project 17-1." Project bids will also be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Bids will be opened and read by the City Engineering Department at the Coon Rapids City Center at 10:00 a.m., April 14, 2017. The bids will be tabulated by City staff to be considered by City Council at 7:00 p.m., May 2, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 17-3 CITY OF COON RAPIDS, MN

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 2:00 p.m., April 14, 2017 at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvement.

Street Reconstruction		
Remove and Replace Hydrants and Valves	7	EA
Concrete Curb	24,000	LF
6" Concrete Driveway Apron	1,000	SF
Bituminous Wear Course	7,000	TON
Reclaim Bituminous Surface	52,500	SY
Street Signs	80	EA
Crosswalk Markings	270	SF
Replace Storm Sewer Structures	29	LF
Storm Sewer Pipe	233	LF
Seeding (Hydro)	8,500	SY
and other necessary appurtenances		

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All bids shall be accompanied by a 5% bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the Engineering Division, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the inscription "Bid for Street Reconstruction Project 17-3." Project bids will also be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Bids will be opened and read by the City Engineering Department at the Coon Rapids City Center at 2:00 p.m., April 14, 2017. The bids will be tabulated by City staff to be considered by City Council at 7:00 p.m., May 2, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 17-13 CITY OF COON RAPIDS, MN

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 11:00 a.m., April 12, 2017 at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvement.

Miscellaneous Trail Improvements		
Bituminous Trail Surfacing	1,600	Ton
Common Excavation	1,200	CY
Reclaim Bituminous Surface	10,000	SY
Furnish & Install 18" HDPE Culvert	120	LF
Select Granular Borrow (LV)	800	CY
4" and 6" Concrete Walk	700	SF
Furnish & Install 8" Rigid Perf HDPE Pipe with Filter Sock	325	LF
Nyloplast Sump Structure	2	EA
Topsoil (LV)	400	CY
Bioroll	5,100	LF
Hydroseeding	12,000	SY
and other necessary appurtenances		

Project documents are available at <http://www.questcdn.com>. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDoc™ #4896489 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

All bids shall be accompanied by a 5% bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the Engineering Division, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the inscription "Bid for Miscellaneous Trail Improvements Project 17-13." Project bids will also be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Bids will be opened and read by the City Engineering Department at the Coon Rapids City Center at 11:00 a.m. on April 12, 2017. The bids will be tabulated by City staff to be considered by City Council at 7:00 p.m., April 18, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 17-18 CITY OF COON RAPIDS, MN

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 10:00 a.m., April 12, 2017 at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvement.

Crescent Ponds 9th Addition (19 Lots) –		
Sanitary Sewer:		
8" PVC (10'-12' Deep)	500	LF
48" Diameter Manhole (4)	25	LF
4" PVC Service (SCH 40)	800	LF
Watermain:		
8" DIP (Class 52)	510	LF
Hydrant & Valve	2	EA
1" Copper Service Pipe Type K	750	LF
Storm Drain:		
15" RCP CL 5	362	LF
48" Diameter Catch Basin (3)	14.5	LF
Street:		
Clearing & Grubbing	0.852	ACRES
Concrete Curb (Mountable)	1050	LF
Class 5 Gravel Base	550	TON
2" Bit Wear Course (SPWEA240C)	300	TON
and other necessary appurtenances		

Project documents are available at <http://www.questcdn.com>. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDoc™ #4926091 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

All bids shall be accompanied by a 5% bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the Engineering Division, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the inscription "Bid for Crescent Ponds 9th Addition Project 17-18." Project bids will also be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Bids will be opened and read by the City Engineering Department at the Coon Rapids City Center at 10:00 a.m., April 12, 2017. The bids will be tabulated by City staff to be considered by City Council at 7:00 p.m., April 18, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

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questions at (763) 767-5147 or s.hanson@andovermn.gov
Stephanie L. Hanson,
City Planner

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS
Public Works Director - \$127,458;
Finance Director - \$122,886.
The City of Columbia Heights must annually notify its residents of the positions and salaries of its three highest-paid employees. These are as follows:
City Manager - \$149,388;

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Public Notice
Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property
This may affect your 2018 property tax payments.
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Columbus in Anoka County shall meet on April 17, 2017 7:00 p.m., at Columbus City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections to the property tax value assessment need to be made for the 2018 payable tax year.
If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization. Given under my hand this 6th day of April, 2017.
Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

Peter J Scharbach
Property Owner:
Peter J. & Martha K. Scharbach Trustee
Property Location:
5036 197th Ave. NE, Columbus, Minnesota
Legal Description:
THAT PRT OF LOT 4 AUD SUB NO 139 DESC AS FOL: COM AT NW COR OF GOVT LOT 1 SEC 30 TWP 33 RGE 22, TH E ALG N LINE OF SD GOVT LOT & C/L OF CSAH NO 17 337 FT TO POB, TH E ALG SD N LINE 41 FT, TH S PRL/WW LINE OF SD GOVT LOT 571.68 FT +OR- TO SHORE LINE OF COON LAKE, TH SWLY ALG SD SHORE LINE TO PT OF INTER/W A LINE BRG S FROM POB, TH N ALG SD LINE (AS MEAS PRL/W SD W LINE) 586.59 FT +OR- TO POB, EXRD, SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

WILLIAM LEE BENTRIM
DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 02-PR-17-48
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court, Anoka County Courthouse, 324 East Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the Decedent, dated 4/17/2009, and codicil dated and separate writing under Minn, Stat, 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of: Lauri Sweeney, whose address is 1461 Heather Street NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.
As personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 3/7/17 /s/ Lawrence R. Johnson, District Court Judge
Dated: 3/7/17 /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator
Attorney for Applicant:
Stacy Keenan; 2109 County Road D East; Maplewood, MN 55109;
Attorney License No: MN# 3290422; Telephone: (651) 252-7238
(4/4, 4/11, 2017 ACR) #645

JUDITH M. THURSTON
DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 02-PR-17-127
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated July 25, 1990, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.
Notice is also given that the Registrar has infonnally appointed David E. Thurston, whose address is 1164 Watson, Red Wing, MN, 55066, and Douglas Thurston, whose address is 5697 152nd Ct. , Ramsey, MN 55303, as co-personal representatives of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3 -607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.
Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.
Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 3/22/17 /s/ Peggy Zdon, Registrar
Dated: 3/22/17 /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Joseph A. Field; Field Law, P.A.; 8021 152nd Lane NW; Ramsey, MN, 55303; Attorney License No: 018519X; Telephone: (763) 427-9066; FAX: (763) 231 -5601; Email: jfield@jfieldlaw.com
(3/28, 4/4, 2017 ACR) #638

Elizabeth Mursko
Zoning Administrator
IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lk, MN
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2017
Revised for Publication
The following unapproved minutes have been revised for publication and will be approved at the next School Board Meeting. The full text is posted on the district web site, available by standard or email, and for public inspection at the school district offices during normal business hours. The special mtg of the Schl Bd of ISD No. 831, Forest Lk., MN, was called to order by Rob Rapheal at 8:30 am on 3-4-17, at the Schl Dist Offices. At roll call the following mmbrs were present: Corcoran, Morehead, Odegaard, Olson, Peterson and Rapheal. Mmbr Theisen arrived at 8:32 am.
Amy Fullenkamp-Taylor from MSBA revwd supt search timeline and process, and protocol and process for supt interviews.
Amy will finalize the interview questions discussed and they will come before the Schl Bd for final approval.
MSBA will deliver all completed applications to the district office by March 31 for individual Schl Bd mmbrs to come in and revw between April 3-7. At the April 8, 2017 Schl Bd mtg finalists will be determined for interviews on April 10-11. The interview start

CITY OF COLUMBUS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Variance

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 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 variance request from the required ten (10) foot side yard setback to a three (3) foot side yard setback for an accessory building. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.
Applicant:

time may change to background checks on All mmbrs present 5:30 pm depending on them.
The number of finalists. Mmbr Corcoran left the mtg at 10:05 am.
Interviews are scheduled for one hour. MSBA will have prescreened candidates they feel best represent what the district is looking for in a supt and will have run
As there was no further business, Mmbr Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Theisen.

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