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Columbia Heights City Council sets goals for 2018

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

Over the summer, the Columbia Heights City Council prepared a list of goals they hope to implement in the coming new year.

Long-term priorities were also planned with the help of consultant Phil Kern, who is also the city administrator of Delano and a former officer of the Minnesota City-County Managers Association (MCMA). Facilitating the meetings with staff and elected officials, and the resulting report, came at a cost of \$2,100.

“Goals setting” meetings are commonplace in government, usually involving a mixture of staff and officials breaking up into smaller groups to brainstorm various topics and ideas. The facilitator tries to collate those by writing them down for the meeting attendees to see as a group. The sessions start out as a peanut gallery but eventually the attendees are guided to work as a “group,” or a “team,” whereupon a final list of goals is hammered out.

The final report listed the following items as short-term objectives for the city:

Develop a Pride of Home Ownership Plan

- Examine code enforcement process and structure
- Develop education systems to residents about property / home maintenance
- Explore financial incentives (rebates, mini-grants)

Conduct an Evaluation of City Services and Staffing Levels

- Recruit, train, and retain a talented and professional workforce
- Develop a staff succession/transition plan

Develop a Communications Plan and staff position

- Explore more effective use of communication vehicles (i.e., newsletter)
- Develop a job description and hire a Communications Coordinator or similar role
- Engage multi-cultural communities, multiple languages in communications
- Modernize use of technology to engage youth

Develop a Park Master Plan

- Explore public open spaces and develop better public uses where feasible
- Communication of opportunities for park facilities
- Develop a catalog of amenities
- Signage in parks

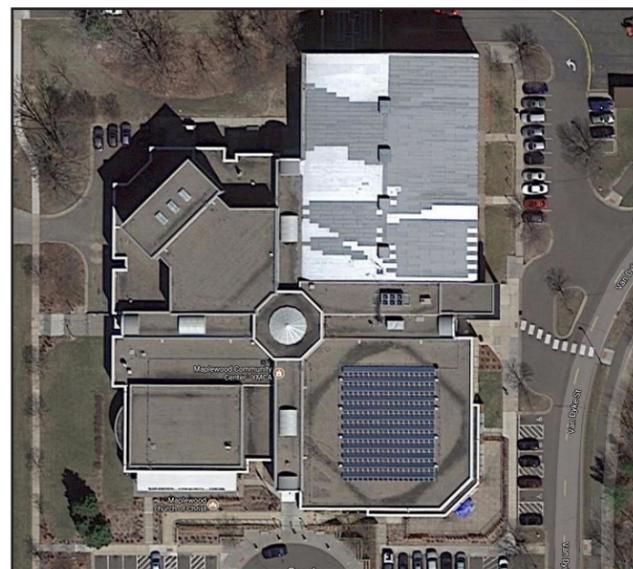
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Taxpayer and Ratepayer Subsidies Squandered as Suburb Dismantles Solar Project

By Tom Steward | November 2, 2017

There were no dignitaries on hand, ribbons to cut or speeches on sustainability to commemorate the latest chapter in solar power at the Maplewood Community Center (MCC).

Five years after a massive \$310,000 subsidy from taxpayers and Xcel Energy ratepayers, the St. Paul suburb now has nothing



Maplewood Community Center Solar Array can be seen on the roof of the lower right quarter of the building complex. (Courtesy of Google maps)

to show for the supposed model renewable energy project — except for 216 obsolete solar panels and 198 reflector panels headed for storage and, more than likely, oblivion.

The Maplewood Community Center’s rooftop solar system was one of dozens of green projects in Minnesota rolled out with little scrutiny under the 2009 federal stimulus program (ARRA), meant to put people back to work after the 2008 Great Recession. A second stimulus solar power project installed at Maplewood City Hall remains in operation.

“It seems silly not to take advantage of it,” Maplewood Mayor Will Rossbach said when the City Council approved the project in December 2010. “I think that’s certainly a risk worth taking.”

Yet it turned out to be a cautionary tale of the pitfalls of government-subsidized activities that are pursued only because of the availability of

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GOP and DFL Come Together to Oppose Roundabouts

One of Anoka County’s biggest opponents to roundabouts is Oak Grove Mayor and GOP’er Mark Korin. On several occasions, he has given a speech on the topic. They are always enjoyable because he typically peppers them with phrases like “not on my watch” and “over my dead body.”

Publisher’s Column



John Kysylyczyn

I took note when a DFL lobbyist Facebook friend of mine Rich Ginsberg posted his opinion on a fake roundabout they installed in St. Louis Park. Rich said, “The dumbest thing I’ve seen yet” and “Could maybe be used for the clown cars at a circus.”

The corporate media likes to portray the GOP and DFL as always at each other’s throats because it sells. The fact is that at times both sides can find common ground on issues that are important to our local communities.

As small yard signs show, both Mark and Rich are not alone in their opinions. One neighborhood boulevard sign says, “Don’t Take Away Our Stop Signs” and the other says “Kill a Tree - Build a Sidewalk”.

Rich Ginsberg added 4 new photos. 2 hrs · 🌐

The dumbest thing I've seen yet. This roundabout is being tested in St. Louis Park. Note it's ever decreasing size. Could maybe be used for the clown cars at a circus. A four way stop already exists to calm traffic. Big fail

\$1 Billion Spent for Only 6% of Daily Commutes

The orange cones are gone. The scarily narrow weaving lanes have vanished. The concrete barriers have moved elsewhere. And commuters are freely traveling at speeds along I-694 they haven't been able to for years.

Last Friday, I-694 was re-opened and pronounced complete. At a cost of \$80 million, the project includes seven new bridges, a reconfigured road design and a new third lane in both directions. As north metro commuters, we feel relief at this sign of progress and the completion of an expansion project that was a longtime coming.

But the progress on I-694 shouldn't mask reality. Congestion on metro highways and interstates is worsening. The latest Metropolitan Freeway System Congestion Report by MnDOT reports an increase in the percentage of congested miles of the freeway system to 23.7 percent. MnDOT defines congestion as traffic flowing at or below 45 miles per hour.

Efforts to reduce congestion are falling seriously short. For example, I-694 was the only lane expansion project built in the metro district during the 2017 construction season. Dozens of other projects were "preservation" projects on existing highways. But with anticipated increases in commercial and passenger travel, our metro roadways desperately need expansion.

The I-694/I-494 beltway still has the untenable situation of three-lane segments being reduced to two-lane segments on many stretches. Traffic comes to a standstill at a significant cost, and capacity improvements are critically needed.

Part of the issue is that MnDOT is still working off a backlog of costly "mega" projects across the Twin Cities. The I-694 project, according to MnDOT District Engineer Scott McBride, was originally a \$350 million project and because of cost was shelved for years.

But to their credit, MnDOT's district engineers went back to the drawing board and developed a low-cost, high-benefit approach to major road projects. For one-third the cost they delivered 90 percent of the benefit that road users wanted. This low-cost, high-benefit approach required fewer right-of-way land purchases, narrower shoulders and fewer extras.

Also holding up freeway expansion are imbalanced budgets. The annual metro highway budget for 2017 was \$310 million. By contrast, annual spending on metro transit in the Twin Cities is just over \$1 billion for just six percent of daily commutes.

Finally, we see the third issue. Our transportation system is being planned by urban planners, not road planners. The Met Council, by federal regulation, is the agency designated to develop a long-range transportation plan for the entire seven-county metro area. Their current Transportation Policy Plan allows virtually no new roadways in our region, even in growing suburbs.

The Met Council's plan takes a social engineering approach which is driving greater housing density, scaled back construction of single-family homes, and billions in taxpayer dollars for obsolete light rail transit that collects only enough fares to cover 10 to 30 percent of its operating costs.

That has more and more Twin Cities residents concerned, not to mention many legislators, county board members and mayors.

But there is an effort to refocus our efforts on roadway improvements, and I-694 is a shining example. MnDOT engineers found a more affordable and efficient way to build a major road project. Civic leaders, legislators and chambers of commerce overcame opposition from urban planners and got done what was needed. And now, thanks to Republican-led efforts this session, an additional \$480 million in new money from the general fund was committed for roads and bridges, allowing more investment for key infrastructure projects to ease congestion in the metro.

The story of I-694 story is a good one that demonstrates why it is essential our state continue to prioritize roads and bridges.



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so-called "free money" from taxpayers and other sources.

"When 'free money' is on the table, governments can move forward with these programs knowing they won't be held accountable for the outcome," said Peter Nelson, Senior Policy Fellow at American Experiment. "That's exactly what's happened in Maplewood with hundreds of thousands of dollars in solar panels now gathering dust in storage."

The project's \$310,000 in capital costs were covered by a rainbow of Federal and utility grants. State government directed approximately \$50,000 in Federal stimulus funds. Because the project used locally-sourced panels, utility ratepayers provided another \$78,000 in "Made in Minnesota" solar money. In the end, the City of Maplewood had no "skin in the game."

The local utility, Xcel Energy, kicked in another \$90,000. Presumably, the project hung around long enough to collect \$92,000 in Federal production tax credits.

Under the best case scenario, it would have taken 70 years for federal taxpayers and utility ratepayers to break even on their investment, based on the \$4,428 in estimated electricity savings generated annually for the city.

Yet the community center solar system didn't come close, shutting down this fall after about five years in operation. The project ended — not because of an equipment breakdown — but because the MCC roof needed replacement, a factor evidently overlooked when selecting a site for the stimulus project.

In fact, the cost for the removal and potential reinstallation of the 200-plus solar panels essentially offsets the estimated \$22,000 in total electrical savings realized by Maplewood so far.

It cost the city the equivalent of three years' worth of solar power savings from the project — about \$13,000 — to have a contractor break down the system in recent weeks. City officials estimate

it would cost an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 to have the panels reinstalled on the MCC roof.

While the solar generation system still works, it may never be plugged into the grid again, due to the reinstallation costs and its already outdated technology. A final decision will be made by spring.

"The technology has changed dramatically since 2011. They're not even using those systems anymore," said DuWayne Konewko, Maplewood Environmental and Economic Development Director. "They're three or four steps ahead of that now. Way back then there was more money from the feds and the state. Most of that is drying up or has dried up."

In the end, everyone loses. The \$50,000 contributed by Federal taxpayers didn't work as economic stimulus: by the time the project was installed in 2012, the state's unemployment rate had already fallen back to pre-recession levels.

Federal taxpayers further contributed another \$92,000 in production incentives, but missed out on an expected 15 years of carbon-free of electricity production.

Likewise, Xcel ratepayers contributed \$78,000 to buy locally-produced solar panels. But the Made in Minnesota solar subsidy failed to sustain a state solar industry and the program was shut down by legislators this year.

Finally, the \$90,000 in additional ratepayer money is no longer helping the utility to meet its renewable energy mandate.

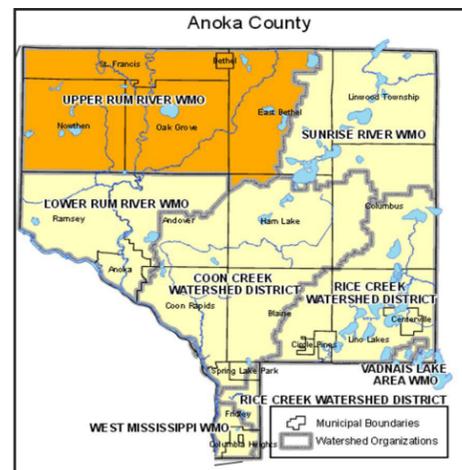
"In the end, it just creates a hassle for the city staff and delivers zero benefits to the city residents," Nelson said. "They had the federal money hanging over their head and they couldn't say 'no.'"

Ultimately, everyone got paid on the deal except the people who fronted the money-taxpayers and ratepayers.

*Tom Steward writes for the Center of the American Experiment
www.AmericanExperiment.org*

City of Nowthen: Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization Member Wanted

The City of Nowthen is currently accepting applications for an open position on the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization. The URRWMO is a special purposes unit of government aimed at managing water — lakes, rivers, streams, wetland, and groundwater. This organization seeks to maintain the quality of area lakes, rivers, streams, groundwater, and other water resources across municipal boundaries. Resources of particular importance to the URRWMO include the Rum River, Seelye Brook, Ford Brook, Cedar Creek, and numerous ditches that drain to the Rum River.



Responsibilities include attending quarterly meetings, become familiar with City processes as related to the watershed and to report to the City Council on items related to Nowthen and the watershed. The City Council will appoint a resident to fill the open position. This is essentially a volunteer position. Applications are available at City Hall, 8188 199th Ave NW. This position will remain open until filled.



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

November 3rd, 2017

Quote of the Week: "But some in our region have a view of our environment that is unrealistic, and it's gone on far too long. Those folks like to pick and choose what's right, forgetting things when it's convenient. For example, that dock on their lake has boards that came from northern Minnesota trees. The boat tied up to their dock is made from materials that came from the ground. And where did the gas and oil powering their boat's trusty Evinrude come from?"

"You see, it's OK with pick-and-choose environmentalists to use natural resources from above and below the ground when it's for things they enjoy. Kitchen appliances, cell phones and nearly everything we use every day comes from the environment. Even protest signs are made from trees."

- Pete Stauber, GOP candidate for Congress (MN8)

UNGRACEFUL EXIT

Greetings, loyal readers. We're back in the saddle after a week away and ready to examine the issues that arose the past two weeks.

Much of that news has centered on northern Minnesota and the Eighth Congressional District.

Mining and pipelines have dominated the news in recent months.

Moreover, given the close and rapidly shifting politics of the region, election news has also continued to garner headlines.

In short, the 8th is a petry dish for an emerging political realignment.

A traditional blue collar DFL stronghold goes for Trump, elects some Republicans and keeps most Democrats.

A fracture of the DFL coalition, with snobby elitist enviros and war with blue collar working class voters who want jobs and economic development.

Republicans smartly reaching out to those voters, emphasizing jobs while dropping issues like "right to work" that repel those voters, many of whom belong to private sector trade unions.

Headlines were made this week when Stewart Mills, who ran for the 8th District seat in 2016 and 2014, announced that he would not run for the seat in 2018.

Mills explained his decision in a lengthy Facebook post on November 1st.

Unfortunately, the post read rather harshly and smacked of sour grapes, blasting various parties who, in Mills' opinion, didn't do enough to support his campaign.

The NRCC was held in special contempt. Wrote Mills, "When the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) pulled their ad buy from our race two weeks before election day, it was a blow that we were not able to recover from. Even if I wanted to reach deeper into my own pocket to replace that broadcast media exposure, there wasn't enough time to do so. The NRCC succeeded in doing something the Democrats were unable to do, leave us flat footed and unable to mount a commensurate campaign."

He further wrote, "It is inexcusable that the NRCC hung me out to dry and left me vulnerable to the Democrat Congressional Campaign Committee's media attacks by shifting their planned ad buy to

an incumbent, an incumbent who won by very solid double digits."

And finally, "The Republicans, in my direct and personal experience, are recruiting folks without a strategy, polling, or an explainable path to victory. In my opinion, these candidates will be the sacrificial lambs the NRCC will build their incumbent protection strategy upon."

The facts here are somewhat immaterial. Even if Mills is correct on the facts, the tone of the statement puts him in a poor light and portrays him as a sore loser, pointing fingers instead of looking in the mirror.

That's too bad. This publication and its staff knows Stewart Mills and considers him to be a good man and one who would make an excellent legislator.

We admire him and wish him the best, whether in politics or some other arena.

Those feelings, however, don't change the fact that publishing this statement was an extremely poor decision.

ELECTION DAY

It may be an "off year" folks, but there are odd-year elections in Minnesota, and this year is no exception.

Because state and federal races aren't on the ballot, there may be a temptation to see odd-year elections as inconsequential and thus not worth the effort to understand issues and candidates.

That's wrong, readers.

There are a number of very important races on the ballot, including city council and school board.

Perhaps more important are the large number of school levy ballots.

These ballots entail hundreds of millions in extra spending, both for "operating" levies and "bond" levies, to fund both operations and capital spending.

The first place to start in preparing for next week's election is to know where to vote and what issues and candidates are on your ballot.

You can find both right here: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

Of course, vetting candidates for office is as easy as accessing social media and other platforms, where information is readily available.

Having said that, it can be difficult to find this information, especially for school board races, which tend to be underground affairs, where information is hard to find and the spending is done by special interest groups who minimize the candidate's agenda and work hard on turning out members of the special interest.

In other words, this means the teacher unions and other public-sector unions that represent school district employees.

Thus, if you know who the unions are backing, it gives you a good idea of who is on the side of the taxpayer and who is on the side of the unions.

For example, look at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Amazingly, the Education Minnesota endorsements (the teacher union) are deep underground and not easily found.

After hours of research, our staff couldn't uncover them. If any readers have the endorsement list (it surely exists) for 2017, please send to harold@anokacountywatchdog.com.

But the SEIU endorsement list is available,

including the following major Metropolitan districts:

Bloomington: Michael Poke (SEIU Local 284 Member), Dawn Steigauf (SEIU Healthcare Minnesota member), Jane Stoa, John Moravec.

Anoka Hennepin: Bill Harvey, Anna Dirkswager, Jeff Simon

Mounds View: Jennifer Daniels, Diane Glasheen

Regarding the levies, it's important understand the finances of your local district, but every taxpayer should be asking hard questions both about why the extra property taxes are needed, what they will fund, and what the promised outcome (ROI) will be on the taxes received.

For example, the legislature increased education funding by over \$1 billion this year.

Why isn't that enough? Of course, our schools are chronically "underfunded" in the minds of liberals and the Education-Industrial Complex.

Moreover, citizens should check standardized test scores in their district and ask detailed questions about how the money will improve learning.

As readers know, we spend more and more money on education while test scores get worse and worse.

In 2017, the number of districts seeking either an operating levy or capital levy is huge.

According to the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), 52 districts are asking for an operating levy and 65 asking for a bond/capital spending levy.

All the operating levies will be up on November 7th, while some of the bond levies have already been voted upon, with the remainder on November 7th.

Thus far, 35 bond "questions" have been voted upon ("questions" are used because some district offered up more than one bond issue, each one voted upon separately) this year.

23 of the 35 failed, a success rate of only about 33%.

Does the relative lack of success for the bond levies portend a similar failure rate for the operating and bond levies next week?

It's hard to say. It appears as a general trend, however, that levies in the Metro have tended to fare better than those in rural Minnesota.

Perhaps voters in rural Minnesota don't feel as positive about their schools. Maybe they feel they can't afford the tax increase. Or, maybe they take a less tolerant view towards the inefficiency, waste, and lack of results so many districts produce.

Election day is around the corner.

Be an informed voter!

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:

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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Goals *continued from page 1*

Develop a Master Plan for new City Hall

- Follow library process as a model

Build on and expand collaboration with the School District, other public entities

- Explore further sharing of facilities
- Joint promotion of programs
- Connect municipal operations with educational curriculum where possible

Develop and implement strategies to support volunteerism within the community

- Coordinate with organizations regarding common goals/objectives
- Encourage development of neighborhood groups

Other short-term objectives include:

- Encourage commercial redevelopment of Central Avenue
- Expand Public Safety community engagement programs with emphasis on prevention
- Develop road, pedestrian, and safe routes initiatives to improve public safety
- Establish programs to expand interactions with art in the community
- Establish a Farmer's Market within the community
- Install entry signage at main points of entry into community
- Continue sliding scale for recreation programs
- Develop private-property Emerald Ash Borer Plan

The meetings also resulted in a list of "values":

- Honesty
- Equality
- Creativity
- Perseverance
- Hard Work
- Commitment to the Community
- Collaboration
- Proactive Leadership

Kern's report concluded, "These norms and values represent the team's commitment to each other, to the community, and to those who have interactions with the City of Columbia Heights.

Further, the team explored the working relationship between the City Council and staff. Effectiveness of local government often rests on the interactions between these two important bodies. Understood and agreed upon roles and responsibilities establish a solid foundation for the team to effectively navigate regular operations and controversial matters equally. Often times dysfunction in the local government arena occurs when there is a breakdown of this commitment to the team as a whole.

Generally, the two meetings of the goal setting process provide a solid example that the City Council and staff in Columbia Heights have a very good relationship. Continuing the commitment to each group's roles and responsibilities will only help to maintain this strong foundation."

Mayor Schmitt defends housing project

Some felt we didn't listen to the condo owners at Grand Central Lofts in making our decision about the new apartment complex. We did. We also listened to others that lived nearby and those who were interested in the new apartments as a potential rental. This apartment complex will be representing

our city, bringing in new people to our community. I felt like we were getting a lot of NIMBY comments and YIMBY comments and they appeared to be pretty even. Those comments came by phone, email, people stopping to comment at meetings, at the store or just at events. The most boisterous NIMBY comments were made by people who didn't live there. When a third of the condos are rental, how does that look when condo owners are saying they don't want rental? Did they not want competition to their rental or did they really not want rental?

If I have discussed this with one of the council members, I will purposely avoid making the same comments with other members to avoid breaking open meeting laws. Any perceived hesitation at the final vote on my part was because I was surprised by the final outcome. It didn't fall in line with previous votes regarding this property.

Looking at the housing that we have in Columbia Heights, we have many apartments where low income and no income residents can find housing. We also have higher end rentals, such as the condos renting out for \$1,200 - \$3,500 a

month for one bedroom and over. You can say that you can rent a house for as much as the they are listing the new apartments but houses can lack the essential elements of heat, electricity, gas, garbage/water, laundry, yard and driveway care fees that have to be added in to costs. This also doesn't include optional items such as internet/phone and rental insurance.

We need housing for all, not just the poor and the rich but those in-between. Not everyone can make the down payment to purchase a home, yet they want more. Not everyone wants to do yard work and would prefer condoapartment style living. We have little in-between housing for those that want and can afford a little more than the basic unit with shag carpet and 70-80's style appliances.

Comment was made, "we'll see" which is very true. Everything that comes before the council is a gamble. What is presented can look good. What they have done in the past, here or in nearby cities can look good. How it ends up looking in

Opinion



Mayor Donna Schmitt
Columbia Heights



The orange and yellow areas represent the new construction planned by Dominion to the east of Central Ave. and 47th. (City Council meeting packet Oct. 9, 2017)

our city, may or may not turn out. An example could be how the condo builder made promises to the residents that never were kept and couldn't be kept. That same builder was good friends with many people in this city and in Ramsey and a lot of promises were obviously broken in both places

The majority of the council have changed since the original contract & planning and Dominion has presented a unique plan that seems to be a good transition and buffer between the Lofts and the low to no income housing a block away

Is Dominion a large corporation? Yes! Does that mean all large corporations are bad? No! Does that mean a smaller, local construction company would be better? Not necessarily!



Architect's rendering of new apartment complex
(City Council meeting packet Oct. 9, 2017)

Has Dominion learned how to work the system by getting money from the government to build apartments? I would say, yes. But I would also say, we have a large number of recent college grads who do not have a huge income, coming

in with student debt, not able to afford to purchase a home and not wanting to have the responsibility of owning a home. They are looking for something with a little security, some amenities and close to work. We also have people in a transition period in their lives, it could be they lost their high paying position and had to take something with less pay or they have other life changes and need somewhere to live in this phase of their lives. Dominion has been smart in recognizing a need and brilliant in finding a way to finance the growing need.

We cannot improve this property without looking at other rental complexes in the city. Now the big question is what can we do to improve the housing to the south of this development? Would it be a potential improvement loan/grant that would update the rentals? Would we be able to offer something to other older rental properties within the city and see improvement in our multi-unit rentals? That would be good thing to discuss for the next phase.

At Home Library Service at the Columbia Heights Public Library

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the library in person due to a physical challenge, short or long term illness, or are you a senior without transportation?

Columbia Heights Public Library can deliver books, movies, magazines or audio books right to your home. This service is free to residents of Columbia Heights, and delivery always comes with a smile!

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2017-19

Description of Bid/RFP:

For Sale of Unimproved Real Property in the City of Nowthen

Bid Opening: November 29, 2017

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

(11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 2017 ACR) #773

CITY OF OAK GROVE

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COUNTY OF ANOKA

STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Oak

Grove Planning

Commission's Regular

Meeting will be held on

Thursday, November

16, 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 vacating Kerry

St. N.W. in Williams

Acres for Paul Gott,

legally described as:

Kerry St. N.W. Williams

Acres. All written and

oral comments will be

heard.

PUBLIC HEARING to

consider approving the

draft 2040

Comprehensive Plan

for distribution and

comment by surrounding

jurisdictions. 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 Thursday,

November 9, 2017.

Katie Ostendorf

Interim City Clerk

(11/7, 2017 ACR) #750

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: **PMH Appraisals**
2. Principal Place of Business:

1564 Bavarian Court Fridley, MN 55432

Nameholder(s): **Paige M. Heath 1564 Bavarian Court Fridley, MN 55432**

4. 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: 10/24/2017 # 973735500031 /s/ Paige M. Heath

(10/31, 11/7, 2017 ACR) #771

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: **Lynx FBO Twin Cities**
2. Principal Place of Business:

9987 N. Airport Road NE Blaine, MN 55449

Nameholder(s): **Lynx FBO Anoka, LLC**

2450 Louisiana Street, Suite 400, #516 Houston, TX 77006

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FILED: 10/25/2017 # 9757816000024 /s/ Matthew DeLellis (10/31, 11/7, 2017 ACR) #772

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CITY OF CIRCLE PINES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Circle Pines Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the Circle Pines City Hall.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review a site plan application for Casey's General Store located at 1 South Pine Drive.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disabled individual may one week in advance contact City Hall by phone at (763) 784-5898, or TDD (763) 231-2617; or writing to request reasonable assistance to be able to participate in these proceedings.

Patrick Antonen
Clerk of the City of Circle Pines

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

Description: **COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER (PART-TIME)**

This is a part-time, non-sworn position. Performs administrative duties, animal control duties, code enforcement, and police support services. Position involves high public contact. Performs duties under the general supervision of the Police Sergeant.

Required Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Valid Minnesota driver's license and satisfactory driving record. One year work experience of a public contact nature. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Desired Qualifications: Previous work experience providing police support services. One year post-secondary training in criminal justice, law

enforcement or related subjects. Typing skills. One year experience and/or training in the operation of a computer using Microsoft Office Suite software.

Wage Range: \$17.89 - \$22.36 per hour

Hours: Average of 20 hours per week. Applicants must be available to be scheduled week-day evenings and weekends.

Selection Procedure: Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria: 50% Experience and Training Rating 50% Oral Interview

Contact : City applications and Supplements are available from the City Hall Information Window, by downloading from www.columbiaheightsmn.gov, or by e-mailing or calling Nancy Becker at nbecker@columbiaheightsmn.gov or (763)706-3606. A City application and the required Supplement MUST be completed and returned to the Human Resources Director/Assistant to the City Manager, City of Columbia Heights, 590 40th Avenue N.E., Columbia Heights, MN 55421, no later than 4:30 PM, Monday, November 27, 2017.

Required: Employment Application

Required: Supplemental Questionnaire

Job Posting: Community Service Officer (PT)

Job Description: Community Service Officer (PT)

Closing Date: Applications accepted until 4:30 PM Monday, November 27, 2017.

Deadline for Applying : Nov 27, 2017 04:30 PM

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Columbia Heights Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet at or after 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017 at City Hall, 590 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota, to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed sale of certain EDA property located at 4201 Jefferson Street NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota (Property) to Home Detail, Inc. for purposes of construction of a single-family home. At the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners will meet to consider whether the sale is advisable.

The Property is further described as follows: Lot 16, Block 32, Columbia Heights Annex to Minneapolis, Anoka County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof, Information concerning the terms and conditions of the sale will be on file at the EDA's office at City Hall on and after the date of this notice. Any person wishing to express an opinion on this matter will be heard orally or in writing during the public hearing.

Executive Director
Columbia Heights Economic Development

CITY OF COON RAPIDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a decision on the following matter:

CASE: 17-24

ITEM: Revised building elevations for a new car dealership

PETITIONER: Nate Sutton

LOCATION: 1950 - 2055 Gateway Drive

The Petitioner requests that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission approve revised building elevations for a new car dealership

Legal description: Lot 1, Block 1, and Lot 2, Block 2, Gateway Commerce Center 5th Addition,

Said hearing will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the City Center, 11155 Robinson Drive in the City Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. The City Center is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assistance devices or a sign language interpreter must be received before November 7, 2017. Such a request may be made by telephone 763-767-6430, TDD 763-767-8885 or fax 763-767-6573. All interested persons are invited to attend and to be heard. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions.

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The Property is further described as follows: That Part of Lot 23 lying north of the south 20 feet of said Lot 23, and Lot 24, in Block 1, Sheffield's Second Subdivision, Anoka County, Minnesota, according to the recorded plat thereof, and situate in Anoka County, Minnesota.

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CASE: 17-33

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PETITIONER: City of Coon Rapids

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a decision on the following matter:

CASE: 17-35

ITEM: Conditional Use Permit

PETITIONER: RJ Ryan

LOCATION: Evergreen Boulevard and 93rd Lane

The Petitioner requests a Conditional Use Permit approval for a

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59,300 square foot semi tractor sales and service facility.

Legal Description: Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Evergreen 610

Said hearing will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at the City Center, 11155 Robinson Drive in the City Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. The City Center is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assistance devices or a sign language interpreter must be received before November 7, 2017. Such a request may be made by telephone 763-767-6430, TDD 763-757-8885 or fax 763-767-6573. All interested persons are invited to attend and to be heard. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions.

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CITY OF SAINT FRANCIS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the St. Francis Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the following land use items on November 15, 2017, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the ISD #15 District Office located at 4115 Ambassador Blvd.

1. INTERIM USE PERMIT: A request from Verizon Wireless to construct a personal wireless service tower over seventy-five feet tall (100' is proposed) on an unaddressed property within the A-2 (Rural Estate Agriculture) zoning district - PID 33-34-25-21-0001

All persons wishing to be heard on the above items should attend the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the City no later than 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10th; or emailed to Ben Gozola at (bgozola@sambatek.com) no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Materials regarding the above items are available upon request.

Ben Gozola
City Planner

ISD 11 ANOKA-HENNEPIN Advertisement for Bid Bid# 18009B

Description of Bid: Hoover Ventilation Upgrades
Bid Opening: Tuesday, November 20, 2017 at 11:00 am LT

ISD 11 Anoka-Hennepin School Board Meeting Minutes

The School Board of Anoka-Hennepin Independent School District No. 11 held a work session meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the Educational Service Center, Anoka, Minnesota.

Chair Heidemann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Marci Anderson, Nicole Hayes, Tom Heidemann, William Fields and Jeff Simon. Bill Harvey was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA
William Fields moved and Jeff Simon seconded the motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes from the September 25, 2017, School Board meeting.
- Personnel items as follows:

- RETIREMENTS
Jervae Hornung BHS-Paraeducator 11/30/2017
Eleanor Langmade AMS-Fred Moore-Paraeducator 1/5/2018

A detailed list of the Resignations/Terminations, Layoffs and Recalls, Leave of Absence, Modified Leave of Absence, Appointments, Extra Service Agreements, Curriculum Writing, Behind the Wheel and Cash Disbursements is available through the Anoka-Hennepin ISD 11 home page on the Internet or at the district office located at 2727 N Ferry Street, Anoka, MN 55303. If you would like a printed copy of this portion of the minutes, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the attention of Debbie Koffski at the above address.

- Approved MSHSL Cooperative

Sponsorship-Girls' Gymnastics-Blaine & Andover High Schools.

5. Approved the Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka Technical College-Update.

Motion passed.

Superintendent Law gave a report to the Board and reviewed the Board calendar. He highlighted the school staff visits highlighting the Fit for the Future Referendum along with outreach to our community partners all throughout the month. There is a League of Women Voter's 'Meet the Candidate Forum' tomorrow night, 6:30 p.m. in our Sandburg ECC, Board Room. All are welcome to attend.

The meeting then continued with the work session portion of the agenda: Fit for the Future Referendum Update, AHEF Update, Student Data Update, & District-wide Student Services Model.

Chair Heidemann proposed under Minnesota State Law 13D.05 sub 23 that they move into a closed session to deal with matters of data privacy.

The closed session will be held in the George Petty Room. Marci Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Heidemann recessed the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened in closed session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss matters requiring data privacy.

William Fields moved and Tom Heidemann seconded the motion to expel student number one through the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the student being allowed to return on probation on December 5 2017. Jeff Simon called the roll. The following voted in favor of the motion: Tom Heidemann, Nicole Hayes, Marci Anderson, Jeff Simon, and William Fields. There being five votes for and no votes against the motion, the motion passed.

Jeff Simon moved and William Fields seconded the motion to expel student number two for one year, the student being allowed to return on probation on March 19, 2018, pending successful completion of

a chemical dependency program. Jeff Simon called the roll. The following voted in favor of the motion: Tom Heidemann, Nicole Hayes, Marci Anderson, Jeff Simon, and William Fields. There being five votes for and no votes against the motion, the motion passed.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:03 p.m. Nicole Hayes moved and Jeff Simon seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

ISD 831 FOREST LAKE

Advertisement for bid is hereby given by Forest Lake Area Schools, Independent School District #831 for the 2018 Wall Repair at Forest Lake High School. Sealed bids will be received at the District Office, Attention: Lawrence Martini, 6100 North 210th Street, Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025, until 1:00 p.m. local time on November 30, 2017, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The project scope is the removal of approximately 8,300 square feet of existing sheet metal wall panels. Install approximately 3,000 square feet of new pre-manufactured insulated metal wall panels. Install approximately 5,300 square feet of new air barrier, insulation, underlayment and sheet metal wall panels.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm, in the main office conference room, at Forest Lake Senior High School, 6101 Scandia Trail North, Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025.

Bids shall be submitted on the bid forms supplied in the project manual. No oral, facsimile or telephone bids will be accepted. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, addressed to Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake Area Schools, District Office, Attention: Lawrence Martini, 6100 North 210th Street, Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as bid for 2018 Wall Repair - Forest Lake High School, and the envelope should bear on the outside the name of the bidder, his address, and his license number if applicable. If forwarded by mail,

the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to Lawrence Martini at Independent School District 831.

The District may waive any irregularities, informalities or minor defects or reject any and all bids. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponed thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered and will be returned unopened. No bidder may withdraw a bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Should there be reasons why the contract cannot be awarded within the specified period, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the District and the bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond payable to the District for the five percent of the total amount of the bid. As soon as the bid prices have been compared, the District will return the bonds of all except the three lowest responsible bidders. When the contract is awarded, the bonds of the two remaining unsuccessful bidders will be returned. The bid bond of the successful bidder will be retained until the payment bond and the performance bond have been executed and approved, after which it will be returned. A certified check may be used in lieu of a bid bond.

Direct communications regarding this project to the office of the Project Architect/Engineer, Attn: Joel L. Severson, Adkins Association Inc., 901 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 101, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. Office Phone 651-224-1358. Bidding documents are available for viewing and copies are available upon payment of \$50.00 for each set (refundable if returned within 2 weeks after bid opening).

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Sunfish Lake Village Association, (hereinafter the "Declaration") recorded in the office of the Registrar of Titles of Anoka County, Minnesota on October 28, 2004, as Document No. 479939, which covers the following property:

Legal Description: Lot 2, Block 1, The Village of Sunfish Lake 2nd Addition, Certificate of Title No. 116059
Property Address: 6178 146th Avenue NW, Ramsey, Minnesota 55303
PID: 26-32-25-24-0093

THAT pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of September 25, 2017, from Anne M. Fairchild, title holder, to Sunfish Lake Village Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the amount of \$2,111.00, for assessments, late fees and collection costs, plus additional assessments and other amounts that may have accrued since the date of this notice, including the costs of collection and foreclosure;

THAT prior to the commencement of this foreclosure proceeding, Lienor complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said lien, or any part thereof;

THAT the owner has not been released from her financial obligation to pay said amount;

THAT pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 515B.3-116 and/or the Declaration, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Sunfish Lake Village Association, as evidenced by a lien statement dated April 10, 2017, and recorded on May 10, 2017, in the office of the Anoka County Registrar of Titles as Document No. 548284.004;

THAT pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owners in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said County at the Anoka County Sheriff's Department, 13301 Hanson Boulevard NW, in the City of Andover, County of Anoka, Minnesota on November 28, 2017, at 10 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney's fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the owner must vacate the property if the account is not brought current or the property redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is May 28, 2018. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE OWNER, THE OWNER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

SUNFISH LAKE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, Lienor

Dated: September 25, 2017

By /s/ Thomas P. Carlson

Thomas P. Carlson (024871X); Carlson & Associates, Ltd.; 1052 Centerville Circle; Vadnais Heights, MN 55127; (651) 287-8640

ATTORNEY FOR SUNFISH LAKE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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