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**CRYSTAL CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 11, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room A**

Pursuant to due call and notice given in the manner prescribed by Section 3.01 of the City Charter, the work session of the Crystal City Council was held at _____ p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2014 in Conference Room A located at 4141 Douglas Drive, Crystal, Minnesota.

I. Attendance

<u>Council members</u>	<u>Staff</u>
____ Libby	____ Norris
____ Peak	____ Therres
____ Selton	____ Peters
____ Adams	____ Sutter
____ Budziszewski	____ Revering
____ Deshler	
____ Hoffmann	

II. Agenda

The purpose of the work session is to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Review airport guiding principles process
2. Police D.A.R.T. (Domestic Assault Response Team) Program
3. "Bee Safe" Policy

III. Adjournment

The work session adjourned at _____ p.m.

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Memorandum

DATE: August 28, 2014
TO: Mayor and City Council (For September 11, 2014 Work Session)
FROM: Patrick Peters, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Process for determining preferences for airport redevelopment

At the September 11 Work Session, staff will present for Council discussion a draft outline of a process for determining community preferences and exploring the range of possibilities for the eventual redevelopment of the Crystal Airport. This effort also includes initial review and consideration of a set of Guiding Principles that are intended to serve as community expectations and standards that ultimately will direct redevelopment outcomes.

The upcoming discussion is the second step in a process to identify and ultimately create opportunities for growth in jobs and commercial/industrial tax base in Crystal in a manner that is consistent with the needs and desires of the community, city land use policies and economic development goals.

Please refer to the attached draft outline that will be the focus of our discussion on the 11th.

Defining Guiding Principles and Community Vision for Redevelopment of the Crystal Airport

THE PROCESS: Determine community preferences for redevelopment and explore the range of possibilities

1. Develop a set of *Guiding Principles* that translate to land use policies for redevelopment over the near-, mid- and long-term. The *Guiding Principles* serve as community expectations/standards for a future master planning exercise.
2. Using a developers' roundtable format, input will be sought from the private sector about how current and future market realities might drive redevelopment of the site.
3. Develop a Preliminary Master Plan that incorporates both the *Guiding Principles* and market realities into a community vision for the planned and orderly redevelopment of the Crystal Airport.

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Transportation

- Access should be only from the County Road system (Bottineau Blvd, 63rd Avenue North, Bass Lake Road)
- Existing off-site residential uses should be protected from non-residential traffic
- The extent of the need to accommodate non-motorized modes should depend on uses

Land Use

- Compatibility
 - New uses should be made compatible with existing context.
- Employment Center
 - Corporate headquarters, office/showroom/warehouse, office/business parks, etc. should be the predominant uses on the site.
 - Preferred land uses are those that create living wage job opportunities.
- Residential Edges
 - Any new residential development should be restricted to the margins of the site where job-creating development is not practical.
 - Any new residential development should be restricted to small extensions of existing neighborhoods.
 - Protection of existing residential areas should be considered as part of any development proposal.

- Because any new residential development will represent extensions of existing neighborhoods, it should be low-density.
 - Retail
 - New retail development should be extremely limited so as not to duplicate or undermine the city's primary retail area at West Broadway and Bass Lake Road. If market demand warrants a significant retail component, then it should be located adjacent to Bottineau Blvd.
- *Natural Resources, Streets and Utilities*
 - Because part of the site had or still has natural features (wetlands), these features should be integrated into any development proposal.
 - Due to the predominance of sandy soils, infiltration strategies for storm water treatment should be used as much as reasonably possible.
 - Any costs for utility and infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate new development should be borne by the development.
 - New development should not require construction of new city buildings or facilities at city expense.

Community Image

- Development should support an image of Crystal being a place to work, not only a place to live.

Fiscal

- The city should (needs to) derive a larger share of property tax revenue from non-residential development.
- The cost of development should be borne by the developer.
- Development should offer more in revenue than it requires in services.

2. DEVELOPER ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Involve 4-6 industry representatives in a Roundtable discussion with Planning Commission and City Council to imagine the market-responsive development potential of the site for 5, 10 and 20+ years out

3. THE VISION – PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN

Use Guiding Principles and Roundtable outcomes as the foundation for a Community Vision exercise that culminates in a Preliminary Master Plan.



CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Service with Compassion and Integrity"

TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Stephanie K. Revering, Chief of Police
CC: Anne Norris, City Manager
DATE: September 4, 2014
SUBJECT: **WORK SESSION: D.A.R.T. Program**

MEMORANDUM

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, more than car accidents, muggings, and rape combined. Domestic violence victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work per year in the United States alone (<http://domesticviolencestatistics.org>).

The Crystal Police Department has an excellent partnership with our city prosecuting attorney on charging domestic assault cases; however, we have seen an increase in our domestic assault calls for service over the last five years.

Our patrol and investigative divisions are dedicated to decreasing this number and we have decided to utilize the D.A.R.T. (Domestic Assault Response Team) program to do so.



Memorandum

DATE: September 3, 2014
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Anne Norris, City Manager *AN*
SUBJECT: "Bee Safe" Policy

In recent months there have been many stories in the news about the decline in the bee population and speculation about the causes of the decline.

Shorewood, Minnesota, recently adopted a "bee safe" resolution which endorses "Bee-Safe" Policies and Procedures throughout the city. The resolution encourages the use of bee-safe processes in city parks, education to its residents on bee and pollinator safety, and other bee safe practices. Shorewood is the first city in Minnesota to pass a resolution encouraging its residents to do what they can to keep properties in the city safe for pollinators.

The City Council should discuss this matter.

Attach:

StarTribune

Shorewood passes state's first 'bee-safe' policy

Article by: Kelly Smith
Star Tribune
August 2, 2014 - 6:38 AM

In the growing movement to better protect honeybees, Shorewood has become the first city in Minnesota — and, leaders say, the third city in the nation — to pass a policy encouraging planting bee-friendly flowers and restricting certain pesticides.

This week, the City Council unanimously approved the "bee-safe" resolution, vowing to refrain from using systemic pesticides, including neonicotinoids — the most widely applied insecticides in the world, which can be lethal to insects, but not to humans and mammals. The west metro suburb also is planting clover, which can provide nectar and pollen for bees, in three city parks. And they hope other metro area cities follow suit.

"This should be exciting for Minnesota," said Patricia Hauser, a resident who pushed for the policy. "This is a big win for pollinators and bees."

As concern over the drastic decline of bees grows across the country, she and other residents in the small Lake Minnetonka community have banded together to urge people to plant and take care of lawns without harming bees.

While there is much debate over the role that neonicotinoids play in the bee die-off, Shorewood hasn't ever used the chemicals on city property. But, Mayor Scott Zerby said, the policy ensures that the city doesn't use the chemicals in the future and helps educate the community about creating pollinator-friendly habitats.

"In Shorewood, we take a lot of pride in being innovative," he said. "In a way, we're restoring the environment to be more bee-friendly."

Earlier this year, city leaders sent a letter of support to the state Legislature before it passed a law forbidding nurseries to put a "bee-friendly" label on plants containing neonicotinoids.

And it's not the first time the city has been ahead of the curve. More than a decade ago, Shorewood and Minneapolis were the first in the state to ban selling lawn fertilizer with phosphorus, spurring bans in other cities and then a state law.

Now, Hauser, a retired schoolteacher, and her husband, Jeff Dinsmore, a retired engineer, hope that Shorewood can do the same with its "bee-safe" city policy. Since January, the couple has encouraged residents and the city not to use pesticides that harm bees, handing out bright yellow lawn signs in exchange for those who take the pledge.

"That's a huge win, and we hope people across the country see that," said Hauser, whose passion for the issue extended to offering to stop at each council member's house to show them a video on the bee die-off. "We tried to be persistent without bugging them to death — pardon the pun."

Beekeepers across the country are losing a fourth to a third of their hives each winter — a dramatic decline that has exposed bees as a fragile link in the nation's food supply chain. U.S. agriculture depends on bees to pollinate \$15 billion worth of crops annually — a third of the food we eat.

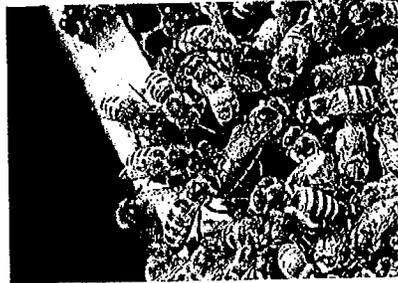
The crisis hit the Shorewood couple after they lost some bees in their own hive. So in January, they started the group Humming for Bees. Since then, they have stirred up more than just a buzz. At churches, schools, farmers markets, nature centers and neighborhoods, they've spread the word about the bees' plight and how people can help.

Now, the group is paying for, planting and watering clover seeds in vacant areas of Cathcart, Freeman and South Shore skate parks. The city will take over watering, which it would've done anyway, making the cost minimal, Zerby said.

"This is not the complete answer, but this is a very big step," Hauser added. "We want the whole state to be bee-safe, the whole country to be bee-safe, the whole world to be bee-safe. Even if we start small, we can be part of the change."

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Dave Braunger,

FOR MORE INFO

In person: A representative from the group Humming for Bees will be outside Excelsior Bay Books, 38 Water St. in Excelsior, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday in August.

Online: www.hummingforbees.org

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CITY OF SHOREWOOD

RESOLUTION NO. 14-066

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING "BEE-SAFE" POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Shorewood City Council and Park Commission have undertaken several work sessions dedicated to the study and understanding of promoting a healthy natural environment through the reduction and elimination of harmful pesticides; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators are integral to a wide diversity of essential foods including fruit, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, native bees and honey bees are threatened due to habitat loss, pesticide use, pathogens and parasites; and

WHEREAS, recent research suggests that there is a link between pesticides that contain neonicotinoids and the die-off of plant pollinators, including honey bees, native bees, butterflies, moths, and other insects; and

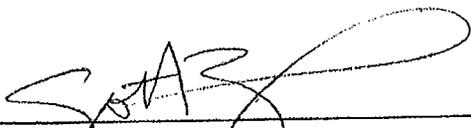
WHEREAS, neonicotinoids are synthetic chemical insecticides that are similar in structure and action to nicotine, a naturally occurring plant compound; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the public interest and consistent with adopted City policy for the City to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community environment through the implementation of pest management practices in the maintenance of the city parks, open spaces and city property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shorewood:

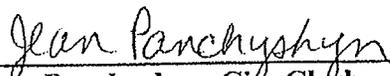
1. The City shall undertake its best efforts to become a Bee-Safe City by undertaking best management practices in the use of plantings and pesticides in all public places within the City.
2. The City shall refrain from the use of systemic pesticides on Shorewood City property including pesticides from the neonicotinoid family.
3. The City shall undertake its best efforts to plant flowers favorable to bees and other pollinators in the City's public spaces.
4. The City shall designate Bee-Safe areas in which future City plantings are free from systemic pesticides including neonicotinoids.
5. The City shall undertake best efforts to communicate to Shorewood residents the importance of creating and maintaining a pollinator-friendly habitat.
6. The City shall publish a Bee-Safe City Progress Report on an annual basis.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD this 28th
day of July, 2014.



Scott Zerby, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jean Panchyshyn, City Clerk