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Water rates to rise as three cities prepare for emergency



On a small stretch of land along Brunswick Avenue in Crystal, crews are hard at work with hoses and heavy equipment building a well. It's an important project for the city.

"We haven't made any really big investments in our water system for a long time," said Crystal Public Works Director Tom Mathisen.

But talk to Jon Huelskamp, who lives right across the street, and he'll tell you it's also loud.

"Yeah that's another little nice byproduct that's been going on for about three weeks," Huelskamp said.

According to Crystal city officials, temporary disruption of the peace and quiet is a small price to pay to ensure the flow of water.

"This is well number one of three wells that the Joint Water Commission decided last year to build an emergency water system," Mathisen said.

An emergency water supply is something Crystal, New Hope and Golden Valley are lacking. The three cities, which make up the Joint Water Commission, all get their water from the city of Minneapolis. Minneapolis gets its water from the Mississippi River. But if the river were to ever be contaminated, or a drought were to occur, those three cities could be in trouble.

"The economic loss of these three cities of not having drinking water, not being able to flush toilets, etc., would be a lot of money," Mathisen said.

It's why the Joint Water Commission decided to build a \$4 million emergency water supply system. Crystal's share of that project is \$1.2 million. Crystal utility customers will pay for it in the form of a \$0.21 fee on their water bill. That fee remains in place until the city's share is paid off.

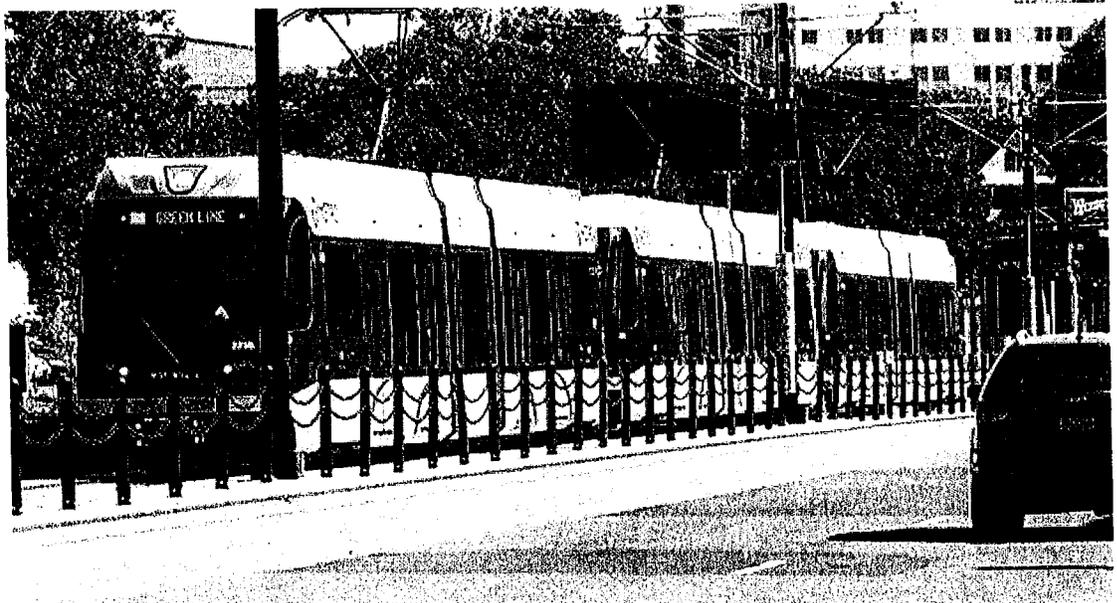
"I guess in an emergency situation, I like that they do have a backup," Huelskamp said. "That's probably not a bad idea."

Of course, the goal is that they'll never actually need it.

"But that doesn't mean that it couldn't happen," Mathisen said.

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While Republican lawmakers have long complained about the alleged wastefulness of light rail projects, Rep. Peggy Scott, R-Andover, cited Portland, Oregon, as a cautionary example of what will happen to the Twin Cities. She said light rail in Portland has required expensive subsidies, leading to cuts in bus service, poor road maintenance and traffic congestion far worse than in the Twin Cities. (Staff photo: Bill Klotz)

Suburbs push back against Met Council

By: Mike Mosyak October 17, 2014 2:56 pm

The Metropolitan Council is an undemocratic institution bent on imposing a misguided, utopian vision on the suburbs which will lead to more traffic jams, costlier housing and, possibly, the prospect of gang wars over prime drug-dealing turf along new light rail hubs.

Those were just a few of the more tart views expressed about the powerful regional planning agency Thursday as 13 suburban lawmakers, mayors and other elected officials vowed to push back against Thrive MSP 2040, the Met Council's long-term vision for transit and housing development in the seven-county metro area.

"The plan aims to socially engineer our future through dictates to elected officials. And the surprising, curious and ridiculous net result is this: We are going to see housing prices across the metro increase and traffic and gridlock grow worse," said Rep. Linda Runbeck, R-Circle Pines, during the press conference at the State Office Building.

In particular, Runbeck objected to the Met Council's emphasis on increasing housing density in targeted areas along transit lines. Such efforts will restrict the land available for conventional single-family homes, she asserted, driving up the costs.

"The states and regions that have the least government involvement in land and housing markets have the most affordable housing," said Runbeck, who cited Texas and Louisiana as examples. By contrast, she said, states with most intensive regulations, such as California and Hawaii, have the most unaffordable housing.

Although the Met Council has been a subject of periodic criticism from both ends of the political spectrum since its inception in 1967, Runbeck said the "top-down decision making" in Thrive 2040 plan constitutes "a whole new era of aggressiveness."

Rep. Jerry Hertaus, R-Greenfield, characterized the housing component of the plan as an example of "massive overreach" that ignores market realities. He said Met Council policies over the last several decades have encouraged sprawl outside the Met Council's jurisdiction, as developers looked for cheaper land in communities such as Otsego and Delano.

"All that did was create the need for more roads and schools and infrastructure," said Hertaus.

Cars over transit

While Republican lawmakers have long complained about the alleged wastefulness of light rail projects, Rep. Peggy Scott, R-Andover, added some new twists to those traditional critiques, arguing that more access to cars — not mass transit — is the solution to the transportation woes of the poor.

“Studies show that people without a high school diploma are 80 percent more likely to have a job and earn more money if they have a car,” said Scott. “If the Met Council wants to move people out of the poverty by giving them [better] access to jobs, they should look to increase, not decrease, automobile ownership.”

Scott cited Portland, Oregon, as a cautionary example of what will happen to the Twin Cities if the Met Council doesn’t reconsider Thrive 2040. She said light rail in Portland has required expensive subsidies, leading to cuts in bus service, poor road maintenance and traffic congestion far worse than in the Twin Cities.

“In Portland, crime is significantly higher within a quarter-mile radius of light rail stations. In fact, rivaling gangs have warred over who would control the drug traffic along the light rail corridors,” said Scott.

In keeping with perennial complaints that the Met Council is not democratic because its 17 members are not elected, Sen. Dave Osmeck, R-Mound, said he would introduce legislation next session to allow for more local say in the selection of council members.

Under Osmeck’s proposal, a council member could be rejected if a majority of elected officials in the cities within an individual Met Council member’s district determine he or she isn’t the right fit.

“Why not give the city a say in who should be their representative?” said Osmeck. “Who cannot be in control of giving local control to local authorities?”

While that argument may hold broad appeal, the prospects for such legislation are murky at best. In the main, that’s because sitting governors are generally reluctant to yield the considerable influence that comes with appointing the members of a body with annual budget of nearly \$1 billion and its own taxing authority.

Previous efforts to reform the governance structure of the Met Council — or eliminate it outright — have been rebuffed by past governors.

Asked about former Gov. Tim Pawlenty’s veto of the last such initiative, Scott responded, “I don’t have to be in lockstep with every Republican governor.”

Mayors unhappy

Some of the harshest criticisms came not from lawmakers but from suburban mayors.

“[The Met Council] doesn’t provide any useful benefit to us,” said Grant Mayor Tom Carr. “Taxation without representation means as much now as it did 200 years ago.”

Carr called the Thrive 2040 plan “social engineering based on the utopian view of an appointed council.”

Jim Nash, the mayor of Waconia and current Republican candidate for House District 47A, said the Thrive 2040 plan is rooted in bad math — at least as far as his city is concerned.

He said the plan originally projected that the population of Waconia would grow by just 47 people by 2040. With more than 100 new housing starts in Waconia over the last several years, Nash said, he complained to a Met Council demographer because those projections could have implications for the funding of future road and sewer projects in the city.

“The demographer said, ‘We can pencil whip the numbers for you,’” said Nash. He said demographer subsequently revised the estimates for Waconia to reflect anticipated growth.

“We should be basing our decisions on actual facts,” said Nash. “I call on the governor to bring in some reality and reign in the Met Council.”

Senate Minority Leader David Hann, R-Eden Prairie, echoed that sentiment

“In our view, the Met Council is out of control and it needs to be reformed,” said Hann. “Or maybe we should just pencil whip them out of existence.”

A recently released report from the Center for the American Experiment, the conservative Minneapolis-based think tank, advanced many of the same criticisms voiced by officials on Thursday. Among other things, the report —titled “Met Council Power Grab” — characterized Thrive 2040 as an effort to “allocate poverty all across the metro area”

and a plan “to redistribute wealth from the suburbs to the urban core.”

It was authored by Katherine Kersten, the Star Tribune columnist, and Kim Crockett, the center’s chief operating officer.

Council’s response

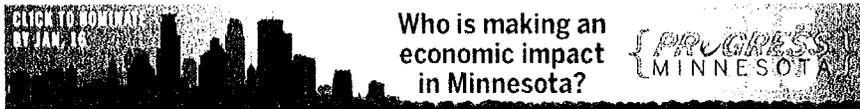
Susan Haigh, the Met Council chair, was not immediately available for comment. However Meredith Vadis, the council’s communication director, said the complaints about the Met Council are nothing new and typically resurface during campaign season.

“The issue of Council governance has been debated since the council was formed and this history has demonstrated that there are many approaches to this issue, each having upsides and downsides,” she said. “We believe numerous metrics that measure our work provide the best evidence that the council is and continues to be accountable to residents, rate- and taxpayers around the metro.”

Vadis also cited a 2011 report from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, which found that the Twin Cities region’s transit system performed well on most measures when compared with 11 other regional systems.

She said the Thrive 2040 was a product of “extensive community engagement over a period of nearly three years that included local officials at both the county and city level as well as many other partners.”

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Hennepin County

Save the date: Community open house for Bottineau LRT

WHAT

Help plan station areas for Bottineau LRT in North Minneapolis and Golden Valley

- Get information on station areas along the proposed METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) at Van White Blvd. – Penn Ave. – Plymouth Ave. – Golden Valley Road.
- Share ideas for bike, pedestrian and transit connections and development that will help neighborhoods near the stations thrive.
- Learn about related Penn Avenue improvements, including bus rapid transit connections.

WHEN

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 – 8 p.m.
Welcome/presentation at 6 p.m.

WHERE

University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, 2001 Plymouth Avenue North

Information/RSVP: bottineau@hennepin.us or 612-348-4454
Hosted by Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis and City of Golden Valley
Learn more at www.hennepin.us/bottineau

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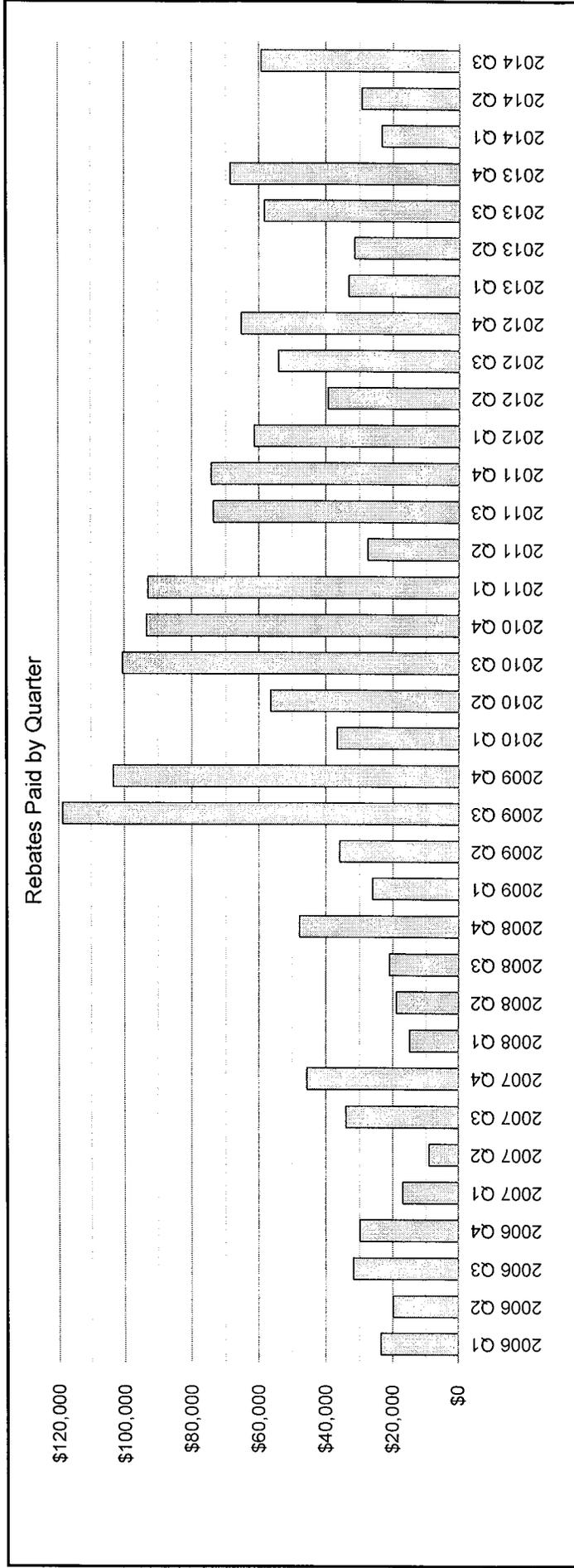
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On 4/01/2009, rebate percentages were increased: 10% became 15%, 12% became 20%, and 15% became 25%
 On 1/01/2012, rebate percentages were reduced: 15% became 10%, 20% became 15%, and 25% became 20%

AVERAGE QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012 (when rebate percentages were reduced to current levels):

- \$524,431 REBATES PAID
- \$57,687 ADMINISTRATION FEES
- \$582,118 TOTAL EXPENDITURES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012
- 11 NUMBER OF QUARTERS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2012
- \$52,920 AVERAGE QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES SO FAR IN 2014:

- \$112,288 REBATES PAID
- \$12,352 ADMINISTRATION FEES
- \$124,639 TOTAL EXPENDITURES THRU 3Q
- \$249,750 2014 BUDGET
- \$125,111 BUDGET REMAINING

Local Market Update – September 2014

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Crystal

- 15.2%

Change in
New Listings

- 2.4%

Change in
Closed Sales

+ 6.3%

Change in
Median Sales Price

September

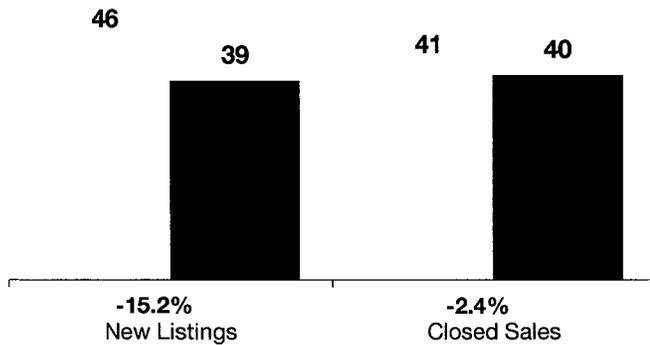
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New Listings	46	39	-15.2%	413	434	+ 5.1%
Closed Sales	41	40	-2.4%	319	309	-3.1%
Median Sales Price*	\$154,750	\$164,500	+ 6.3%	\$147,250	\$159,900	+ 8.6%
Average Sales Price*	\$152,394	\$180,667	+ 18.6%	\$146,917	\$160,397	+ 9.2%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$100	\$108	+ 8.9%	\$93	\$100	+ 8.0%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	95.2%	96.7%	+ 1.6%	96.6%	95.5%	-1.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	72	47	-34.7%	70	69	-1.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	106	100	-5.7%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	3.1	2.9	-6.5%	--	--	--

* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

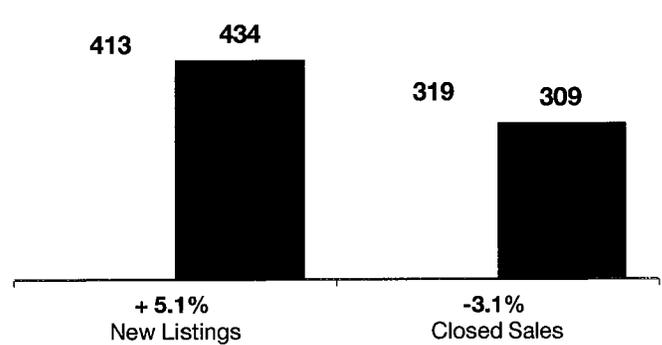
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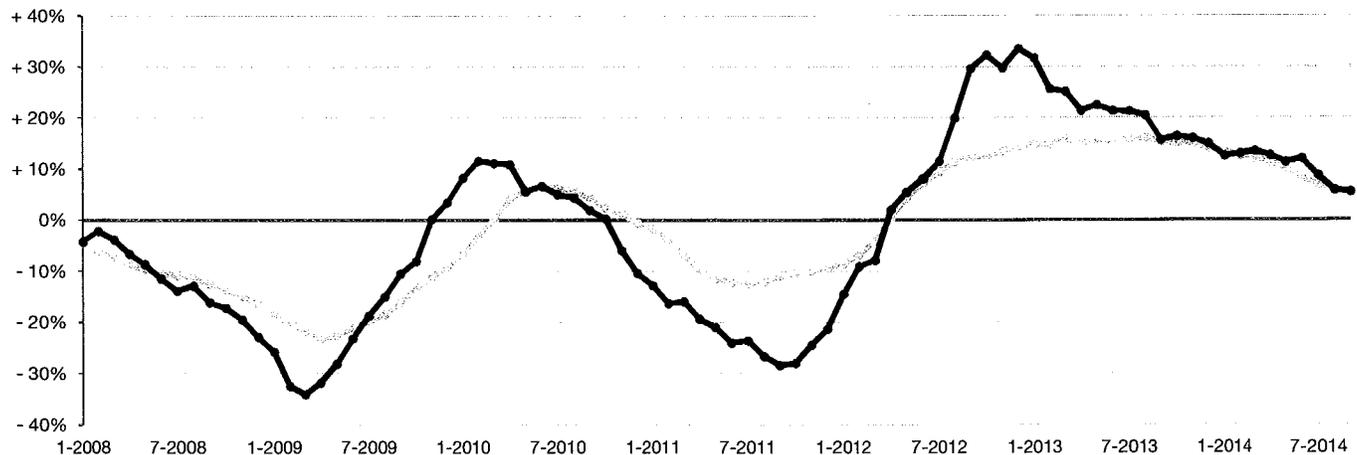
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Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)**

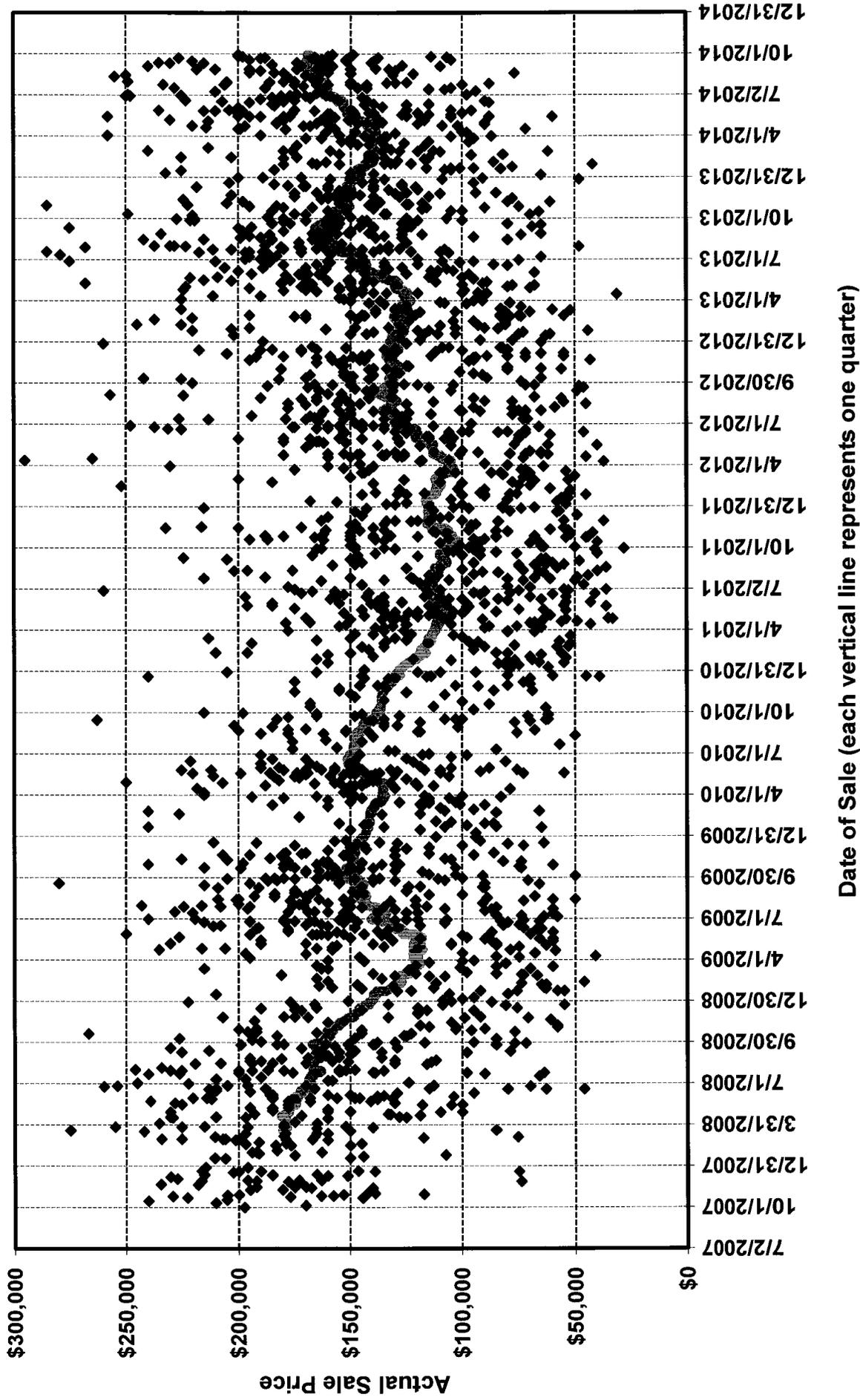
Twin Cities Region
 Crystal



** Each dot represents the change in median sales price from the prior year using a 6-month weighted average. This means that each of the 6 months used in a dot are proportioned according to their share of sales during that period. Current as of October 8, 2014. All data from NorthstarMLS. Powered by 10K Research and Marketing.

Prices of Existing Single Family Houses Sold in Crystal since October 1, 2007

Each point indicates one house sale. Trendline shows a 90-day moving average. Excluded are sales in excess of \$300,000 and houses demolished for redevelopment.



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The Policy Committee Highlights document will help you easily see the changes and new policies the committees recommended.

The League's policy committees adopted the *2015 Draft City Policies* during their final meetings. The policies in draft form are now available for members to review. Please take a moment to download the policies, review them, and send your comments to the League. You can also read the *2014 Policy Committee Highlights* document to find out the changes and new policies the committees are recommending.

- **View the 2015 Draft City Policies (pdf)** *(Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/draft2015policies.pdf>)*
- **View the 2014 Policy Committee Highlights (pdf)** *(Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/2014policycommitteehighlights.pdf>)*

Members are encouraged to submit comments on the draft policies to policycomments@lmc.org *(Link to: <mailto:policycomments@lmc.org>)*. The comment period ends Oct. 24.

All member comments are shared with the League Board of Directors before the Board takes final action on the policies on Nov. 6. The policies will serve as a framework for the League's advocacy efforts during the 2015 legislative session, which begins Jan. 6, 2015.

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Focus on New Laws: Social Media Exception to Open Meeting Law



The exception allows elected officials to communicate with the public using social media without violating the Open Meeting Law.
(Published Oct 20, 2014)

Elected officials at all levels of government are increasingly using Facebook, Twitter, and other social media to communicate with citizens. But what happens when Facebook posts and tweets come face to face with the Open Meeting Law? The 2014 Legislature tried to answer this question by exempting the use of social media by elected officials from the Open Meeting Law.

The complete language of the new law, which went into effect on Aug. 1, is as follows:

“The use of social media by members of a public body does not violate [the Open Meeting Law] so long as the social media use is limited to exchanges with all members of the general public. For purposes of this section, email is not considered a type of social media.” (Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.065

(Link to: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=13D.065>)

As you can see, the new law does not contain much detail, but it can still provide some important protections to city councilmembers participating on social media.

Serial meetings and the Open Meeting Law

A serial meeting occurs when councilmember A communicates with councilmember B about a city issue, and then B communicates with councilmember C about that same issue. A serial meeting can occur in person or via telephone, email, or social media.

If you have ever used Facebook, you can see how easily a serial meeting could occur on a city Facebook page. If councilmember A posts something about a city issue, a response by councilmembers B and C could constitute a serial meeting, a potential violation of the Open Meeting Law.

The new law would exempt such posts on social media from the Open Meeting Law, provided that the exchanges were open to members of the general public. Cities and councilmembers should not block or restrict access to Facebook or Twitter accounts that are used to discuss any city business to ensure that such exchanges remain protected.

What the exception doesn't do

It is important to remember that the social media exception does not change any legal requirements related to public hearings, public notice, or voting. For example, councilmembers cannot participate in public hearings via Facebook or cast votes on Twitter. (To review meeting and notice requirements, see Chapter 7 of the League's *Handbook for Minnesota Cities* (Link to:

<http://www.lmc.org/page/1/handbook-for-mn-cities.jsp>) .)

And, while the definition of "social media" is broad enough to include the next big thing on smartphones, it does not include email, so treat email communication the same way you do today.

Also keep in mind this exception is only for the Open Meeting Law, and your comments on social media could still be used in other ways. For example, they could be used to determine if you, as a councilmember, have a conflict of interest or bias in a particular situation. So, while you may be used to sharing your every thought on social media, it may be a good idea to keep any comments related to city business to the facts and keep opinions to a minimum.

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Focus on New Laws: Municipal Annexation by Ordinance



The law is designed to place new limits on the division of parcels greater than 120 acres for annexation by ordinance into a municipality.

(Published Oct 20, 2014)

The Minnesota Legislature made amendments to statutes regarding municipal annexation during the 2014 legislative session. The new law modifies the definition of “property owner” and adds the definition of “property description” under Minnesota Statutes, section 414.011. It also alters the conditions for annexation by ordinance under Minnesota Statutes, section 414.033.

These changes were introduced in 2013 as HF 1425 (*Link to:*

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?b=House&f=HF1425&y=2014&ssn=0>), **passed into law as 2014**

Minnesota Session Laws, chapter 220 (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=220&year=2014&type=0)*

[id=220&year=2014&type=0](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/?id=220&year=2014&type=0)), **and amended existing Minnesota Statutes, section 414** (*Link to:*

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=414>). **The new law was adopted on May 9 and became**

effective on May 10, affecting boundary adjustments commenced on or after that date and applicable annexation ordinances adopted on or after that date.

Extreme changes initially proposed

As initially introduced, the bill sought extreme changes to municipal annexation authority by allowing a township to negotiate an orderly annexation agreement with one adjacent city that precluded any future annexation of any parcel in the township by any other adjacent cities. It also would have increased the current limit on the use of annexation by ordinance from 120 acres in a one-year period on contiguous parcels by a common owner to being 120 acres in a five-year period.

This language would have significantly affected both cities and property owners desiring annexation by ordinance. The cities of Proctor and Ortonville had pending annexation decisions when the bill was introduced and would have been directly affected by the proposed changes. Both cities provided valuable testimony in opposition of the bill during the 2013 legislative session and a 2013 interim hearing.

Compromise reached

League staff worked with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Association of Townships to negotiate a more workable compromise that addressed township concerns without dramatic changes to

current law. The language in Chapter 220 reflects that agreement.

The statutory change prevents owners of land tracts greater than 120 acres from dividing that land into parcels smaller than 120 acres and conveying a present ownership interest to another person, while retaining a future ownership interest for themselves, and simultaneously seeking to annex some or all of the divided parcels into the municipality by ordinance. It also clarifies that contiguous parcels cannot be annexed by ordinance using the 120-acre allowance if the property is or has been owned at any point during the previous 12 months by the same owners and the annexation would cumulatively exceed 120 acres.

Loophole eliminated

The previous law contained a loophole that could have allowed an owner of property to convey a present interest in that property to another person, divide that property into parcels of 120 acres or less, and then regain ownership and seek annexation of those parcels simultaneously by municipal ordinance. This was seen as problematic by townships, and a bill was introduced to eliminate the loophole and restrict the ability of cities to annex adjacent township lands.

As amended, Minnesota Statutes, section 414.033, subdivision 2 (3) (*Link to: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=414.033>*) now reads that municipal annexation by ordinance cannot be done to a parcel that is (underlined words added by legislation):

“... property contiguous to any property either simultaneously proposed to be or previously annexed under this clause within the preceding 12 months if the property is or has been owned at any point during that period by the same owners and annexation would cumulatively exceed 120 acres.”

For more information, contact LMC Intergovernmental Relations Representative Craig Johnson (see info at right).

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Higgins was presented with the honor by Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie and Deputy Secretary of State Beth Fraser at the LMC Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 16.

“Ann Higgins is a national treasure and also an institution,” Ritchie said at the award presentation.

Ritchie credited Higgins for her emphasis on bringing different interest groups to the table and her consistent work on issues that “go to the heart of what we call democracy.”

Her “knowledge, insight, and willingness to assist in passing and implementing legislation over the years have been critical in all our office has accomplished,” Ritchie said.

“It was a big job,” said Higgins, “It doesn’t happen with just one person.” She credited the Office of Secretary of State, city officials, counties, school boards, and others for their help delivering important policy messages.

Higgins worked for the League for 32 years before retiring in January 2013. During her tenure as a lobbyist, she worked on a wide range of issues, including data practices, elections, housing, public utilities, and telecommunications.

In retirement, Higgins serves as a liaison for Minnesota Women in City Government—a group that honored her in 2012 for her support and career contributions—and as a planning commission member for the City of Eden Prairie, where she resides. Additionally, she serves on the Eden Prairie Historical Society Board of Directors and as an election judge for the City of

Eden Prairie.

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A reminder notice has been mailed to all League members that have not yet paid their LMC membership dues invoice for fiscal year (FY) 2015. A copy of the September invoice and an accompanying letter from League Executive Director Jim Miller were sent via email on Oct. 15 to the dues email address on file with the League.

On Oct. 16, an email was sent to any city that has not yet joined the Minnesota Mayors Association (MMA) for FY 2015. This mailing included a copy of the MMA dues invoice along with a letter from MMA President Jo Emerson.

For members who do not have a dues email address on file with the League, the invoices and letters were sent via regular mail.

If you have not yet received your LMC membership dues invoice or the Minnesota Mayors Association dues invoice, contact the League at billing@lmc.org (*Link to: <mailto:billing@lmc.org>*) or (651) 214-4024 to request a copy.

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Updated Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances Now Available

The Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances has been updated and is now current through the 2014 session of the Minnesota Legislature.

The League of Minnesota Cities/American Legal Publishing (LMC/ALP) Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances is an effort to provide a modern and comprehensive code of ordinances for Minnesota cities with populations under 500 without the expense of a customized code of ordinances. Many sections of the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances help cities meet the requirements imposed by state and federal law.

Other sections are not required by state and federal law, but deal with subjects of frequent concern in cities with populations under 500. The Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances provisions are also useful to all Minnesota cities that wish to have models for city ordinances on the subjects contained in the code.

Why updates are needed

Why update the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances? Because the law is constantly changing. Newly enacted state and federal laws can have an impact on local ordinances. They may contain mandates that require cities to change policies, procedures, and ordinances. They may also authorize cities to permit new activities or give cities new tools to deal with local challenges.

Appellate court decisions can also affect the validity of existing ordinances. City codes should be updated regularly to reflect changes in the law. LMC attorneys periodically update the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances to reflect new developments in the law.

City adoption of Minnesota Basic Code

More than 100 Minnesota cities have adopted the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances. If your city has adopted the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances, it should consider adopting the updated version. If the city does not adopt the update, it may have difficulty enforcing outdated or invalid code provisions.

If your city has not adopted a city code of ordinances, it may be a good time to consider adopting the 2014 Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances.

The Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances is available in print, on computer disk in word processing format, or in Folio Views search and retrieval format. To order it, contact Ray Bollhauer of the American Legal Publishing Corporation (see information at right).

Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp>*)

For More Information

For more information or to order the 2014 Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances:

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City Engineers Association Accepting Award Nominations

The City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) is accepting nominations now for the Engineer of the Year and Project of the Year awards.

The awards honor the special achievements of city engineers and the outstanding engineering projects of cities. They will be presented at the CEAM Annual Conference in January. The deadline to submit a nomination is **Nov. 12**.

For more information or to request a nomination form, contact Steve Bot at [**sbot@ci.st-michael.mn.us**](mailto:sbot@ci.st-michael.mn.us)

(Link to: <mailto:sbot@ci.st-michael.mn.us>) .

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Receive a League Survey? Please Respond!

The League surveys member city officials for a variety of reasons with the ultimate goal of better serving you. We understand how busy you are and we know it is tempting to hit “delete” when a survey invitation pops up in your email. Sometimes it seems like everyone wants your opinion. But we ask that you please take the time to complete surveys you receive from the League, so we can provide you with the best possible service.

Why LMC surveys

Love a particular speaker? Trouble submitting a question during a webinar?

We often send out a survey to participants following a conference or webinar. Responses to these types of surveys provide feedback on how the event was received and help to improve future offerings.

Have a concern to bring to the Legislature?

Some surveys are done to provide information from city officials that can be used when advocating on cities’ behalf. The annual fiscal conditions survey is conducted in late fall each year and is sent mainly to appointed officials. Responses from that survey are detailed in our State of the Cities Report, which is shared with legislators, the governor’s office, and state agency commissioners. Each year some questions are asked specifically to provide responses in answer to a question we’ve received or to gather data that cannot be obtained from other sources. Last year’s survey included several questions on the cost to publish required public notices. While it ultimately did not become law, League staff used responses to those questions when advocating in support of the alternative publication requirements bill.

We also conduct surveys as a way to gather timely information on a current or emerging issue. These surveys give us a better understanding of the issue and help us form the best response. A survey conducted last winter helped us estimate the extent of damages and costs related to frozen water pipes.

Is the League serving your city well? Do you get a timely response?

The League also conducts monthly customer satisfaction surveys. The feedback from these short surveys helps us better serve our members.

How LMC surveys

While some surveys, like the annual fiscal conditions survey, are distributed through the mail, survey responses are increasingly gathered online. The League sometimes uses its listservs to send out quick survey questions via email. Survey Monkey is the online platform most commonly used by the League. Feedback on this tool has been largely positive. Survey Monkey emails include an opt-out link if you would rather not receive future survey invitations from that particular sender. If you’ve previously opted out of Survey Monkey emails, you would need to opt in again to receive League surveys via Survey Monkey. Please do so at the link below.

- **Opt in to receive Survey Monkey emails** (*Link to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/optin.aspx>*)

While your feedback is extremely valuable as we work to help city officials do the best job they can, responding can take time and attention from other tasks. Survey responses are certainly not required, but we highly encourage you to respond to as many League surveys as you can. Remember, more responses mean more city experiences are reflected. Thank you!

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Your LMC Resource

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Blandin Foundation to Host Broadband Conference

The Blandin Foundation will host the conference, *Border-to-Border Broadband: No Community Left Behind*, Nov. 18-19 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. The League is a co-sponsor of this event.

This year's conference provides a great opportunity to meet and learn from people in Minnesota communities that enjoy border-to-border broadband, some that have been working on it, and others that are just starting to stir local excitement for it. Sessions will be presented by leaders who understand policy, technology, and opportunity.

Attendees will have opportunities to network and learn about next steps for broadband expansion.

- **Learn more and register for the conference** (*Link to: <http://broadband.blandinfoundation.org/events/events-detail.php?intResourceID=27054>*)

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FirstNet Safety Training

New for 2014! LMCIT is offering web-based training endorsed by the National Safety Council and provided by FirstNet Learning to all members.

This new tool now provides access to 31 training courses covering a wide variety of topics that can provide basic training for new employees, as well as refresher training for experienced and seasonal employees. In addition, LMCIT is adding a course-a-month beginning Oct. 1, 2014. This means by Sept. 2015, each employee will have access to 42 safety courses.

Find out more about courses offered. (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/FirstNetTrainingCourses.jsp>*)

Each city/entity will be able to choose individuals to administer their program. These administrators will be able to assign trainings, set due dates, and monitor when a course has been completed. Webinars are offered so supervisors can learn how to utilize all the program has to offer.

Cost: \$12/employee (provides access to all trainings available) *Note: payment must be made with a charge card.

Learn more about the program at a free upcoming webinar:

- Wednesday, Oct. 22—10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18—2-3 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 11—10-11 p.m.

Contact Chris White (see "Your LMC Resource" to the right) to register for a webinar.

To begin using FirstNet Learning web-based training **login to LMCIT's FirstNet webpage** (*Link to: <http://www.firstnetcampus.com/offerings/LMNC/>*).

Your LMC Resource

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Anne Norris

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Metro Cities News

October 17, 2014

Transportation Policy Plan Comment Themes presented to TAB

Met Council staff provided the first overview of comments they received on the Transportation Policy Plan at the TAB meeting on Wednesday. The public comment period closed October 1st and Council staff has not yet begun to draft responses, but they have nearly finished compiling the comments. The schedule for final adoption of the TPP has been backed up from December 10th to January 14th to allow more time to respond to the volume of comments received. The Council will discuss responding to public comments at the November 5th, Committee of the Whole meeting and proposed responses and revisions will be presented to the TAB on November 19th. A revised TPP will be posted on December 3rd prior to the December 17th TAB meeting where the TAB will consider its recommendation. The full Council is scheduled to adopt the TPP on January 14th prior to a February 23rd FHWA /FTA submittal deadline.

The Council received approximately 880 comments with 600 of them being considered unique. 210 of the comments were transit related, 130 highway, 95 land-use and 85 bicycle and pedestrian related comments. While some comments came in expressing a lack of support for certain elements of the plan, others expressed support and some comments were related to issues outside of the TPP content like Thrive MSP 2040, the process used to adopt the plan and the regional solicitation.

General finance comment themes included:

- Greater emphasis on need for increased transportation funding for all modes
- Call to funding from one set of investment priorities to another
- Questions regarding local transportation funding sources and accuracy
- Recognize needs on the local transportation system

Highway comment themes included:

- Not enough spending on roads and road expansion
- Too much spending in the core, lack of spending to address suburban growth
- Requests for specific capacity expansion and new and improved interchanges
- More recognition of the role and importance of A-minor roads
- Principal arterial intersection conversion study support and opposition

Transit comment themes:

- Focus first of better serving existing population and employment concentrations
- Provide more transit in suburban areas
- Too focused on the urban core

- More investment in improved and expanded bus services and amenities
- 1% growth too low
- Support for specific projects
- Support and opposition for transitway prioritization
- Role of suburban providers, inclusion of transit operations policies

Land Use and Local Planning comment themes:

- Remove language regarding prohibited land uses and design features near stations
- Clarify requirements vs. advisory expectations for local comp plans
- Questions about community designations
- Station area density requirements are too high for suburban market areas, lack of flexibility in requirements
- Support for land use requirements and higher expectations near transitway investments

Bicycle and Pedestrian comment themes:

- Support for designating a Regional Bicycle Transportation Network (RBTN)
- Clarify relationship between regional trails system and RBTN
- Concerns about on-road bicycle facilities on A-minor arterials
- More emphasis on bicycle connections to transit system
- Emphasize “users of all ages and abilities”
- Complete street principles

Equity Comment Themes:

- Support the focus on equity, housing and better connections to investments for all modes
- Better integrate TPP with Housing Policy Plan
- Recognize poverty exists throughout the region
- Don't use equity and housing criteria to direct roadway investments
- Support for and oppositions to exceeding federal equity requirements
- Better connect equity and housing criteria to performance measures

Other Comments:

- Gateway Corridor LPA inclusion
- Focus on reducing congestion, not managing
- Better ties between Goals, Objectives, Strategies and more specific performance measures
- Address impacts of new and alternative technologies, i.e. fuel, autonomous vehicles
- Clearer expectations on noise and air pollution near MSP
- Close Crystal airport to accommodate redevelopment and TOD

The Met Council will continue to compile responses and will prepare responses and revisions over the coming days and weeks.

Register for the 2014 Metro Regional Meeting and Policy Adoption

Metro Cities' draft 2015 Legislative Policies are now online for member review and comment. The draft policies were recommended by members of Metro Cities' four policy committees and approved by the Metro Cities Board of Directors. The policies will be adopted by Metro Cities' membership at the Policy Adoption Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

Here are the various links:

- [2015 Draft Policies](#)
- [Agenda for the 2014 Metro Regional Mtg. & Policy Adoption](#)
- [Registration](#)

Any comments or questions on the proposed policies should be directed to Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org. Also, if you participated in a policy committee this year, please check your email and fill out a survey to provide your feedback on the committee process. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HZNSZCY>. This is important feedback that helps to ensure an optimal policy development process.

The policies will receive final consideration and adoption at the Policy Adoption meeting on November 13th. At this meeting, amendments on proposed policies can be considered provided that five city delegates request consideration. Each member city has one vote, with one additional vote for each 50,000 population above the initial 50,000. Once the policies are adopted, they will serve as the framework for Metro Cities' work at the Legislature and Metropolitan Council in 2015.

Metro Cities News is emailed periodically to all Metro Cities member mayors, councilmembers, city managers and administrators to keep officials abreast of important metro city issues. This information is also intended to be shared with city staff.

If you'd like to sign up to receive Metro Cities News, please email Laurie@metrocitiesmn.org and provide the following: Name, Title, Employer and Email address. Thank you.

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Senior Leadership Committee



Senior Leadership team members:

Vision: Bridging Resources to Our Community

- Attend monthly meetings
(1st Tuesday of each month, 9-11AM)
- Recommend service goals
- Establish policies and program priorities using objective data and information shared at the monthly meetings
- Participate in the planning and hosting of an annual spring regional Senior Forum
- Be available with other team members to educate and communicate information about senior human service needs to the Advisory Commission and your own City senior leadership and City Council

Senior Leadership Committee Mission:

Represent the human services needs of senior residents residing in his or her city to the Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council.



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CRYSTAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA SUMMARY

Monday, November 10, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Crystal City Hall – Council Chambers
4141 Douglas Dr N

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 13, 2014 regular meeting *

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consider Application 2014-9 for a conditional use permit for custom manufacturing at 5249 Douglas Drive North (Borja Dental) *
2. Consider Application 2014-10 for a roof height variance to allow expansion of a nonconforming garage at 6602 59th Avenue North *

D. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. City Council actions on October 21 regarding previous Planning Commission items:
 - Approved a conditional use permit for outdoor food and beverage service at 5592 West Broadway (Noodles & Company)
 - Approved the Preliminary Plat of Gaulke Pond Homes on property located at 3908 and 3924 Douglas Drive North
2. Letter to Hennepin County regarding curb cuts for Gaulke Pond Homes *
3. Staff preview of likely agenda items for Monday, December 8, 2014 meeting

E. OPEN FORUM

F. ADJOURNMENT

** Items for which supporting materials will be included in the meeting packet*

CITY OF CRYSTAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAND USE APPLICATIONS

#2014-9 – CUSTOM MANUFACTURING AT 5249 DOUGLAS DR N

#2014-10 – GARAGE HEIGHT VARIANCE AT 6602 59TH AVE N

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Crystal will meet on **Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at **Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North**, in said City, to consider the following land use applications:

LAND USE APPLICATION 2014-9:

- Applicant: Borja Dental
- Property Owner: Edgar Borja (Contract for Deed buyer) and Crystal Barbers (seller)
- Property Address: 5249 Douglas Drive North (P.I.D 08-118-21-11-0082)
- Zoning: The property is zoned C-2 General Commercial. Adjacent properties are zoned C-2 General Commercial or R-1 Low Density Residential.
- Description of Application: The applicant proposes to manufacture custom dental prostheses, crowns, bridges and so forth. A conditional use permit is required for custom manufacturing in the C-2 district.

LAND USE APPLICATION 2014-10:

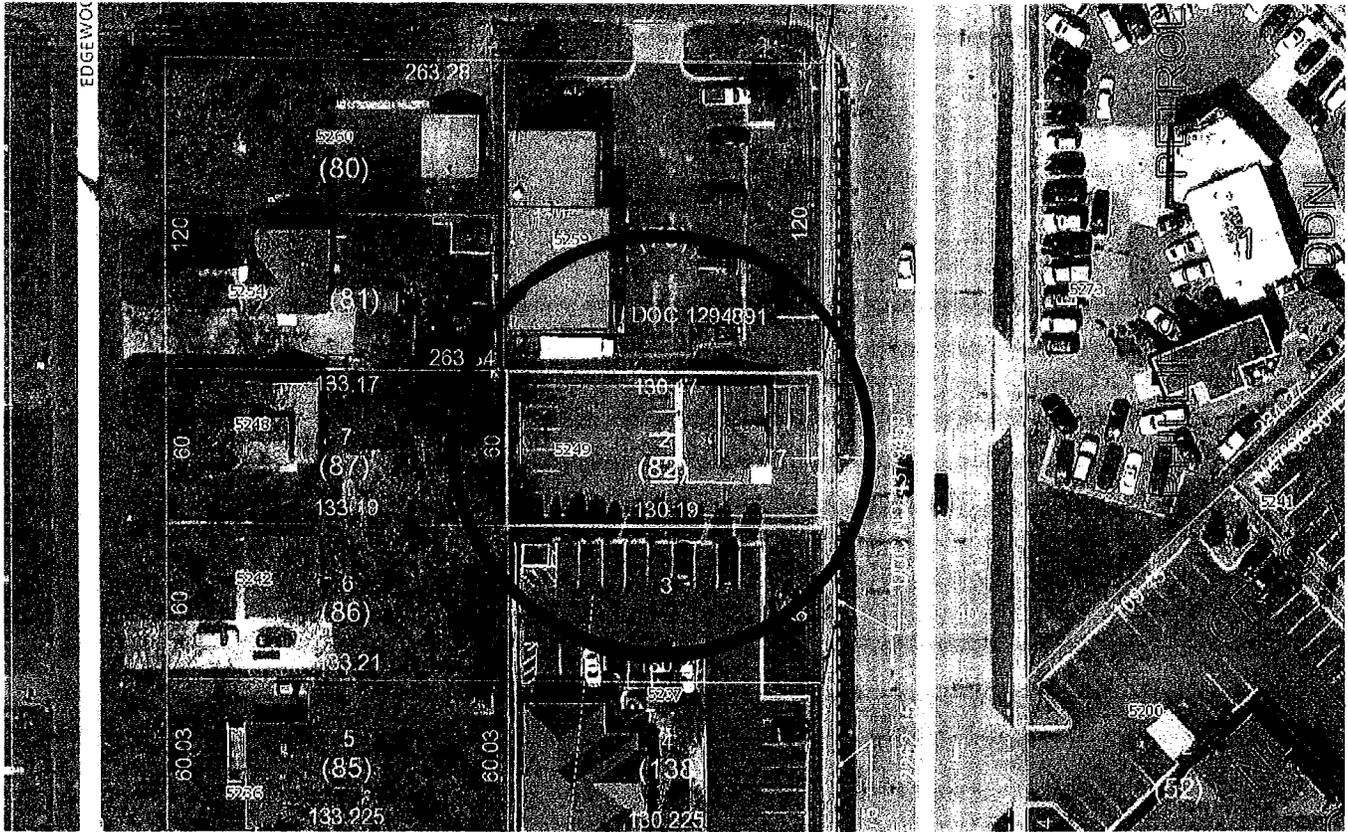
- Applicant and Property Owner: Teruko Larson
- Property Address: 6602 59th Avenue North (P.I.D 05-118-21-14-0060)
- Zoning: The property and adjacent properties are zoned R-1 Low Density Residential.
- Description of Application: The property presently has a 19 foot high detached garage which was permitted when built but became nonconforming due to a change in city code. The owner desires to build an addition onto the back of the garage with the same roof height and design as the existing garage. A variance is required to expand a nonconforming building.

These applications may be reviewed on the Planning & Zoning page of the city website, www.crystalmn.gov, and also at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours. The city staff report will be similarly available on or about November 3, 2014. If you have questions please contact City Planner John Sutter at john.sutter@crystalmn.gov or 763.531.1142.

Persons desiring to be heard on these matters are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: Community Development Department, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids are available for public meetings upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and hard of hearing callers should contact the MN Relay Service at 711 or 1.800.627.3529 V/TTY.

TIM BUCK, SECRETARY, PLANNING COMMISSION

5249 Douglas Dr N



6602 59th Ave N



CRYSTAL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Crystal City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Crystal Planning Commission convened at 7 p.m. with the following members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 1) Sears [Vice Chair]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 2) Kolb	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 4) [vacant]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 1) Heigel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 3) VonRueden [Chair]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 4) Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 2) Erickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 3) Buck [Secretary]	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (At-Large) Strand

Also present were staff members John Sutter and Gail Van Krevelen.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Sears and seconded by Commissioner Heigel to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting with no exceptions.

Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consider Application 2014-8 for a conditional use permit for outdoor food and beverage service at 5592 West Broadway (Noodles & Company)

City Planner John Sutter said that Noodles & Company will be located at the Crystal Gallery Mall at the SE corner of Broadway and Bass Lake Road. There is a 6,000 square foot pad building currently under construction and the patio would be on the east side of that building.

When this entire project was approved, it included the pad building along with "de-malling" the existing shopping center and redoing the parking lot. The patio was anticipated as a small part of that project. Noodles has submitted a liquor license application and a proposal for outdoor food and beverage service for the patio.

The Noodles restaurant would take up approximately 40% of the east side of the pad building, and the patio would be 500 square feet with 22 seats. The patio is proposed to be gated, similar to the patio Chipotle has.

Brian Jung, architect for Noodles & Company, said he was available for any

questions or concerns the commissioners may have.

Moved by Commissioner Kolb and seconded by Commissioner Sears to recommend approval of Application 2014-8 for a conditional use permit for outdoor food and beverage service at 5592 West Broadway (Noodles & Company).

Motion carried.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider Application 2014-7 for the plat of Gaulke Pond Homes on property located at 3924 and 3908 Douglas Drive North. (*Continued from September 8, 2014 meeting.*)

City Planner John Sutter said this is a 4-acre site on the east side of Douglas. The developer submitted an application to re-plat the land into 15 single family home lots, 13 with frontage on Douglas Drive and two with frontage on 39th and Colorado. Initially there were a number of issues, most were minor issues that have or can be resolved, along with two major issues, storm water treatment and curb cuts.

Mr. Sutter stated that Hennepin County has jurisdiction over permitting curb cuts and review authority on the plat itself. If it is not satisfactory, they could refuse to sign the final plat so staff felt it best to resolve the issue sooner rather than later. Both staff and the developer have asked them to reconsider their position about not allowing individual curb cuts, but no decision has been made at this point.

He also indicated that the storm water treatment issue has now been satisfactorily resolved and staff feels that the layout of the development will not change and the curb cut issue and the minor issues can be resolved between now and the time the final plat is brought before council.

The developer has revised the storm water treatment plan to enlarge the infiltration basin in lot 10 and add a fourth basin. Also, by moving the breakpoint slightly to west, more runoff will now go to east and be picked up by one of the infiltration basins, then overflow into Gaulke pond. This plan does meet city requirements since the net amount of runoff going to Douglas Drive will be reduced.

Mr. Sutter also stated that the city has identified 9 conditions for approval of the final plat as listed on the staff report. It is unknown how quickly and in what order the lots will sell, so the entire site needs to be graded and the storm water treatment functional before the final plat will be approved.

The following were heard:

Janet Reusch, 6500 40th Ave N, spoke to the commission about her concerns

about the impact on the wildlife in the area and wondering if some of the old oak trees could be saved. She was advised that it was likely the oak trees would need to be removed based on the number of new homes planned for the site but reforestation will be required.

Commissioner Sears questioned whether it would be feasible to shift the proposed houses a little closer to Douglas Drive so less storm water would be directed to Douglas Drive. Mr. Sutter said that could be addressed if the developer chose to do that, but that there might be a negative impact on the lots by placing the houses closer to Douglas Dr.

Commissioner Kolb asked what the infiltration basin would look like and who would own it. Mr. Sutter said that the basin would be owned by each of the respective homeowners, but the city would require some type of deed restriction that survives the transfer of property so the basin would remain functional. The vegetation in the basin would likely not be grass but some type of plant mix that survives that type of environment.

Perry Ryan, Ryan Excelsior Properties, spoke to the commission and said that those types of basins generally are not mowed; they place a mix of plants that accept or absorb water and 18" of sand.

Commissioner Erickson wanted to know what the timeline was and what the residents in that area could expect to undergo and what the disruption would be to the community.

Mr. Sutter said if the preliminary plat is approved, the developer can continue to work on the outstanding issues, and once those are resolved they can submit the final plat to the city council for approval. Once the final plat is recorded, the developer can start selling the lots.

Mr. Ryan said they may grade the week after the council meeting, but because it's getting late into season it may not make sense. The construction process is really a 6-8 week process, but there's not a lot of infrastructure work to be done. He also explained that they are leaving the majority of the tree line, and only plan to remove just what is necessary to get the grading done.

When asked about the status of the curb cuts with Hennepin County, Mr. Ryan indicated that they are still in discussion with the county, but are confident they can work it out.

The Planning Commission agreed to send a letter to Hennepin County indicating their approval of the individual curb cuts.

Moved by Commissioner Sears and seconded by Commissioner Buck to recommend approval of Application 2014-7 for the plat of Gaulke Pond Homes on property located at 3924 and 3908 Douglas Drive North following staff recommendations and authorizing a letter be sent to Hennepin County regarding the curb cuts.

Motion carried.

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. City Council actions on previous Planning Commission items:
 - September 16: Approved a CUP for one U-Haul vehicle at 2740 Douglas Dr N
2. Staff preview of likely agenda items for Monday, November 10, 2014 meeting
Mr. Sutter indicated there was nothing he was aware of at this time.
3. Quarterly Development Status Report *
4. September 25 comment letter to Metropolitan Council regarding the draft
Housing Policy Plan *

F. OPEN FORUM

No one spoke before the commission.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Heigel and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Crystal

Arrest Report

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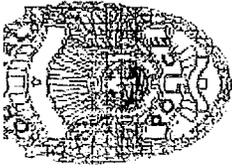
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Municipal bonding is up as Minnesota recovers

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Bucking a national downward trend in municipal bonding, Minnesota communities have started borrowing more money in 2014.

School districts and cities wary of debt after layoffs and spending freezes during the recession are starting to look at expansions and renovations. Through September, the state is on pace for its second biggest bonding year in the past decade.

"Our unemployment rate's really low now, tax revenues are coming back, and so they're willing to stick their neck out a little bit, and issue some debt and fix some things," said Brian Olson, president of the Minnesota Society of Municipal Analysts.

Nationally, the supply of municipal bonds is near historic lows. Roads and sewer lines paid for before the recession are still sitting in the ground ready to be used, and voters have been less comfortable with debt in the slow recovery than they were in the boom years of the mid-2000s.

That's starting to change in Minnesota. In the past nine months, governments have issued \$4.9 billion in municipal bonds, compared with \$3.1 billion by the same time a year ago.

The rise is partly due to passage of the state's \$1 billion bonding bill, but it also reflects debt issued by school districts, cities, counties and utilities. This year, Duluth is borrowing \$2.3 million for a recreational center, Wayzata voters approved \$109 million in bonding for its schools, and Mankato issued \$1.9 million in bonds for multifamily housing.

With long-term interest rates as low as they've been in generations, local governments can borrow cheaply. Even at low rates, investors are attracted to municipal bonds for their tax benefits as well as stable, low-risk income. But the supply of bonds is still low by historical measures, and investors are clamoring for more.

"There's a healthy appetite for more municipal bond issuance, no question about it," said Dan Heckman, a fixed income strategist at U.S. Bank.

Bond investors such as Heckman would especially like to see communities like those in Minnesota, viewed as fiscally sound in states with strong economies, to issue more debt.

"We have seen a pretty good increase for demand for municipals in Minnesota," he said.

In September, Dakota County issued \$6.7 million in bonds for Ebenezer Ridges, a nonprofit care center expanding in Burnsville. The nonprofit will pay off the loan, but because it provides what's seen as a public good, it's able to benefit from the county's credit rating.

That bonding wouldn't have happened a few years ago, said Mark Ulfers, director of the county's community development agency.

"We weren't getting this kind of request in the recession," Ulfers said. "You wouldn't have the bonding if the economy wasn't improving."

The shift is welcomed by the bond market, but many local communities across the country are still reluctant to issue debt. Heckman, the fixed income expert at U.S. Bank, said that unlike in Minnesota, the U.S. outlook is for local governments to issue fewer bonds in 2014 than 2013.

"The reality is that we are seeing a lot of taxpayer resistance to approving infrastructure, approving new schools, approving any increase in taxes to pay for infrastructure," Heckman said.

In the spring of 2013, Republican legislators were so fed up with the idea of more public borrowing that they conspicuously read newspapers during a vote on an \$800 million bonding bill to show they weren't interested.

Politics hasn't been the only reason for less bonding, said Dave MacGillivray, chairman of Springsted, a consultancy that helps local governments issue bonds and get them to market.

Communities that went through lean times during the downturn weren't as quick to borrow money for capital projects, he said. Also, they built new sewer lines, roads and schools before the recession when the economy was booming. Some of that new infrastructure was still unused, limiting the need for new bonding.

"All of a sudden the amount of growth went down and there's already stuff that's in the ground that they're absorbing," MacGillivray said.

This year, the biggest share of new borrowing in Minnesota has gone toward school improvements.

Voters approved four out of five school district bond referendums in Minnesota in 2013, and in Wayzata this February they overwhelmingly OK'd \$109 million in borrowing to build a high school addition and new elementary school, and upgrade district security and technology.

Lots of new borrowing in the near future will be for roads and bridges.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation estimates a \$12 billion funding gap over the next 20 years just to maintain the trunk highway system. That doesn't include local roads and bridges and sewers.

Wayne Sandberg, Washington County's engineer, said that because his county is growing, it has been consistently issuing bonds on a four-year cycle — between \$20 million and \$40 million each time.



Wayzata voters approved \$109 million in bonding for its schools to ease crowding. In this file photo from February 2014, Wayzata High School students crowded the lunchroom for their lunch break.

Elizabeth Flores, Star Tribune

"One of the things we like about bonding is that it allows the future people moving into the county who are going to enjoy the infrastructure and the upgrades to help pay for it," he said.

The county will try to issue \$32 million in bonds in 2015, and \$42 million in 2019.

"The number one need," he said, "has been highway and transportation improvements."

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Voters' guide: Crystal City Council general election

A total of six candidates are competing for three seats on Crystal's city council. In Section II, incumbent John Budziszewski is running against Olga Parsons. In Ward 1, incumbent Mark Hoffmann is running against Elizabeth Dahl. In Ward 2, incumbent Joe Selton is running against Jeff Kolb.

Section II

Section II is generally located north of 45th Avenue North in the city and encompasses the city's third and fourth wards.

John Budziszewski



Budziszewski

Address: 5308 47th Ave. N.

Family: My wife, Heidi, and our two kids, Wyatt and Bria.

Education: Humboldt High School; B.A. from the University of Minnesota in International Relations.

Occupation: Commercial banking; delivers news overnight for an independent news service.

Years you have lived in the city: 17

Community/civic organizations involvement: Habitat for Humanity; ally of PRIDE; blood donor of 10 years.

Have you run for any other office in the past?: Yes.

Contact info: 612-207-3704

What do you anticipate to be the most important issue facing Crystal in the coming two years?

If re-elected I will work to reduce the amount of traffic on busy side-streets, the cut-through streets that are used to avoid stoplights and stop signs. Most of these streets should have posted axle weight limits and signage to established truck routes. I would ask that the secondary reliever streets would receive occasional extra patrols to enforce our traffic laws.

If re-elected I will work to eliminate the train whistles along the Canadian Pacific rail crossings by installing crossing barriers that prevent traffic from driving around the crossing arms. This will create quiet zones at the rail crossings and I will work with state and federal officials to make this happen.

It is essential that the city council be committed to logical and sensible leadership, that your representation support our community and work together to resolve all issues. I believe the best leaders have a passion for the people and their community, and with that humility and compassion.

What has the current council (or past councils) done well, in your opinion? What could the current council (or past councils) improve upon?

Democracy is loud and noisy and the last two years have been very noisy. Positive talking points would be the management of the city through the Great Recession, the development of the Cavanagh Senior Living Complex, the reconstruction of the joint powers agreement for the West Metro Fire Department, the breaking of the glass ceiling for management. We have women in leadership positions, a goal many major organizations and companies struggle with in recruiting and retaining women in upper management positions.

We have women leading major departments something not every company can tout. I see the advent of solar energy as cost saving measure for the city as a huge success. Lastly, I am proud of the Crystal Human Rights Commission bringing awareness to our ever changing world.

As for improvements, I'm looking forward to the upcoming elections both current and future and that the candidates of the future should bring substance, show commitment by serving on city commissions, and attend the mandatory budget meetings. Lastly, it is always an honor and a privilege to be your councilmember, thank you and thank you for your vote on November 4th.

Olga Parsons



Parsons

Address: 4951 Jersey Ave N.

Family: Husband John of 10 years; sons Josiah, age 9, and Judah, age 5.

Education: Did not respond.

Occupation: Homemaker

Years you have lived in the city: 8

Community/civic organizations involvement: Volunteer as communication assistant helping kids and families through their adoption and post-adoption journey; volunteer flutist with the Medalist Concert Band; past volunteer as crisis-phone line counselor with Love Lines Crisis Center.

Have you run for any other office in the past?: No.

Contact info: 612-217-2337

What do you anticipate to be the most important issue facing Crystal in the next two years?

In the next two years, I believe we will be facing the following pressing issues:

1. Our approach to city government:

Residents feel disconnected from City Hall. Oftentimes, citizen input is invited only after major decisions have been made. Residents want to see a more holistic approach to government rooted in community, mutual respect and healthy discourse. Residents are averse to a top-down and authoritative system and want to be a part of the decision-making process.

2. Keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean:

We need to find methods that create and preserve a clean and safe environment in our neighborhoods, while protecting private property rights.

3. Fiscal Responsibility:

We need better fiscal management to keep Crystal financially stable, sustainable, and independent. We need to protect our core services, and make sure that property taxes are low.

What has the current council (or past councils) done well, in your opinion? What could the current council (or past councils) improve upon?

Council members, past and present, have had the difficult job of representing our residents in a fair and thoughtful manner. It is impossible to please everyone, and this position requires the ability to make tough decisions.

This job requires not only time, but also excellent listening skills, clear thinking, and integrity to remain honest and principled. I applaud anyone who has served our community as a council representative! There are council members who have done an exemplary job, and some that have failed.

The failures have damaged the relationship between residents and City Hall. This breakdown occurs when council members are disconnected from their community, behave disrespectfully, and make controversial decisions without the input of the residents. This does not serve our city well, and must change! A major aspect of a council members' job is to be actively involved in their local community, not just during election time, but as a lifestyle.

They must be available for their constituents to listen, return phone calls and emails, and invite citizen participation. Section 2 needs a representative who will work to create a relationship of mutual respect and trust. This is a job I feel ready to take on. When elected, my commitment is to be an accessible, respectful, and involved councilwoman. I love our community, and want to do my utmost to preserve and improve all the qualities that make Crystal great!

Ward 1

Ward 1 generally occupies the southern portion of the city, below 45th Avenue North and opposite Section II.

Elizabeth Dahl



Dahl

Address: 8217 30th Ave N.

Family: Caleb Dahl (married 7 years) and three children

Education: Some college

Occupation: Small business owner

Years you have lived in the city: 4

Community/civic organizations involvement: Co-host and organizer for the Great Winnetka Hills Meet-Up 2014. Vice-President and later President of Minnesota Families for Midwifery 2009-2013. I am also the “Lead” for my Winnetka Hills neighborhood on Nextdoor.com and regularly organize neighborhood events.

Have you run for any other office in the past?: No

Contact info: 612-567-3353

What do you anticipate to be the most important issue facing Crystal in the next two years?

Over the next two years, Crystal has the opportunity to become even better. To become even more community-driven and neighborhood-friendly. To encourage and support more unique and thriving businesses. To give confidence to home buyers and sellers that the city will be easy to work with. Crystal could be the sort of city that everyone else wants to live.

To become this sort of city, we need to start by listening to our residents, prioritize spending based on the needs of individual neighborhoods and continue to place safe, clean neighborhoods as a primary concern.

What has the current council (or past councils) done well, in your opinion? What could the current council (or past councils) improve upon?

Our city council representatives love their city. They put in many hours of hard work that directly impact the lives of citizens. Many of the things we love about our city is a direct result of the work of past city councils, so I would like to thank the current and past council members for their years of dedication and service. City council is a huge responsibility that not many people are willing to take on.

That said, I do believe there is room for improvement. The city council of today needs to be able to connect with the citizens of today. I have knocked on hundreds of doors during my campaign, and as I do so I like to ask citizens “How do you enjoy living in Crystal?” The answer is almost always that they love the area and the people of this city, but if they have had interaction with their council representative or city staff it was unhelpful at best and often dismissive.

Overwhelmingly, citizens in Ward 1 feel that they aren’t being heard and this is a very serious problem. If our city maintains it’s top-down approach to government, City Hall will only become more and more disconnected from it’s citizens, making it much more difficult to meet the needs of the community. If Crystal is to thrive and grow it will need to govern & function in a way that will retain residents and businesses. We need a city council that will be responsive as well as responsible.

Mark Hoffmann



Hoffmann

Address: 3307 Zane Ave N.

Family: Joanie, three children, eight grandchildren

Education: BS Business Administration, St. Cloud State.

Occupation: Retired retail management and sales

Years you have lived in the city: 38 years

Community/civic organizations involvement: West Metro Fire-Rescue District Board of Directors since 2010; Long time member Sacred Heart Parish, past Finance Committee, Parish Council and President of the Parish Council; Crystal Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission 1980-1989.

Have you run for any other office in the past?: Mayor, 2004, not elected

Contact info: 763-536-0385

What do you anticipate to be the most important issue facing Crystal over the next two years?

I believe responsible financial stability, without cuts in current services, will be the most important issue in the next two years. Current council leadership is to use revenue from all funds to pay cash, raise taxes for all to pay for mill and overlays, and cut services to recoup the 10 percent tax increase. My opponent is riding on this budgeting agenda that is the basis of the Tea Party and Libertarians, and we have all seen how well it works at the national level.

In an effort to pay cash for the new Public Works building the finance director and city manager have given us the total recommended cash options available without hurting individual funds or the city, and we are still a half-million dollars shy. Similar number also occurred with the payment for our emergency water wells being drilled now. We covered \$600,000 of the cost by borrowing from existing funds to be paid back over 10 years on a water surcharge.

The cities funds have been degraded with little or no effective funds to deal with future needs or emergencies. I believe we have to blend the financial needs and take advantage of low rate bonding to maintain a reserve for future projects, such as a police update of some kind, that are

coming in the foreseeable future when funding will be more expensive. I do not believe the city should drain itself of available funds and have nothing in reserve.

What has the current council (or past councils) done well, in your opinion? What could the current council (or past councils) improve upon?

The current council has gotten many projects moving ,but even after months of talk, can not be led to a agreeable funding solution. It has become more apparent that the ideological differences are great today, and to me, the days of cohesive and responsible budgeting that Crystal has enjoyed for years can not be taken for granted in the future.

Most of the cities operations and needs are discussed an worked on during our taped work sessions. It has become too regular of a process, that decisions that have been negotiated and agreed upon, then are disregarded when voted on at the council meeting. We always work under the presumption, that we will not always agree on an item, but it is certainly ingenuous to agree to solutions and negotiate outcomes that are then rejected at the time of the vote.

We must always be responsible, open and honest with each other and with our constituents.

Ward 2

Ward 2 sits in the central portion of the city, south of 45th Avenue North and opposite Section II.

Jeff Kolb



Kolb

Address: 6404 38th Ave N.

Family: Wife Erin (14 years), Son James (14 months old)

Education: Did not respond.

Occupation: Small business owner, technology industry.

Years you have lived in the city: 3

Community/civic organizations involvement: Crystal Planning Commissioner representing Ward 2; Board member with the Crystal Business Association; American Foundation for Cardiomyopathy

Have you run for any other office in the past?: No

Contact info: 612-314-5652

What do you anticipate to be the most important issue facing Crystal in the next two years?

I believe there are three important issues that must be addressed:

- 1) Responsible spending – ensuring every dollar spent by the city is spent wisely, keeping in mind that every dollar spent comes from the citizens.
- 2) Safe Neighborhoods – Continuing efforts to keep our neighborhoods safe through community building initiatives, and
- 3) Accountable and Responsive Government – Repairing the relationship between the council and the citizens by electing responsive representatives who will foster two way communication, actively listen to the concerns of the residents, and act as advocates for our neighborhoods.

I love Crystal. My wife and I chose to raise our family here. I believe Crystal is a great place to live, work, and shop, and by electing the right representation we can make sure we keep it that way for many years to come.

What has the current council (or past councils) done well, in your opinion? What could the current council (or past councils) improve upon?

I want to first start by thanking the current members of the council for their service to the community. I recognize that serving on the council requires an investment of time that takes councilmembers away from their families. It's not a particularly glamorous job, but it is a very important one, as city government can have a huge impact on the daily life of a resident.

That said, I wouldn't be running if I didn't think that there was room for improvement.

I believe that the current council has not always acted responsibly with the taxpayer's money. Spending has not been properly prioritized. In addition, some of the decisions made recently have created a fiscal problem that must be addressed. We can't continue to borrow endlessly and spend our cash reserves without plans in place to refill them.

But perhaps the most important thing that needs improvement is the relationship between the city government and the citizens. I have personally knocked on over 1,500 doors since this campaign began, and one recurring and disappointing theme in my conversations is that many residents don't feel that they are being listened to.

I have heard far too many stories about people contacting their elected officials or city staff and either not receiving a response at all, or receiving a response that attempts to minimize their concerns.

This needs to change.

For any government to be effective it needs to be responsive to the citizens, and if elected, I will always listen and respond to the residents I was elected to represent. I hope I can earn your vote.

Joe Selton



Selton

Address: 3916 Edgewood Ave. N., Brownwood neighborhood, Ward 2.

Family: Wife ReNae; daughters Joann (and Rick), Elizabeth and Sheri; step-daughter Amber (and Brian); eight grandchildren.

Education: Patrick Henry High, Minneapolis; Anoka-Hennepin Technical College, Anoka; University of Minnesota – LES, Minneapolis; University of Wisconsin – ESW, Madison; William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center at Placid Harbor, Hollywood, Md.

Occupation: Journeyman truck mechanic and head shop steward for Bimbo Baking Group.

Years you have lived in the city: 34 years as a resident of Crystal Ward 2.

Community/civic organizations involvement: Volunteer with NEAR food shelf

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What do you anticipate to be the most important issue facing Crystal in the next two years?

The most important issue we will be facing is the same issue we face every year as a City Council. Coming up with a justified and balanced city budget which holds the line on property tax increases, utilizes and protects reserves given to us by previous city councils, and protects and maintains Crystal's infrastructure investments and services. We must also continue to plan and finance for the future needs of the city of Crystal.

What has the current Council (or past councils) done well, in your opinion? What could the current Council (or past councils) improve upon?

Thank you to past city councils for putting the city in a position where the current council during my tenure could manage the city through the current recession, even with a loss of \$4 million in local government aid, with minimal cuts in services or increases in property taxes.

The development of the Cavanaugh Senior living complex in north Crystal.

The addition of solar energy to The Community Center where after 12 months online it's reported that the total avoided cost of electricity was approximately \$2,839.00. That's the amount the solar panels displaced which the city would have otherwise paid to Xcel energy. City Hall and pool building projects are now online and it is projected that the numbers for both will look similar since they are the same size systems. A projected cost-saving measure in energy usage of \$8,517.00 per year.

Continuing to finance a successful street and alley reconstruction program that's affordable to the citizens and adding to the property value of the residence.

The current Council must continue to be aware of the changing demographics in our city. We must find ways to involve and hear the voice of the multicultural groups moving to our city. If we do a city survey online, we cannot assume everyone has a computer or is proficient with it or that everyone speaks or understands English. As taxpayers, everybody's voice is important and we must be there to hear it. We must do more so those voices are heard.

Continue to work hard to assist businesses to locate or relocate to the city of Crystal.