

City of East Bethel
Planning Commission Agenda
7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 26, 2014



Agenda

	<u>Item</u>
7:00 PM	1.0 Call to Order
7:02 PM	2.0 Adopt Agenda
7:03 PM	3.0 Public Hearing – Preliminary Plat, Classic Commercial Park 3rd Addition PID #323323210014, NE corner of 187 th Lane and Buchanan Street , Zoning: B3 Highway Commercial; Amended I1 Light Industrial, 8.97 acres
7:25 PM	4.0 Discussion of Resident Guide
7:40 PM	5.0 Website Changes
7:55 PM	6.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting
8:00 PM	7.0 Other Business/Council reports
8:10 PM	8.0 Adjournment



City of East Bethel Planning Commission Agenda Information

Date:

August 26, 2014

Agenda Item Number:

Item 3.0

Agenda Item:

Preliminary Plat Classic Commercial Park 3rd Addition

Requested Action:

Recommend Approval of the Preliminary Plat of the following:

Acreage – 8.97 acres

Current Use of Property – Vacant Land

Current Zoning – B3 – Highway Commercial

Proposed Zoning – I1 (Light Industrial)

Background Information:

This is a continuation of the platting of vacant property in the Classic Commercial Park. CD Properties North, LLC has an opportunity to sell the property as noted on the attachments and is asking for plat approval. This plat is very straight forward as the street and utility improvements have already been completed.

Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Public hearing notice
3. Preliminary Plat
4. Certificate of Survey

Planning Commission Action

Motion by: _____

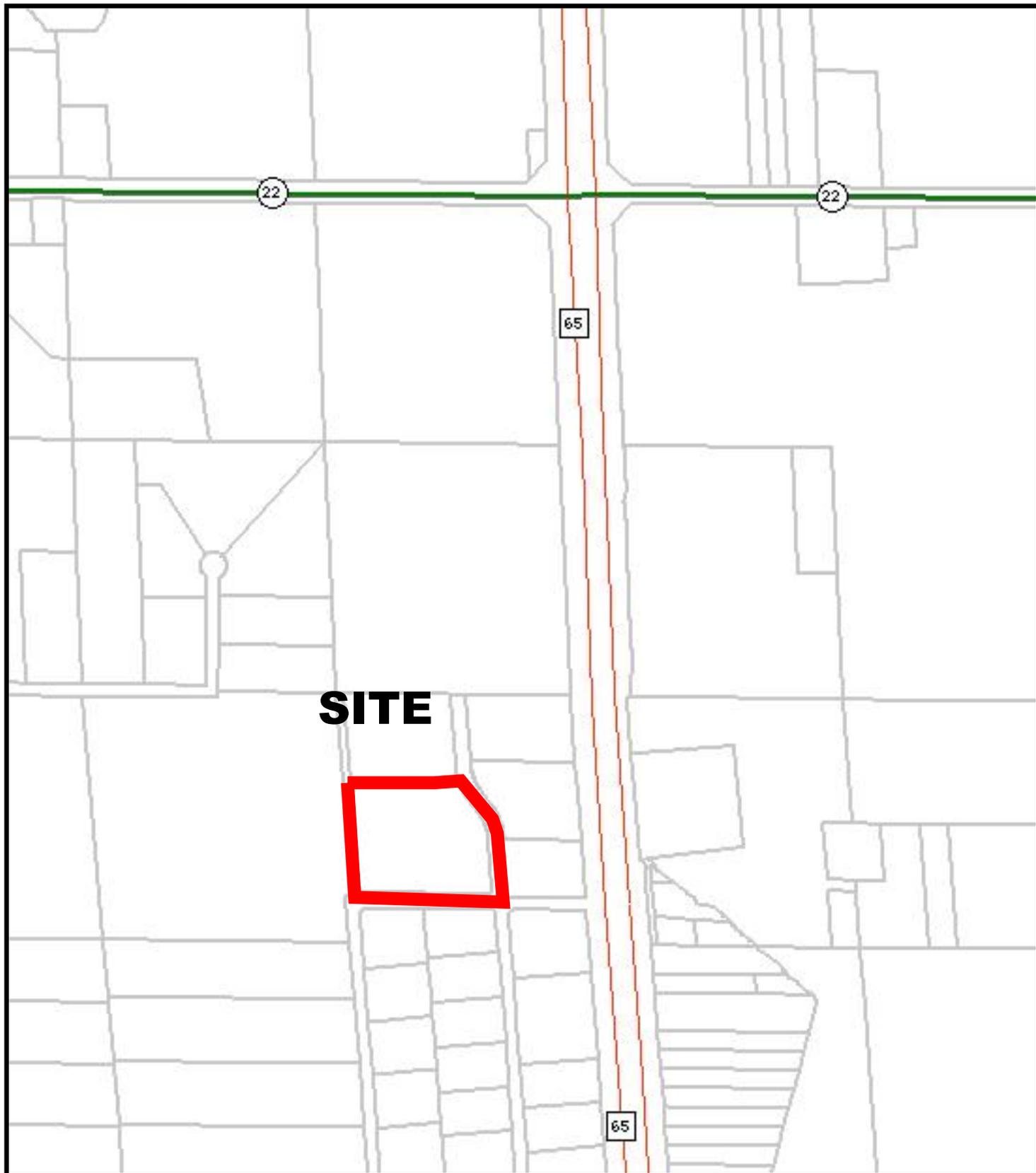
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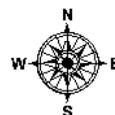
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Classic Commercial 3rd - Map



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF EAST BETHEL
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of East Bethel will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 2241 221st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN to consider the following:

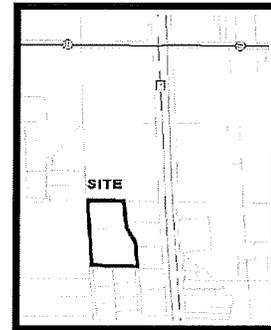
A request by CD Properties North, LLC for approval of a Preliminary Plat – Classic Commercial Park 3rd Addition for a commercial development.

Property Location:

NE Corner of 187th Lane NE and Buchanan Street NE
Parcel ID – 323323210014
Zoning – B3 Highway Commercial; Amended I1 Light Industrial

VICINITY MAP

PART OF SEC. 32, TWP. 33, RNG. 23



ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
(NO SCALE)

A copy of the proposed preliminary plat is available at City Hall during regular hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for the public's review.

The hearing of this request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any neighbor or interested property owner, who for any reason has not received a copy, please inform them of this public hearing.

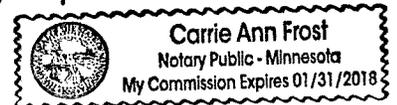
The East Bethel City Council may consider this request at its September 3, 2014 regular meeting.

Published in the Anoka County
Union Herald August 13, 2014.

Colleen Winter
Community Development Director

Subscribed and sworn to me
this 13th day of August 2014.

Carrie Frost
Notary Public



PRELIMINARY PLAT

~of~ CLASSIC COMMERCIAL PARK 3RD ADDITION

DEVELOPER:
CLASSIC CONSTRUCTION
 18542 ULYSSES ST. NE
 EAST BETHEL, MN 55011
 (763) 434-8870

PROPERTY OWNERS:
CD PROPERTIES NORTH, LLC

EXISTING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Outlot A, CLASSIC COMMERCIAL PARK 2ND ADDITION, Anoka County, Minnesota

NOTES

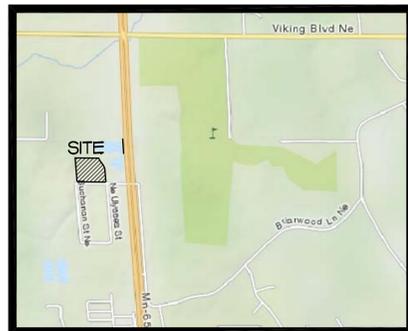
- Field survey was completed by E.G. Rud and Sons, Inc. on 8/8/14.
- Parcel ID No. 32-33-23-21-0014.
- Total boundary area = 390,841 sq. ft. (8.97 acres).
- Bearings shown are on the Anoka County Coordinate System.
- Proposed site plan by E.G. Rud and Sons, Inc.
- This survey was prepared without the benefit of title work. Additional easements, restrictions and/or encumbrances may exist other than those shown hereon. Survey subject to revision upon receipt of a current title commitment or an attorney's title opinion.

LEGEND

- DENOTES IRON MONUMENT FOUND AS LABELED
- DENOTES IRON MONUMENT SET, MARKED RLS# 41578
- DENOTES CATCH BASIN
- ⊗ DENOTES SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
- ⊕ DENOTES HYDRANT
- ⊗ DENOTES GATE VALVE
- DENOTES EXISTING CONTOURS
- FM --- DENOTES EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
- FM --- DENOTES EXISTING SANITARY FORCEMAIN
- FM --- DENOTES EXISTING STORM SEWER
- FM --- DENOTES EXISTING WATER MAIN
- FM --- DENOTES PROPOSED RETAINING WALL
- DENOTES CONCRETE SURFACE
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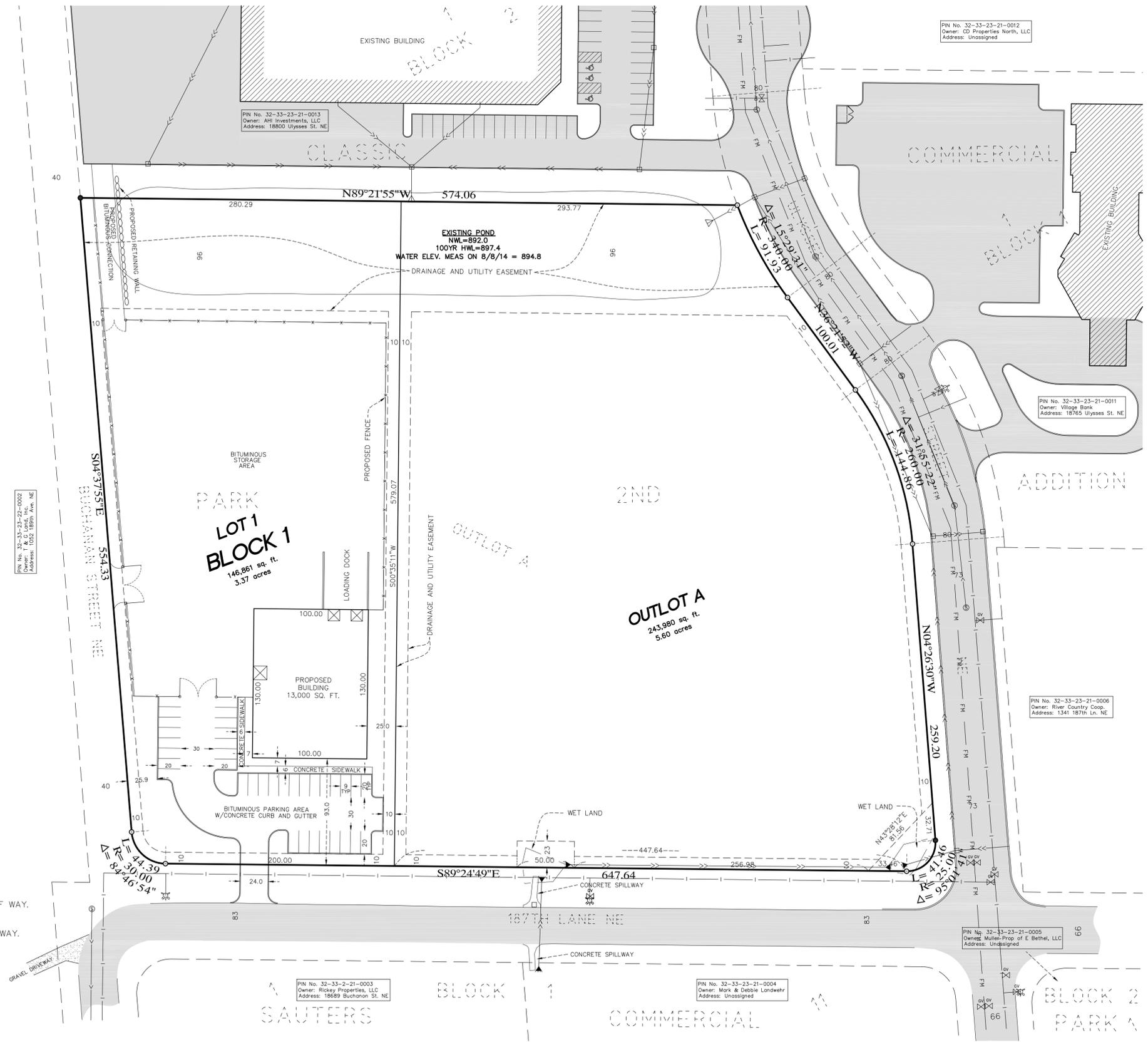
ZONING INFORMATION

EXISTING ZONING = HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (B-3) DISTRICT

LOT STANDARDS:
 -23,000 sf MINIMUM LOT SIZE.
 -100 FOOT MINIMUM LOT WIDTH.

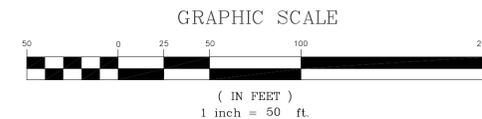
BUILDING SETBACKS:
 -40 FEET FRONT - ADJOINING CITY RIGHT OF WAY.
 -100 FEET FRONT - ADJOINING STATE/COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY.
 -10 FEET SIDE - INTERIOR
 -40 FEET SIDE - ADJOINING CITY RIGHT OF WAY.
 -100 FEET SIDE - ADJOINING STATE/COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY.
 -25 FEET REAR
 -60 FEET REAR - ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

PIN No. 32-33-23-21-0002
 Owner: T & G Land, Inc.
 Address: 1002 18th. Ave. NE



I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

JASON E. RUD
 Date: 8/11/2014 License No. 41578



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CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

~for~ CLASSIC CONSTRUCTION

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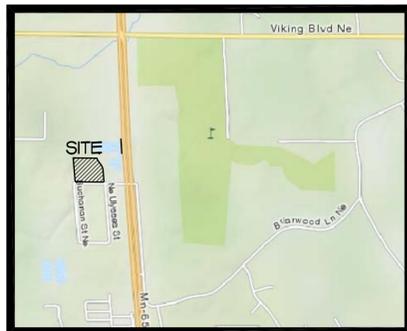
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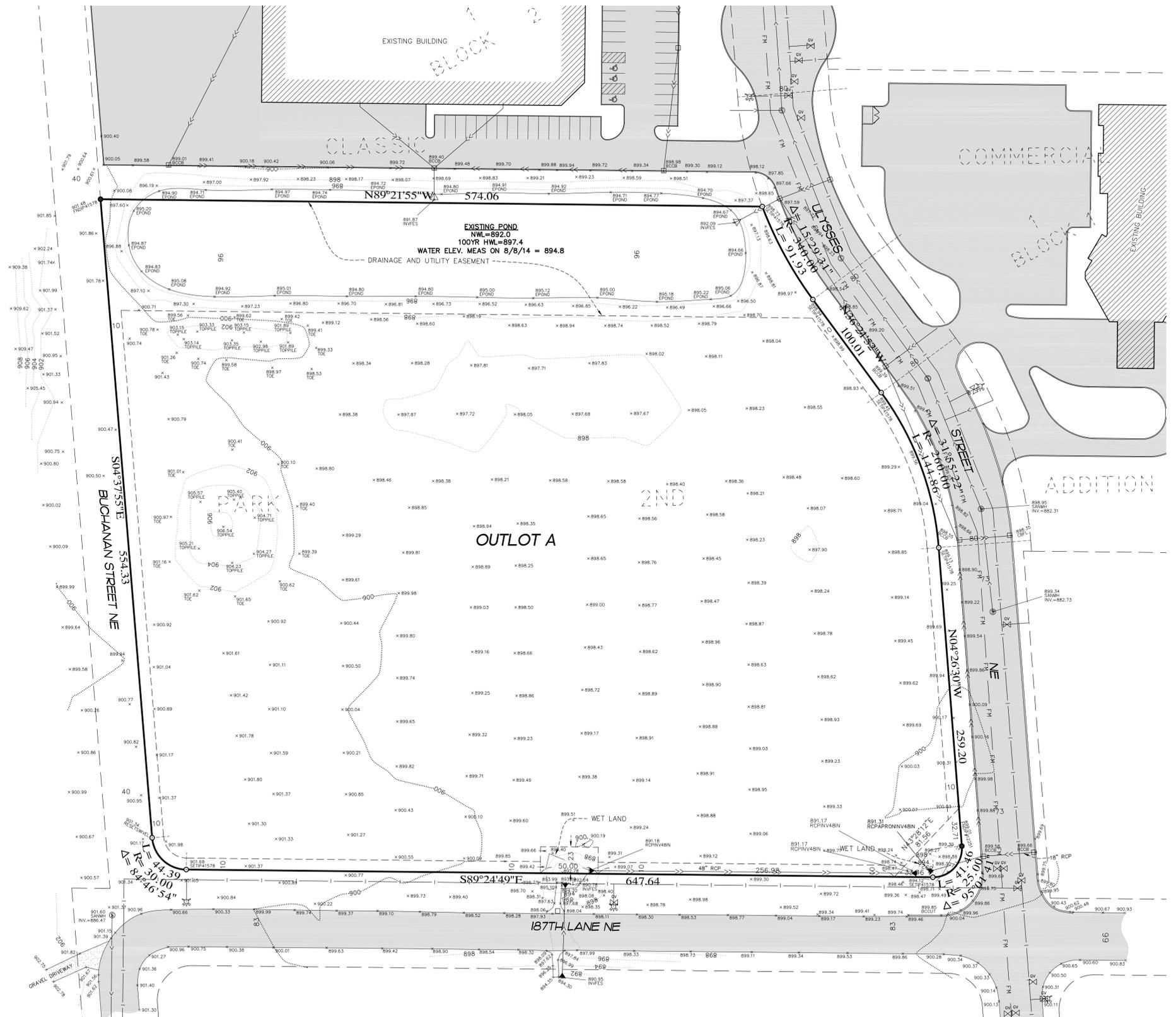
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Jason E. Rud
JASON E. RUD

Date: 8/11/2014 License No. 41578

GRAPHIC SCALE



(IN FEET)
1 inch = 50 ft.

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CHECK BY: JER	SCANNED <input type="checkbox"/>		
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E. G. RUD & SONS, INC.
EST. 1977
Professional Land Surveyors
6776 Lake Drive NE, Suite 110
Lino Lakes, MN 55014
Tel. (651) 361-8200 Fax (651) 361-8701



City of East Bethel Planning Commission Agenda Information

Date:

August 26, 2014

Agenda Item Number:

Items 4.0 and 5.0

Agenda Item:

4.0 – Resident Guide

5.0 – Website changes

Requested Action:

For discussion only

Background Information:

Over the last few months, Amy Norling (Intern) has been working on several key marketing projects for the City, one is the resident guide which is attached, and the other is several changes to the website which staff will present at the Planning meeting.

Attachment:

1. Resident Guide

Planning Commission Action

No action required – discussion only

2014

East Bethel Resident Guide



City of East Bethel
2241 221st Ave
East Bethel, MN 55011
763-367-7840
763-434-9578 (fax)
www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us

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GETTING TO KNOW EAST BETHEL

At the northern edge of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, the City of East Bethel is 48 square miles of lakes, wetlands, farms, and prairies. East Bethel is home to approximately 11,626 residents and offers a unique and very livable location for families who prefer the small town lifestyle. It provides the best of both worlds, convenience to

a Metropolitan area and adequate separation to a semi- rural community. It covers a land area of 47.97 square miles.

East Bethel has 12 lakes covering 2,028 acres, including Coon Lake, the largest lake in Anoka County. There are always recreational amenities to experience when you have 15 City Parks, two community centers, one indoor ice rink, one outdoor ice rink, two golf courses, one disc golf course, a shooting range, and hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling opportunities. There are also public preserves that include Sandhill Crane Natural Area, Helen Allison Savanna, and the Gordie Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area. Additionally, East Bethel is home to the Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve which is managed by the U of M. This reserve is the meeting point of the three largest ecosystems in North America: the western prairies, the northern evergreens, and the leafy forests of the east. This site was ranked as an Ecologically Significant Area because of the remarkable combination of plants and animals in this 9-square-mile area. The habitats that are adjacent to Cedar Creek are just as important because they help to ensure the survival of this ecosystem, so landowners and the local government of East Bethel help to protect it.

Thank you for considering East Bethel when looking for a place to live, work and raise a family. Over 13,000 people already have.

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THE HISTORY OF EAST BETHEL

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|--------|--|
| 1850'S | The City of East Bethel was originally home to the Chippewa Nation. Settlement of this area by Europeans occurred first in the 1850's following the purchase of the Louisiana Territory by the United States in 1837. Settlers originated mainly from Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, and New Brunswick. Many of these early settlers established homesteads near Cedar Creek. |
| 1858 | Bethel Township was organized in 1858, the same year that Minnesota became a state. At the time it included all of what is now Linwood Township until 1871 when Linwood Township was organized. |
| 1863 | The East Bethel Post Office was established but was later moved to a site along the newly constructed Great Northern Railroad. Hugh Spence was the first postmaster in 1878. |

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1900-01 Working with townships to the south, Central Ave was created, which later became Hwy 65. It became a divided Hwy in 1969-1970.

East Bethel Booster Days is held annually during the summer and is a chance for East Bethel residents to get to know people in the area and spend a fun filled weekend with their families.

1912 Anoka County Telephone Company of Constance was organized and lines were built through the township.

1913-1914 Cars were first used in this area.

1957 East Bethel Township was in the process of becoming a Village which took nearly two years. The first newspaper, a bi-weekly, the "East Bethel Booster" was also published.

1959 East Bethel became a legal municipality with a unanimous vote for incorporation by the Town Council. The population at the time was 1,286.

1960-70's East Bethel first experienced large growth in new residents in the 1960's and a growth increase of 156 percent during the 1970's. The growth leveled off in the mid 20 percent range by 1980 and remained there until 2000.

2000's By 2004 East Bethel's population had grown to approximately 11,405. Proposed growth by 2010 was 12,600 and 18,400 by 2020. We have already exceeded the 2010 projection.

BOOSTER DAYS

Booster Days is filled with many exciting events:

- Pancake breakfast
- Flag raising ceremony
- Craft and bake sale
- Quilt raffle
- Bingo
- Vintage car, truck, snowmobile, and tractor show



- Tractor pull
- Several bounce houses
- Parade

- Kiddie parade
- Tea party
- Beauty Scholarship Pageant

- Outside dance and live music
- Fireworks
- Lion's beer wagon
- Treasure hunt

- Vendors selling yummy food
- 5k Run
- 1k Run for kids
- Silent auction
- Outdoor movie
- Special events by the Fire and Police Depts.
- Turtle races

Most of the events are held at the East Bethel Community Center and Booster Park located at 2241 221st Ave NE. The East Bethel Pageant is held at the East Bethel Ice Arena.

We encourage all of our local businesses and organizations to participate in the parade. Parade entrant and vendor applications can be found on our website at www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us or picked up at City Hall.

More Booster Days information can be found on the city webpage.

DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Acapulco (763) 270-5000	18015 Ulysses St NW, Ham Lake, MN 55304
Beaver Brook Gun Club 763-434-5415	20500 Palisade St NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
Chanticlear Pizza 763-434-3333	18015 Ulysses St. Suite 300, Ham Lake, MN 55304
Dairy Queen 763-434-3400	17650 NE Hwy 65, Ham Lake, MN 55304
Dug Out Bar & Grill 763-434-0119	158 Main St NW, Bethel, MN 55005
East Bethel Ice Arena 763-434-0397	20675 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
EJ's Bottle Shop & Bar 763-434-5646	4832 Viking Blvd, East Bethel, MN 55011
Hidden Haven Golf Course 763-434-6867	20520 Polk St NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
Hunter's Inn 763-434-5229	20454 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel, MN 55011

Mansetti's Pizza & Pasta 16220 Aberdeen St NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304
763-434-9073

Maxx Bar & Grill 17646 Central Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304
763-434-4970

Moonshine Whiskey Pub & Saloon 21383 Ulysses St NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-434-8181

Muller Family Movie Theatre 18635 Ulysses St NE, East Bethel, MN 55005
763-434-7256
<http://www.mullerfamilytheatres.com>

Route 65 Pub & Grub 18407 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-413-3550

Smokey's Pub & Grill 552 Lincoln Dr, East Bethel, Minnesota 55011
651-464-6046

Subway 23705 Hwy 65 NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-413-8844

Unique Dining Experiences 20582 Austin St NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-434-9073

Viking Meadow Golf Course 1788 Viking Blvd NE, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-434-4205

EAST BETHEL PARKS

East Bethel Parks & Recreation	Acres	Ball Fields	Basketball Courts	Community Center	Concession Stand	Hiking/Skiing Trails	Horseshoe Pits	Picnic Areas	Playground	Restrooms	Shelters/Pavilions	Skate Park	Sliding Hill	Soccer Fields	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Walking Paths	Warming House
Anderson Lake Park	4	*							*							*		
Bonde Park	13	*						*	*		*			*				
Booster East Park	50	*	*				*	*		*	*					*	*	*
Booster West Park	35	*			*			*	*	*	*	*		*				
Carlisle Park	3	*							*									
Cedar Creek Scientific Ecosystem Reserve	3					*												
Coon Lake Beach Park	.5		*	*					*		*	*			*			
Deer Haven Park																		

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Eagle Ridge Park	40																	*
Eveleth Park	3	*							*									
Hidden Haven Park	5							*	*		*	*						*
John E Anderson Memorial Park	70							*	*	*	*			*			*	*
Maynard Peterson Memorial Park	3	*							*		*							
Norseland Manor Community Park	20	*						*	*				*					
Northern Boundaries 7 th St Park	5							*	*				*					
Oakbrook Acres Park	10												*					
Rod & Norma Smith Park	4	*	*						*		*							
Whispering Aspen Park	.5			*													*	
Whispering Oaks Park	2								*		*							*

RESERVE PARKS AND FACILITIES

East Bethel has many parks and facilities that can be rented out such as community centers, pavilions or shelters, ball fields, horseshoe pits, and concession stands. Call East Bethel City Hall to confirm that date is available, then fill out the [Facilities Request Form](#) and submit it, along with your payment, to the city hall. This form can be found at the East Bethel City website or at City Hall.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

East Bethel Community/Senior Center

The East Bethel Community/Senior Center is available to rent for parties, banquets, receptions, etc. The facility can accommodate up to 200 persons. For more information contact Dennis Swen at 763-434-9244.

Coon Lake Community Center

The Coon Lake Beach Community Center is available to rent for parties, meetings, receptions, etc. They have a sound system, a large screen TV, and free WIFI. For more information visit their website or contact Kathy Paavola at 651-982-4628.

CHURCHES / PLACES OF WORSHIP

Bible Baptist Church, 1300 – 229th Ave NE, (763) 434-9576

Echoes of Calvary Church, 22115 Quincy St. NE, (763) 413-1021

Our Saviors' Lutheran Church, Hwy 65 & County Road 22, (763) 434-6117

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1450-237th Ave, (763) 434-7146

West Bethel United Methodist, 1233-221st Ave, (763) 434-6451

Bethel Community Church, 23860 Dewey St. NW, Bethel, (763) 434-9834

NEWSPAPERS



Anoka County Union Herald: 4101 Coon Rapids Blvd. NE, MN 55433 (763) 421-4444
The City's official newspaper www.abcnewspapers.com

The Courier: 4115 Ambassador Blvd., St. Francis, MN 55070 (763) 753-7031
FREE publication www.the-courier.org

East Bethel Newsletter: 2241 221st Ave., East Bethel, MN 55011 (763) 434-9569
FREE publication www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Anoka County Traveler

The Traveler is a door-to-door transportation system in Northern Anoka County that is available in East Bethel. Mini buses, equipped with wheelchair lifts and accessible to the disabled, are available to everyone regardless of age or income.

A trip less than 10 miles is \$2.25 each way,
between 10 and 20 miles is \$4.50 each way,
and more than 20 miles is \$6.75 each way.
ADA-certified riders pay a maximum of \$4.50 per direction.



You must make reservations at **LEAST** four (4) days in advance. For more information or to make reservations, call 651-602-LINK (5465).

Group Trips: Daycares, nursing homes, senior community centers, etc can request group trips and receive a discounted fare.

Volunteer Transportation

The Anoka County Volunteer Transportation Program provides rides to and from medical, dental, and appointments with social services for seniors (60+), veterans, and clients receiving services from Anoka County. Medical and dental trips may be made throughout the metro area while appointments with social services must remain within Anoka County. Passengers must be able to travel independently as volunteers are unable to provide assistance.

Reservations can be requested by calling 763-422-7087 and listening to the message and then leaving the required information. Your request must be received by noon on Wednesday of the week prior to your appointment. Rides are provided Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Express Commuter Route 865



New in the summer of 2014, commuters who travel via Highways 65, 10, 610, and I-94 to downtown Minneapolis will have a new bus option available. Comfortable coach style buses will be used for providing express service during the morning and evening rush hours. The route will extend from northern Anoka County to the heart of downtown Minneapolis with stops at three park and ride locations in East Bethel, Ham Lake, and Blaine. The park and ride in East Bethel is at the movie theater, the Ham Lake location is at the Family of Christ Church, and the Blaine location is at Paul Parkway and Ulysses.

The fare will be \$3 each way. The Route map and schedule is available on the East Bethel website.

East Bethel's morning stops at the theater: 5:56am, 6:34am, and 6:56am.

East Bethel's afternoon stops at the theater: 4:45pm, 5:29pm, and 6:17pm.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Night Time Restrictions: No vehicle shall be parked on any public street between the hours of 2am - 6am on any day during the winter months of December - March.

Day Time Restrictions: No vehicle shall be parked on any public street between the hours of 8am - 6pm on any day when there has been an accumulation of two (2) or more inches of snow during the twenty-four (24) hour period prior to 8am on the day of the parking restriction.

City crews typically start plowing by 2am if there is snow accumulation of two (2) or more inches. By not parking your vehicle on a city street it will ensure more effective plowing.

POST OFFICES

Cedar/East Bethel Post

763-434-7200

21427 Aberdeen St NE

Cedar, MN 55011

Hours: M-F 8:30am – 5pm; Sat.
9am – 12pm

651-462-5252

26824 Felton Ave

Wyoming, MN 55092

Hours: M-F 8:30am – 5pm; Sat.

10am – 12pm

Wyoming Post Office

800-275-8777
3726 Bridge St NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

Hours: M-F 8:30am - 12pm, 1pm -
4:30pm; Sat. 9:30am - 11:45am

St. Francis Post Office

LIBRARY

Anoka County Library

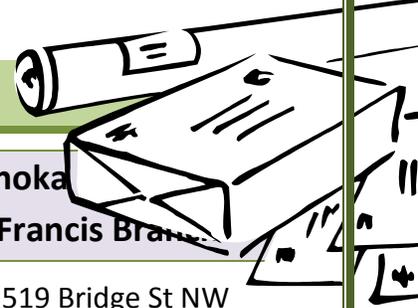
3519 NW Bridge Street
St. Francis, MN 55070
763-753-2131

**Anoka County, Ham
Lake Branch**

17565 Central Ave NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304
763-434-6542

**Anoka
Francis Branch**

3519 Bridge St NW
St. Francis, MN, 55070
763-753-2131



CITY CEMETERIES

Oak Leaf Cemetery

2401 221st Ave NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

East Bethel Cemetery

19700 East Bethel Blvd
East Bethel, MN 55011

Old Bethel Cemetery

1610 245th Ave NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

For more information on purchasing a plot or other cemetery questions please contact
City Hall at 763-167-7840.

LICENSE CENTER

Ham Lake License Center

17565 Central Ave NE, Ste. 330, Ham Lake, MN 55304

This license service center offers drivers license or personal ID renewal, duplicates, and replacements, birth and death certificates, game/fish license, DNR licenses including boats and ATVs, marriage license, notary public, and county park permits.

Blaine Passport Center

10995 Club West Pkwy, Suite 700B, Blaine, MN 55440

This license service center is the only place in Anoka County to apply for a passport and an appointment is needed. To set up an appointment, please call 763-323-5777.

DNR LICENSE CENTERS

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes, and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System (ELS) agents available in East Bethel.

Corner Express

4825 Viking Blvd, East Bethel, MN 55011
763-413-3337

Go For It

3255 Viking Blvd, East Bethel, MN 55011
651-395-2174

ANIMAL LICENSES

All dogs in the City of East Bethel are required to have a license and comply with the City ordinances. Dog licenses are available at City Hall. There is no charge for the license; however proof of current rabies vaccinations is required. Residents are allowed 2 dogs per household before they are required to apply and obtain a kennel license.

Cats are not required to be licensed in the City of East Bethel.

PET CLINICS

East Bethel offers a pet clinic once a year to offer vaccinations and tests for your dogs and cats. See the [Pet Clinic flyer](#) for prices on the East Bethel City Hall website or follow the link. Heartworm and flea/tick products will be sold at this event. East Bethel Dog licenses will be available.

NORTH ANOKA COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

The North Anoka County Emergency food shelf (NACE) is in partnership with all available and willing resources, and they strive to curb suffering from hunger in our communities by providing balanced nutrition to all people who are truly in need. If you would like to visit the food shelf, bring an ID and a piece of mail with the current address. You may visit once every 60 days. Please call for further information: 763-434-7685.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

City of East Bethel Fire Department



The Fire Department's primary responsibility is fire suppression, rescue, fire inspections, arson

investigations, fire prevention and to provide first responder medical care for the sick and injured. They protect approximately 13,000 citizens over an area of about 48 square miles. The City has an 8 mile stretch of state highway 65 running north and south that brings about 32,000 motorists daily through our City. Our active mutual aide/auto aide programs ensure sufficient resources from and for our neighboring fire departments.

Our volunteer firefighters provide 24 hour-a-day response from three stations.

- 1) Station 1 is located at 2751 Viking Blvd. NE
- 2) Station 2 is located at 2375 221st Ave. NE
- 3) Station 3 is located at 342 Forest Road

For more information about the East Bethel Fire Department, please call 612-328-6833 or email Chief Mark DuCharme at mark.ducharme@ci.east-bethel.mn.us.

Police Services

The City of East Bethel contracts through Anoka County for Public Safety Services. **If you have an emergency dial 911.** Otherwise, please feel free to call the Anoka County Sherriff's non-emergency number at 763-427-1212 with any comments, concerns, problems or complaints.

Sheriff James Stuart and his staff of over 300 employees and volunteers serve Anoka County, the 4th largest county in the state.

BURNING PERMITS

Burning permits are available at City Hall at no cost. Any fire larger than 3' x 3' requires a burning permit. The permits are good for 3 days and you are able to burn between 6pm – 8am. A permit is still needed when the ground is covered with snow, but you may burn all day and the permits may last up to 10 days.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call City Hall at 763-367-7840. If you need to obtain a burning permit after hours please contact one of the following people:

Don Anderson 763-434-4390

Don Griep 763-434-5979

Gary Stern 763-434-7442

HOME IMPROVEMENTS (BUILDING PERMITS)

The city would like to remind everyone that most home improvement projects require building permits, including basement remodeling and additions, porches, decks, fences, sheds, roofing, and

more. Structures that are constructed, moved, improved, or altered do require a permit. Permits are required for electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning work as well.

Permit application forms and fees are available on our website, www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us or can be obtained at City Hall. Permits are required and inspections will need to be scheduled through City Hall, 763-367-7840. If you are using a Contractor, than s/he may apply for the permit, but if you are filing for the permit yourself you will need the Contractor's License number. Your builder or remodeler must be licensed in the state of Minnesota. **It's the law!**

Building Permits Protect Your Investment

To some, obtaining a permit may seem to be added costs, time delays, and unwarranted regulations. However, a building permit ensures that proper services and codes are being met. Residents may sometimes overlook the benefits of obtaining a building permit and appropriate inspections. In addition to assuring yourself that your family and property are protected you will also have peace of mind in knowing that the work has been done properly and in accordance with all codes. Building without a permit may cause future maintenance problems or affect the resale of your home.

BEFORE YOU DIG

Call before you dig... Call Gopher State One to make sure you avoid utility lines underground. They will come and mark all of the utility lines underground for you. 651-454-0002

CITY UTILITY SERVICES

Electric

Electric is provided by **Connexus Energy**. You can reach them at 763-323-2600 for a power outage, or call 763-323-2650 for member services.

Gas

The City of East Bethel is serviced by Centerpoint Energy/Minnegasco and Xcel Energy. Your gas provider is determined by your address.

Centerpoint Energy/Minnegasco

612-372-4727 (West side of Hwy 65)

Xcel Energy

800-895-4999 (East side of Hwy 65)

Telephone

Landline telephone service is provided by either Century Link or Frontier.

Century Link	800-244-1111
Frontier	800-921-8101

Cable TV

Cable TV is provided by **MidContinent**. You can reach customer service at 1-800-888-1300. Limited service area.

Garbage/Recycle Haulers

Residential Service:

Ace Solid Waste	763-427-3110	www.AceSolidWaste.com
SRC, Inc	651-462-5298	
Le Page & Sons	763-757-7100	
East Central Sanitation	763-689-2171	

Commercial Services

Ace Solid Waste	763-427-3110
Allied Waste Services of North America (BFI)	763-784-2104
Walter's Recycling	763-780-8464
Waste Management Inc. of MN	952-890-1100
Le Page & Sons	763-757-7100

RECYCLING

The City of East Bethel has curbside pickup, a drop off Recycling Center, and also sponsors two (2) Recycling Day events.



Scrap metal/Recycle Materials

We would also like to encourage residents who sell scrap metal or recycle materials to save weight slips and provide a copy to the City. Any sales to vendors regardless of location can be counted towards our recycle goals as long as the City receives a copy of the weight slip from the sale. To make it more convenient to turn in weight slips, collection boxes have been placed at the Recycling Center, City Hall, and Mac's Store. Providing a copy of the weight slips will greatly assist our efforts to meet our tonnage goals for the year. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 763-367-7840.

Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

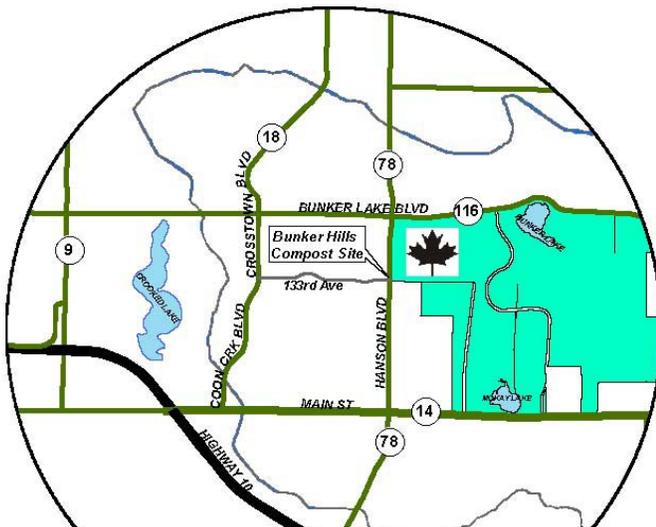
There is no charge to drop off automotive products, home improvement products, household products, lawn and garden products, or any product that is labeled with any of the following words:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Inflammable
- Poison
- Toxic
- Warning

Bunker Hills Compost Site

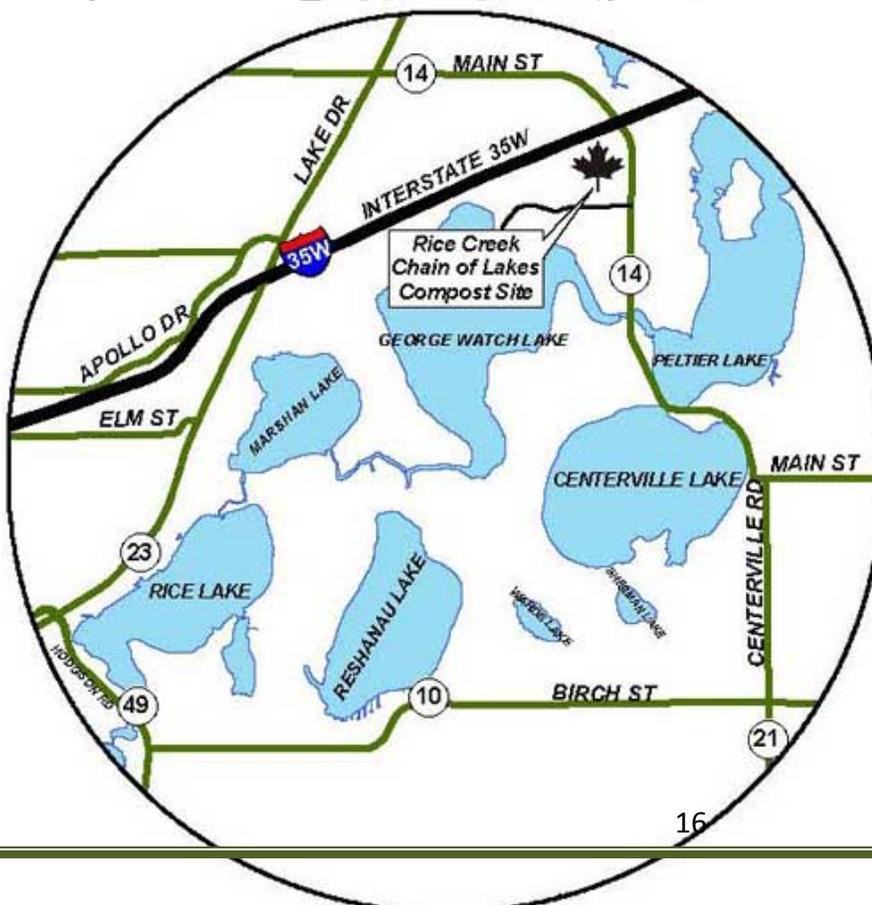
763-767-7964

Location: 13285 Hanson Blvd, Coon Rapids, one mile north of 242 (Main Street).



Hours of operation:

April – November
Monday - Friday: 10am – Sunset
Saturday: 9am – 5pm
Sunday: 12pm – 5pm



Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Compost Site

Location: 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes, south of 35W off CSAH 14 (Main Street), there is no exit from 35W to County Road 14, use the Lake Drive (CSAH 23) exit from 35W and take Lake Drive north to Main Street.

Hours of operation:

Monday closed
Tuesday 10:00am – Sunset
Wednesday closed
Thursday 10:00am – Sunset
Friday closed
Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm

RECYCLING EVENTS THAT THE CITY HOSTS

The City of East Bethel hosts multiple recycling events throughout the year:

Drop-Off Saturdays

Located at the Recycling Center on Viking Blvd

A Drop-Off Saturday event is offered on the last Saturday of every month, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (noon) at our Recycling Center. Appliances, automotive batteries, electronics, tires, and TVs are all accepted on these days. Please note: No garbage or household hazardous waste will be accepted. Some items are accepted free of charge; there is a small fee for other items. Please see our most recent Drop-Off Saturday flyer for more detailed information.

We will collect:

- Automotive Batteries
- Tires - \$5
- TVs - Small
- Large TVs are 28"+ and/or consoles \$20/lb
- Electronics -
- Computer, Vacuum, Fax, Scanner, Printer, CD/DVD/VCR player, Cordless tool, etc.
- Appliances -

- Dishwasher, Furnace, Humidifier, Microwave, Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, etc.
- Plus the materials collected every day at our Recycling Center
- Glass, paper products, aluminum cans, scrap metal, used oil/oil filters, antifreeze

Spring & Fall Recycling Days

Located at the East Bethel Ice Arena

Twice per year, in the spring and again in the fall, the City also holds Recycling Days. These are larger events, and a wider variety of materials are accepted for recycling. Watch for advertisement in the City newsletter or call City Hall for dates, times, and pricing for acceptable items. Detailed information for each event can also be found on the Recycling Day flyer.

In addition to the list of collectables for Drop-Off Saturdays, we will also be collecting:

- Appliances - fee
- Batteries - rechargeable/automotive
- Eyeglasses
- Scrap Metal - remove all non-metal materials
- Computers/Electronics/TVs - fee
- Fluorescent Bulbs - fee
- Hearing Aids
- Printer Cartridges
- Tires - fee

East Bethel City Hall accepts these recyclables on a daily basis.

Drop of these items at the entrance of the East Bethel City Hall from 8am to 4pm.

- Batteries (not automotive)
- Cell Phones
- Eyeglasses
- Hearing Aids
- Worn and Torn flags (to be retired)

For additional information on recycling in East Bethel, please call City Hall at 763-367-7840.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS



St. Francis District 15
Forest Lake District 831



St. Francis District

www.stfrancis.k12.mn.us

Cedar Creek Community School

21108 Polk Street NE

Cedar, MN 55011

763-213-8780

Absentee line: 763-213-8831

Principal: Darin Hahn

763-213-8781

Office hours: 8am – 4pm

School hours: 9:15am – 3:45pm

East Bethel Community School

21210 Polk Street NE

Cedar, MN 55011

Absentee line: 763-213-8931

Principal: Angela Scardigli

763-213-8901

Office hours: 8am – 4pm

School hours: 9:15am – 3:45pm

St. Francis Middle School

23026 Ambassador Blvd.

St. Francis, MN 55070

Absentee line: 763-213-8531

Principal: Bobbi Hume

763-213-8501

Office hours: 7am – 4pm

School hours: 7:25am – 2:35pm

St. Francis High School

3325 Bridge Street

St. Francis, MN 55070

Absentee line: 763-213-1531

Principal: Douglas Austin

763-213-1501

Office hours: 7am – 3:30pm

School hours: 7:30am – 2:30pm

Forest Lake District

www.forestlake.k12.mn.us

Linwood Elementary School

21900 Type Creek Dr NE

Wyoming, MN 55092

Principal: Jim Caldwell

651-982-1901

Office hours: 7:30am – 4pm

School hours: 9:15am – 3:30pm

Columbus Elementary School

17345 Notre Dame Street

Columbus, MN 55025

Principal: Neal Fox

651-982-8902

Office hours: 7:30am – 4pm

School hours: 9:15am – 3:30pm

Southwest Junior High

943 SW 9th Ave

Forest Lake, MN 55025

Absentee line: 651-982-8703

Principal: Scott Geary

651-982-8701

Office hours: 7am – 4pm

School hours: 7:42am – 2:10pm

Century Junior High

Principal: Benjamin Lewis



21395 Goodview Ave N
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Absentee line: 651-982-3003

651-982-3001
Office hours: 6:45am – 3:45pm
School hours: 7:43am – 2:13pm

Forest Lake Area High School
6101 India Trail N
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Absentee line: 651-982-8416

Principal: Steve Massey
651-982-8401
Office hours: 6:30am – 4pm
School hours: 8am – 2:30pm

First Baptist Church & Christian School K-12
22940 St. Francis Boulevard, St. Francis, (763) 753-1230

HEAD START PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Head Start is a quality preschool program, serving children and families in Anoka County. Head Start provides education, health, nutrition and social service assistance to children and their families who are income eligible. A variety of programs are available at no cost. For more information and to obtain an application call Anoka/Washington County Head Start Program at 763-783-4300 or visit the website at www.accap.org

Highlights of Head Start:

- Ongoing registration
- Free program including free meals
- Field trips and special events
- Family and Community Partnerships
- Family literacy
- Education and transitioning
- Screenings
- Health and mental health services
- Medical and dental services
- Services for children with special needs
- Limited transportation within bus boundaries

Head Start Now Enrolling

Head Start is available in Anoka County for low-income families with children up to age five. There is no cost to families. Families on County Assistance (MFIP), Supplemental Social Security (SSI), Foster Children and families who meet the income eligibility guidelines are eligible for Head Start. Applications are accepted all year.

CLUBS

Cedar/East Bethel Lions Club

This club meets bimonthly, first and third Tuesdays at 7pm at the Hunters Inn. Call Ruth Larson at 763-434-9423.

Cedar/East Bethel Lioness Club

This club meets the first Thursday of the month at 6pm at the Ham Lake VFW. For membership information call Marilyn Kappelhoff at 763-434-6599.

East Bethel Senior Center

All seniors are welcome to join for only \$7 per year.

Events are held at the East Bethel Senior Center at 2241 221st Avenue NE.

- Second Wednesday of each month: crafts and potluck from 9am to noon
- Third Thursday of each month: business meeting and noon lunch
- Every Thursday: is 500 cards from 1pm-4pm
- First Friday of every month: A dance is held from 1pm-4pm
- Second Sunday of each month: Pancake breakfast from 8:30am to noon
- Cribbage is held once a month, please call for date and time 763-434-6179

BOY, GIRL, AND CUB SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scouts

Age 11+

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. The BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

To get involved, visit the **Anoka County Boy Scout Troop 204** webpage at

<http://www.orgsites.com/mn/troop204/>

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts earn badges, hike and camp, participate in the cookie program, and much more. They improve neighborhoods, protect the planet, design robots, and establish sports clinics.

Cub Scouts

Boys aged 5-10

This program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, family understanding, character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.



Character Development
Spiritual Growth
Good Citizenship
Sportsmanship and Fitness
Family Understanding
Respectful Relationships
Personal Achievement
Friendly Service
Fun and Adventure
Preparation for Boy Scouts

To get involved, contact Cubmaster John Austin at 651-399-9831.

Den Meetings are held on the first and second Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Lodge.

Pack Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 6:45 and are held at the Lodge.

EAST BETHEL BANDITS BASEBALL

The East Bethel Bandits are part of the Metro Minni Baseball League and are looking for new players to fill out the 2014 roster. All new players will be given a chance to play. Returning players fee is \$100 and the new player fee is \$150.

SODERVILLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH

Soderville/Blaine Athletic Association (SBAA) provides in-house level (recreational) youth baseball and fastpitch softball, and traveling (competitive) level fastpitch softball opportunities to children in many communities.

SBAA provides this youth sports experience to kids residing or attending schools in the communities of Ham Lake, Blaine, **East Bethel**, Oak Grove, St. Francis, Burns Township, Bethel, and portions of the surrounding communities of Andover, Coon Rapids and Isanti. Players from other communities are also welcome to play in SBAA under special circumstances that must be discussed with SBAA before registering.

For over 50 years, SBAA has provided opportunities for a rich youth sports experience in our community. The SBAA Board of Directors is committed to not only upholding this history, but also to strive to improve on this experience each year.

WOMEN OF TODAY

The Minnesota Women of Today focuses on community service, personal growth, and building friendships. Whether you want to give back to your community; develop your individual talents in speaking, writing and other areas; or make great new friends, Women of Today has something for you! New voices and new ideas are always welcome. Membership is open to women age 18 and above who live in St. Francis and surrounding areas.

St. Francis Area Women of Today

Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Anoka Hennepin Credit Union, 23280 St Francis Blvd NW, St Francis MN 55070
EVERYONE is invited to attend; social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. before the general meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m.

GOPHER FEET BOUNTY REIMBURSEMENT

There is currently a bounty on gopher feet. Pocket and Striped gophers cause a menace to crops and manicured lawns. Citizens of East Bethel may be reimbursed for the front pair of gopher feet. Bring the feet to East Bethel City Hall receive 75 cents per pair of front gopher feet.

MEDIATION SERVICES FOR ANOKA COUNTY

Mediation is a quick, confidential, convenient, self-determined and cost effective way to settle disputes.

What is mediation? It is a voluntary process used to settle disputes. Parties involved in a dispute meet with trained, impartial people called mediators. These mediators listen to both sides, maintaining order & make sure all options are aired. The mediators decide who is right or wrong and assist the parties to reach their own agreement. They are men and women from the community that are trained according to Minnesota Statutes.

This service is provided for anyone living in Anoka County. Mediation Services provides mediation to anyone including individuals, families, neighbors, government agencies, businesses, churches and community groups that are involved in a dispute. **There is no fee for Community or Victim Offender mediation. There is however, a modest fee for the Shared Parenting & Expediting Program.**

Mediation Programs

- *Community Program*
- *Victim Offender Program*
- *Shared Parenting & Expediting Program*

VOTING

The City of East Bethel currently has three precincts. The polling places for each precinct are:

Precinct # 1

**East Bethel
Community/Senior Center**
2241 221st Ave NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

Precinct # 2

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
19001 Jackson St NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

Precinct # 3

East Bethel Fire Station
2751 Viking Blvd NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

If you are unsure which precinct you are in, call City Hall at 763-367-7840. You can also look up your polling place location on the Secretary of State's website at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>. Before you can vote, you need to be on the official list of voters. This is called being "registered". You need to register if you just became eligible to vote, moved, changed your name, or haven't voted in the last four years. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, on our website, or from the Elections Department at the Anoka County Government Center. They are also available where you apply for, renew, or change your Minnesota Driver License or ID card.



To register on Election Day at your polling place, you will need proof of your identity and proof of the address where you are living on Election Day.

EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Robert DeRoche, Jr.

651-464-6615
Term ends 12/31/2014

Council Member Tim

Harrington
763-434-0909
Term ends 12/31/2014

Council Member Ron

Koller
763-434-9848
Term ends 12/31/2016

Council Member Heidi

Moegerle
651-464-2595
Term ends 12/31/2014

Council Member Tom

Ronning
763-772-4042
Term ends 12/31/2016

There is a 2-year term for Mayor Seat and a 4-year term for Council Members.

CITY MEETINGS AND CHANNEL 10



City Council Meeting – The City Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at City Hall. The City Council Meeting is played back on Channel 10 at the following times:

Sunday	10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Monday.....	Noon and 9:00 PM
Tuesday.....	10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Wednesday.....	1:30 PM and 7:00 PM
Thursday	1:00 PM and 6:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Saturday.....	9:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Park Commission Meeting – The Park Commission Meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at City Hall. The Park Commission consists of 7 members and they act as the planning agency for the City parks and trails systems.

Road Commission Meeting – The Road Commission Meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at City Hall unless otherwise noted. The Road Commission consists of 7 members and they act as the planning agency for the City streets and road systems.

Planning Commission Meeting – The Planning Commission meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 7pm at City Hall. The Planning Commission consisting of 7 members and acts as the planning agency for City development, variances, conditional or interim use permits, building and site plan review, and zoning text or map amendments.

EDA - Economic Development Authority - The EDA meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. The purpose of the EDA is to coordinate and administer economic development and redevelopment plans and programs for the City of East Bethel. The EDA is governed by a board of five commissioners who are the members of the City Council of the City of East Bethel. The EDA Commission Board members’ terms coincide with their terms as members of the City Council. The EDA has also appointed three (3) knowledgeable non-voting members from the community.

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Governor Mark Dayton

www.governor.state.mn.us

130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-296-3391
Mark.Dayton@state.mn.us

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

www.klobuchar.senate.gov

302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3244

U.S. Senator Al Franken

www.Franken.senate.gov

60 East Plato Blvd
Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-221-1016

U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann

www.michelebachmann.com

P.O. Box 25950
Woodbury, MN 55125
651-735-7512

State Senator Michelle Benson

www.senate.mn

100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
State Office Building, Room 115
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
(651) 296-3219
sen.michelle.benson@senate.mn

State Representative Tom Hackbarth

www.house.leg.state.mn.us

209 State Office Bldg
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1206
651-296-2439
Rep.tom.hackbarth@house.mn

Attorney General Lori Swanson

www.ag.state.mn.us

Minnesota Attorney General's Office
1400 Bremer Tower
445 Minnesota Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
651-297-7206

MN Secretary of State Mark Ritchie

www.sos.state.mn.us

Office of Secretary of State
180 State Office Bldg
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155-1299
secretary.state@state.mn.us

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

If you or someone you know has a problem, encourage them to seek help and join a meeting.

Into Action II	Glen Cary Lutheran Church	15531 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304	6:30 PM	
Narcotics Anonymous	Our Saviors Lutheran Church	19001 Jackson Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011	6:30 PM	Friday
Narcotics Anonymous	Our Saviors Lutheran Church	19001 Jackson Street NE, East Bethel, MN 55011	7:00 PM	Monday
Alcoholics Anonymous	Horizons Community Church	1503 157th Ave, Ham Lake, 55304	7:30 PM	Tuesday

ANOKA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

Reporting Child Abuse

If the child is in immediate danger, call 911 or Anoka County at 763-427-1212. Report the child's name, age, and address or school, the reason for the report, and any other pertinent information you have. If known, report the alleged offender and relationship with the child, parents' names, address, and telephone number.

If the child is not in immediate danger, but you would like to gather evidence, then you may print the [Child Maltreatment Report Form](#) from the Anoka County website and fax it to 763-422-6929. The identity of the reporter will be treated as confidential information.

Anoka County Senior Services

Adults 55+ have access to many services through Anoka County Senior Services which can assist them and their family members in learning about community resources. Social workers are available to speak about concerns over the phone or meet for a face-to-face visit.

Services include assessment, information and referral, and short-term case management to assure that older adults are receiving the services they need to live safely. Support and information can also be provided to friends and family members who are assisting an older adult.

To contact a senior services social worker, please call 763-576-2000 or email seniorservicesanokacounty@accap.org.

WILDLIFE RESERVES

The Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve

The Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve is managed by the U of M. This reserve is the meeting point of the three largest ecosystems in North America: the western prairies, the northern evergreens, and the leafy



forests of the east. This site was ranked as an Ecologically Significant Area because of the remarkable combination of plants and animals in this 9-square-mile area. The habitats that are adjacent to Cedar Creek are just as important because they help to ensure the survival of this ecosystem. Cedar Creek is only open to the public on guided tours (which can be set up via their website), but the [Fish Lake Trails](#) wind through several distinct ecosystems of Cedar Creek and is open to the public year round. Cedar Creek research is repeatedly featured in major media outlets, including the New York Times, the London Telegraph, National Public Radio, Public Television, and many more.

Sandhill Crane Natural Area

The Sandhill Crane Natural Area is an inspiring example of what can happen when government agencies and area citizens become dedicated to a common purpose. In retrospect, the creation of this unique natural area in the city of East Bethel, Minnesota seems improbable at best. The 495-acre protected area comprises separate parcels of land owned by four different agencies at three levels of government: the City of East Bethel, Anoka County [Parks], the MN Pollution Control Agency, and the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Over a period of six years, these government entities with their wide-ranging goals and responsibilities came together in recognition of the importance of safeguarding the area's biodiversity. The Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) was a source of information for planning during the process, and helped convey the significance of the natural area to policy makers and citizens. As agency representatives worked side by side with area residents, a central vision for the future of the land became clear. Now, while the land continues to be held under divided ownership, it is united by collaborative management and by a name chosen in honor of one of the prominent members of the community.

The Sandhill Crane Natural Area supports six types of wetland communities, as well as prairie, oak savanna and oak forest. Besides sandhill cranes, bald eagles and Blanding's turtles have moved into the natural area in recent years. This public land lies at the heart of a larger, 1,590-acre area mapped by the MCBS. "So now," says Dunevitz, "there is this great situation in East Bethel: a protected natural

area embedded within privately-owned lands that, from an ecological perspective, are of similar quality.

Helen Allison Savanna



Helen Allison Savanna was named for Helen Allison Irvine, "Minnesota's grass lady," who wrote a text on the 180 grasses of Minnesota. This scientific and natural area lies within the Anoka sand plain, providing an excellent example of sand dune plant succession, with blowouts and dunes in various stages of stabilization by pioneer species. Community types found on the site include oak sand savanna, dry prairie with bur oak and pin oak, thickets of willow and aspen, and sedge marshes in scattered

depressions. Trees and shrubs characteristic of a savanna are found here: pin oak, bur oak, American hazelnut, choke cherry, willow, and quaking aspen. Other savanna species include lead plant, smooth sumac, slender willow, steeple bush, aster, and goldenrod. Look on the dunes for pioneer sand plants such as sea-beach needle grass and hairy panic grass. Sedge meadows contain tussocks of Hayden's sedge, along with marsh fern and blue-joint grass. Other rare plant species occurring here include long-bearded hawkweed, rhombic-petaled evening primrose, and tall nut-rush. Prime times to visit are when the pasque flowers bloom in the spring and when the prairie grasses are at their finest in late summer. This site is owned by The Nature Conservancy.

The Gordie Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area

Gordy Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area is 816 acres in size and is primarily managed for woodland and wooded wetland wildlife like deer and turkeys. It consists of 55% wetland and wooded wetland, 36% upland woodland and 9% grassland/food plot. Mikkelson Wildlife Management Area has grown rapidly in size in recent years and was acquired from a variety of previous landowners. A large portion was previously operated as a Camp Fire USA children's camp.



EAST BETHEL CITY MAPS

City maps are available on the [East Bethel City webpage](#). Along with the Official City Map, there are Warning Sirens, Zoning, and Parks and Trails maps available.

START A BUSINESS IN EAST BETHEL

East Bethel is 45 sq. miles of scenic Central Minnesota real estate, with a diverse population. Find the right programs, tools, and services for your business idea or expansion.

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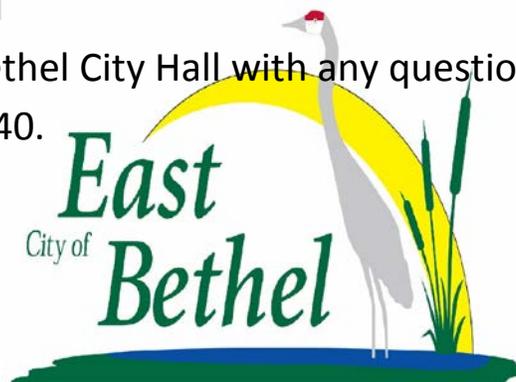
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EAST BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

July 22, 2014

The East Bethel Planning Commission met on July 22, 2014 at 7:00 P.M for their regular meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tanner Balfany Eldon Holmes Lorraine Bonin Glenn Terry
Brian Mundle, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lou Cornicelli Randy Plaisance

ALSO PRESENT: Colleen Winter, Community Development Director
Tom Ronning, City Council Member

Call to Order & Adopt Agenda **Mundle motioned to adopt the July 22, 2013 agenda. Holmes seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

Approval of Final Plat – Viking Preserve

Over the past several months City Staff, Planning Commission and City Council has reviewed the plans for Viking Preserve, a 48 unit housing project in the City of East Bethel located in the sewer and water district. After several revisions and discussions, the Developer – Don Shaw has prepared the final plat that includes all of the information that has been reviewed and discussed in prior months. The City Engineer, and Attorney is reviewing this project, and City Staff has put together a draft Developer's agreement.

The final plat is in good shape and is what we asked for. Please recommend approval, subject to City Engineer and Attorney approval. Put up the grading plan for development.

Mundle said with the reconfiguration that they made, did it take away any involvement with the Army Corp. Winter said it did to some degree. They still have to deal with the Corp on a couple issues. To a lesser extent, we hope, but we haven't heard back from them. Mundle asked if the developer's agreement will be brought before the Planning Commission. Winter said no it will not, that is something the Council would approve; it is not something the Planning Commission would approve.

Bonin said the developer has said it is a starter home area and she has objected to that term. It is an area which could be very nice. There might be a lot of people who would like to live there, in a really nice home, without doing a lot of work around the place. How does that stand, what types of homes? Winter said they have had several different designs. It is going to be a family oriented family type of neighborhood. Split entry or walk out. It will be similar to Whispering Aspen, in terms of the house designs and the way construction is nowadays, and how they build houses. The houses look very attractive. The developer wants to make it an attractive community. You can see based on the grading plan, it will be a nice development. Bonin said it is the first of its kind in our area, so it needs to set the tone. Mundle said the plan shows they are split entry, walk out, they will not be huge homes. Bonin said they shouldn't be huge. They should be well built and should look good.

Mundle asked if the architectural be governed by the City. Winter said it would be covenants developed by the developer. Terry asked what the dashed line is by the pond. Winter said it is where the pond fills into. That's showing how it fills in and it slopes. In-fill from the pond will be part of those backyard soils. Terry said it is the same as the grading line and two in from the one. Winter said she sees it. Mundle said you mean this one right here. Balfany said the third one in. Mundle said it is the building set back line,

the rear set back.

Mundle said we have talked about screening along Viking before. Winter said the landscaping plan shows what they are going to do. Holmes said he thought it shows a fence. Mundle wondered if it was enough screening, based on what the Planning Commission members brought up. Bonin said isn't there going to be a berm there. Mundle said he thought there was to begin with, but then they had to move the road out. So now there isn't a berm.

Holmes motioned to accept the final plat for Viking Preserve. Balfany seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

It should go to the City Council either at their next meeting or the one after. Depends on the developer's agreement.

**Public Hearing –
Rezoning of Property
from B2 and R2 to I1**

Requested Action:

Recommend Approval for the Rezoning of the following:

PID # - 203323430001

Address – 19801 Hwy 65 NE

Acreage – 33.5 acres

Current Use of Property – Central Wood Products, Rivard Contracting

Current Zoning – B2 & R2

Proposed Zoning – I1 (Light Industrial)

Background Information:

Central Wood Products/Rivard Contracting is a diverse company that provides land clearing services, quality wood mulch, tree services, and over the last six years expanded into home gardening products through their Gromomics line. It is the Gromomics part of their company that has seen tremendous expansion and with that, they have a need to expand their existing facilities.

Currently their property has split zoning on it, the west ½ along Highway 65 is zoned B2 and the east ½ is zoned R2. Neither of these zoning designations reflects what exists there and has been there for a long time. If Rivard wanted to expand, they could not under either the B2 designation or the R2 designation. It makes the most sense to rezone this area to Light Industrial to reflect the existing business and also makes the most sense from a Comprehensive Planning perspective.

As the corridor develops and as we have discussed in the past, we want to be able to allow for flexible zoning along the highway, with the need to consider the environment and overall design. By rezoning this property to I1 (light industrial) it would allow for a number of different types of businesses to be located here, including retail. The most important component is to work with Rivard to ensure that their design is uniform and matches what exists on their property today. There are very few wetlands on this property and the floodplain is located on the south side of the property away from the existing buildings. City Staff would work with the owners of Rivard companies to address any concerns related to design, runoff, parking, etc. at the time that additions or new buildings are built on the property. The property to the north, south and west of Rivard is all currently sod fields.

Recommendation:

City Staff requests Planning Commission to recommend approval to the City Council for Zoning Map Amendments to the Official Map of the City of East Bethel.

1. Final approval of the Zoning Map Amendments to the Official Map of the City of

East Bethel is contingent of the final approval of the land use amendment to the City of East Bethel's 2030 Comprehensive Plan by the Metropolitan Council. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan Amendment will be submitted to Metropolitan Council for review upon final approval by City Council.

Public hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m.

Public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Terry asked if there was anything meant by the bluing out of the document. Winter said the properties around them are all in the flood plain. Somehow it is no longer a sod field designation.

Balfany recommend approval to the City Council for Zoning Map Amendments to the Official Map of the City of East Bethel for the Rezoning of the following: PID # - 203323430001; Address – 19801 Hwy 65 NE; Acreage – 33.5 acres Current Zoning – B2 & R2; to Proposed Zoning – I1 (Light Industrial). Holmes seconded; all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

**Public Hearing –
Comprehensive Plan
Amendment**

Recommend changes to residential density regulations as required in Sections 41-44 and 56, 57 in the City Zoning Ordinance

Background Information:

The City Zoning Ordinance was amended on September 5, 2007 to restrict densities in unsewered residential areas to one unit per 10 acres or four units per 40 acres with no lot exceeding 2.0 acres. Since the adoption of this amendment there have been no subdivision plats filed in the City of East Bethel that do not have access to sewer service. The 2009 downturn in the housing market is a contributing factor in the cessation of plat filings but the "one in ten" density minimums are an equal cause for the lack of rural subdivision development in the City.

There has been discussion in regards to re-consider residential density requirements that would revert to the previous 2.5 acre standard. Given that the previous regulations provided protection against urban type densities and that the "one in ten" requirement was as much a tool to funnel residential development to the Highway 65 Corridor as it was to protect the rural nature of the City of East Bethel, it is appropriate to reexamine these issues. Items to consider regarding changes:

1. Lot size – 2 acre minimum
2. Lot density – 50% developable
3. Wetlands, floodplain
4. Buildable area – minimum of 12,500 square feet, room for onsite septic system and alternative area, setbacks met, and well location.

In your packet is if you put an overlay of the wetlands, those areas you see are truly the areas where you can put development in. Beyond that, you can't do rural development.

Recommendation:

City Staff requests Planning Commission to recommend approval to the City Council for changes to Lot size, Lot density, and buildable areas, subject to Comprehensive Plan amendment and approval.

Freia from Met Council said we broached changing the density. Met Council said they are going to be putting together a technical evaluation on all of this and to see what impact this has on the area. Most of the areas, in yellow, those are the rural residential areas which are

greater than 20 acres. They not in areas where Met Council will serve. Locally we need to hold a public hearing as a beginning to gather input. That is tonight's purpose.

The planning Commission needs to consider lot size, density, wetlands /floodplain, do you want to look at clustering stuff. If you have 40 acres and 20 are wetlands. Would you do a density of up to 20 homes or 16, or however you want to do it? You would also want to look at buildable area. Right now, the buildable area is 23000 sq. ft. for a buildable lot out in the rural residential area – those areas outside the sewer district. Maybe looking at changing the minimum setback back to 12, 500. Just looking at what you would have room for. As long as you were able meet the on-site septic. This is a public hearing.

Public hearing was opened at 7:21 p.m.

Jeff Stallberg, 17404 Ward Lake Drive, Andover – He got this whole thing going back before the recession. He bought 35 acres on mud arm on the lake. He paid a bundle for it. As things gradually get a little better. He was going to have his surveyor do something on it. He found out they changed the rules. Anyway, he has been working with Colleen and Jack and trying to get this reversed back. To get it back to the way it used to be. He has done a lot of developing in the Ham Lake and some in East Bethel. He has opinions on what works best. If you don't mind, and you guys are talking, if he could give his input. He wants to give his thoughts.

Public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Holmes said he is confused, and he thought they left the corridor to potential residential development. You show it is in the corridor. Winter said whatever is in the yellow, is the corridor, within that, it would fit into urban density. You would want to leave that, so it becomes sewer and water. The area in orange is what we are talking about. They are the rural residential areas. They are all zoned rural residential. You are only allowed one per ten acres. We would want to make it 2 or 2 ½ acres lot size. Holmes said he is confused, we didn't change it. It was 2 ½ acres minimum outside the corridor. All of the sudden we have it changed. Winter said the zoning ordinance reads in rural residential you can build on a lot not less than 2 acres. But the maximum is 1 per ten acres. If you had twenty acres and you could put 2 houses in the five acres but not anything anywhere else. Holmes said something got misinterpreted. He is not sure how it got back in there. Winter said the last time they made a change, they adopted the comp plan in 2007 and in 2010 or 2011 the density standards were adopted. Terry said we had a 2.5 acre average and a 2 acre minimum. It was only done in the corridor to protect development. Holmes said he doesn't understand either how it happened. That is why it stayed that way. He doesn't think anyone changed. He doesn't remember any of the changes. We wanted to make sure all the outlying areas were buildable. That doesn't even make sense. Winter said she thought it was rather odd. She could track everything. There are no packet materials to show us the discussion part of it. None of us were here at the time. Mundle asked you do know what meeting it was at? Winter said she is looking it up in the code. Mundle said we do have transcription back a long way. Bonin said it doesn't make any sense. Holmes said it doesn't make sense.

Winter said she can go back and track all of it. Holmes thinks we should change it back. Jeff said what about the farmer down the road. Holmes thinks something got misconstrued. Winter said there might have been something she missed. We can have someone here track it. It can't get published and adopted into Municode without being sited. If you want to go back to pre-2007, she needs to know were there other things you wanted to look at.

Holmes said he doesn't remember any of it. Terry said that hasn't changed. Holmes said it is totally new. It is like we never existed and someone just made it up. Terry said he is thinking someone made a mistake and rewrote it. Winter said all her documentation shows

it is one per ten no matter where it is in the City.

Holmes said in the yellow it shows potential residential areas. Terry thinks it should be orange. Winter said the keys are wrong and the orange is what we think. It is about 1,500 acres total for development. We could get more detailed on it. Part of it with Met Council will be able to show us where we are at. Balfany asked what the easier solution is. Should we make motion to go back to pre-2007? Holmes said prior to 2010. Balfany said would it be easier to do that, or any other little things in there. Do we want to do anything else? Do we make the blanket statement, on how we want to change it now? Holmes said we don't know what the old one was. We don't have it. We don't even know what it is technically. Terry said it was 2.5 acres density, with a minimum of 2 acres and 23,000 square feet. Holmes said we make a new motion and go forward.

Balfany motioned to amend the rural residential development standards. Not less than 2 acres and scratch out the maximum of 1 per 10. Change the minimum building area to 12,500. Not to exceed the 50% maximum density, density average of 2.5. Subject to having 2 sites for a septic and alternative septic and a well location. Holmes seconded.

Terry asked what the basis for doing the minimum building area is. Winter said that is a little over a ½ acre in size. It is not that necessary to have that size building pad. Jeff said on a developer standpoint and things are more flexible, if it is easier, it makes the development nicer in the long run. It uses the land more wisely. Oak Grove has gone more lenient. Ham Lake is down to one acre lots. Their buildable requirements are less stringent. It simplifies and enhances the development. He likes to make things more minimal. He likes a maximum. You can't just put 80 houses in there, you limit the amount. Ham Lake use to have that. As a developer, he would think how many he would like. Bonin said she likes the idea. There is more flexibility. Terry said we talked about that before. Bonin said it is a form of clustering. Resident said you can design better. You can put things aesthetically nice. Something then, you buy a piece, you have to make sure you get 16 lots out of the property.

Terry asked if we know why we went to 23,000. Winter said she is trying to look it up.

Resident said years ago, in the late 60s or 70s you would do the soil borings, and they would look for model soils. They would find model soils and they would put the house in. As time evolved, people were going to school for soil borings. Mortgage companies started needing septic certifications. One person said the modeling would be 2 feet. They start suing. Back in the day, the 23,000 and 3 feet above modeling was easy to come by. Now you have to be 3 feet above modeled soil it is much more difficult to day. If you ease up on the rules and the engineering process. The process is scrutinized a lot now. State Law for modeling is one foot. The City of East Bethel is 3 feet. Winter said we are looking at changing that.

Balfany said it is 12,500 building area and 2.5 average. Winter said the high water table and wetlands you want to keep in mind. Achieving it is hard. You could put them all in one area and leave the rest as open space.

Bonin said we should consider the one acre lots with maintaining the total number of houses as you would for 2 acres. Winter said the overall density would still be at 50%. It is not something which would be required. You could have it be more of a cluster development idea. Holmes said do we want to stay away from that theory. We wanted to keep away from clustered houses. Jeff said it isn't really a cluster house. Holmes said we didn't want to confuse the applicants. Jeff said you still have your 200 foot frontage. Terry asked what if you did the thing if you did smaller acreage in one part of the lot. What if one person keeps their home to the open area and they sell the acreage. What if they sell it and develop

it, what will stop them from developing again? Winter said they wouldn't meet the density requirement. The overall density has already been met. Terry said if they came in for a meets and bounds split. Winter said they wouldn't be able to define it as a meets and bounds. Bonin said you would have to include the larger acreage in that. Winter said we have one area where the homes are small. They are on an acre or two acre lots. On the other side of the street. They pulled them in with the other lots. You have 13 to 15 acre lot sizes.

All in favor; motion carries 4-1 (Bonin opposed).

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

Holmes motioned to approve the June 24, 2014 minutes. Mundle seconded, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

Other Business/City Council Report

One in ten which you have been discussing and it came before the Council at a previous meeting. No one knows why it happened. We have a work meeting tomorrow and they want to put in another road by the theater. A couple options were to run it over to Jackson Street. Another option was to run straight south by the mobile home park. The other two options are to go north to Viking. We are going to be discussing that tomorrow. Terry asked what prompted it. Shaw trucking is what instigated it. Winter said Classic Commercial Park is developing. We want it to be shovel-ready. It is really dangerous.

Holmes said it is his interpretation as his interpretation as a liaison when you are here, you are supposed to understand what we are doing. So the Council knows what we are doing. Whereas on the building adjustments, sounded like the Council thought we were at a different meeting. Winter said are you talking about the Accessory Structure. Holmes said it would have been your place to do explain it. If I am wrong, someone should correct me. As far as a report from the City Council, we can all look on the Internet. That is basically what your position is. The City Council acted like we were trying to override them. We were trying to create a logical explanation. Winter said it was one council member. We need Ron's input to know what is going on at the Council level. For example the road project is a good one to bring up. If they come back to us, we can offer them support. It is really good to have the two way communication. It is the liaisons role to bring information back. Holmes said they were complaining about the 14-foot to 12-foot sidewall heights. The comments were we were trying to override the City Council. That is your position as a liaison. Maybe they didn't explain it to you. You should figure out what we are trying to get at. He wanted to straighten it out. If he is wrong he will take back his words. Balfany said Ron it isn't just you, there are have been number of examples throughout the years. Coincidentally he brought the same thing up. There was a clear breakdown on the power lines. It was a long hard work moving forward. We went to Planning and Zoning and there was a huge breakdown in communication. There was another layer of breakdown to the City Council. They started from scratch also. It was like starting from scratch on it. Holmes said he just wanted to put that out there. We do appreciate the Council liaisons.

Mundle said the Booster Day fireworks were spectacular. The finale was far better than anything he has ever seen.

Adjournment

Holmes motioned for adjournment. Balfany seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Submitted by:

Jill Anderson
Recording Secretary