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Public Process to Begin on Development of Firemen's and Schimelpfening Parks

As part of the 2011 Downtown Master Planning process a number of different recommendations were made for steps the City could take to help revitalize the downtown area. One of the recommendations made was to work on putting together three catalyst sites in the downtown area to help bring more activity and private investment into the area.

Firemen's Park and Schimelpfening Park were recognized as catalyst sites. These parks are located at the northwest corner of Highways 61 and 41 in downtown Chaska and encompass Clayhole Lake. With the City owning the majority of the property in that entire area, we are now moving forward with plans for redevelopment of the site to meet the intent of the Downtown Master Plan, which specifically mentions utilizing the whole area around the lake as a major destination place. A major component of the Downtown Master Plan was to help develop recreational amenities that would attract more people into the downtown area.



The City of Chaska is excited to start the public process as it relates to developing the parks. With the intent of making this a very public process, the City will be following a model used when the Community Center was built in 1990. The process is intended to be very open and encourage residents to participate with ideas for commercial activities and also include park amenities that would take advantage of the unique site and location.

The Chaska Park Board will be spending the month of January soliciting ideas for commercial development, as well as public input from residents regarding major attractions that could be placed on the site. One of the ideas that has been discussed is a restaurant development with a curling facility for the commercial portion of the development and a redeveloped park surrounding it. The Park Board is also interested in looking beyond that idea and getting input from residents regarding a major commercial component.

The City of Chaska encourages any entity, group, or individual resident interested in being part of the planning process to contact Mary Monteith at the Chaska Parks and Recreation Office at 952-227-7741 or at MMonteith@chaskamn.com. Ms. Monteith will make sure that interested parties are actively included in the planning process. The first stage of the process is to solicit input for the major commercial component of the development. This will be discussed at a Special Park Board meeting on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 pm at The Lodge in the Chaska Community Center located at 1661 Park Ridge Drive. The Park Board would like to come up with a general concept for the development by early February for recommendation to the City Council in order to move into the second phase of planning that would include more of the specifics of the commercial and park development.

Questions about the process may be directed to the Park and Recreation Director, Tom Redman, at 952-448-5633, or the City Administrator, Matt Podhradsky, at 952-448-9200. It is hoped this will be a very open and creative process to receive ideas to make this an exciting signature site in downtown Chaska.

CITY OF CHASKA SEEKING COMMISSION APPLICANTS

The City of Chaska is seeking applicants for the Planning Commission, Park Board, Human Rights Commission, and Heritage Preservation Commission. Each position is for a three-year term beginning January 2014 and ending December 2016.

The Planning Commission is comprised of nine members who act as the City's Planning Agency in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and make recommendations to the City Council for the planning of the City. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

The Parks, Recreation, Natural Resources, and Arts Commission is comprised of nine members who coordinate in conducting a public leisure and arts program for City residents and to that end advise in the provisions necessary for a comprehensive park, recreation, and artistic program. They meet on the second Monday of each month at the Community Center at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to secure for all citizens equal opportunities for employment, housing, public information, public services, education, fair treatment, and full participation in affairs of the community. The Commission's mission is to proactively partner with government, businesses, educators, and religious organizations to promote a community of harmony and respect for the rights and dignity of all. The HR Commission is comprised of seven regular members who meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

The Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission is comprised of seven members, created and charged with the stewardship of Chaska's heritage, preservation, protection, perpetuation, and use of areas, places, buildings, structures, and other objects having a special historical interest and value in the public interest and required for the interest of

the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the community. The HPC meets as needed on the fourth Tuesday of the month at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

All interested parties should complete an application, which can be obtained by contacting Margo Steffel at 952-448-9200 or msteffel@chaskamn.com. The deadline for applications has been extended to January 17, 2014 at 4:30 pm. All positions are non-paid, volunteer in nature.

**DRAFT AGENDA
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014
7:00 PM – CHASKA CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order
- 2 The Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.Roll Call
4. Adopt the Agenda
5. Visitor Presentation
Update on Downtown Master Plan and Commitment to Community Reports – City Administrator
- 6.Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2013 City Council Meeting
- 7.Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2013 EDA Meeting
 - b. Approve the Chaska Herald as Official Newspaper for the City of Chaska 2014
 - c. Approve Designation of Depositories
 - d. Appoint Luke Melchert of the Law Firm Melchert, Hubert, Sjodin, as the Chaska City Attorney for 2014
 - e. Approve Refuse Hauler Permit for Elite Waste Disposal and Massage Therapy Permit for Lorna Fitzsimmons
8. Public Hearing: Adopt Resolution No. 14-01 to Consider Submittal of the Final Minnesota Investment Fund Application to the State of Minnesota DEED on behalf of Beckman Coulter
9. Approve Appointment of City Trustees for Fire Relief
10. Bills
12. Other Business
13. Adjourn

**AGENDA
CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION
CHASKA CITY HALL
JANUARY 8, 2014
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adopt the Agenda
4. Election of Vice Chair for 2014
5. Visitor Presentation
6. Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting
7. Consent Agenda
 - a. Receive Minutes of the November 18, and December 2 and 16, 2013 City Council Meeting
 - b. Receive Minutes of the December 9, 2014 Park Board Meeting
 - c. Receive Minutes of the December 2 and 16, 2013 EDA Meetings
8. Public Hearing:
Deny Variance (RR-2 Building Eligibility Transfer)/Outlot A of Summit Place PC No. 13-13/James Vassar
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

On this date in:

1974: 55 mph The Presidential act to reduce the 70-mph speed limit to 55 mph is signed by U.S. Pres. Richard Nixon. It was intended to save fuel in response to the 1973 oil crisis. The act was repealed in 1995. Car



1959: Fidel Castro becomes prime minister of Cuba.