



AGENDA
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7:00 P.M.
Wednesday March 16, 2016

Emergency Operations Center (EOC)*
Maple Grove Government Center

- A. Call to Order by Chair
- B. Minutes: Approve Subcommittee Minutes from February 3, 2016
- C. Minutes: Approve Minutes from February 10, 2016
- D. Area Reports (Forms in Packet)
- E. Discuss Youth Sports with Parks and Recreation Staff
- F. Other Business and Updates
- G. Adjournment

Note: The meeting will be held in the lower level of the Government Center in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Minutes

**City of Maple Grove
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

**Special Meeting
Subcommittee on Youth Sports**

February 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Maple Grove Government Center by Harry Kennedy.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Beacham, Don Skoglund, Tim Klevar, Joan Masberg, Meg Miller, and Harry Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT

CAC City Staff Liaison Mike Opatz and CAC Chair Bob Joiner

**REPORT FRAMEWORK ON
YOUTH SPORTS**

The attendees reviewed and discussed a draft report distributed by Harry Kennedy. The members discussed the outline and tone of the report. Meg Miller asked several questions on the history of the issues. Harry Kennedy asked all the members what was their past experience with coaching youth sports. The members discussed what Councilmember Eric Johnson suggested at the last CAC meeting as the format of the final report.

**QUESTIONS FOR PARK AND
REC STAFF ON YOUTH
SPORTS**

The members made and discussed a list of potential questions to ask the Parks and Rec staff when they attend the March 2016 CAC meeting. Mike Opatz stated the list will be provided to the full CAC group on February 10 for discussion. Harry Kennedy said the discussion with the Parks and Rec staff will be incorporated into the final report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Opatz, CAC City Staff Liaison

Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by CAC member Bob Joiner at 7:00 p.m.		
Members Present	Nkechi Anyamele Jon Burgard Bob Joiner Steven Maas Karen Nickolauson Stephanie Walvatne	Adam Bedard Katie Cohen Harry Kennedy Joan Masberg Joe Piket	Leslie Bender Lorraine Gresser Tim Klevar Meg Miller Don Skoglund
Members Absent	John Beacham, Stephen Gill, and Kevin Rebman		
Others Present	Maple Grove Councilmember Erik Johnson and CAC Staff Liaison Mike Opatz		
Minutes	Minutes from the January 13, 2016, meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee were approved.		
Oaths of Office	The Oath of Office was administered by Councilmember Johnson for new member Nkechi Anyamele with a term expiring December 31, 2017.		
Introduction	As the other new CAC members did at the January 2016 meeting, newly appointed CAC member Anyamele introduced herself and provided a brief background.		
Area Reports	Area reports submitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continued discussion took place on Total Wines and the impact on traffic in that area. Mike Opatz referenced the previous area report and response from John Hagen, the City's Transportation Operations Engineer. Mike said that he would forward CAC's concerns/discussion from this February CAC meeting to Police Chief Werner via email, which is as follows: <i>Email from Mike Opatz to Police Chief Werner:</i> Please see below the previous CAC Area Report response provided by John Hagen regarding Traffic flow in and around Total Wine. The matter received some additional discussion last night at the CAC meeting. The CAC understands it will take some time for city staff and the property owner to come up with and implement a traffic solution. In the meantime, the CAC is asking can the Police Department either anticipate or respond to days when the traffic is gridlocked along Main Street at the 4-way at Nordstrom's Rack to direct traffic? They state that the issue is particularly bad just prior to major events like the Super Bowl, holidays, and wine sales. They are focusing this question on the public street portion not the		

parking lots. The question was posed to Council Member Johnson who has in attendance, but he suggested it would be more appropriate for the Police to respond as an Area Report. He did explain the options for the property owners to do contract traffic control with the Police Department. Thank you for your assistance with this matter, and please respond by March 7th as our next meeting is March 16.

- Potholes on 73rd Avenue near Hemlock, going toward 63rd Avenue, just up to North Eagle Lake Boulevard. (Katie Cohen)
- Follow up on past area report inquiry regarding solicitors/peddlers. Mike Opatz provided a copy of an article on the subject that will be coming in the spring 2016 City Focus newsletter.
- A neighbor in the Highpoint Hill neighborhood expressed concern about not having sidewalks in the area. This causes people to walk on the roads, which especially in winter is more dangerous. She is wondering if there are any plans to put in sidewalks as there are sidewalks in Rosemary Woods, but they stop at Highpoint Hill. (Stephanie Walvatne)
- On the trails (Rosemary Woods/Highpoint Hills) that connect with Three Rivers a man has been using his own four-wheeler to plow the trail area. 1) It does not get plowed, so who is responsible? 2) Would it be possible to have trash cans and dog waste stations? 3) Would it be possible to have solar-powered trail lights for those walk earlier/later in the day? These trails are connected with Three Rivers & Medicine Lake Regional Trails. (Stephanie Walvatne)
- The yellow flashing left turn signal on Bass Lake Road and Sycamore is greatly appreciated!! Thank you!! (Stephanie Walvatne)
- Concerning the closure of 101st Avenue (west of 94) Lawndale is the posted detour route for the closed section of 101st Avenue. This road is in horrible condition and probably the cause for many drivers to avoid this road and use the neighborhood roads to the west of Lawndale. The traffic in this neighborhood (97th Place – Vagabond – 99th Place – Troy – to 101st has increased since the 101st Closure and speeds are well in excess of limited. I'm told the Police Department has been called at times but the problem is not resolved. There are many families with young children along this route (including my nephew and family). The apparent destination for much of this traffic is the temple on Try north of 101st. Map was included with the paper copy of the area report submitted. (Karen Nickolauson)
- Comment on when there is a house fire, the neighborhood suffers, such as people coming to gawk and take pictures of the home,

trespassing on property. In addition to the house standing there burned for several months. (Karen Nickolauson). The question was asked about the City's trespassing ordinance. Councilmember Johnson stated that trespassing is generally the presence continues after being asked to leave.

- Inquiry about Hy-Vee coming to the area of Bass Lake Road and 101. There is excitement about this addition, but residents in the area have questions about the development and are planning on attending an upcoming Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Johnson stated the public hearing for this project would be held at the Planning Commission meeting. The City Council receives the recommendation from the Planning Commission, and public comment is accepted. Mike Opatz stated he would check on the Planning Commission meeting date to review the Hy-Vee/development proposal and share with the Committee.

**CAC Member
Guidelines**

It is hoped that the CAC members reviewed the guidelines provided in their packet. The guidelines need to be updated to match the Board and Commissions attendance policy.

CAC member Joiner stated that he had a conversation with Mayor Steffenson, particularly related to co-chair selection. CAC member Joiner said that he is putting a report together for the Mayor and is requesting any input/recommendations from CAC members be forwarded to Mike Opatz. Mike will then forward that input to Bob for inclusion in the report.

With regard to item #6 of the CAC guidelines, the suggestion was made to broaden the language related to the word "feelings". The words "ideas" or "issues" were suggested.

The statement was made for CAC to take a broader scope, be different than in the past, additional interactions, and bring other items to the table.

Discussion took place regarding membership voting on items, motions, etc. either by roll call, voice or the raising of hands. The idea was raised that the number of votes could be recorded if the vote was not unanimous.

With regard to item #8 of the CAC guidelines, the question was asked about what CAC's future focus would be -- possibly ideas from the City Council and/or committee member input.

With regard to item #9 of the CAC guidelines, the request was made from CAC to the City Council to interview CAC candidates.

**Report from
Youth Sports
Subcommittee**

As mentioned previously, Mike Opatz will collect via email CAC member input on the guidelines. The statement was made that CAC is looking forward to having a larger role/involvement in various degrees.

The CAC Youth Sports Subcommittee met on February 3, 2016. At that meeting everyone on the subcommittee shared their experiences and concerns. CAC member Harry Kennedy is working on a report, but there will be one more meeting of the subcommittee to finalize it.

At CAC's request, Parks and Recreation representatives will make a presentation to the Committee regarding various aspects of Parks and Recreation programming as it relates to youth sports. At Parks and Recreation's request, the CAC Youth Sports Subcommittee drafted questions for Parks and Recreation to craft their presentation around. The subcommittee needs answers from Parks and Recreation to those questions which will impact some of the subcommittee's report recommendations. Therefore, the subcommittee will meet again.

The committee reviewed the proposed questions for Parks and Recreation and the subcommittee's thinking behind each, which generated brief discussions. The question was asked if the City/Parks and Recreation should have authority or even want authority over youth sports associations.

The youth sports questions will be emailed to Terry Just to help him prepare for the March meeting and to come have a dialogue with the CAC members.

With regard to Question #4, the comment was made by some of the associations about not being able to use a field because it was set aside for a specific use.

With regard to Question #6, there are challenges in scheduling of teams/fields.

The statement was made that the Parks and Recreation Board operates somewhat independently and has its own budget.

For the March dialogue, CAC would prefer that Parks and Recreation provide 2-3 bullet points for each question, not a lot of detail. CAC is looking for a collaborative, open discussion with Parks and Recreation in March. Terry Just will be provided with a recaps of the CAC youths sports presentations. Councilmember Johnson was asked if he had any thoughts or concerns. He stated that this is a good direction and thought provoking.

Motion made and seconded to forward the CAC Youth Sports questions to Terry Just with the request for his responses to be in the form of bullet

points for inclusion in the March CAC packet. Motion passed unanimously.

CAC member Harry Kennedy was thanked for his work on the questions and coordinating the report.

The question was asked about what CAC's end goal is in this youth sports review. The statement was made that the City is a strong partner with several youth athletic associations for sports facilities. A brief synopsis and background was provided on how the youth sports review came about with the hope of understanding how the associations operate.

Several goals were attained in the review 1) making sure associations have a code of conduct and that it is enforced; 2) Parks and Recreation is an authoritative figure to oversee associations; 3) the associations know that someone is watching. The CAC is compiling the observations and creating a report for the Council which may result in a better experience for youth in sports and provide for equity between house and travel leagues.

Other Business

Councilmember Johnson was asked about traffic at Total Wine. He stated that traffic in the lot is on private property. Businesses can hire off-duty police or private security for which they themselves pay. He also stated there is the ability to hire police officers for private parties and events. The City's Transportation Operations Engineer is working with the property management company to mitigate the issues. The question was asked if the City can do anything in the interim and when there are special events. As mentioned previously, the Transportation Operations Engineer's area report response would be provided to the Police Chief.

The following items were also briefly reviewed:

- Pending submission of pending proposal for Hy-Vee/mixed use development in the area of Bass Lake Road and County Road 101.
- Discussions continue with Doran for development of the northeast corner of Elm Creek Boulevard and Hemlock Lane.
- Don Pablo's restaurant is closed.
- Mongo's Grill restaurant is closing.
- The question was asked if there has been any interest in the former IHOP location – there hasn't.
- There is no evident activity at the Paradise Car Wash.
- There will be active lobbying efforts at the state legislature this year for funding to complete Highway 610.

The March 16th CAC meeting will be held in the Emergency Operations Center.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Morris
Minute Secretary

Area Reports

Mike Opatz

From: John Hagen
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 4:57 PM
To: Mike Opatz
Cc: Eric Werner; Ken Ashfeld; Jupe Hale
Subject: CAC Area Report Response: Closure of 101st Avenue (west of 94) Lawndale

Mike:

Below, is my response to the CAC Area Report regarding the closure of 101st Avenue (east of Lawndale Lane) and the reported additional traffic within the Delgany & Dunlavin Woods neighborhoods (via Karen Nickolauson):

Background:

As part of the TH 610 construction, 101st Avenue has been closed to thru traffic from Lawndale Lane on the west end and Maple Grove Parkway on the east end. The posted detour is Maple Grove Parkway to County Road 30 to Lawndale Lane. Since this section of roadway was scheduled to be removed and replaced by the TH 610 project in the 2015/2016 construction season, the City of Maple Grove decided to minimize ongoing investments in the existing roadway, and performed the minimal amount of maintenance to 101st Avenue between Maple Grove Parkway and Lawndale Lane in order to maintain access to the adjacent properties. The roadway was initially signed with "Rough Road" signs, then in October of 2013, this section of 101st Avenue was signed with "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs to discourage thru traffic since the roadway was in poor condition. In 2015, the "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs were replaced with "Minimum Maintenance Road" and motorists were notified that if they chose to continue to use this section of roadway, they did so at their own risk.

Lawndale Lane between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue is also a rough road that is in need of reconstruction. This section of Lawndale Lane will be reconstructed as the adjacent properties develop. Until then, it will be maintained by City crews.

Reported Issue:

Once 101st Avenue was closed and the detour route was posted along Lawndale Lane, County Road 30 and Maple Grove Parkway, some residents within the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods neighborhoods complained about an increase in traffic volumes within their neighborhoods; especially along the 97th Place – Vagabond Lane – 99th Place – Troy Lane connection between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue. It is believed that people were now choosing to use this route between 101st Avenue and County Road 30 rather than the signed detour route of Lawndale Lane, due to the poor roadway condition along Lawndale Lane.

Field Review & Travel Time Runs:

In order to determine if the 97th Place – Vagabond Lane – 99th Place – Troy Lane connection between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue (through the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods neighborhoods) is a desirable alternative route to Lawndale Lane, travel time runs were conducted in the field on February 12, 2016. A total of four travel time runs were completed for each of the two routes. Below is a summary of the travel time runs:

Travel Time Run	Travel Time for Routes Between CR 30 & 101 st Avenue (minutes : seconds)	
	Lawndale Lane (1.2 miles)	97th Place – Vagabond Lane – 99th Place – Troy Lane (1.4 miles)

Run #1	2:28	3:46
Run #2	3:12	4:10
Run #3	2:33	3:23
Run #4	2:52	3:58
Average	1:46	3:49

Based on the results of the travel time runs, the 97th Place – Vagabond Lane – 99th Place – Troy Lane route between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue not only longer from a distance standpoint (1.4 miles vs. 1.2 miles), but the average time it takes to drive through the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods neighborhoods is more than double what it takes to drive along Lawndale Lane to 101st (3 minutes 49 seconds vs. 1 minute 46 seconds).

Findings/Conclusions:

Travel time runs conducted on February 12, 2016 revealed that route through the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods neighborhoods is not a desirable alternative route to Lawndale Lane for through traffic traveling between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue since it takes more than double the amount of time to take 97th Place – Vagabond Lane – 99th Place – Troy Lane route between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue than the Lawndale Lane route.

It is more likely that the reported increase in traffic volumes on the neighborhood streets is due to a portion of the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods residents (who are familiar with the streets within the development) that have changed their routes out of their neighborhoods now that 101st Avenue is closed east of Lawndale Lane. Since the 97th Place – Vagabond Lane – 99th Place – Troy Lane route is rather circuitous, travels through a residential neighborhood with many closely-spaced driveways, and offers no travel time benefit for through traffic between County Road 30 and 101st Avenue, it is unlikely that there is a significant number of through vehicles that are diverting from the signed detour route along Lawndale Lane in order to travel through the Delgany and Dunlavin Woods neighborhoods.

Hope this helps!

Please contact me if you have any further questions/comments regarding this issue, or if you would like to discuss in greater detail.

Thanks,

John

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From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:19 PM
To: John Hagen <jhagen@maplegrovern.gov>

Cc: Eric Werner <ewerner@maplegrovern.gov>; Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovern.gov>

Subject: CAC Area Report - closure of 101st Avenue (west of 94) Lawndale

John, below is another area report from last night. I appreciate all your help with these. Thanks.

Mike

- Concerning the closure of 101st Avenue (west of 94) Lawndale is the posted detour route for the closed section of 101st Avenue. This road is in horrible condition and probably the cause for many drivers to avoid this road and use the neighborhood roads to the west of Lawndale. The traffic in this neighborhood (97th Place – Vagabond – 99th Place – Troy – to 101st has increased since the 101st Closure and speeds are well in excess of limited. I'm told the Police Department has been called at times but the problem is not resolved. There are many families with young children along this route (including my nephew and family). The apparent destination for much of this traffic is the temple on Try north of 101st. Map was included with the paper copy of the area report submitted. (Karen Nickolauson)

Mike Opatz

From: Chuck Stifter
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Mike Opatz
Cc: Ken Ashfeld; Terry Just
Subject: RE: CAC Area Report - trail questions at Rosemary Woods/Highpoint Hills

Mike –
Please pass this on to Ms. Walvatne and others, as appropriate.

First I must point out it is unlawful to operate motorized vehicles on public trails without authorization so I would ask that if you know the resident who is using a four-wheeler on park property please ask them to cease immediately.

1. Snow removal duties on city and park trails are shared between Public Works and Parks. The city has approximately 278 miles of trails and sidewalks, and currently the two departments remove snow on 147 miles of trail so many trails go unplowed. Snow removal priority routes are as follows: 1) Trails and sidewalks within the walking zone of schools (within 1 mile), 2) trails along major collector roadways, and 3) trails in high use recreational areas. Removing snow on 147 miles of trail for each snow event is very demanding on our work forces, not to mention the many miles of roads, parking lots, fire stations, rinks, etc. that require snow removal. We will not be adding any additional trail routes to the snow removal priorities at this time.
2. Adding a trash can to the area is something we can do. We are in the process of updating our trash container style to include lids. This keeps odor in and insects and critters out. This will be implemented in 2016. We ask users to put dog waste in the available trash cans.
3. Lighting trails is very expensive so the decision has been made to light only the highest use trails and those are Town Green/West Arbor Lake and Central Park.

If you have additional questions please feel free to contact me.
Thank you.

Chuck Stifter

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From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:24 PM
To: Ken Ashfeld; Chuck Stifter
Cc: Mike Opatz
Subject: CAC Area Report - trail questions at Rosemary Woods/Highpoint Hills

Ken and Chuck,

Please see the area report below trail questions at Rosemary Woods/Highpoint Hills. Can you two collaborate on a response by March 7th? Thanks.

Mike

- On the trails (Rosemary Woods/Highpoint Hills) that connect with Three Rivers a man has been using his own four-wheeler to plow the trail area. 1) It does not get plowed, so who is responsible? 2) Would it be possible to have trash cans and dog waste stations? 3) Would it be possible to have solar-powered trail lights for those walk earlier/later in the day? These trails are connected with Three Rivers & Medicine Lake Regional Trails. (Stephanie Walvatne)

Mike Opatz

From: Eric Werner
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Mike Opatz
Cc: Dan Wills
Subject: RE: CAC Area Report Response: Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

Mike,

The Police Department requests Total Wine anticipate the heavy traffic days/events and hire contracted police service to cover the need. If traffic congestion develops at a time when no contracted officers are on scene, patrol can respond to assist to improve traffic flow. However, the officer would not be able to commit to a long period of time if needed, due to patrol area responsibilities. When an officer responds and determines an officer(s) is needed for a long period of time, I suggest additional officers be called in for contracted police service. Captain Wills can assist in developing a call in procedure.

The Police Department is looking forward to see proposed long-term solutions.

Eric



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From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 8:38 AM
To: Jupe Hale <jhale@maplegrovmn.gov>; John Hagen <jhagen@maplegrovmn.gov>; Eric Werner <ewerner@maplegrovmn.gov>
Cc: Ken Ashfeld <KAshfeld@maplegrovmn.gov>
Subject: RE: CAC Area Report Response: Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

Thanks John and Jupe for your perspectives on this item.

Mike

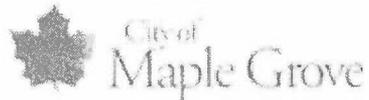
From: Jupe Hale
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 11:07 AM
To: John Hagen <jhagen@maplegrovmn.gov>; Eric Werner <ewerner@maplegrovmn.gov>; Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovmn.gov>
Cc: Ken Ashfeld <KAshfeld@maplegrovmn.gov>
Subject: RE: CAC Area Report Response: Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

I am hesitant to suggest that our police should act as traffic control mechanisms without compensation from the businesses that are driving the traffic. In essence, a sale or peak time for the businesses are an "event", and we require that all events contract with our police department when they are needed. I also have reservations that we should expect to the police to either anticipate when heavy traffic will occur, or be responsive to traffic jams driven by commercial activity. I suppose if the traffic backs up into Elm Creek Boulevard, we would be forced to respond. But otherwise, I advise that we let the businesses request, and pay for, any police presence needed.

I agree with John on the cones as a good solution until we can reconfigure the access and circulation. But, those cones are being placed on private property, and thus should be purchased/rented and set by the businesses rather than police or public works.

My two cents...

Jupe Hale, PE
Assistant City Engineer



From: John Hagen
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 10:51 AM
To: Eric Werner <ewerner@maplegrovern.gov>; Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovern.gov>
Cc: Ken Ashfeld <KAshfeld@maplegrovern.gov>; Jupe Hale <jhale@maplegrovern.gov>
Subject: RE: CAC Area Report Response: Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

Chief Werner & Mike:

As a quick update regarding our ongoing discussions with Patrick Rooney (Kimco's Regional Property Manager for the shopping Center), we will be meeting with Pat in early March to discuss a few access modification concepts. In order to implement any of these concepts, we will need their participation/commitment to make on-site revisions to their internal parking lot and/or drive aisles. As Mike noted, this will take some time to further develop and implement a permanent traffic solution.

In the meantime, I suggest that one of the options that we consider using during major events consist of the temporary "fix" that our Officers implemented during the peak Holiday Season (see figure below). This involved placing cones just inside the entrance of the shopping center, to force all inbound vehicles to take a right turn in front of Nordstrom's Rack. Based on my observations during the Holidays and comments received from Pat Rooney, this temporary fix greatly improved traffic operations near the entrance, and significantly cut down on conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles in front of Nordstrom's Rack and Total Wine. Vehicles can still exit under this temporary fix, but inbound vehicles are forced to the right and essentially "back-fill" the parking lot.



I will continue to keep the CAC informed on our progress with Kimco towards a permanent solution. In the meantime, please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Thanks,

John

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From: Mike Opatz

Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 10:20 AM

To: Eric Werner <ewerner@maplegrovern.gov>

Cc: John Hagen <jhagen@maplegrovern.gov>; Ken Ashfeld <KAshfeld@maplegrovern.gov>; Jupe Hale <jhale@maplegrovern.gov>; Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovern.gov>

Subject: FW: CAC Area Report Response: Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

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for the property owners to do contract traffic control with the Police Department. Thank you for your assistance with this matter, and please respond by March 7th as our next meeting is March 16.

Mike Opatz

From: John Hagen

Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 3:41 PM

To: Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovern.gov>

Cc: Ken Ashfeld <KAshfeld@maplegrovern.gov>; Jupe Hale <jhale@maplegrovern.gov>

Subject: CAC Area Report Response: Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

Mike:

Below, please find my response to CAC Member Klevar's Area Report regarding the traffic flow due to the new Total Wine store in the Arbor Lakes – Main Street Shopping Center. Please review and let me know if you have any questions, or would like to discuss in greater detail.

CAC Area Report – Traffic Flow due to Total Wine

COMMENT:

*A couple of people (5 or 6) have asked if anything is going to change in the traffic flow due to Total Wines, especially with holidays coming. Their observation is that with the pedestrian crossing from parking lot to store, it halts the vehicle flow to the point where traffic is backed up onto Main Street. People are beginning to use the back entry by Best Buy and the Hampton Inn to egress. Anybody looking at this? **Presented by CAC Member Tim Klevar***

RESPONSE:

Primary access to the Arbor Lakes – Main Street Shopping Center is located in the southwest quadrant of the Elm Creek Boulevard/Main Street intersection is provided along Main Street at the existing all-way stop that is located approximately 450 feet south of the Elm Creek Boulevard. Secondary access to the shopping center is provided via the existing right-in/right-out access along Elm Creek Boulevard (between the Hampton Inn and the Best Buy/Chuck E. Cheese's/David's Bridal/LifeWay Christian Store Building). The primary access drive runs east/west across the site along the front of the stores and creates a divide between the stores and the parking area. With the recent addition of the new Total Wine Store (in the old Office Depot space) and the new retail building in the northeast corner of the site (where the old Houlihan's Restaurant once stood), traffic in/out of the Main Street Arbor Lakes Shopping Center has increased not only at the primary access along Main Street, but also the secondary access behind the Best Buy/Chuck E. Cheese's/David's Bridal/LifeWay Christian Store Building.

As the traffic volumes in/out of the Arbor Lakes – Main Street Shopping Center has increased, so has the number of conflicts between pedestrians crossing the primary east/west access drive and vehicles entering/exiting the site. During the Holiday Shopping Season, the almost steady stream of shoppers crossing the primary access drive at the new Total Wine and the existing Nordstrom's Rack Stores have occasionally created "grid-lock" that not only spilled over to the all-way stop-controlled intersection along Main Street, but also have created long vehicular queues that extend back to the signalized Elm Creek Boulevard/Main Street intersection.

In order to temporarily address the traffic congestion, Kimco Realty (the property management company for the Arbor Lakes – Main Street shopping Center) contacted the City of Maple Grove's Police Department to hire off-duty traffic control specialists to help improve the traffic flow at the all-way stop-controlled intersection on Main Street by Nordstrom's Rack during the weekend before and after Christmas. After the Holiday Season, they will be evaluating ways to improve traffic circulation within the shopping center.

In the meantime, the City's Engineering Department has met to discuss alternatives to improve the traffic flow in/out of the Arbor Lakes – Main Street Shopping Center. The alternatives under consideration include (but are not limited to) additional right-in only access along Main Street and possibly Elm Creek Boulevard, improvements to the existing all-way stop-controlled intersection on Main Street, as well as the possible reconfiguration of the parking lot and drive aisles internal to the shopping center. The City is open to considering improvements to the public roadway system (that may involve additional right-in only access and/or improvements to the existing all-way stop along Main Street), but will need the shopping center stores and management company to also commit to on-site improvements to the parking lot and drive aisles in order to help improve traffic flow and safety in/around the shopping center.

To this end, we have contacted Patrick Rooney (Kimco's Regional Property Manager) to schedule a meeting to discuss improvement options for the site. We will keep the CAC informed on any outcome from our upcoming meeting with Kimco representatives, and will provide an update to the CAC as soon as we have improvement alternatives ready for review. Thanks

John Hagen, P.E., PTOE
Transportation Operations Engineer

From: Mike Opatz
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 10:31 AM
To: John Hagen <jhagen@maplegrovern.gov>
Cc: Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovern.gov>
Subject: CAC Arear Report - traffic flow due to Total Wine

John, below is an Area Report from Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member Tim Klevar regarding traffic flow due to Total Wine. Are any traffic or pedestrian improvements planned for this area. Please draft an e-mail response by December 31. Thanks for the help.

Mike Opatz

From: Tim [mailto:tklevar@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Mike Opatz <MOpatz@maplegrovern.gov>
Subject: Re: CAC Meeting Agenda for December 9, 2015

I forgot to bring up last night, a couple of people (5 or 6) have asked if anything is going to change in the traffic flow due to Total Wines, esp with holidays coming. Their observation is that with the ped crossing from parking lot to store, it halts the vehicle flow to the point where traffic is backed up onto Main. People are beginning to use the back entry by Best Buy and Hampton to egress.

Anybody looking at this?

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Youth Sports Discussion

CAC Youth Sports Questions for Parks and Rec Department

- 1. Please provide a brief history of Maple Grove Park and Rec, including, most importantly, what oversight it had over youth sports. What compelled Park and Rec to empower the various Maple Grove youth sports associations with as much autonomy and authority they enjoy today?"**

Local youth athletic associations have their origins in the 1970's in most cases, some even before the City implemented youth city sponsored recreation programs. The City has partnered with the organizations in offering youth athletic programs in a cost effective nature that would not require significant tax dollars to staff and manage the various programs and services.

The association model is not unique to Maple Grove in the delivery of youth sports programs and Maple Grove Parks and Recreation provides more in house, city run sports programs than most other cities in the Twin City area and Minnesota. Many of our peer cities in the Twin Cities area defer all sports related programming to youth associations.

- 2. What is working well at Park and Rec in terms of youth sports?**

Many things are working well. In most areas one association provides programming in a sports area that allows for all residents to participate regardless of high school attendance area and athletic talent level. Woodbury, Plymouth, Lakeville and Eagan all deal with multiple associations offering the same programming creating inefficiency and allocation challenges for city services and equity.

Variety of programs and sports

High quality facilities for most programs. Sports Dome, Community Center ice arenas and Maple Grove Community Gymnasium are recent additions to community facilities/infrastructure that have been developing since the 1970's.

Majority of parents and leadership of organizations have realistic concept of how youth sports should operate and what the experience should consist of.

When issues regarding individual parental behavior issues have occurred, each organization has review and correction history over the years and in the vast majority of cases has solved behavior related problems.

Most Maple Grove athletic associations are heavily involved in statewide programming and the Maple Grove associations are on a global basis viewed as positive contributors to statewide programs and activities.

3. What is Park and Rec's biggest concerns/challenges regarding youth sports?

Volunteer organizations have regular turn over in volunteer leadership and maintaining consistency and continuity in program operation and philosophy can be a challenge.

Parents' inability to be global/objective in evaluating their child's sports experience and playing ability. This has been and always will be a challenge associated with parental involvement in their child's activities, and an ongoing challenge for almost all volunteer associations providing athletic and non-athletic programming. Parental expectations are only becoming more varied and will continue to be varied in the future.

4. Describe Park and Rec's organizational structure for managing youth sports, including scheduling fields, courts, and handling conflicts?

Multiple staff members work with various organizations for scheduling purposes. City does not get involved with individual organizations internal conflicts and program operation decisions other than contributing in an advisory role

5. Does Park and Rec offer any coaching clinics or classes on how to coach young athletes?

Clinics provided for Parks and Recreation coaches. Associations provide internal coaches training and certification processes if certification is required.

6. What does Park and Rec think about the Maplebrook Soccer Association's desire to take control of the remaining Park and Rec soccer programs?

City of Maple Grove plans on continuing to offer in house soccer programming.

7. Is Park and Rec interested in expanding its existing baseball or soccer programs to include programs for more age groups than Park and Rec currently serves?

City is not interested in offering traveling or programs that are based on athletic talent and team placement based on that talent level. Organizations offering in house programs in our community do a good job in providing in house programs and services. If those organizations were to eliminate in house programming, the city would evaluate participation levels and offer programming if viable.

8. What are Park and Rec thoughts on the coordination or communication between the various youth sports associations? Is Park and Rec interested in assuming a leadership role in the coordination of all youth sports associations?

In comparison to peer communities in the Twin City area, Maple Grove is a leader on communication between and with youth associations. If policy leadership (City Council/Park Board) feels the City should be more involved with youth sports delivery, significant dollars would need to be identified and allocated for staffing and operation/enforcement related activities. Thousands of volunteer hours are performed each year by associations and would be extremely costly to take on by the City.

9. Does Park and Rec think Maple Grove is prepared to accommodate an increasing population and its demands on youth sports activities?

Current trends are stable participation rates in most programs and we anticipate that trend to continue in most sports areas. In support of that statement a total of 817 teams participated in city sponsored or association affiliated activities in 2010 and 787 played in 2014. In both cases, a significant number of teams for any community to provide services for.

“New” sports to the community such as lacrosse will continue to be folded into facility allocations if participation levels continue to increase. Maple Grove Community Gymnasium has solved most scheduling issues for basketball programming as has the second sheet of ice at MGCC. Sports Dome has provided off season training activities in soccer/baseball/softball communities and continues to meet usage goals.

10. Does Park and Rec confer with other cities on youth sports issues? Are there any governing best practices that are followed?

Yes the City does communicate on a regular basis and work with many cities on youth sports programs.

11. What does Park and Rec think about the adequacy of youth sports facilities in terms of quality and quantity?

The Maple Grove Comprehensive Park System and Recreation Plan identifies facility guidelines that define a ratio between a specific recreational facility and a desired number of users it will serve. The Maple Grove parks system meets or exceeds those guidelines with almost every specific facility. One facility that does not meet the guidelines is small baseball fields with turf infields and mounds for 10-13 year olds. The system currently utilizes multi-use fields with ag-lime infields and no mounds for this age group. The Comprehensive Park System and Recreation Plan is updated every 10 years along with the City Comprehensive Plan. The next update is planned for 2018.

The Park Board has added numerous new facilities in the last 15 years that have changed the recreational opportunities for youth sports in Maple Grove and youth recreation in general. In recent years turf has gotten additional attention with some modified turf management practices. One consequential factor that impacts field conditions are the notoriously heavy clay soils in Maple Grove which tend to hold rainwater on the surface often creating poor playing conditions. Leaving the native clay soils on our park athletic fields was a choice made during the construction of each facility and was likely made to save tax payer dollars. For the most part this choice has not been a hindrance but on a few fields we have had some drainage challenges. The cost to replace the clay soil and rebuild these poor draining fields is great. As an alternative to rebuilding the City has incorporated improved turf management practices to help mitigate the poor soil challenges. The City has invested in some new equipment and incorporated new turf management practices for a few years now. It will take a few more years to realize the full results of this endeavor but we are seeing a better quality turf than we have in past years. There will need to be a continued effort to maintain this higher level of quality.

12. Are there any youth sports associations that need better infrastructure or facilities?

The city has done a admirable job in responding to youth sports association needs. In the last number of years Gleason Fields, a second sheet of ice, the Sports Dome, and the Community Gyms have been added to the park and recreation system all of which were in response to youth sports association needs. There are few communities in the metro area that provide this high level of service.

Maple Grove provides numerous sports facilities. Here is a short list:

- 52 - multi-use ballfields (4 - lighted)
- 13 - baseball fields (1 – lighted)
- 23 - football/soccer/lacrosse fields
- 32 - basketball courts (outdoor)
- 45 - tennis courts
- 12 - hockey rinks (all lighted)

Currently the Parks and Recreation staff are working on a plan with OMGAA to convert the three ballfields at Weaver Lake to small baseball fields with turf infields and a new irrigation system. This is part of a long term vision expressed by OMGAA to create an enhanced playing environment for ages 10-13 at Weaver Lake. This plan has not been completely vetted at this time or approved by the Park Board but the intention is to move this forward this summer.

Field 1 at Gleason Fields will be partially taken out of service this year to allow the turf management program to be properly implemented and established.

Other Business and Updates

AREA REPORT
Maple Grove Citizens Advisory Committee

Please use this form to express your concerns, suggestions, and positive comments on things you see taking place in Maple Grove!

Name: _____ (Required)

Date: _____

Phone: _____ (Please include if responding party has any questions)

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Submit your completed form to Mike Opatz at the monthly CAC meeting. Area Reports will be submitted to the appropriate City staff/department, and a response will be in a future CAC agenda packet.