



# MEETING NOTES

March 21, 2016

## Establishing a Long Term Vision for the Glen Lake Neighborhood

### Glen Lake Neighborhood Meeting

January 20, 2016 6:00-7:30pm  
 Minnetonka Community Center

#### Attendees:

ATTENDEE	NOTE
Dick Allendorf	Councilmember
Geralyn Barone	City Manager
Annette Bertelson	
Wanita Cardi	
Nygel Dey	
Bob Ellingson	Councilmember
Eilene Flemming	
Karen Foot	
Bill George	
Sharon Gibbons	
Dewey Hassig	Senior Advisory Board
Joan Hiller	
Emily Johanneck	Lakeshore Weekly News
Paul Joppa	
Susan and Carl Klein	
Peggy Kvam	Park Board
Kathy Lewandowski	
Michael Noonan	Hennepin County
David and Peter Olson	
Esther Rupp	
Helen and Bob Seurs	
Jim and Susan Stroebel	
Jan Tellen	
Carl Tuma	
Amy and Kevin Weber	

#### Public Realm Improvements – Option A

- More public art locations to provide neighborhood identity
- Pedestrian and bike improvements needed on Woodhill Road
- Punching Woodhill Road across Excelsior Boulevard is a bad idea

- Pedestrian and bike improvements needed on Eden Prairie Road
- Need a new restaurant in the south strip mall (containing Kraemer's)
- Placing public art on the old Kraemer's Hardware site not needed
- Impossible to make left hand turns onto Eden Prairie Road during rush hour, need better traffic signal coordination
- Currently an overabundance of large senior only buildings (7 listed)
- Need bike lanes up both sides of Excelsior Boulevard as well as up Williston Road
- We like the sidewalks on the south side of Excelsior Boulevard, need more like it on other neighborhood streets
- There is a need for more upscale retail and appropriate retail adjacent to daycare
- Need restaurants in current retail buildings
- Would like to see clean, passive water features, potentially those that support wildlife
- Hard to access Kraemer shopping area by foot/bike
- Improve the aesthetic to create a destination
- Improve access to shopping
- More parking needed everywhere
- Consider the impact to wildlife that adding lighting to Kinsel Park would have
- Parking on curve of Beacon Hill Road, can that be shared with The Glen
- Is there going to be too much light pollution from new lighting if its added to Kinsel Park
- Would Steward be a one-way street?

#### **West Project Area – Option A**

- Worried townhomes are going to add more senior only housing
- Are the wetland setbacks enough in the scenarios?
- Prefer the townhome option (2)
- Need townhomes in the \$250-450,000 range for balance
- Where does guest parking occur in both scenarios?
- Would like to see a high density of housing in this option
- More walking paths around wetland area
- Prefer the access intersection in this option
- Prefer the option that preserves the most green space
- Trail access and density are ok

#### **West Project Area – Option B**

- Scenarios may require additional traffic control for Glendale Street
- Planning needs to be compatible on both sides of the street
- Add community gardens to this concept
- Are Minneapolis size lots appropriate for Minnetonka?

**Central Project Area – Option A**

- Need a larger buffer on Eden Prairie Road
- 50-60' Lots small/close for the neighborhood, market needs larger lots
- Too much intensity will create too much lighting, worried about wildlife impacts in and around Glen Lake
- Access to the private drives is problematic on both concepts

**Central Project Area – Option B**

- Trail or sidewalk connection to Eden Prairie Road from the end of the cul de sac
- Worried about the displacement of neighborhood wildlife (turkey, deer, woodpecker, eagles, waterfowl etc.) Where will they go when their habitat is removed
- Density is too high in either concept, the lots in both are too small for the area
- Density of the 'Compact Residential' is too high
- All of these pieces don't fit together, don't see an overall grand vision

**East Project Area – Option A**

- Eliminate 5 SF Lot and replace with a small park to provide access and views of Glen Lake
- Regarding lot 5, is there a concern about buffering the wetland, is this 'buildable' lot appropriate (3)
- Flip building footprint to the east away from townhomes
- Stop light would be needed at new intersection
- Improve walkability and add landscaping along Excelsior Boulevard. More greening needed along Kraemer strip mall
- Would like to see a small boardwalk into the lake off the trail connection in between lots 4 and 5
- Lot 5 is too close to lake
- Worried about water quality impacts development will have on lake
- Concerned about the increased traffic development would create
- Concerned about traffic at the new proposed intersection on Excelsior
- Too much hard surface in this option, but do like the opportunity to share parking with the Golden Nugget
- Would like to see a comprehensive picture of all the potential trail connections with private property barriers indicated
- Trails in this option runs through private property

**East Project Area – Option B**

- Some of these units would be a tough sell with no views of the lake
- Units 1-4 might make a good location for townhomes
- Restaurant visible from Excelsior is needed, prefer the more attractive parking configuration compared to the golden nugget

- Potential for housing and restaurant/retail underneath?
- Crossing safety concern at new intersection
- Too much grading needed to make this work
- Golden Nugget has loud fan noise on east side of building
- Lots 9-10 are too wet to develop, would prefer a park or trail connection
- Would like to see a small boardwalk into the lake off the trail connection in between lots 4 and 5
- To many units in this option
- Restaurant will need to have adequate parking
- Is the wetland disruption caused by the boardwalk worth the public benefit?

### **Hennepin County Site**

- Try to find a balance between development and park and open space, need to preserve the existing habitat, as its already limited
- Remember what happened to Wing Lake
- Must have a walking trail around the lake
- The economy, market, and environmental impacts of the proposed development will determine the final development scenario
- More trail connects with limited development
- City needs to develop a plan to purchase the land
- Relocate Optimist Field / Gilliam Ball Field, others
- Redevelop Optimist Fields to commercial
- Is there an option to put retail on this sit?
- Trail system needs to be connected to parks
- Add a small zoo to one of the parks
- Like Centennial Lakes, develop recreational options
- 800 units seems very high, but the proximity to Gatewood Elementary School and access to transportation are good elements
- This much development will kill the lake
- Avoid doing another grass lawn choked development and make it a focus on intentional green living and planting
- Remember what happened to Birch Lake
- Way to many units, with all the other proposed housing we should keep this area wild, save the trees
- Maybe too much density
- Could this be a site for a college or university expansion
- How much of this land could the city buy from the compiled park dedication fees from recent development