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To: Gates, Jim
Subject: SWMP approach

From: Gates, Jim
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Keel, Karl
Cc: Moore, Lynn; Eiler, Jim; Williams, Deborah; Larson, Kim; dan.krivit@foth.com
Subject: Solid Waste Management Plan moving forward

Karl,
I apologize for missing two Council dates for bringing the SWMP to study sessions for Council, but given the potential effects to the vast majority to the residents and the commercial entities, I (along with the PMT) decided not to bring something to Council just as an update, but bring some things to Council that they could react to in moving the *Plan* forward. The principle reason was to not let the calendar, drive the Plan outcome for something that could be very important to Bloomington.

Bloomington, Richfield, Eden Prairie, and St. Anthony are the only cities that do not have organized collection of recycling services, so I think organized collection in some form is coming to Bloomington soon.

The Project Mgmt. Team has now met with Hennepin Couty Solid Waste staff, and have received their input on the draft *Plan*. Lynn Moore met with Sandra Johnson and Ann Kaul from Legal today. We have also forwarded the City Mgr's comments to Foth (to the extent we could interpret them). Lynn is forwarding the Legal comments (as she has interpreted them) to Foth today as well. I have sent my comments on the Community Engagement Report and the *Plan* to Foth last week. These have been requested to be included in a third iteration of the draft *Plan*.

We are hoping to receive additional comments from others this week, but Lynn Moore (one the project stalwards) is extremely busy taking requests for "Larry Lee actions" while he is on vacation, and Jim Eiler is on vacation for the next two weeks, so we'll what additional comments are received.

The intent is to bring the Community Engagement Report and the draft of the *Plan* to Council for the Study Session on March 17, with both the written portions of the Community Engagement Report and the *Plan* being sent to the Council with CMI on March 7th to allow Council additional time to read and digest the large amount of solid waste information prior to the Study Session on 3-17-14. The draft Executive Summary for the *Plan* will be brought forward in the format the *Plan* will all look like at the completion of the *Plan*, including the use of the *Indesign* software for the "look and feel." The Community Engagement Report will be delivered to Council in its final form, generally in *Word* format.

A memo is being prepared by staff (with Foth input) for the Council Study Session wil the following discussion points:

- Briefly discuss the SWMP backgrounf
- Explain this is the first in a series of three possible Council actions: 1: Adopt the SWMP which sets goals, identifies current practice, identifies possible options and recommends potential next steps – initiatives to study further; 2. Decide which, if any, initiatives should be studied in more detail and complete those studies; 3. Decide whether or not to Implement an initiative based on the study and implement the selected initiatives. Assure Council we can stop the process whenever they so desire.
- Present and discuss the Community Engagement Report, the process involved in achieving the report, [prior CMI's; public and private meetings (MRC, PARC, Sustainability Coalition members, Foth and the haulers, open houses, etc.)]
- Then present and discuss the goals of the *Plan*, and how public sentiment from at least those attending the public forums agree with the goals stated in the *Plan*

- Ask the Council two questions: 1: Are they comfortable with the public engagement/outreach to date? 2: Do they support a Public Hearing on April 21st?
- Ask them for their input via a ppt slide show on 3-17-14, and if there are questions that need further explanation, or clarification as portions of the ppt presentation

Then we will ask any further questions be routed to the City Manager.

If this does not meet your SWMP Project schedule request, please let me know.

Thanks.

Jim

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