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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Date: April 18th, 2008

Subject: City Council Meeting with the North Rose Hill Neighborhood

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council assign topic areas for the upcoming neighborhood council meeting with the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association and provide direction on a possible agenda change.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City Council's continuing effort to remain in touch with the interests and needs of the community, the Council will meet with the North Rose Hill Neighborhood on Monday, May 19, 2008. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the North Rose Hill Fire Station (9930 124th Avenue NE). Staff will continue to structure the format of the meeting and invitations the same as the past, unless instructed by Council to change.

Potential topic areas suggested by Margaret Carnegie, the North Rose Hill Neighborhood Chair include:

1. **Neighborhood Safety** – house and car break-ins, drug use in parks.
2. **Pedestrian Safety and Services** – need for more sidewalks and streetlights in the neighborhood, allowing developers to fund sidewalks for just the "street house" when homes extend behind, lack of adequate public transportation, need for better enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way.
3. **Potential Costco Gas Station** – concerns regarding impacts on air quality, wetlands, pedestrian safety and cut-through traffic.
4. **Change In Neighborhood Character;** – large houses on small lots and loss of trees, environmental impact of losing pervious soil from large houses and garages on small lots, loss of trees from commercial development such as N.E. 85th & 126th.
5. **Traffic Issues** – cut-through traffic from 85th into neighborhoods (that current speed humps, etc. don't eliminate), additional potential cut-through personal and delivery traffic from 85th islands, current traffic on 124th Ave. N.E. between N.E. 85th & N.E. 116th with more planned development adding to it.

At the last few meetings, Council entertained three questions after each Council presentation/topic to break up the “lecture style” format and involve the audience more. Time was reserved at the end for the informal questions and answers. The proposed agenda follows this same format.

- 7:00-7:05 p.m. I. Greeting and Introduction - Mayor James Lauinger
- 7:05-7:10 p.m. II. Comments from the Neighborhood Association Chair
- 7:10-8:15 p.m. III. Comments, Questions and Discussion – Neighborhood and City Council
 - A. Budget Update – Mayor James Lauinger
 - B. Key Issues Update – City Councilmembers
 - C. General Discussion and Questions from Audience
- 8:15-8:45 p.m.
- 8:45 p.m. IV. Adjourn

The following outlines the planned process and timeline for this meeting:

- April 21 Neighborhood receives Council’s invitation (with request cards) in the mail
- May 6 City Council members decide topic areas (at Council Meeting)
- April 21 – May 3 Neighborhood sends questions/requests to Neighborhood Services Coordinator
- May 5 City Council and Departments receive categorized list of questions/requests
- May 5-14 Departments respond to questions/requests (received by May 3rd)
- May 15 City Council receives list of Departmental answers (to questions/requests)
- May 19 Neighborhood Council Meeting
- May 30 City posts all questions and answers on the web

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	Council Meeting (assign topic areas)
	Residents receive mailing and send in cards
	Directors/Council receive list of questions
	Council Receives questions and answers
	Meeting Date