



**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COUNCIL QUESTIONS / STAFF RESPONSE**

JUNE 12, 2017

From: Alderman Diana Hauman

1. Regarding the Annexation and Letter of Support:

Shuttle service: (page titled PROPOSED SHUTTLE VAN TIMES) What is the legend for this? I cannot determine when the shuttle would run. No shuttle service on weekends? What if Connect Transit alters the routes and it becomes further to get to the bus? What if the developer decides not to continue the service at some point in the future?

STAFF RESPONSE: The diagram shows the office hours (9:00am to 6:30pm) and the times the bus shuttle will run. According to the diagram the shuttle would run at 9:40, 11:40, 3:40, 4:40 and 5:40 on weekdays, which corresponds with both the drop off and pick up Connect Transit time frame near Main Street. The purpose of the shuttle is to help provide access to the bus stop on Tracy Drive. The shuttle will be operated by the company that manages the tenants. It is in their interest to maintain the shuttle as an amenity, but like many amenities the City has no means to enforce its continuance.

Additionally Marc First and other local organizations serving people with disabilities offer transportation services as well as on-site assistance for residents receiving vouchers. The pedestrian easement will also provide access to the bus stop on Tracy Drive. It is important to remember that not all people living in this area will be transit dependent, as many will have their own cars (similar to the existing residents that reside in the property to the west in the county). We have no control over Connect Transit's actions, as they could change or discontinue service completely at any time, at which point the pedestrian easement will be helpful for getting to Main Street and connecting with the Constitution Trail.

2. Screening Process: (page titled MERIDIAN AT HIGHLAND PARK-SCREENING PROCESS). Does "Housing Authority" in 1. & 2. Refers to the Bloomington Housing Authority. In 1. How can landlord references be secured for all "residents" if the applicant has not been a leaseholder before.

STAFF RESPONSE: The Housing Authority is the Bloomington Housing Authority who is a partner in a few of the units. The "landlord reference" question is best asked of the petitioner, but the paragraph indicates two professional references could substitute. Also, it is possible to be a non-lease-holding resident in conjunction with the leaseholder.

3. Easement: It appears that a footpath would take residents through Tracy Drive. Is that correct?

STAFF RESPONSE: The pedestrian easement would connect to an existing sidewalk to Tracy Drive.

4. Recreation: What is the closest park or other recreation area for residents?

STAFF RESPONSE: The Constitution Trail runs along Morris and Highland Golf Course is directly across Veterans Parkway. The property owner is providing a children's playground and community center into their design. They would also pay a parkland fee (approximately \$17,000) to improve existing parks and trails in this area.

From: Alderman Karen Schmidt

1. Item 7F – if \$22,645 is the annual cost to the City, why are we recouping \$10,000? Are we working under a 50-50 cost share? If so, we should document that general agreement too.

STAFF RESPONSE: The City of Bloomington is going off of the direction provided by the council from two years ago where we were not focused on a full cost recovery. If the council would like to go in a different direction than that staff would be happy to modify the agreement. The current agreement also reflects discussions with the City of Bloomington Township. Administration continues to work with the various departments on the other aspects of service cost evaluation