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DOWNTOWN CHASKA MASTER PLAN

In mid-March of this year, Council and Department Heads attended a two-day planning retreat to focus on developing/reaffirming our long-term visions for Chaska, and to develop a specific list of priority goals the City will focus on accomplishing over the next 5-year period. The following Five-Year Goals were identified.



1. Create Jobs through Economic Development
2. Promote Chaska's "Small Town" Image
3. Influence Regional Transportation Choices
4. Provide Balanced Housing Options
5. Promote Chaska's Sustainable Energy Practices

As part of the goal of promoting Chaska's "Small Town Image" the Council and Staff identified a variety of action items that needed to occur to accomplish that particular goal. One of these action items was to create a downtown master planning process - utilizing experts.

Given the important nature of the Downtown Chaska Master Plan, Staff reached out to three consulting firms that had done work similar to that which would be needed to successfully complete this process. All three proposals had a cost estimate of \$80,000. The Hoisington Koegler Group, Inc (HKGi) had a very strong "forward leaning" interview and proposal. Their team's strategic goals for the downtown and their proposed methodology for developing a strategic marketing position for the downtown was spot on. Staff knows of or has worked with all of the team members. The principal author, Jeff Miller, is a former Chaska City Planner and recently completed Chaska's 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The scope of services to be provided by HKGi has been prepared to address the goals and objectives of the Downtown Chaska Master Plan with seven tasks:

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1. Organize the Effort
2. Prepare a Downtown Chaska Physical Inventory & Market Opportunity Analysis
3. Evaluate Downtown Chaska Transportation and Parking Needs
4. Create Preliminary Chaska Downtown Master Plan and Urban Design Guidelines
5. Create the Downtown Chaska Market Positioning Strategy
6. Establish Implementation Strategies
7. Prepare and Approve Final Downtown Chaska Master Plan

Over the next couple of weeks City Staff will be moving forward to start these efforts, with completion expected in 9-12 months. Any questions about the Master Plan may be directed to the Planning Director at 952-448-9200.

CHASKA GATEWAY TO GET BIO MEDICAL CONDO BUILDING

The Chaska Gateway development is a 10-acre property located at the northeast corner of Chaska Boulevard and Audubon Road. The site is located in the southern half of the triangle formed by Chaska Boulevard, Audubon Road, and Highway 10 (Engler Boulevard).

The City Council approved the Chaska Gateway Concept Plan, Preliminary Plat, and rezoning from Open Development (O) to Planned Multi-Use Development (PMD-16) in November of 2004. A Final Plat was approved in January of 2005 and the Final Site/Building Plans for Lots 2 and 3 were approved subsequently. At the same meeting in January of 2005, the preliminary site/building plan approval was given for the remaining three lots (Lots 1, 4 and 5).

Lot 2 contains a retail building that currently houses a Papa Murphy's and a Caribou Coffee. Lot 3 contains another retail building where a Napa Auto Parts store is located. The remaining three lots are currently vacant.

At the October 19th Council meeting, approval was given to the site and building plans for Lot 5 of Chaska

Gateway, which is approximately 1.8 acres (78,740 square feet). The 20,000 square foot bio-medical condominium building proposed by the applicant for Lot 5 was reflected in the Concept Plan and Preliminary Site/Building Plan approvals as a Warehouse/Industrial condominium building.



The applicant has two interested parties at this time that would essentially divide the building into two separate condominiums, each totaling 10,000 square feet. Formacoat, a company that specializes in providing coating-engineered application solutions utilized in sophisticated medical design and development, will take ownership of one of the condos. The applicant has also been working with the Carver County Community Development (Continued on Page 3)

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Agency (CDA) to potentially take over the other half of the bio-medical condo building. The CDA has an interest in providing an incubator type facility for small bio-medical startup companies that wish to locate in Carver County.



The idea is that this facility could potentially house multiple companies in the same space, rendering the situation ideal for startup companies who have limited working capital but innovative ideas.

Many companies like this need a location to incubate until they are ready to take the next steps into a larger space. The hope is that when they are ready for that next step, it will happen in the Chaska community where they first got their start.

Watch for work to begin on the site after the first of the year.

COMMUNITY PRIDE CITY CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday, Oct. 31st 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Residents are encouraged to walk the trails and other public places and pick up garbage. Let's clean up Chaska!

ATHLETIC PARK
 1st St. & Hwy 212
 (1/2 Mile West of 41)

Here's your chance to clean up your yard and dispose of yard waste free of charge!

FREE
 Disposal of yard waste including leaves, grass, brush and garden waste. No bags, no brush larger than 3 inches diameter and 4 feet in length.

For additional information call City Hall
952-448-9200



FIRE DEPARTMENT CHILI FEED

Chaska Fire Department Explorer Post 300 hosts the third annual chili feed at the Chaska VFW located at 620 Creek Road on Friday, October 30th from 5:00 pm until the chili is gone.

SPOOKY
Night On The Town

Chaska's historic downtown!!!
Thurs, Oct. 29
5 - 8 pm

Come out for a night of "unadulterated fun" in spooky, decorated downtown!

Visit the participating haunts for specials and surprises.

Enter a drawing for a **\$250 SHOPPING SPREE!!**
 Adults "in the spirit" dressed in costume are eligible to enter twice at each shop!

- 1 Body Expressions Consignment & Dance**
20% off all jewelry
- 2 Brilliant Bouquet Company**
13% off all in-store purchases
50% off Robert Rothschild dips
- 3 Dolce Vita Wine Shop**
13% discount on wines being tasted!
- 4 Lillians**
\$13 flat wallets, \$6 sunglasses,
\$13 clearance handbag wiregular price
handbag purchase, spa treatments
- 5 Linda's Cellar**
15% off storewide, 50% off Halloween
Tricks & Treats!
- 6 Mill House Gallery**
10% OFF store wide
Includes all sale items and Webkinz
Free gift with \$25 purchase
Door prize
- 7 Mixed Company**
13% off any one item of your choice
Wicked deals on Halloween & Fall
Treats, Specials & Surprises!
- 8 Pure Market Express**
10% off our Pumpkin Pie,
Apple Pie & Chocolate Cheesecake
- 9 Thread-tastic! Embroidery Shoppe**
13% off all in-store purchases
New *spooktacular* items in stock & arriving daily
Start your holiday shopping early!
- 10 Vintage Cottage**
Hot apple cider, special Halloween treats
and fun surprises await you!



CHASKA COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Halloween Live

Join us for a spooktacular time with many activities planned, including family entertainment, a haunted house, ghostly games, spooky crafts, treats, and a special guest! No registration required.



Date: Saturday, October 24
Time: 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$1 Haunted House,
\$1 Cookie Decorating

Halloween Rock on Ice

Join us for a special Halloween Rock on Ice Immediately after Halloween Live!
Date: Saturday, October 24
Time: 6:15-8:15
Cost: \$5 per skater

Child/Infant CPR Review

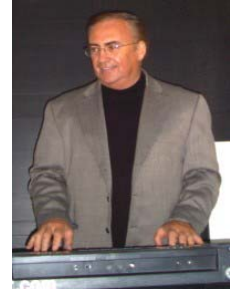
Is your certification expiring soon? To be eligible to participate, students must bring to class a current American Red Cross certificate (or equivalent). Participants and their instructor will review video segments, practice and perform skills, and complete written tests. This review covers only child and infant CPR. Upon successful completion, participants receive an American Red Cross certificate.

Date: Monday,
October 26
Time: 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$40 Member; \$50 Non-Member



Brick City Brewers Boo Bash

Let's celebrate Halloween at this month's Brick City Brewers. Wear black, orange, or even your favorite Halloween costume if you dare! Prizes awarded. We will enjoy spooky entertainment by Jim Berner and haunted treats.



Date: Wednesday,
October 28
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Cost: Free

Little Goblins Party

Halloween is such a fun time of year so join in the fun and come show off your costume as we "trick or treat" throughout the CCC. We will have some spooky crafts and ghoulish games too! Pre-registration is required.



Date: Thursday, October 29
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Coat Drive

The Blessed Bee Thrift Store and Love INC of Eastern Carver County are sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive to collect winter coats, hats, gloves, snowpants, boots, etc. Items may be dropped off through the month of October at the Chaska Community Center front desk, area churches, Blessed Bee, or the Love INC office.



The outerwear will be distributed to families on Saturday, November 3rd at St. John's Lutheran Church at 4th and Oak Street in Chaska from 9:00 am to noon.

To volunteer to help with the give-away, call the Blessed Bee Thrift Store at 448.7794.