

August 30, 2004

RE: Community Input on Draft Street Lighting Policy

Dear Minneapolis Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Businesses and Business Associations:

The City of Minneapolis is in the process of developing a citywide Street Lighting Policy, which is intended to formalize the process for implementing any new lighting projects. Minneapolis Public Works is working with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and other City Departments to draft the policy, which will eventually be approved by the City Council.

As part of the development of Street Lighting Policy, the Minneapolis Public Works Department is seeking public input and comment on the draft policy, lighting levels, and the options for lighting fixtures. The department is also promoting a self-guided lighting tour to give the public the opportunity to see for themselves the impact that different lighting options can have.

When finalized and approved, this policy will create a cohesive lighting system throughout the city, ensure that all areas of Minneapolis have adequate light levels for land use and safety purposes, and provide clear guidance to elected officials, residents, developers and City staff. The policy also will assist in ensuring quality, efficiency, cost effectiveness, and ease of operation and maintenance.

There are several ways you can provide input: (all of the information and comment forms can be found on the Minneapolis Public Works Web Site at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/>)

- Provide comments on the possible lighting fixture styles. The deadline for providing comments is Sept. 30, 2004.
- Take a self-guided lighting tour. The deadline for providing comments on the self-guided tour is Oct. 31, 2004.
- Provide comments on the City's draft lighting policy. Draft Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy. The deadline for providing comments on the draft policy is Oct. 31, 2004.

Please forward Comments regarding these issues by the dates listed above to:

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Your time and consideration in developing this policy is necessary for a successful program and is greatly appreciated. Thank you.