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LAND USE

1. Any amendment to the Zoning Map shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, and the Plan's Goals and Policies.
2. Prior to approval of a change in land use, the City Council/Board of Adjustment shall consider impacts to the neighborhood, from the viewpoint of neighbors.
3. Encourage citizen participation in land use decisions through; timely education (website, Mounds View Matters, public hearing notices, neighborhood notices), and participation (Open Forum, Public Hearings, neighborhood/developer meetings).
4. Prior to approval of new developments and expansions (>10% or 10,000 sf), the development should be buffered from affected residential areas and public spaces. Buffering shall be consistent with what is required by City Code, or as approved by the City Council/Board of Adjustment.
5. Prior to approval of new developments and expansions which significantly change the character of the neighborhood, in the opinion of the City Council or Staff, the developer may be required to conduct impact studies for traffic, noise, water, economic or housing markets, or other topics of concern. Such impact studies shall be considered when approving development projects.
6. Prior to approving an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Map and/or Zoning Map, the City Council shall consider impacts to the neighborhood and community, to the greatest extent practical.
7. Prior to approval of new developments and expansions (>10% or 10,000 sf), consideration shall be given that the project contributes to a unified neighborhood appearance, through architectural characteristics common amongst neighboring buildings (in the opinion of the City Council/Board of Adjustment), and continuation or enhancement of landscaping patterns.
8. Create distinctive neighborhood nodes that are economically and environmentally sustainable, at the intersections of Mounds View Blvd and; (1) Silver Lake Rd; (2) Edgewood Dr; and (3) Co Rd H. Silver Lake Rd and Co Rd H are mass-transit routes. Edgewood Dr has the highest potential of becoming a "town center", which would carry over one block to the intersections of Mounds View Blvd & Long Lake Rd, and Co Rd H2.
9. Guide High Density Residential (XX-units p/acre) for areas within the Mounds View Blvd Neighborhood Nodes, and along Co Rd I (east of Mounds View Blvd).
10. Guide Medium Density Residential (XX-units p/acre) for areas adjacent to these Neighborhood Nodes, and along Arterial and Collector roads.
11. Preserve the character of residential neighborhoods by maintaining permitted density standards.
12. Cooperate with manufactured home park owners to determine the highest and best use of their property. If not manufactured housing, then conduct studies to determine the highest and best use, to the benefit of the City.

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13. Encourage underutilized commercial properties in residential areas for uses that are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.
14. Support the use of Planned Unit Developments (PUD) which demonstrate a value to the community that would not occur as a standard development under the minimum City Code requirements.
15. The City will proactively enforce zoning standards of all commercial properties.
16. The City will proactively enforce zoning standards for all residential properties.
17. The City will reactively enforce zoning standards for all residential properties.

HOUSING

1. Preserve the character of residential neighborhoods through enforcing property maintenance codes, and promoting home improvement financial assistance.
2. Preserve and enhance medium density neighborhoods through proactive zoning enforcement, rental housing inspections, and encouraging owner reinvestment.
3. Preserve existing manufactured home parks as a means of naturally occurring affordable housing.
4. Encourage life-cycle housing, including affordable rental housing, single-family homes and townhomes, and senior housing including, assisted living.
5. The City shall be supportive of the redevelopment of large single-family lots into smaller single-family detached or attached homes.
6. The City shall preserve the character of single-family neighborhoods through discouraging the redevelopment of large lots into more intensive densities.
7. The City will encourage private investment in existing multi-family housing, with the intent of transforming older substandard buildings into those that provide modern amenities.
8. The City will provide financial incentives for private investment and renovation of older multi-family housing, which are determined by the City to be substandard and detract from the neighborhood.
9. The City will participate financially with public and non-profit organizations to acquire and renovate multi-family housing into facilities that meet modern expectations and amenities.
10. The City will aggressively promote the use of City sponsored home improvement assistance programs.
11. The City will pursue requiring a point-of-sale inspection ordinance.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

1. Consider reuse of underutilized and undeveloped public green space for recreational opportunities.

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2. The City shall invest in its facilities (e.g. parks and public buildings), with the intent of encouraging homeowners to invest in their own properties.
3. Develop a Pollinator-Friendly parks program.
4. Investigate alternative recreational uses for public and private undeveloped open space.
5. The City will implement these Goals & Policies in a fiscally responsible manner, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), considering investments in programs and facilities that will result in the greatest impact (cost/benefit).

TRANSPORTATION

1. Promote walkability along the Mounds View Blvd corridor through pedestrian connections through new developments.
2. Assure that new developments along the Mounds View Blvd corridor are designed with adequate access, internal circulation, off-street parking, and loading, as demonstrated by the developer through impact studies (when appropriate), while continuing to allow flexible standards.
3. The City will update studies and construction cost estimates to beautify Mounds View Blvd, work with Ramsey County (road authority) on design and access improvements, and consider improvements through the CIP.
4. Expand and improve city trails which connect to regional trail systems.
5. When considering approval of Development Reviews, consider the needs for sidewalks and trails through public and private property.
6. Pursue improvements to pedestrian crossings of Mounds View Blvd to provide safe access.
7. Pursue a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route, serving Mounds View.
8. Pursue improvements to transit stops, such as bus shelters and improved signage.
9. Expand the trail system along Mounds View Blvd, connecting to trail systems in adjacent communities.
10. Improve public informational signage along Mounds View Blvd for both pedestrians and motorists.
11. The City will proactively advocate for improvements to the county road system.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Create a common theme or brand; "woods and wetlands", along the Mounds View Blvd corridor.
2. Proactively promote economic development, attracting commercial uses which will reduce the tax impact on residential properties.

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3. The City will consider the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) only for projects that demonstrate a benefit to the community, and which further the Comprehensive Plan Goals & Policies.
4. The City will be a "developer friendly" community, through streamlining the development review and approval process in a time efficient manner.
5. Identify specific industries that would benefit by locating in Mounds View because of the City's proximity to job corridors, manufacturers, suppliers, and transportation corridors, and matching those potential businesses with redevelopment sites that may serve their specific needs.
6. The City shall acquire challenging properties (due to location, size, shape, or access) for assemblage into larger developable projects, and market for private development.
7. The City shall develop a vision for redevelopment sites, to include visual examples (e.g. sketches) of desirable uses, buildings and landscaping.
8. The City will aggressively promote the redevelopment of public and privately owned landlocked properties.
9. The City will encourage the preservation of undeveloped landlocked properties as green space.
10. Continue an active Business Retention & Expansion program.
11. Promote the use of business development programs to private businesses.
12. Proactively encourage the private investment and renovation of retail centers to meet the visual expectations of the City.
13. The City will prioritize public investment in redevelopment opportunities, based on current market demands and potential.
14. The City will develop a fiscally sustainable source for economic development investments and programs.
15. The City will actively monitor development activities in adjacent communities, which may impact Mounds View.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

1. The City will provide communications and publicity to its residents and the public, of news and events, using multiple media platforms.
2. The City will work with the YMCA, Mounds View School district, and youth athletic associations to identify opportunities to share facilities and expenses, for programing, maintenance, and renovation.

WATER RESOURCES

1. When development is proposed near wetlands and shoreland (within 1,000' of Spring Lake), consideration will be given as to how the development may affect the wetlands

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and shoreland, and if and how the development can enhance wetlands and shoreland (appearance and water quality).

2. Pursue public investment in water quality improvements of public waterways.