

**ADDENDA**  
**Minnetonka City Council**  
**Meeting of February 8, 2010**

***8- Citizens wishing to discuss matters not on the agenda***

Attached is a letter to the city manager from Arlene Gregory, a resident who spoke at the November 23, 2009 and January 4, 2010 council meetings about an issue related to her utility billing.

***14B- Glen Lake Plaza/Station revised concept plan***

Attached is an email received today by the community development director from a couple of residents.

***15- Appointments and reappointments***

Mayor Schneider recommends the appointment of Bonnie Harper-Lore to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission.

Minnetonka, MN, 55305  
February 3, 2010

John Gunyou  
City Manager  
City of Minnetonka  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd  
Minnetonka, MN., 55345-1597

Dear Mr. Gunyou,

I want to Thank you for contacting Brian Wagstrom, Director of Public Works for Minnetonka. Regarding my incorrect seven quarters of water bills from 2007 to November 2009, He called me on Tuesday January 5, 2010. Mr. Wagstrom explained to me why my water bills were not correct. IT was a computer mistake and it has been corrected. And Mr. Wagstrom assured me of any future errors of water bills would be caught with the new system. Also he informed me of another three Minnetonka residents who received incorrect water billing after my complaint.

Would you please read my letter to Mayor Terry Schneider and the City Council members at your next council meeting. And I want to Thank them for listening to my concerns. I was at the council meetings NOV 23, 2009 and January 4, 2010. And I want to Thank you again for following through on my complaint. I feel the problem has been resolved.

Sincerely,  
Arlene S. Gregory

**David Maeda**

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**Subject:** FW: Glen Lake Station Plaza

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**From:** Carol Ansolabehere [mailto:cansolabehere@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2010 3:24 PM  
**To:** Julie Wischnack  
**Subject:** Glen Lake Station Plaza

## Glen Lake Plaza

City Council Members:

Thank you for your efforts in the enhancement of our Glen Lake Plaza.

**Walkways:** The plan presented shows a few gravel walks but the language noted in the meetings seems to refer to most or all of the walks being comprised of gravel. Most park users with whom we have spoken are disappointed with the idea of gravel. A large number of people who use the park daily are those who believe that gravel, crushed stone or flagstone will preclude them from using the park. They have small-wheeled vehicles, baby strollers, mobility scooters, walkers, canes, even several little red wagons. Those people are the persons seen daily exercising in the park or gathering with neighbors and friends on the benches.

While the suggested cobbles or decorative concrete squares are aesthetically more pleasing, they are little better than gravel because of the uneven tread they provide. Cement interspersed with brick has proven to be unsatisfactory, even dangerous to walkers, when used in climes like ours because of the heaving and freezing of the ground. Many people now using the walks are older and are less sure footed. Others are attempting to maneuver wheel chairs and the afore mentioned small-wheeled vehicles. Smooth concrete walk surfaces are preferred.

**Stairs:** (East side off the plaza) Will there be a convenient way around the planned stairs for those who are unable to manipulate stairs? The plan shows a formidable set of stairs and an alternate set of walks to the south-east of the multi-purpose plaza that can be used as a loop back the walkway serving the eastern end of the park. Will the walk ringing the plaza area have a grade so that those with wheels can get around the stairs or will the many users who cannot cope with stairs be forced to travel outside the park on the walkway along Excelsior Boulevard? Are the stairs needed? Is it possible to leave the sloped walk as it is at present and locate the required stairs to the side in some manner?

**Seating:** Many thanks for the benches added this past summer! The plan adds increased seating, including some solitary benches, which is good. There is a great need of seating for groups. The 5 foot benches ringing the plaza and water feature will be nice for parents watching their children play in the fountains and for audiences during the concerts that are held several times a year in the park. However, the present park users are not well served by this proposed seating alone. At least twice a day people gather in groups of eight or ten to chat and enjoy companionship and camaraderie. The two new benches, currently side-by-side, do not fill their needs because they are not able to hear or talk with one another. It has been noted that people attempting to visit will leave the two benches in favor of benches facing each other. The present old arrangement of the two clusters of facing wooden benches is ideal but the seating is limited to two or three persons per bench. Could some conversation clusters be arranged? The planned picnic tables and benches may serve the need for group seating but please consider the needs of these regular neighborhood users.

**Dog Walkers:** Thank you for providing the Mutt Mitts to encourage the owners of the many dogs who enjoy walking through the park each day to keep the park clean.

**Pergola:** We like the present curved wall with the name of the park but we recognize that the wall will have to be removed with the removal of the fountains. What is the purpose of the pergola? A gateway? Perhaps the pergola's purpose is to serve as a welcoming and informational center. Or is it more of a sign announcing the presence of the plaza and not an entrance at all? Will there be another one at the eastern end of the park? A pergola would be welcoming but does it's added expense offer that much benefit to the Glen Lake Plaza?

We have two differing opinions on the pergola. J. Maurice Ansolabehere believes that it will serve as a recognizable

Ansolabehere questions if this is the safest entrance. Will users actually enter from the intersection? There is a turning lane to Beacon Hill at that spot and it is risky enough to cross from the light island to the eastern sidewalk. Do we want to encourage more pedestrian traffic there. Wouldn't it be better to encourage egress and ingress away from the intersection at the more northern entrance on Beacon Hill as we do at present?

**Water Feature:** The new water design will be an excellent and wise water feature solution.

**Planters:** (shown at the existing walk entrances) While we recognize that these planters are methods for preventing cars from driving into the park, will there be enough space remaining in the entrances for baby carriages, strollers, electric mobility carts and wheeled walkers to pass through?

We appreciate your careful consideration and enthusiastic updating of Glen Lake.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Maurice and Carol Ansolabehere

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**City Council Agenda Item #15A  
Meeting of February 8, 2010**

**Brief Description:** Appointment to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

**Recommended Action:** Approve the recommended appointment

**Background**

An opening exists on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission for a Minnetonka resident. On February 1st, the city council interviewed Bonnie Harper-Lore. She expressed the willingness to dedicate the time and energy necessary to be contributing member and I am recommending that she fill the opening.

**Recommendation**

To appoint Bonnie Harper-Lore to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, to serve a two year term, effective February 9, 2010 and expiring on January 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Schneider  
Mayor