



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: November 14, 2007
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee
Subject: Referral from the November 13, 2007 City Planning Commission Meeting
Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

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Approved by: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

Presenter in Committee:

1. Minnesota Urban Ballpark, Jason Wittenberg, Planning Supervisor, x2297

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on November 13, 2007. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT
of the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on November 13, 2007, took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

1. Minnesota Urban Ballpark ([Barbara Sporlein](#)) ([Jason Wittenberg](#)).

A. The Ballpark Implementation Committee has forwarded a recommendation to the City of Minneapolis to approve a request by Hennepin County to construct an open-air major league baseball stadium with approximately 40,000 seats, subject to conditions and mitigation measures, in the area generally bounded by 5th St N, the BNSF railroad right of way, 7th St N, and I-394; and off-street parking between 7th St N and 12th St N.

The City Planning Commission will review the recommendation of the Ballpark Implementation Committee and make an advisory recommendation to the City Council.

Action: The City Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation to the City Council to **approve** the recommendation of the Ballpark Implementation Committee, with the following additional recommendations:

1. Following completion of the improvements referenced in the action of the Ballpark Implementation Committee, subsequent changes will be subject to the City's zoning ordinance and all applicable City regulations.
2. Public pedestrian access shall be granted using the concourse level from the corner of 5th St and 3rd Ave to the 6th St Plaza as shown on Exhibit I and shall be open on non-game days from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and public pedestrian access shall be extended to 3:00 a.m. upon completion of a funded security plan by the City of Minneapolis.
3. Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins are encouraged to work with the City's Public Art Administrator on public art for the ballpark and adjacent public spaces and is encouraged to include art that is not sports-related.
4. Staff review the pedestrian safety plan along 7th St.
5. As noted in the BIC recommendation, consider extending the 6th St pedestrian plaza from 2nd Ave N to 1st Ave N.