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### MEMORANDUM

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DATE: July 17, 2003

TO: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair, Zoning and Planning Committee  
Zoning and Planning Committee members

FROM: Jim Voll - City Planning Department

SUBJECT: Update on Minneapolis Institute of Arts parking study (BZZ-779) and status of interim lot at the northeast corner of East 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South.

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#### **Minneapolis Institute of Arts parking study**

As a part of the approval of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts expansion (BZZ-779) the City Council added a condition of approval that the "MIA will coordinate and undertake a neighborhood-wide parking evaluation, to be completed by July 1, 2003, which will include MIA, MCAD, CTC, and neighborhood representatives."

Meetings with the institutions, neighborhood representatives, city staff, and Council Member Zimmermann's office began in January of 2003 and have continued since this date. The Whittier neighborhood has been conducting a parking study for the "northeast quadrant" of the neighborhood that is bounded by Franklin Avenue to the north, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the east, 26<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, and Nicollet Avenue to the west. In addition, there has been a study underway for a portion of Nicollet Avenue to the west of the institute.

In the course of the meetings it became clear that there would be a benefit to coordinating these studies and this is the course that the participants have chosen to follow. Jon Wertjes, with Public Works, has volunteered to coordinate these studies. The increased scope of the study has made it impossible to meet the July 1, 2003 deadline set by the City Council for completion of the parking study. It is staff's opinion that the MIA has made a good faith effort to meet the deadline and the delay in completing the study is not due to inaction on their part, but rather because of the increased scope of the study. Staff is requesting that the Council extend the deadline for completion of the study to November 21, 2003. The intent is to have the study complete before this date.

### **Interim parking lot update**

In July of 2000, the City Council approved an interim use permit (CU-159, I-3) for a surface parking lot at the northeast corner of East 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South. The Council granted approval of the permit and set an expiration date of July 22, 2005. One of the conditions of approval was that “the applicant must report to the Council in 3 years on its future plans for the site.” This condition requires that the MIA provides an update, but no action is required by the City Council, as the expiration date is not until July of 2005. Institute representatives will be available at the meeting to provide an update.