

## Minneapolis City Planning Department Report

### Public Land Sale/Purchase in the City of Minneapolis

**Date:** January 10, 2005

**Authority for Review:**

State Law: Chapter 462-356 (Subd.2). “. . . no publicly owned interest in real property within the municipality shall be acquired or disposed of, nor shall any capital improvement be authorized by the municipality or special district or agency thereof or any other political subdivision having jurisdiction within the municipality until after the planning agency has reviewed the proposed acquisition, disposal, or capital improvement and reported in writing to the governing body or other special district or agency or political subdivision concerned, its findings as to compliance of the proposed acquisition, disposal or improvement with the comprehensive municipal plan.”

**Applicant:** City of Minneapolis CPED Department

**Location of Property:** 1722 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

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**Proposal Description:** The property is 42 feet wide by 89 feet deep, and 3,738 square feet in area. CPED staff is inviting comments on the sale of this property to the Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) for permanent use as a community garden. JACC is the recognized neighborhood organization for the Jordan Neighborhood.

**Conformance with Existing Zoning:** The property is zoned R1A. The zoning code permits community gardens in the R1A zoning district.

**Conformance with Comprehensive Plan:** The comprehensive plan contains policies that support infill residential development in neighborhoods.

#### **4.9 Minneapolis will grow by increasing its supply of housing**

Implementation step: Support the development of infill housing on vacant lots. Use partnerships and incentives to reduce city subsidy level and duration of vacation.

#### **4.11 Minneapolis will improve the availability of housing options for all its residents**

Implementation step: Provide and maintain areas that are predominantly developed with single and two family structures.

However, it also supports the development of property and activities that support community building.

**1.1 Minneapolis will promote opportunities and activities that allow neighbors and residents to get to know each other better.**

**1.2 Minneapolis will encourage both private and public development that provides gathering spaces in city neighborhoods.**

Implementation step: Develop new facilities that act as gathering spaces in parks and on other publicly owned land.

**Findings:**

The sale of 1722 26<sup>th</sup> Ave N and proposed maintenance of the property as a community garden is consistent with the Minneapolis Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

The City Planning Department recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the public land sale.

Attachments:

CPED, Single Family Housing Division, documents  
Map