

PRESS RELEASE

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ZAVORAL MINING AND RECLAMATION EIS PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

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The City of Scandia is now taking applications from interested citizens for the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) being established for the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project EIS (Environmental Impact Statement.) The proposed project would consist of the mining and reclamation of a dormant, un-reclaimed gravel mine on 64 acres of a 114 acre site located east of Highway 95 (St. Croix Trail) at the intersection of Highway 95 and Highway 97 (Scandia Trail.)

People interested in being on the PAC are invited to attend a site visit that is being held on September 30, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Meet at the Scandia Community Center, 14727 209th St N. Applications for participating on the Committee are due in the City offices by 4:00 pm October 6, 2009. The application can be downloaded from the City's website at (www.ci.scandia.mn.us) and is available at the city office. Appointments will be made by the City Council, tentatively at its October 20, 2009 meeting.

The PAC is being established by the Scandia City Council to facilitate an open exchange of information and to obtain input on the EIS analyses and mitigation measures as they are developed. The PAC will be advisory in nature and be comprised of no more than 12 people, including 1 Scandia City Planning Commission representative; up to 6 agency representatives; and up to 5 interested property owners or representatives of interested groups. The PAC will be supported by a technical committee including representatives of the project proposer, the AECOM consultant team, and City staff. The goal of the PAC is to engage in open, purposeful, and transparent discussions so that there is a shared understanding of the environmental review process and the information developed or used as part of that process.

The PAC will meet 4 times during the EIS process, which is estimated to take approximately 12 months. The City plans to hold the first meeting during the work week in late October or early November from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Materials related to this project are available for review at the City of Scandia Office, 14727 209th St. N., during office hours (9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) and on the City's website <http://www.ci.scandia.mn.us>. Questions should be directed to Anne Hurlburt, City Administrator, City of Scandia, 14727 209th St. N., Scandia, MN 55073 (a.hurlburt@ci.scandia.mn.us.)

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