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## Upcoming Public Meeting

The City of Duluth Planning Division is holding a public meeting on July 21, 2009 at the Duluth Heights Community Club, 33 West Mulberry Street, to review and comment on the draft recommendations for the Central Entrance - Miller Hill small area plan. The public is invited to an open house from 5:00-5:30 p.m. to review maps and documents before the regular meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

MXD Development Strategists, a national firm, conducted a market analysis of the area and recommended that businesses and residents of the Duluth Heights take steps to create a "main street" identity for the Central Entrance business district with enhanced landscaping, attractive gateway entries and better pedestrian access to businesses. MXD also suggested that a long-term outlook include more local, independent retail, smaller boutique office and professional services.

Central Entrance was one of the areas identified for additional study in the City of Duluth Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which was adopted by the City Council in June, 2006. City Planning staff will compile community input for presentation to the City Planning Commission at their August 11 meeting. The City Council will subsequently review and approve the plan at their August 24 meeting.

For more information visit the City of Duluth website <u>http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/sap/millerhill.cfm</u> or contact Kyle Deming at <u>kdeming@duluthmn.gov</u> or 730-5580.

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