



Work Session

Date of City Council Meeting: November 29, 2011

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Michele Merxbauer, Housing Manager
Tim Madigan, City Administrator

Subject: Strong Towns Presentation by Chuck Marohn

Council Action Requested: Receive information on the Strong Towns Program and at the January City Council annual planning session decide how and if this program fits into the Council's 2012 work plan.

Summary Report:

Chuck Marohn is a Professional Engineer (PE) licensed in the State of Minnesota and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute.

Strong Towns is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 2009 that advocates for changes in the pattern of development and a complete understanding of the full costs of society's methods of growth. The mission of Strong Towns is to support a model for growth that allows America's towns to become financially strong and resilient.

Mr. Marohn will be giving a 20-30 minute presentation on Strong Towns and will allow about 10 minutes for question and answer.

Attachment:

1. Strong Towns Information