



**City of Newport
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2013**

1. ROLL CALL -

Council Present – Tim Geraghty, Tom Ingemann, Steven Gallagher,

Council Absent – Bill Sumner, Tracy Rahm

Staff Present – Deb Hill, City Administrator;

Staff Absent - Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works; Curt Montgomery, Police Chief; Mark Mailand, Fire Chief; Renee Helm, Executive Analyst; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney;

2. CONFERENCE CALL TO DISCUSS COMMUNITIES OF DISTINCTION

Brian Sullivan, Associate Producer, and Doug Scott, Senior Producer for Communities of Distinction were present to discuss Communities of Distinction. Communities of Distinction explores the companies, industries, and people of the communities it showcases through five-minute segments. The show is broadcasted nationally. It would cost approximately \$20,000 for Newport to be a part of the show. The producers would be able to start in Newport in the beginning of June and could showcase a special event such as the 60th Annual Booya Festival in July. In order to start in June, the City would need to make a decision within the next couple weeks. The producers are looking to film between 75 and 100 cities this year. There would be three to four cities per show and each show is broadcasted up to 19 times. The City would receive the copy rights for the show and would be able to reuse it in the future.

The City would want the show to focus on its location within the Metro area. The City is located at the intersection of two major highways and within minutes of attractions such as the Mall of America, airport, and Twin Cities and is an ideal location for businesses.

This will be discussed at the March 7 City Council meeting and a decision should be made by March 21.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Helm
Executive Analyst