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SUBJECT: Public meeting to discuss rezoning of “St. Marie Triangle”, near UMD campus

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[Duluth, MN] -The City of Duluth Planning Division proposes to rezone the area bordered by Woodland Avenue, St. Marie Street, and the UMD campus (the “St. Marie Triangle” area) from Residential-Traditional (R-1) to Residential-Urban (R-2) and Mixed-Use Neighborhood (MU-N). The R-2 district provides for concentrated residential development. The MU-N district provides for a mix of residential development and small-scale, neighborhood-serving commercial development.

The City of Duluth invites public input on this proposal. Two special public meetings to discuss the proposed rezoning are scheduled for **Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:30 pm** at Hope United Methodist Church, 301 W St. Marie Street, and on **Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** in Room 303, Duluth City Hall, 411 West First Street. You may also find more information at www.duluthmn.gov/planning.

Staff will compile recommendations based on the public input. The matter will then be considered by the Planning Commission at a **public hearing on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** in the third floor City Council Chambers in City Hall.

A staff report for the Planning Commission meeting will be available for public review by Thursday afternoon, June 7, 2012, at the Main Public Library (Reference Department), 520 West Superior Street and at all branch libraries by Friday, June 8, 2012. The staff report will also be posted to the City’s website.

Zoning is the legal body of rules that cities create to regulate how land is developed and used. The purpose of zoning is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens. On November 19, 2010, new zoning regulations for the City of Duluth went into effect. They are officially referred to as the Unified Development Chapter of the City of Duluth Legislative Code (UDC). The UDC was drafted to implement the City’s 2006 Comprehensive Land Use Plan,

which is the community's vision for how Duluth should grow and develop over the next 20 years.

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