Council Member Diane Hofstede

Ward 3

City of Minneapolis

August 2012

3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami
P.O. Box 18297
Mpls. MN 55418
612-623-2454
Arlene.zamora@leonard.com
Meetings:
1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Beltrami Park Building
1111 Summer St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Bottineau
2205 California St NE #107
Mpls. MN 55418
612-782-2145
bna@bottineauneighborhood.org
www.bottineauneighborhood.org
Meetings:
2nd Tuesday 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Eastside Neighborhood Services
1700 2nd St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Hawthorne
2944 Emerson Ave N
Mpls. MN 55411
612-529-6033
www.hawthornecommunitycouncil.org
Meetings:
1st Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 am
Farview Park
609 29th Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

THIRD WARD
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NEIGHBORHOODFEST®

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

NICOLLET ISLAND PAVILLION
On Nicollet Island
40 Power St, Minneapolis, MN. 55401

Our theme is:

"Our Riverfront, Our Future; Bridging Communities"

This FREE event will be held from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, with FREE FOOD, FREE ENTERTAINMENT, FREE community information, networking, and local business owners.

If you would like to be an exhibitor at NeighborhoodFEST, please email Council Member Hofstede at diane.hofstede@minneapolismn.gov

Please check out http://www.facebook.com/thirdwardfest &

Marcy-Holmes
415 4th Ave SE #209
Mpls. MN 55414
612-623-7633
office@marcy-holmes.org
www.marcy-holmes.org
3rd Tuesday: Jan, March, June, Oct.
Meetings:
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Pracna on Main
117 Main St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

McKinley
3300 Lyndale Ave N
Mpls. MN 55412
612-276-1541
mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
http://mckinleycommunity.com/
Meetings:
1st Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Nicollet Island/East Bank
612-340-7934
pvictor@eudamonics.com
Meetings:
3rd Monday every other month
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location varies; call for details

St. Anthony East
saena3@gmail.com
http://saenaminneapolis.com/
Meetings:
4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Logan Park Building
690 13th Avenue Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55413

St. Anthony West
909 Main St. NE, Lower Level
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612-378-8886
neighbors@stawno.org
www.stawno.org
Meetings:
2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm
909 Main St. NE, Lower Level
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Sheridan

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ward3/index.htm for more information and updates.

For a review of the 2011 Third Ward NeighborhoodFEST, go to **http://blip.tv/minneapolis-television-network/third-ward-neighborhoodfest-2011-5705074**.

Join us in the planning on Monday, August 20th starting at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the Lower Level!

Riverfront Entertainment District (Formerly Northeast Strategic)

The Riverfront Entertainment District is a public safety strategy and a rebranding of the Northeast Strategic Initiative with Council Member Hofstede, the Second Police Precinct Commander Bryan Schafer, our business, non-profit community, and the NE Chamber of Commerce. The Riverfront Entertainment District was formed to address the changing nature of the community and the growing vibrant nature of the entertainment areas.

During the holiday season of 2011, members of the business community partnered with the Second Police Precinct to add police officers to the district. This highly successful initiative was repeated during the summer of 2012. The current plans are to continue the police patrols in the new district with financial assistance from our business and community members. The successful model has been used in the Third Ward in the Dinkytown area, on East Hennepin Northeast, and along West Broadway in North Minneapolis.

Plymouth Bridge Repair & Construction:

The bridge repair is underway! A review of the history on the project and an update on its status is below.

909 Main St. NE
Mpls. MN 55413
612-379-0728
sno@sheridanneighborhood.org
www.sheridanneighborhood.org
Meetings:
4th Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Eastside Neighborhood Services
1700 2nd St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413

City of Minneapolis Information

www.minneapolismn.gov

Call: 311

Precinct Meetings

2nd Precinct Advisory Council
(2-PAC)
3rd Monday, 6:00 pm
1911 Central Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN
Check Location at 612-673-2874

4th Precinct Advisory Co
(4-PAC)
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 pm
4th Precinct Meeting Room
1925 Plymouth Ave North
Minneapolis, MN

In October of 2010, after routine inspections by the City of Minneapolis Transportation Department, the Plymouth Avenue Bridge was determined to be at serious risk; the Department head, Steve Kotke, recommended to me that we close the bridge. The recommendation was forwarded to the City Council and the Mayor. Included in the recommendation was a motion that we revise our legislative agenda to make the repair of the Plymouth Avenue Bridge our number one priority for the City of Minneapolis. Governor Dayton also placed the Bridge at the top of his legislative agenda. Ultimately, we received $8 million from the State of Minnesota, a significant achievement considering that it was the only local project funded by the State budget in 2011.

Despite receiving the necessary appropriations for funding the repair, the state government shutdown in July 2011 delayed the passage of funds from the State to the City. When a project is funded by the state, we must wait to receive the funds before we can spend them.

Upon receiving the funds, the process, is that we must use is to advertise for bids on the project, go to a bidding process to select the company to hire for the project. The selected company is then approved by the City Council and Mayor.

The bridge repair is underway! The scheduled date the Plymouth Bridge is expected to reopen is October 15. Due to the fact that the bridge is in four sections the most critical area will be repaired in 2012. In 2013, the Bridge will be partially closed to repair the other sections. Traffic will be allowed during the repairs in 2013, and added bike lanes for a dedicated lane for bikers, and two lanes of traffic on the bridge after the Bridge is completed with the repairs. The dates all contingent on cooperative weather; I think we are all too familiar with the unpredictability of Minnesota weather!

I do not anticipate any further complications, but then again, I did not anticipate the collapse of the 35W Bridge or last year's devastating tornado. This position has taught me that there are no absolutes. However, you can be confident that we have the very best people working hard to advance this project, and they will do everything in their power to finish as soon as possible.

I understood the importance of this project from the beginning and have worked hard to move it forward. Bridges are crucial to our businesses, transportation, economy, and quality-of-life.

I appreciate all the questions I have received on this issue. I will continue to actively monitor this project, as I do with all the projects in the ward.

Please email me: diane.hofstede@minneapolismn.gov or call the Third Ward office 612- 673- 2203 with any concerns or questions.

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If you want us to include a story in the next newsletter, email us!

RiverFIRST: A Vision for the Third Greatest River in the World! A Focus on our Community!!!

RiverFIRST is a citywide vision for sustainable development and the preservation of the Mississippi River and recently adopted by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board as a guide for future development and renewal of the Upper Riverfront.

Council Member Hofstede is a member of the RiverFIRST steering committee working with our Parks Board members, staff, other elected officials, community, Park Foundation, and business members to further the RiverFirst vision.

The Park Board Committee has approved a recommendation authorizing the professional services and agreements with Tom Leader/ Kennedy Violich Architecture for the RiverFIRST priority projects. These projects will begin the RiverFIRST vision to shape the upper Mississippi Riverfront. The priority projects include:

- Scherer Park (park schematic design and performance criteria/design guidelines for possible development on a portion of the Scherer site),
- 26th Avenue North and 22nd Avenue Northeast greenways (schematic design of the "educational corridor" between Nellie Stone Johnson Community School and the
- Northeast green campus),
- Plymouth Avenue to Lowry Avenue trail loops (trail schematic design of continuous, immediately-implementable bike/pedestrian ways),
- Knot bridges across the river (schematic design/engineering of Broadway and Plymouth Avenue knot bridges),
- West River Parkway extension (Ole Olson Park to North Mississippi Regional Park),

NEW Vikings Stadium Minneapolis Implementation Committee

The Vikings Stadium Implementation committee will be the committee that will be making the decisions for the City of Minneapolis regarding the new Vikings stadium in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis City Council appointed city and community representatives to serve on the Vikings Stadium Implementation Committee. Council Member Hofstede was selected as one of the City Council Members appointed to this committee. The first meeting of the city committee will be in August.

Granary Road Study

- Feasibility study of river islands (floating islands and re-creation of Halls Island).

RiverFIRST outlines a variety of projects to be completed over the course of the next twenty years in effort to revitalize the Upper Riverfront. RiverFIRST will mark the largest expansion to the Minneapolis Park system in decades, creating the Next Generation of Parks along 5.5 miles of the Mississippi River.

The proposed upper riverfront parks has much to offer all people of Minneapolis and our region, but especially residents and businesses in North and Northeast Minneapolis.

Superior Plating 315 1st Avenue NE:

On Thursday, June 21, First and University Investors LLC, an entity related to a San Francisco-based City Center Realty Partners closed on the former Superior Plating site. Formal plans have not been submitted to the City of Minneapolis

Proposed Ordinance Changes to Liquor Licenses in the City in an Effort to Improve Public Safety

In response to the Sunday night events for the under 21 age group the Mayor and City Council members, including CM Hofstede, announced the development of new ordinance changes in order to give the city additional options for conditions on liquor licenses. The changes will come before the City Council Regulatory, Energy, & Environment Committee, which I am a member, in August. "I believe that the level of violence and costs for public safety is not acceptable in our city whether it be in our downtown area or any area of the city", stated CM Hofstede. The proposed changes would allow the City Council to mandate conditions on licenses.

Northern Metals Hearing Thursday, August 9th

On Thursday, August 9th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at Minneapolis Park and Recreation Headquarters, 2117 West River Road N, Minneapolis the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will hold a public meeting to discuss Northern Metals.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will give a brief presentation on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the proposal by Northern Metals to obtain a major amendment to the facility's air emissions permit.

The Environmental Assessment Worksheet is available for your review at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=16378

Update

The purpose of the Granary Road Cost Benefit Analysis was to evaluate the feasibility of a proposed new road and trail facility connecting the Southeast Minneapolis Industrial/Minnesota Science Park area to Interstate 35W, including connections to the surrounding transportation network.

A team of planners, engineers, architects, and community members along with CM Hofstede have been working to analyze the future of the Granary Corridor, in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, the University District Alliance, and Hennepin County.

The findings of the Granary Corridor study have been presented to the public.

Please submit your comments on Northern Metals Environmental Assessment Worksheet to William Lynott with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at william.lynott@state.mn.us. The deadline to submit comments is Monday, September 10th.

Monthly Third Ward Community Meetings

Our Third Ward CARE, monthly community engagement forums to discuss and report on critical public safety, economic development and other issue of importance to our ward and the city.

August 15 Third Ward CARE Meeting:

- **Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman**
- **2nd Precinct Inspector Bryan Schafer**
- **4th Police Inspector Mike Martin**

TOPIC:

GUNS,GANGS, VIOLENCE, & TRAFFICKING OF MINORS

7:00 pm on Wednesday, Eastside Neighborhood Services, Main Floor Community room, 1700 2nd Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7, 2012

National Night Out 2012 is coming up! Look forward to the 29th Annual NNO to

occur on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know our neighbors. It's an event that promotes community-public safety partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening with friends, neighbors, and family.

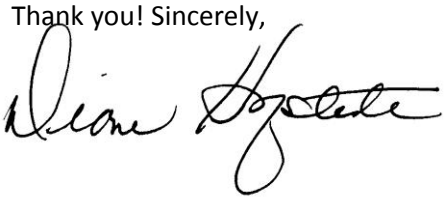
Council Member Hofstede and her team will be visiting as many events as possible in the ward.

Dedication at Chute Square Park will occur during National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7th. The park improvements are the result of the generous private donations for our historic park in the Nicollet Island/East Bank Neighborhood.

NEWS to Share?

If you have news that you would like to have in our newsletters and announced, please send them to the Third Ward City Council Office below.

Thank you! Sincerely,



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