

Report to SNG, 4-26-06

Items:

- I. Dining Out for Life at Saint Martin's Table
- II. Sustainability Indicators
- III. Wind Turbines
- IV. Industrial Land Use study
- V. Riverside Market Site

- I. Please join me April 27th at St. Martin's Table, 2001 Riverside Avenue for lunch (12-1pm) and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Aliveness Project, which provides supportive services for HIV-infected Minnesotans. Then have dinner at one or more of the other Second Ward participating restaurants, (among the 103 statewide). They include Seward's own Birchwood Café, Pizza Luce, and Clicquot Club, the Cupcake, the Longfellow Grill, the Village Wok and the Signature Café. For more information visit: www.diningoutforlife.com.
- II. In March, the Council approved amended Sustainability Indicators and targets. These offer the potential to help drive City decisions and activities in a positive direction. They are available here: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/environment/Sustainability-Initiatives.asp
- III. I have introduced a change to the zoning code to broaden and expand the allowable uses of electricity-generating wind turbines in Minneapolis. I believe that the solution to our energy problems is not just to increase the amount of renewable energy we use, but to increase the amount we generate in the urban environment.
- IV. The Industrial Land Use study has come out with a new Draft Summary and Redevelopment Analysis. Seward/Hiawatha is one of the areas the study focuses on. Both documents can be viewed here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp>.
- V. I am participating actively in the Riverside Market Site task force, which is seeking to find neighborhood consensus on what uses we would like to see (and not like to see) on that site. The task force will be working closely with Seward Redesign, which is now part of the development team that owns the site. I believe that this process presents a great opportunity for the neighborhood to improve the services offered on the east end of Franklin, and come to a broader understanding of our development strategy for the neighborhood's major thoroughfare.