Council Member Diane Hofstede

Ward 3

City of Minneapolis

December 2008

CARE Committee Meeting
3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm
Center for Families
3333 4th Street North
612-276-1571

3rd Ward Neighborhoods

Beltrami
P.O. Box 18297
Mpls. MN. 55418
612-623-2454
arlene.zamora@leonard.com
1st Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
1111 Summer St NE

Bottineau
2205 California St. N.E. #107
Mpls. MN 55418
612-782-2145
bna@bottineauneighborhood.org
www.bottineauneighborhood.org
4th Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Hawthorne
2944 Emerson Ave. No.
Mpls. MN 55411
612-529-6033
bworra@hawthornecommunity.org
www.hawthornecommunity.org
2nd Thursday, 7 – 9 pm
Farview Park, 609 29th Ave N

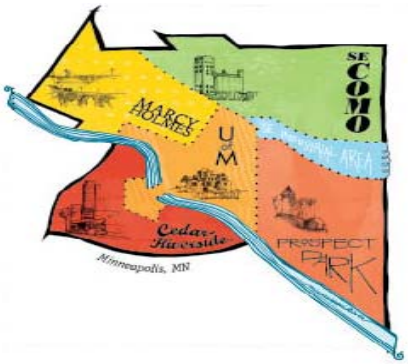
Marcy-Holmes
415 4th Ave. S.E. #209
Mpls. MN 55414
612-623-7633
mhna@pro-ns.net
www.marcy-holmes.org
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Univ. Luth. Church of Hope
601 13th Ave SE

McKinley
P.O. Box 11066
Mpls. MN 55411
612-668-2286
Mckinleycommunity@yahoo.com
www.neighborhoodlink.com/minneapolis/mckinley
1st Monday, 7-9 p.m.
City View School
3350 N 4th Street

All the Best in 2009!

My staff and I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable new year! Community is not simply a given, but is something created and supported by members like you. As we conclude another year, the Third Ward celebrates significant achievements, and I would like to thank all of those who helped make these changes possible. It is my goal that the Third Ward accomplishments are not an endpoint, but one of many stages that will continue to make the Third Ward a place to live, work, & play!

The University-District Alliance: A Historic New Relationship!



The Alliance is a historic and new relationship with the neighborhoods that surround the University of Minnesota and the campus itself. The vision of the Alliance is "The University District will be the subject of joint efforts to preserve and maintain a vital, safe and attractive community that will be a premiere destination and choice of a place to live, learn and work."

The need for the Alliance was sparked back in May 2006 when the Legislature approved funding for the new gopher stadium and a study was done to assess the impact of the University on the surrounding community and the relationship of the community to the university. In January of 2007 the University of Minnesota, the City of Minneapolis presented the impact report that was created to legislature. The result of the report led the legislature to appropriate $750,000 for the work of an alliance. The Alliance Steering Committee, which I am a member, was formed and in December 2007 the committee convened and began their work.

The goals of the Alliance is to preserve, maintain and increase homeownership in the district, reverse the growing trend to convert owner occupied housing to rental property, promote the district as a premier place to live, work, do business and learn, and show how these and other livability goals can be accomplished by working cooperatively as an Alliance.

In one year the Alliance Steering Committee accomplishments include a zoning moratorium that was passed at city council, innovative programs created to increase homeownership, increased student involvement with in the organization, strengthened communication and formed a relationship with the University of Minnesota, the Third Ward and city departments. Currently the Alliance is preparing our report of our accomplishments, goals, and vision to the Minnesota 2009 Legislature.

Nicollet Island/East Bank
612-340-7934
www.nieba.org
Monday, January 12
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
La Rive Condominiums
(Cabaret Room 110 Bank St)

St. Anthony East
Webster School
425 5th St NE
Mpls, MN 55413
saenanrp1@aol.com
www.saena.org
4th Monday, 7-9 p.m.
Webster School

St. Anthony West
909 Main St. N.E.
Main St. Lodge
Lower level
Mpls. MN 55413
612-378-8886
www.stawno.org
2nd Thursday, 6:30—8 p.m.

Sheridan
1226 2nd St. N.E.
Mpls. MN 55413
612-379-0728
sno@sheridanneighborhood.org
www.sheridanneighborhood.org
4th Monday, 7 – 9 p.m.
Eastside N'hood Services
1700 2nd St NE

Please check with your neighborhood before attending meetings for last minute changes in location

Precinct Meetings

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

4th Precinct Advisory Council (4-PAC)
3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm
Next Meeting in February
1925 Plymouth Ave N

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www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us
Call 311

Snow Emergency Reminder
To find out if a snow emergency has been declared call 348-7669 or go to the city website.
If your car has been towed or for information on the impound lot call 311.

Third Ward Summit 2008

On October 15th I hosted the annual Summit to celebrate our community achievements, outline future goals, and expand dialogue pertaining to safety, livability, transportation and economic equity. Residents filled the historic Ritz Theater to hear from and interact with a panel of city, county, state, and academic leaders directly involved in transit planning and policy that impact the 3rd Ward.

Tom Fischer, University of Minnesota Dean of the School of Architecture and Design set the tone of the night with this memorable quote, "The impact of transportation on the community is the result of and will continue to be a matter of community vision, participation, and action! Design the community that you want," Dean Fischer stated, "and use transportation to create the vision, rather than using transportation to create the community!"

The panel included; Scott McBride with the Minnesota Department of Transportation gave a forecast on the general trends in funding and costs of transportation projects. Joe Gladke, Hennepin County Manager of Engineering and Transit Planning conveyed long-term plans for the Bottineau Corridor Project, and Senior Hennepin County Bridge Engineer Jacob Bronder presented the Lowry Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Jessica Hill, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Metropolitan Council, and Dan Soler, Head Traffic Engineer of the Central Corridor discussed the expected short-term and long- term effects of the central corridor light rail system. Jack Broz of HR Green Company responded with his discussion of "complete streets," analysis that weighed the consequences of pedestrian traffic, space for people in wheelchairs, and bicycle traffic.

Congressman Keith Ellison exclaimed that the "Twin Cities have the potential to be a trend-setting model for the rest of the country", as the United States is now looking for more economically and environmentally sustainable ways of living and traveling. Representative Phyllis Kahn, Representative Diane Loeffler, Representative Joe Mullery, Senator Linda Higgins, and Senator Larry Pogemiller all participated with constituents in discussions of these critical issues.

The night closed with an emphasis on transportation and the potential of community building. As Tom Fischer stated, "it is the task of the third ward neighborhoods to come together and decide what their vision is for these new transportation projects."

I believe that only by coming together and taking charge of our community's future will we remain, "Ward of the future!"

Third Ward Crime Continues to Fall!

The results are in! A combination of proactive policing, youth violence prevention and our concerned citizens have helped Minneapolis reach a second year of crime reductions. The Second Precinct, NE & SE led the city in crime reduction, the Fourth Precinct in North side was second in crime reduction. Let us congratulate Police Chief Tim Dolan, Inspector Robert Skomra and the officers in the 2nd precinct, Inspector Mike Martin and the officers in the 4th precinct, who have worked tremendously hard to keep third ward residents safe!

Welcome New Businesses!

The Third Ward would like to welcome the addition of new businesses to the economic community:

- Asian D'lite
- Parc Boutique
- Belle Reve Boutique
- Pedal Fitness
- North Memorial Clinic
- Preston Kelly Advertising

The Old Third Town Homes Project Approved!

The Old Third Town Homes project is final part of a broader development initiative located at Central and 3rd Avenues in northeast Minneapolis. We have been working collaboratively with the neighborhood, Aeon, Habituate for Humanity, & city staff to develop the vacant parcel of land into a sustainable housing development. We were able to add 23 upgrades, some are listed below, that will benefit the community by creating spaces for children to play, the community to enjoy, while creating value to the neighborhood. Homebuyer education programs and workshops will be included for the new owners. The homes will be energy efficient with heating, cooling and water reduction features included, in addition, to much more:

- Additional ornamental lighting to increase safety
- A Tot-lot, and playground for children to play
- Additional benches and picnic tables for residents
- Improved external design features
- Additional bike racks
- Additional Pathways/walkways
- Improved exterior and interior finishes
- Local art components through out the development
- Shared green space with additional plantings

OUR Monthly Third Ward CARE Meetings:

CARE is a proven strategy dedicated to solving and addressing problem properties, foreclosures, crime and livability issues that negatively impact our neighborhoods. In attendance are neighborhoods, businesses, churches and non-profits, Minneapolis Regulatory Services; Problem Property Unit; the 4th and 2nd Police Precincts; the University of Minnesota Police Department; Minneapolis City Attorney; Hennepin County Probation Office; CPED; other Minneapolis departments and agencies monthly to address critical issues in the ward.

The meetings take place the third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on:

January 21st, 2009
7:00 pm
Center for Families:
***3333* 4th Street North, Room 15**
Minneapolis, MN
(612-276-1571)

All are encouraged to attend!

One Million Dollars Granted!

The 18th Avenue NE trial is a proposed east to west pathway through northeast Minneapolis that will extend from Marshall Street NE to Stinson Boulevard. **Phase II of the project is the Bikeway that extends from Marshall Street NE to Monroe Street NE which is currently under design and begin construction in 2010. .** Phase II was awarded a one million dollar federally funded grant to assist funding.

Long Awaited 26th Ave North & 18th Avenue NE Bikeways Now Underway!

The 26th Avenue Bikeway Trial is an east to west pathway that extends from Wirth Parkway and across I-94 to the Mississippi River. In the future this bike path will connect to the west river road and will then have the opportunity to extend across the river and connect with the 18th avenue bike path and bike paths in the entire city of Minneapolis!

To learn more about these plans come to the next public meetings:**18th Avenue N. E., Bikeway Meeting: Wednesday**, **May 13th,** 7:00pm at Eastside Neighborhood Services (1700 2nd St NE),**26th Avenue North, Bikeway Meeting: Monday, January 19th 6:30 pm at PCYC,19th** ,6:30pm at PCYC (2210 Oliver St North).

Meeting Information on Foreclosure Funds

The city of Minneapolis will make funds available for the rehabilitation of foreclosed homes through the HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program in North and Northeast Minneapolis neighborhoods. On Wednesday January 7, 2009, a Q&A Meeting will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Crown Roller Conference Room C-3, 105 Fifth Avenue South, Suite 200, Minneapolis for more information.

Make Minneapolis Your Home!

Minneapolis is ranked one of the most culturally vibrant and sustainable cities in the country. Housing has become more affordable, and several programs are available to make home ownership in Minneapolis a real possibility. To find more information, check out the following websites:

- Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) - http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/
- http://www.OwnAHomeMN.org
- Minnesota Home Ownership Center: http://hocmn.org/
- The City of Lakes Community Land Trust: http://clclt.org/

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