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Eighth Ward News

"Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn"

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Neighborhood Meetings

Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council
www.bancroftneighborhood.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
4120 17th Avenue South

Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association
Meets 1st Thursday, 8 pm
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

Central

CANDO
Meets 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm
Sabathani Community Center
310 East 38th Street, 3rd Floor conf rm

Central Weed & Seed
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Green Central School

Field-Regina-Northrop

www.frnng.org
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
1620 E 46th Street

Kingfield

www.kingfield.org
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7 pm
ML King Park, 40th & Nicollet

Powderhorn

www.ppna.org
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7 pm
821 E 35th Street

38th & Chicago

38th & Chicago Task Force
Meets 3rd Monday, 7 pm
Calvary Church, 39th and Chicago

I35W Bridge Update

As the Vice-Chair of the Transportation and Public Works Committee, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand the fantastic and incredibly professional work of City employees as we work on issues related to the I-35W Bridge collapse, including new bridge design and construction, traffic concerns, local business impacts, and much more. I, along with the Mayor and other councilmembers, am meeting daily with Public Works staff and other department heads to work on I-35W Bridge issues.

In mid-August, the City Council approved a statement of principles to guide our work on the I-35W Bridge, including the upcoming municipal consent process. One of our primary goals was ensuring that transit was part of the new bridge design, including BRT (bus rapid transit) and LRT. Minneapolis' principles have already resulted in the Governor's agreement to make the bridge "light rail transit-ready", meaning it can bear the weight and the width of an LRT train. I am proud of our City's work on these principles, which reflect the strong insistence on transit we heard from residents in Minneapolis and all over the metro area! You can review Minneapolis' Statement of Principles at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/minneapolisreponds/vision.asp.

Minneapolis' next step is to hold a public hearing on MnDOT's I-35W bridge layout, a hearing required by state Municipal Consent law. This **public hearing will be held Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 5:30 pm in the auditorium at Thrivent Financial (625 4th Av S, Minneapolis)** to consider the layout and related material for the replacement of the I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis.

From the date of the public hearing, Minneapolis has 90 days to review the layout and submit its written response to MnDOT. The law provides municipalities with three options: 1. approve the layout, 2. disapprove the layout, or 3. disapprove the layout with requests for changes. **Please come to the public hearing and express your opinion on the new I-35W Bridge layout.**

For more information on the I-35W bridge, including how to help those with injuries and who have lost loved ones, please go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/minneapolisresponds.

Support the Walldogs Project – Murals on Nicollet Ave.



The Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods have teamed up with a plan to beautify Nicollet Avenue, and prevent graffiti on targeted properties, with 6-10 murals from Lake Street to 46th

Street. The Walldogs on Nicollet project will involve local and national artists who will come together in July 2008 to paint the murals. The project kicks off on September 13th with four days of events including a demonstration Walldogs mural at 34th and Nicollet, and a mural “advertisement” for the Walldogs event at 35th and Nicollet.

“Walldogs” is a nickname for sign painters who used to travel from town to town, painting murals.

What can you do to help? **Eating for Art!** Gather your friends and neighbors and head out to eat on Thursday, September 13th. Each participating restaurant is committed to donate a portion of its proceeds for that day to support the Walldogs on Nicollet Project. We hope to see you at these restaurants September 13th!

Crema Café/Sonny’s Ice Cream – 3403 Lyndale Avenue * **Grand Café** – 3804 Grand Avenue * **Victor’s 1959 Café** – 3756 Grand Avenue * **Anodyne** – 4301 Nicollet Avenue **Curran’s Family Restaurant** – 4201 Nicollet Avenue * **Butter Bakery Café** – 3544 Grand Avenue * **El Paraiso Restaurant** – 3501 Nicollet Avenue * **Falafel King** – 701 West Lake Street

Right now we’re volunteer help is sought to paint murals, plan for next summer, and help out at this year’s events. Contact Sarah at the Kingfield office at kfna@email.com or 612.823-5980 for more information on volunteering, including for help painting murals from September 13 – 16. For more information about the Walldogs project go to www.walldogs.lyndale.org.

Streetlighting Policy Ready for Public Comment



After many years of anticipation, and what has felt like a never ending

moratorium, the City of Minneapolis is seeking the public’s input on a new Street Lighting Policy and Program through community meetings. You can read more about the street lighting policy at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/streetlighting.

There are three major components to the street lighting policy: 1) Type of street light fixture and definition of areas that will receive a certain “standard” of light (residential – pedestrian – business district); 2) Process for installing street lighting throughout Minneapolis; 3) funding for a city-wide program.

One of the major changes proposed by the Public Works Department is for all residents to pay a monthly fee to support a 30-year residential program/ 20-year pedestrian and business district program to install lighting throughout the city. The fee would range from \$8 – 12 per month, or \$100 – 140 per year. Under the current system, residents sign neighborhood petitions and then are assessed fees for street lighting. If Minneapolis adopts the new “monthly fee” policy, residents who are currently being assessed for lighting would not pay the fee for the duration of their assessment (in other words, there will be no “double-charging”).

In the words of Public Works, this policy “will help to ensure that all areas of Minneapolis receive consistent treatment, and will give clear guidance to elected officials, residents, developers, and the Department of Public Works on all aspects of street lighting system installation and maintenance.”

Here are the community meetings that are closest to 8th Ward neighborhoods:

- Tuesday, Sept 11, 2007, 7-8:30 pm — Powderhorn Park, 3400 15th Ave. S.
- Tuesday, Sept 18, 2007, 7-8:30 pm — Lynnhurst Park, 1345 Minnehaha Pkwy. W.

For more information, contact Beverly Warmka at Beverly.warmka@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Southside Community Festival September 22nd!

It’s here again – the Southside Community Festival will take place on **September 22nd at Green**

Central Park, 3400 4th Avenue South, from 11 am to 5 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for a day full of music, food, prizes, and information about neighborhood and City of Minneapolis services. Thank you to all Southside Community Festival Planners including VJ Smith and MADDADS, Central Weed & Seed, Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder, Andrea Jenkins of the 8th Ward Council Office, CANDO and Green Central Park.

Ride Along with the Minneapolis Bike Tour



This year, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is closing parkways and roadways to motorized traffic for the first time in decades in order to host the

Minneapolis Bike Tour! The Minneapolis Bike Tour welcomes cycling enthusiasts, leisure cyclists seeking a challenge, families and friends to tour Minneapolis' spectacular Grand Round Scenic Byway System. The tour will conclude with a post party, which will include exhibits, great entertainment, food and merchandise.

Date: September 16, 2007

Time: Participants will begin the tour between 7:30am and 9:00am and ride at their own pace.

Location: Begin and end at Parade Field, located at 400 Kenwood Parkway

Route: Choose a **15** or **41** mile course

More information is available at www.minneapolisbiketour.com, including registration fees and ride rules.

Crosstown Commons Construction Continues



Construction continues on the biggest project in the Twin Cities, the Crosstown Commons Reconstruction. Demolition of the 46th Street Bridge is still scheduled

for spring 2008, with construction of the new 46th Street Transit Station and other neighborhood impacts to continue in 2008 and 2009.

Councilmember Scott Benson and I continue to work closely with neighbors, City of Minneapolis

staff, and MnDOT on such issues as tree removal and replacement, nighttime work, sound wall removal and replacement, local traffic impacts, and more. Most recently, we have worked with Field School to anticipate traffic concerns for students and neighbors that may be caused by the closure of both the Diamond Lake Bridge and the 50th Street Bridge, leaving only the 46th Street Bridge and the 60th Street underpass open for access.

Please continue to call the MnDOT Hotline at 1-866-743-6590 to report your concerns, including traffic-related issues caused by the construction and bridge demolition. MnDOT's website has project information as well at www.mndot.gov.

Please also contact Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden and the 8th Ward Office with your concerns, at (612) 673-2208 and elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

8th Ward Community Office Hours

Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, from 9-11:00am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th Street, Room 129. You can always call the 8th Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208.

Early Mornings With Elizabeth

Join Elizabeth on **Friday September 28th** for an engaging discussion of **issues impacting seniors**. Demographic trends indicate that we are an aging population, with our senior community increasing and people living longer.

Joining us will be guest speakers **Ruth Kildow** and **Dr. Lowery Johnson** and **Kristen Whittenbaugh**. **Ms. Kildow** is the City of Minneapolis' Senior Ombudsperson, with years of expertise developing resources and services for seniors. **Dr. Johnson** serves on the Executive Council of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), advising AARP on its advocacy, education, and community services for Minnesota. **Ms. Whittenbaugh** is the Executive Director of Nokomis Healthy Seniors.

Where: Turtle Bread Co. 4762 Chicago Avenue

When: September 28th, 2007

Time: 7:30 A.M.