

Report to PPERRIA, 2-27-06

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- I. Unruly Assembly Ordinance
- II. Office Hours
- III. Wi-Fi Forum March 6th
- IV. Rental Housing Summit
- V. Industrial Land Use Forums
- VI. Bunge Elevator
- VII. Citizen Participation Guidelines
- VIII. Stadium EIS

- I. Paul Zerby's Unruly Assembly Ordinance unanimously passed the full Council on February 10. Per my staff direction, its efficacy will be reviewed in March 2007.
- II. Every second Tuesday I will be holding office hours in Prospect Park at Pratt School, 66 Malcolm Ave SE, in the main office, from 9:30-11:00 am. Please feel welcome to schedule appointments in this time slot or just stop in.
- III. The Council voted Friday, February 24th to move forward with the private-public model for citywide wireless broadband internet (Wi-Fi). I was the lone vote against the proposed model. I believe that options for full public ownership of the network were never adequately explored. There is still work to be done on this issue, however: crafting the best possible contract and Community Benefits Agreement for the residents of Minneapolis. To this end, I will be holding a forum on Wi-Fi on the West Bank, one of two Wi-Fi pilot project locations, at the Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave S, March 6th, 6:00-8:00 pm.
- IV. The rental housing summit that I am co-hosting with MSA, GAPSA, CM Hofstede and SECIA has been split into two dates. The March 27th summit will focus on livability issues the University's role in bridging between students and the broader community. A second round tentatively scheduled for April 10th will address tenant issues, landlord-tenant relations, upkeep, quality and affordability of housing.

- V.** There will be an industrial land use forum for the Southeast area on Wednesday, March 22, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Van Cleve Recreation Center, 901 15th Avenue SE. The questions I distributed with my last report will be asked and results made part of the study's findings. I encourage all interested Prospect Park neighbors to participate, as SEMI is one of the major industrial areas still left in the city. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp>
- VI.** SECIA has put together a community meeting about the Bunge elevator, from which a young woman fell to her death late last month. It will be at Van Cleve Recreation Center, 901 15th Ave SE, on March 8th at 7:30.
- VII.** The Citizen Participation Guidelines for neighborhoods have been changed. I proposed and received unanimous support an amendment to the document making clear that to be a designated neighborhood group, a body must allow the participation of all residents of its geographical boundaries. The guidelines now read: "*3. Ensure that membership is open to all residents of the geographically defined neighborhood with no barriers to participation or membership (such as membership dues, requiring attendance at a certain number of meetings before voting rights are conferred, etc.)*"
- VIII.** I submitted two comments on the University's Final Stadium Environmental Impact Statement. I called for the University to fund the mediation/good neighbor fund through stadium revenues, rather than an inadequate one-time endowment. I also called for a member of the student community to be included on the reconstituted Stadium Area Advisory Group.