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McKinley
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612-668-2293

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Third Ward Summit Reports Back to the Community

Neighbors and City agencies came together at the October Third Ward Summit to celebrate progress and focus on future concrete efforts to solve crime, safety and livability concerns in the Third Ward. Over 200 neighbors heard Minneapolis Police Chief Tim Dolan and Director of Regulatory Services Rocco Forte speak about:

- Multiple agencies such as police, fire, inspections, food safety and criminal justice joining forces to solve housing and safety issues with maximum pressure and efficiency.
- The combined talents of neighbors and city staff creating a can do atmosphere for the Third Ward, and challenges that are met with proactive a proactive approach.

Council Member Diane Hofstede spoke of the many achievements that have occurred in the Third Ward. They included the following;

- The formation and implementation of a Third Ward CARE Committee.
- Updated, new and future parks, including Edgewater Park, BF Nelson Site, Gluek Park and a proposed Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Letter writing campaign to absentee landlords
- A $500,000 Home Depot grant for Cluster Housing in Hawthorne, and $1.5 million from the TCF Gopher Stadium Mitigation Fund.
- Many new developments including a new Lund's Market, Cobalt, A-Mill Housing Development, and the Superior Plating site.

An atmosphere of enthusiasm and hope summed up the day's events as the Third Ward moves into the future. Finally, we look towards our next Summit in 2007. The theme will be centered around Creative Change and looking at making the Third Ward the Minneapolis Creative Corridor of progress and change. Keep posted for more news!

Community and Resource Exchange Committee (CARE)

We are excited that our Third Ward Care Committee is up and running. This is a powerful tool against crime and we look forward to your participation. Examples of CARE Committee work are a long term problem property in Marcy-Holmes neighborhood and one landlord with over 68 properties in the Third Ward creating multiple problems. Over 11 different agencies will be part of the CARE team.

- Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m.
- Meeting locations will move quarterly throughout the Third Ward.
- November location is at East Side Neighborhood Services, 1700 2nd Street NE.
- All meetings are open to the public.
- Issues can be submitted for discussion by completing a problem property/complaint form and submitting it to Council Member Diane Hofstede's office by the contact information below.

City Hall Now Official Polling Place

Minneapolis City Hall is now officially a polling place for the November 7th General Election. Voters can vote in person, by mail or absentee ballot. Forms are available in Room 1B of City Hall. Minneapolis residents can call 311 for voting information and polling locations. Remember to VOTE!

Date Changed for Your Input on the Minneapolis City Budget

Third Ward residents have insights and opinions that can help shape the 2007 City budget. Come and voice them at the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing which will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2006, at 5:05 p.m. in Room 317, City Hall Council Chambers.

Alternative Offered for DeLaSalle Athletic Facility Project

Council Member Hofstede offered a fresh option in the discussion over placement of the DeLaSalle athletic field on Nicollet Island. Placing the athletic field in front of the school where the current parking lot exists allows for;

- Natural turf creates green space on Nicollet Island.
- Space for parking and lockers can be built under the field.
- Grove Street remains open meeting Heritage Preservation concerns.
- Emergency vehicle access and $2 million in tax dollars are saved by keeping Nicollet Street Bridge open.

Taxicab Ordinance Improves Access for Handicapped and the Environment

Among changes to the Taxicab ordinance were several that offered innovative changes from past practices.

- 10% of the new cabs will be wheel-chair accessible and fuel efficient.
- Increase of 45 cabs per year for next four years.
- Cab licenses can no longer be sold or transferred.
- New licenses will be appropriated for new Latino companies to serve Spanish speaking residents.

Children's Dental Services Creates Innovative Addition

Children's Dental Services at 636 Broadway St NE has been a provider of dental services in the St Anthony East Neighborhood to low-income families, immigrants and orphans since 1890! A new addition to this neighborhood business will contain several unique features including:

- A reflective roof that reduces energy costs
- Environmentally sustainable architecture
- Rain Gardens which capture moisture preventing it from becoming runoff water.

Plan Looks at Ending Homelessness in City

Community leaders were enthusiastic about a bold new national movement to end homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County by 2016. The Plan laid out new thoughts on an old problem.

- Homelessness costs more than housing.
- Ending homelessness is attainable.
- Change managing homelessness with a goal to ending it.
- Change funding programs to investing in the community.

Change the process of currently serving people, to partnering with people to achieve self-sufficiency.

Take the Challenge and Save Energy

Would you like to decrease your energy use while lowering greenhouse gas emissions? Then take the Minneapolis Energy Challenge. As a start, residents are encouraged to replace five regular light bulbs with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs. Check it out at 612-335-5881 or visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/energychallenge.

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