



City of Minneapolis — Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy

12th Ward Update

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Funds Possible for NRP Future

Thanks to some tough and amazing work by Minneapolis legislators Rep. Jim Davnie and Sen. Scott Dibble, and of course Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher, the legislature this session adopted law that could give the City a way to fund NRP. I won't be able to give every detail here, but the legislation first authored by Senator Patricia Torres-Ray and Rep. Karen Clark was changed to allow the tax increment to "...be expended only to pay principal and interest on bond obligations issued by the City...or MCDA...for Target Center, including payment...to repay bonds or loans and for neighborhood revitalization purposes." The funds raised could be used for Target Center debt and/or community revitalization. Also specified that the City must transfer to Hennepin County the portion of taxes that they would have received, so no county funds will be used.

While this is not everything that activists from our communities hoped for, it is a major step toward having the money to continue funding the successful community-led work that has stabilized many of our neighborhoods over the last 20 years. Our Mpls. legislators deserve thanks for responding to their constituents who lobbied hard to protect what they value, but the legislators above deserve special mention, along with Sen. Bakk and Sen. Moua. Their work was crucial.

Now the City has some decisions to make about whether or not to create such a district, how to divide the money, and how to structure neighborhood revitalization after 2009. I will be fighting to keep NRP independent and not a department of the City. I believe that an important part of the success has come from the ability of citizens to talk within the unique neighborhoods of Mpls, decide what is important from their viewpoint rather than one from downtown, and then implement improvements. On June 19th the NRP working group is scheduled to bring their recommendations to the Council. I will be reaching out to the community before then for opinions and ideas. Please feel free to reply to this newsletter by e-mail or phone, and share the word with anyone you think might be interested. Thank you.

~ Sandy

National Energy/Environment Work

As Chair of the Energy & Environment Committee for the National League of Cities, CM Colvin Roy presided last week over a discussion with Congressional staff that resulted in support from the nation's largest city organization for an exciting but controversial bill. The Lieberman - Warner bill to create a carbon registry and a cap and trade system for reducing carbon emissions in this country 66% between 2012 and 2050 became SF 3036 with the addition of an amendment by Sen. Boxer.

The Boxer amendment garnered strong city support because it would take 2% of the money raised through auction of the carbon credits created as part of the cap and trade system and use it to fund the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants authorized by Congress last year without appropriations. The new EECBG would provide direct grants to local governments for energy conservation measures, and our city would know how to use the \$.

\$\$\$ IMPORTANT NOTICE \$\$\$

According to MAC, apx. 30% of residents invited to a homeowner orientation session (for sound insulation from the lawsuit settlement) have been "no shows". These sessions are the first step to receive mitigation. A number of homes might not get mitigation, a loss for the homeowner and for the community. If you get a MAC invitation, it's important to show up.

MINNEAPOLIS STANDOUTS



The 150th Anniversary of Minneapolis' first town council meeting is July 20, 2008. To celebrate, the City is asking for your help to recognize the standout people, places, innovations and events from our city's history.

A entry form is available on the Minneapolis 150 Web page, www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/150. Or call 673-2212 for info.

EVENTS & SPECIAL MEETINGS

TAKE A KID FISHING DAY

June 7 10am-2pm Lk Nokomis fishing dock (off E Lk Nokomis Pkwy) No adult license needed if you bring a kid. Instructors available. Free lunch provided

[Nokomis Knoll Residential Historic District](#)

June 7 10 – 11:30 am Meet at NE corner of Bloomington Av and E 52nd St. at 10 for a guided historical walking tour of the nearby district of homes developed in the 1920's and 1930's .

SKATEBOARDERS' NIGHT OUT

June 12 6-9 p.m. Morris Park 5531 39th Ave S Music, concessions, skateboarding video game competition. All ages, levels welcome, bring ID.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

June 14 9am-3pm Standish, Ericsson & Corcoran. Maps at Tillie's Bean, Firefly Café, Midtown Farmers Market & Caribou, 4745 Cedar Av

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER FORUM

June 17 4-5:30 pm, Richfield Community Ctr, 7000 Nicollet Ave Learn about resources available to those buying a home for the first time.

"MINNOVATION" RECEPTION

June 22 1:30-3 p.m., Central Library. Meet inventors highlighted in "Minnovation: 150 Years of Ingenuity." Exhibit open May 1-Aug 17 during library hours.

HOUSE TO HOUSE & FALLS TO FALLS BIKE TOUR

June 28 Call Park Bd, 313-7793, to register.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR INFORMATION

May 21-Sept 17 <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/walking-tours.asp>

On Sunday, May 18th, our city named the bike and pedestrian bridge over Hiawatha for former Congressman Martin Olav Sabo, who was essential to creating it and the entire Midtown Greenway.

His service was celebrated by many, including Vice-President Walter Mondale, Congressman Keith Ellison, Hennepin County Commissioners Peter McLaughlin and Gail Dorfman, Mayor R. T. Rybak, Council Members Sandy Colvin Roy and Gary Schiff, and many, many members of the biking community, his friends and family.

Rolf Hansen, the last Norwegian Consul General to Minnesota, joined the ceremony to honor Mr. Sabo.

Martin Olav Sabo Bridge

With heartfelt appreciation, the residents of Minneapolis and Hennepin County hereby dedicate this bridge to Congressman Martin Olav Sabo for his service to our nation as U.S. Representative from 1979-2006.

Congressman Sabo demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his constituents. He maintained a focus on the "common good," and a determination to support ground breaking projects such as this iconic bridge.



May 18, 2008

Daytime Citizens Academy

The chance to learn from our police about their job and how they do it is being offered during the day at City Hall on Monday afternoons this fall. If you are interested in attending, please visit: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/citizens-academy.asp> or call the office of Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy at 612-673-2212.

BITS & PIECES

On August 1, 2007, Public Works employees responded with skill, courage, and compassion when the 35W Bridge collapsed, often in roles not seen on television. They worked through the night along with fire and police. Their response earned the American Public Works Association's award for Exceptional Performance in Adversity for 2008.

PEREGRINE FALCONS THAT NEST IN CITY HALL'S TOWER each spring have chicks again! The success of the Midwest Peregrine Falcon Restoration project has brought back the historic carrying capacity of nesting pairs in our area..