



Neighborhood Impact Report

University of Minnesota
City of Minneapolis
Stadium Area Advisory
Group (SAAG)



U of M Twin Cities campus



- Major economic and cultural asset
- Benefits from its location in a vibrant metropolis
- Aims to be among top public research universities in the world
- Success will be tied to being part of healthy, vital, attractive neighborhoods and commercial districts

Gopher Stadium . . . Relationship of Univ. of Minnesota to its neighbors



- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) called for Mitigation Fund
- Legislature: Stadium Financing Bill called for SAAG to address more fundamental U of M and community issues

Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG), Mpls, U of M



- Created Neighborhood Impact Task Group
- Focus on broader aspirations and concerns regarding neighborhood vitality, not stadium impacts
- Focus on factors with greatest potential to “make a difference”
- Map depicts the areas of study for Neighborhood Impact Report



Vision . . .

- Communities adjacent to campus will be vital, safe, attractive.
- Campus and neighboring communities will be rich in culture, creativity, and human capital: together, a premier asset.
- U of M, Minneapolis, and community organizations will have a collaborative process to achieve and maintain the vision.

Overall Study

- Assess direct and indirect impacts of the U of M on surrounding communities, inc. public safety, transportation, and housing quality, availability, affordability
- Create opportunities to improve coordination between U of M, City of Minneapolis, and surrounding communities
- Develop strategies for strengthening and revitalizing neighborhoods and commercial districts
- Identify best practices and strategies for building partnerships among stakeholders





Report on Study

- Consensus recommendations for moving forward
- Short- and long-term solutions to ongoing issues and concerns
- Costs and benefits
- Draft Report to be submitted to Mpls City Council by Nov. 14, and Final Report to Governor and Legislature by January 15, 2007

How will we do this work?



1. Work plan development.
2. CURA Research:
 - Business vitality of Dinkytown, Stadium Village, Cedar-Riverside, Univ. Ave SE
 - Housing
 - Best Practices: Community-University Partnerships
3. Constituent meetings with community organizations, City officials, U of M officials to obtain input and insights
4. Synthesize into preliminary report.
5. Meeting with community representatives to review preliminary report.
6. Draft Final Report.

Questions for this meeting



1. What specific issues/negative impacts do you see arising out of the relationship between the University and its surrounding neighborhood and business area?
2. What are the positive impacts of living near the University? In what ways is the University campus an asset for this community?

Questions for this meeting



3. What's the best way to make sure that this community is vital, safe, and attractive? What issues do you see related to housing?

Questions for this meeting

4. What might the University, the City, and the community and business organizations do to address housing issues? Short-term and long-term?
5. What resources are needed to initiate these housing improvement efforts?



Questions for this meeting

6. Are organizational or institutional relationship changes needed?
What are they?



Any final thoughts?

What could these stakeholders do differently to make the communities adjacent to the U of M campus more vital, safe, and attractive?

- University of Minnesota
- City of Minneapolis
- Communities



THANK YOU . . .
for your dedication, time,
input, and insights.

