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12th ward news

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46th Street LRT Station Area Rezoning Moves Forward

As you may know, the Zoning & Planning committee, last Thursday, approved rezoning the 46th Street LRT Station Area to fit with the activities envisioned in the community's Master Plan.

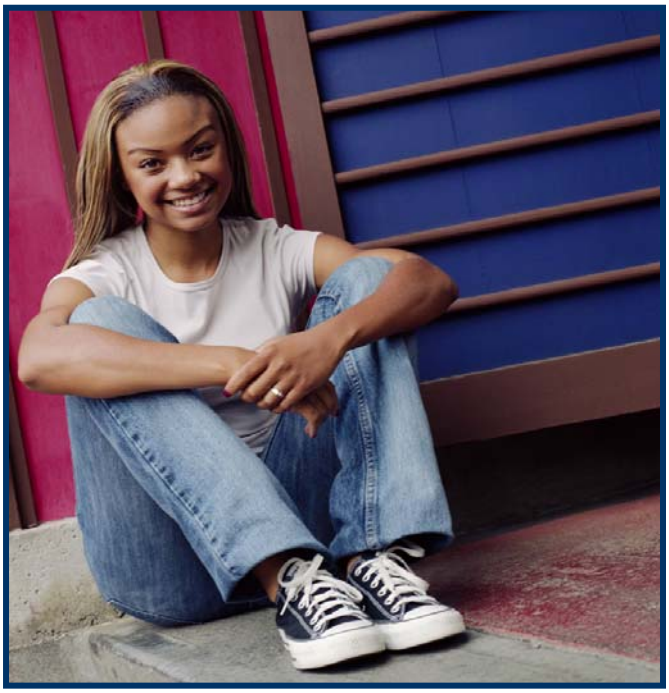
To watch Thursday's Zoning and Planning meeting, click here:
http://shows.implex.tv/Qwikcast/Root/minneapolis/2050/preflight.htm?AutoLoginComplete=1

Comments and questions have come to my office or been aired on the LCC; Neighborhood Development Caucus listserv about how the rezoning as passed, would affect the property at 4740 Minnehaha (the Dairy Queen site). If the same action is passed by the full City Council, 4740 Minnehaha would change from C2 to C3A zoning. Some of the features of C3A zoning are that it allows mixed-use development and prohibits certain auto oriented uses (like gas stations and auto repair shops). Automobile drive-throughs and car washes are also prohibited.

The Z&P committee passed my amendment to the Planning Commission report which has the effect of not adding a Pedestrian Overlay to 4740 Minnehaha (current DQ site) and 4737 Minnehaha Avenue (currently Greg's Automotive Service). One the main features of a Pedestrian Overlay is that it requires any new building to have a minimum size- a floor area ratio of 1.0 (the same as having a one story building that would cover the entire property, or multiple stories with the same square footage.) Without a P.O., a smaller building is allowed.

These changes will not force any current business in the area to leave or stop their operations.

Because there are still questions and concerns about this matter, I would like to invite anyone who is available and interested to join a meeting on **Wednesday, May 6th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm** at Bethlehem Covenant Church, 3141 43rd Avenue, to discuss this.



Youth Employment Guide

Do you know a teenager looking for work this summer? To find out about jobs and internship opportunities visit Minneapolis Employment & Training Program's Summer Employment Guide.
www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/metp.asp

You can also find information about education and training opportunities and resources to assist youth with their job search.

Abandoned Vehicles

Crime Prevention

Utility Billing

Housing Inspections

Metro Transit

Report Graffiti

Animal Control

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Got Plants?

Sullivan School PTA Plant Sale Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9, 3100 E. 28th Street.

Dowling Community Garden annual plant sale May 16, 39th Street East and 46th Avenue.

New Web Site Launched to Help Rebuild the Housing Market

An interactive web site LiveMSP.org - hopes to attract prospective home buyers who want to learn more about what Minneapolis and Saint Paul have to offer, showcases all of the neighborhoods, and educates people about the dozens of home purchase/renovation incentives available. The site is also a destination for those who already live here to share their enthusiasm for city living, find home renovation loan and grant programs, and stay current on local events and entertainment.

The site provides users with in-depth neighborhood profiles, tools and information about purchasing a home, and links to the many things going on in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

The web site is being funded by the Family Housing Fund, a non-profit with a mission to provide safe, affordable, sustainable homes to families and children in the Twin Cities metropolitan area through ongoing partnerships with the public and private sectors.

MPD launches an online form for the public to share feedback on officers

The Minneapolis Police Department has created a new online form that makes it easy for the public to share their feedback, positive or negative, on police officers and the work they do.

The Web page allows people to submit compliments for officers or department units they believe have done exceptional work. Any compliments shared by the public will go to the Office of the Chief of Police. They will be placed in the officer's permanent personnel file and could even result in an award from the Chief.

It's also critical that the MPD hears about potential misconduct. In Minneapolis, complaints can go to either the Minneapolis Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit or the Minneapolis Civil Rights Civilian Police Review Authority. The online tool allows Web visitors to file complaints with either of those offices.

For more information, visit: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/forms/mpd-citizen-report.

Minneapolis Tests Procedures for a Ranked Choice Voting (IRV)

In November 2006, Minneapolis voters approved a measure that calls for the City of Minneapolis to use Ranked Choice Voting for candidates for City offices. . In a ranked choice election, voters choose up to three candidates for an office and rank them in order of preference. Since 2006, elections staff and others have been busy creating processes and protocols for holding a Ranked Choice election.

Beginning Wednesday, May 6, elections staff will begin testing those procedures by holding a test election that includes 600 pre-marked ballots. The test election will help elections officials fine-tune the process. Because no elections equipment is currently certified for Ranked Choice elections, the majority of counting will be done by hand. On May 6, a first round of counting will be started using the standard ballot counters. A hand count will be used to conduct the following rounds of counting, and will likely begin on May 7.

Focus groups will also be asked to review and test out ballot samples using the Ranked Choice Voting method, to ensure the final ballots are as user-friendly as possible.

The Charter Amendment approved by voters in 2006 calls for the City to begin using Ranked Choice Voting in either 2009 or 2013.

Ritz Cracker "study" says Minneapolis 2nd most fun City.

In a shameless attempt to get free press (including a plug in the 12th Ward News) Ritz Cracker did a study to find the most fun city in the nation.

Among the 50 largest metro areas, Minneapolis ranked as the second most fun to visit in the country, being barely edged out by Seattle.

The study looked at resident participation in social activities such as block parties, barbecues, and outdoor activities, access to parks, entertainment venues, dog parks, gyms, movies, theater, and other recreational facilities to rank the top 50 metro areas.

Events & Special Meetings

46th St. LRT Station Area Rezoning Community Meeting
May 6 5:30-6:30 pm Bethlehem Covenant Church 3141 43rd Ave S. Opportunity to make comments & ask questions about the rezoning before final Council vote on May 8th.

Police Chief Tim Dolan – 12th Ward Public Safety Update
May 6 7-8:30 pm Roosevelt High School Auditorium, 4029 28th Ave S. Chief Dolan will give an update on crime & safety in the 12th Ward then take questions.

NENA Annual Meeting & Dinner
May 7 6:30 pm Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St. Board elections, volunteer recognition and Italian buffet from Fat Lorenzo's (donation suggested).

Charter Commission – Community Meeting to Discuss Proposed Changes
May 7 6:30-8 pm St. Joan of Arc Church (lower level) 4500 Clinton Ave S. Public comment taken regarding proposed amendments to eliminate Mpls Park Board, Board of Estimate & Taxation and create new City Manager position.

Sullivan School PTA Plant Sale
May 8 1-5 pm & May 9 9 am-3 pm 3100 E. 28th St., gymnasium. Annuals, perennials & hanging baskets by Glacial Ridge Growers. Proceeds used for field trips & important supplies for students & teachers.

Changing School Options Town Hall Meeting
May 13 6:30-8:30 pm Roosevelt High School, 4029 28th Ave S. Brief presentation about school changes recommended for 2010-2011 school year. District leaders will answer questions, Board members will hear comments.

Dowling Garden Plant Sale
May 16 11 am-2 pm 39th St & 46th Ave S. heirloom & hybrid tomatoes, peppers, eggplants & old-fashioned flowers. Vegetables, flowers & herbs. Visit www.dowlingcommunitygarden.org for information.

Changing School Options – Board of Education Formal Public Hearing
May 19 5:30 pm Location to be Announced School Board members will be present at the public hearing, but will not respond to public comments.

Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works – Community Conversations
May 13 9:30-11:30 am Minnehaha Communion Church, 4101 37th Ave S.
May 14 6-8 pm Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E 31st St.
May 18 6:30-8:30 pm Longfellow Park Rec Center, 3435 36th Ave S
May 20 6:30-8:30 pm Northrop Urban Environmental School, 4315 31st Ave S
Hennepin County and local partners are collaborating on how to focus investments in the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Corridor between the Midtown Greenway & Minnehaha Parkway. Give your input on how our neighborhood develops, how we get around and how we enhance our sense of community.

www.minnehaha-hiawatha.com for information.

Meet the Future Developers for Howe School Building
June 4 6:30-8:30 pm CWA Local 7200, 3521 E. Lake St. Mpls Public Schools presenting proposals submitted for use of Howe School property. Developers will respond to questions & concerns from residents.

Participate in Standish, Ericsson & Corcoran Neighborhood Garage Sale
June 5 Deadline to list your sale! Do you live between Lake Street & Minnehaha Parkway and Cedar Ave to Hiawatha Ave & want your address added to the map and list of sales? Call SENA office at 612-721-1601.

Open Appointments

Mpls Workforce Council Closes 5/8/09
For information on City openings: **ci.minneapolis.mn.us/boards-and-commissions/open**