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# Eighth Ward News

*"Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Field-Regina-Northrop, Kingfield, Powderhorn"*

## From Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden

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### Neighborhood Meetings

#### Bancroft

Bancroft Neighborhood Assoc Council  
[www.bancroftneighborhood.org](http://www.bancroftneighborhood.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 8 pm  
4120 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

#### Bryant

Bryant Neighborhood Association  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 8 pm  
Phelps Park, 3900 Chicago

#### Central

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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
Sabathani Community Center  
310 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor conf rm

Central Weed & Seed  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 pm  
Green Central School

#### Field-Regina-Northrop

[www.frnng.org](http://www.frnng.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
1620 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street

#### Kingfield

[www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
ML King Park, 40<sup>th</sup> & Nicollet

#### Powderhorn

[www.ppna.org](http://www.ppna.org)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm  
821 E 35<sup>th</sup> Street

#### 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago

38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Task Force  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7 pm  
Calvary Church, 39<sup>th</sup> and Chicago

### 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Avenue Small Area Plan Update

The City of Minneapolis is seeking comments about the 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Avenue Small Area/Corridor Framework Plan.

The plan, which has been in the making for several years, addresses land use, housing, mobility and transportation, economic development, the arts, community health, public safety, public realm, and urban design guidelines.

The plan is available for review on the Web at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/chicago-38.asp>. Hardcopies are available for review at City Hall Rm 210, the Central Library, and at these neighborhood locations:

- Hosmer Library, 347 East 36th Street;
- Powderhorn Park, 3400 15th Avenue South;
- Phelps Park, 701 East 39th Street; and
- Green Central Gym, 3400 Fourth Avenue South.

The City will accept comments on the plan through Dec. 31, 2007. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be included in a report to the City Planning Commission for their consideration at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for Jan. 14, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall Room 317.

Comments should be submitted in writing via email or U.S. mail to: [paul.mogush@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:paul.mogush@ci.minneapolis.mn.us), or

Paul Mogush, Senior City Planner  
Community Planning and Economic Development  
350 South Fifth Street, Room 210  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
November 15, 2007

### Se Habla Español en la Octavo Ayuntamiento del Barrio

Si usted necesita ayuda, llama por favor la octava ayuntamiento del barrio y yo le puedo ayudar. Mi nombre es Jennifer y usted me puede llamar por teléfono en (612) 673-2208.

**Jennifer White**, 8th Ward Council Associate is **fluent in Spanish** and available for any Spanish-speaking constituents who may need assistance. As Jennifer says, "Minneapolis has a large Spanish-speaking population and it comes in handy when I can communicate with people who may need help, but do not speak English."

## City Resolution on I-35W Access Project



The I-35W Access Project, which contemplates major reconstruction of the freeway north of the Crosstown Commons, affects all neighborhoods touching I-35W from 46<sup>th</sup> Street to downtown

Minneapolis. The City Council is considering a resolution which will reaffirm multi-modal access – *transit* -- at Lake Street as the City's highest priority for the I-35W Access Project. This resolution, which I co-authored, was approved by the Transportation & Public Works Committee on November 6<sup>th</sup> and will be considered by the full council on December 7<sup>th</sup>. It prioritizes a Lake Street transit station, a high-quality connection to the Midtown Greenway, and access at Lake Street as part of I-35W improvements and Lake Street reconstruction.

The I-35W Access Project began in the late 1990's as a movement to increase critical freeway access to Lake Street. Improving access at Lake Street would help correct the historical inequity of the 1960's I-35W construction, which bypassed Lake Street and fostered the economic decline of area neighborhoods and businesses.

The Access Project grew to include not only "access" at Lake Street (north and southbound ramps), but also expanding the freeway to add a dedicated lane for transit, adding ramps at 28<sup>th</sup> Street, removing the 35<sup>th</sup>/36<sup>th</sup> Street ramps, adding ramps at 38<sup>th</sup> Street, reconfiguration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue ramp to northbound I-35W, and necessary mitigation measures for neighborhood streets that the project advisory committee to the Access Project worked to develop. **Today, these components are estimated to cost \$430 – 480 million, or almost \$100 million per freeway mile, and are not scheduled to happen until sometime between 2024 and 2030.** With our state transportation funding crisis, this means that the Access Project is going nowhere fast.

What has changed since the existing "Access Project" concept layout was developed?

- In September 2007, MnDOT was awarded a federal grant of \$133 million to implement BRT on I-35W (this grant is called the Urban Partnership Agreement). The UPA does not include funding for a Lake Street multi-modal transit station, one of the most important destinations for travelers to and from

Minneapolis as well as a major employment hub. Re-prioritizing Lake Street Access will assist us in obtaining funding for a Lake Street Transit Station – we need this transit station now!

- MnDOT now claims that I-35W does not need to be expanded to accommodate a dedicated lane for transit (one of the Access Project assumptions) – a transit lane can be added by restriping the existing freeway.
- The Access Project currently does not provide for a future connection to the Midtown Greenway. Yet the Midtown Greenway is now widely considered a top candidate for rail transit or streetcars connecting the Hiawatha and Southwest LRT lines; this potential must be accommodated in any Lake Street transit station/Access design.
- Global warming requires that our transportation models focus on increasing transit options and reducing congestion. Even Governor Pawlenty and his administration acknowledge that global warming must drive our decision-making.

What will happen to the rest of the Access project? The resolution states that portions of the Access project north of 28<sup>th</sup> Street and south of 31<sup>st</sup> Street should be reprioritized into a second phase or a second project, with funding sought after Lake Street Access is fully funded. As I have since done since I began serving as the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember, I will continue to work to promote housing and economic development along the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and advocate for traffic calming measures on our residential streets, including on 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Streets.

This approach will promote *transit first* as a way to improve access and reduce congestion in the areas of Lake Street and the I-35W Corridor. For a copy of the resolutions or more information, contact Elizabeth at (612) 673-2208 or [Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Glidden".

## 2008 Budget Update



On December 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5 pm, the City will hold its Truth in Taxation public hearing at City Hall Rm 317, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Minneapolis, MN 55415. Budget adoption is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm, in City hall.

The Ways & Means Committee held budget hearings throughout November on the Mayor's proposed budget. The budget for 2008 reflects a 1.8 million decrease in LGA (Local Government Aid). It also reflects another increase of 8% to the property tax levy. Finally, one of the more significant policy changes for the 2008 budget is the Council's removal of the 2% wage cap for employees, replaced by a new Compensation Philosophy adopted in 2007.

Many departments were required to reduce their budgets for 2008 because of reduced available funding, including the BIS, Public Works, and Regulatory Services Departments. New spending highlights of the proposed budget include:

- \$300,000 to hire 4 new 911 operators
- \$4.3 M to the police department (for hiring 18 officers, eliminating structural problems within the budget with \$2.5M, adding \$800,000 for overtime, adding increased revenue projections of \$1M)
- \$150,000 for community micro-grants to prevent gang graffiti
- \$100,000 to fund the Youth Violence Prevention Committee Implementation plan
- \$75,000 to fund the Youth are Here buses of the Youth Coordinating Board
- \$75,000 to fund Youth Violence Prevention grants

The full budget is available for review at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/finance).

## Employment Opportunity: Youth Alcohol Compliance Shoppers

The Minneapolis Police and Licensing Departments are looking for any and all individuals between the ages of 18 and 20 with clean records to serve as

shoppers during Youth Alcohol Compliance (YAC) checks. The youth will, with supervision, test whether stores in Minneapolis properly check ID to ensure sale of alcohol is legal. The pay is \$10/hr., guaranteed 4 hour minimum, and the hours vary. According to Sgt Billington, "Not a bad way for a young person to build a resume." Please call Sgt Billington for more information at (612) 673-3805.

## Auto Theft Impound Fund



In 2007, the Minnesota legislature established a fund to provide auto theft victims assistance with towing and storage fees incurred due to impoundment of a recovered

stolen vehicle in Minnesota. In order for a victim to receive funding they must have simply filed a police report and have had insurance on the vehicle at the time it was stolen.

The Council on Crime and Justice's General Crime Victim Services (GCVS) program, located in Minneapolis, has been selected as one of the organizations that will administer this fund. **In order to apply for funding, auto theft victims can call the GCVS hotline at 612-340-5400 between the hours of 8am-4pm.**

## Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan Needs Your Review!

The City of Minneapolis is updating its long-term vision for growth and development. A working draft of "The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth" is available in public libraries and at [www.minneapolisplan.info](http://www.minneapolisplan.info) and will be presented at a series of open houses in January.

This major update to the City's comprehensive plan looks ahead to 2030, describing how the Minneapolis of the future will look, feel and function. The plan describes how the city can accommodate projected population growth and pursue economic development, while preserving the character of its neighborhoods and enhancing the quality of its natural and built environment. The plan specifically addresses urban design and land use,

transportation, housing, economic development, heritage preservation, arts and culture, public services and facilities, parks and open space.

The comprehensive plan provides a policy framework for all planning, zoning and development decisions made by the City of Minneapolis. The plan is used to develop and adopt neighborhood, small-area and city-wide plans; review and approve project-specific site plans and land use applications; review and approve public land-acquisition and disposition proposals; plan and prioritize capital improvement and infrastructure projects; and determine priorities for public financing of projects and programs. The updated plan will also include a future land use map.

State law requires the City of Minneapolis to update its plan periodically. The most recent major update to the comprehensive plan was completed in 2000 with various amendments since then. This effort refines that plan and must be completed in 2008, as required by the Metropolitan Council.

The draft plan is available at [www.minneapolisplan.info](http://www.minneapolisplan.info) and hard copies are available at all Minneapolis public libraries. Comments can be submitted to the City on-line at [www.minneapolisplan.info](http://www.minneapolisplan.info), emailed to [planupdate@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:planupdate@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or mailed to: Haila Maze, Senior City Planner, CPED, 350 South 5<sup>th</sup> St., Rm 210, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

The community meetings in South Minneapolis are listed below:

- Lake Hiawatha Community Center, 2701 E. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, January 12, 10am-noon
- ML King Park, 4055 Nicollet Avenue South, January 17, 7-9pm

Please attend and share your opinions about Minneapolis' future direction.

## Youth Employment: Minneapolis' STEP-UP Jobs Program Taking Youth and Employer Applications Now!



It might seem like summer is far away, but now's the time for young people to think about summer jobs for 2008! The deadline to apply for a summer job through the STEP-UP program is Jan. 11.

In 2007, the City of Minneapolis placed more than 2,050 Minneapolis youth in summer work experiences. Approximately 630 young people ages 16 to 21 gained professional skills working for 131 local employers including U.S. Bank, Star Tribune, Best Buy and Target. Another 603 teens ages 14 and 15 benefited from a first-time summer work experience at 38 community-based organizations and seven school programs including Northside Child Development, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority and MIGIZI Communications.

The results are not surprising: 93% of supervisors felt their intern made a valuable contribution to their workplace, and 95% of the young people said their summer job was a valuable learning experience.

- **Young people** can pick up STEP-UP applications in the career and college centers in Minneapolis public high schools as well as at Minnesota WorkForce Centers and libraries. Applications are also available online at [www.achievinneapolis.org/programs/step-up\\_students.html](http://www.achievinneapolis.org/programs/step-up_students.html).
- **Employers** interested in offering jobs to 16 to 21 year-olds should contact Anne Krocak at (612) 455-1562 or [akrocak@achievinneapolis.org](mailto:akrocak@achievinneapolis.org). For information about the program for 14 and 15 year olds, contact Anne Fischer at [anne.fischer@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:anne.fischer@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or (612) 673-6221.

STEP-UP is operated by Achieve! Minneapolis in affiliation with the City of Minneapolis' youth jobs campaign.

## Snow Emergency Rules



Every time Minneapolis declares a Snow Emergency, City crews have to plow all 1,100 miles of Minneapolis streets curb to curb. This requires help from the public, and by educating people about Snow Emergency parking rules the City hopes to help people avoid tickets and tows.

Minneapolis residents will get a Snow Emergency brochure in the mail which explains the snow emergency rules.

The City has an automated phone system that contacts residents when Snow Emergencies are declared. However, only listed residential phone numbers are called automatically. If you want to get these alerts, you'll need to sign up for the service. Just go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow) and click on "Stay informed about Snow Emergencies" OR call "311" to make the same request. You can also request e-mail alerts and cell phone text messaging.

As always, you can call the Snow Emergency hotline at any time to find out if one is in effect. The number is 348-SNOW (TTY: 673-2116) or go to [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/) to get up to date parking and snow emergency information.

## Call for Nominations: 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Leader Awards



On January 25<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Leader Awards and the Stephanie Ball-Bailey Youth Leader Award. If you know of a neighbor, block club, organization, business, youth group, or faith-based program in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward that deserves recognition, we would like your input! Please send nominations (in 150 words or less) to [Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Elizabeth.glidden@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or mail to Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden, 350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

## How to Reach Elizabeth



Join Elizabeth for her community office hours every Monday, from 9-11:00am at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 129. You can always call the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Office with your questions at (612) 673-2208.

Early Mornings with Elizabeth will not be held in December due to the holidays. We will reconvene on January 25, 2008 and hope to see you there!



**Happy Holidays from your 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Staff  
Elizabeth, Andrea, and Jen!**