



Ms. Diane Hofstede, Ward 3 Council Member
City Hall
350 S 5th St Rm 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415

October 5, 2006

Dear Diane:

Thank you for attending Monday's Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNC) meeting. This letter is a follow-up to the two unanimous board votes you witnessed.

1. **In regards to the City owned parcels at Fillmore Street NE and Winter Street NE – approximately 1.1 acres total.** The BNC would like the City to proceed with an RFP process ASAP. We have been working with the City for over four years to see this happen. CPED staff stated publicly that an RFP will be issued in November with a 45 day response time. This puts the project on a schedule to start next spring. We very much want this to happen.

We have also asked the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NE CDC) to act as BNC's agent on this project. Their role is to be a matchmaker by helping to find an appropriate developer and we would welcome a proposal from them also. NE CDC has been working with us for three years and they have a pretty good understanding of what we want. They have never told us what to do and are always helpful.

2. **In regards to the MNDOT parcel on Buchanan Street NE between Spring and Winter Streets NE – 3.3 acres total.** BNC would like the City to renew NE CDC's development rights. We have been working with them for over two years on this project, which has been stalled out at the City/MNDOT level. We would very much like for the City to redouble their efforts to complete the sale, so BNC and NE CDC can get going again on the community design process.

These two parcels are prime opportunities to upgrade our community; not to mention bringing more tax base to the City.

Diane, your support is crucial. BNC asks that you support the neighborhood in these two matters with your vote, by talking to your colleagues, by supporting NE CDC, and by making sure that City staff know these two projects are community priorities. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jon DeKok, BNC President

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CPED staff
NE CDC board
Bob Miller