



December 8, 2006

Dear Community Leader,

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board and the Minneapolis City Council have called for public discussion of the Community Engagement Report submitted by the City Coordinator on November 9, 2006. As a result, the offices of the NRP and the City Coordinator are working together to conduct a series of public meetings and a community survey. The previously announced deadline for public comment on the report has been extended until **Thursday, February 8, 2007**.

We have scheduled the public meetings for the end of January and early February, at locations selected to encourage attendance by a broad cross-section of community members. Please note that we have arranged to have language interpreters at the meetings on January 30, February 1 and February 5.

The dates, times and locations – and the names of nearby neighborhoods – are as follows:

Monday, January 29th – West (Harrison, Bryn-Mawr, Kenwood, Lowry Hill, Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, Lowry Hill East, Whittier and Stevens Square)

Location: Van Dusen Conference Center – 1900 La Salle Av. So

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Monday, January 29th – Southwest (Windom, Kenny, Armatage, Tangletown, Lynnhurst, Fulton, Linden Hills, East Harriet, King Field, Lyndale, CARAG, ECCO, West Calhoun)

Location: Burroughs School – 1601 West 50th St.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30th – South Central – (Bancroft, Bryant, Powderhorn Park, Corcoran, Phillips West, Midtown Phillips, Phillips East, Seward, Longfellow, Cooper)

Location: Plaza Verde – 1516 E. Lake Street

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Interpreters for Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, Lao and Oromo languages will be available)

Tuesday, January 30th – South (Howe, Hiawatha, Standish, Ericsson, Regina, Northrop, Field, Page, Hale, Diamond Lake, Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Wenonah, Morris Park)

Location: Minnehaha United Methodist Church – 3701 East 50th St.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31st – Southeast (Prospect Park, University, Marcy Holmes, Como, Nicollet Island/East Bank, St. Anthony West, St. Anthony East, Beltrami)

Location: Marcy Open School – 415 4th Ave. S. E.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31st – Northeast (Northeast Park, Logan Park, Sheridan, Bottineau, Holland, Audubon Park, Marshall Terrace, Columbia Park, Waite Park, Windom Park)

Location: Firefighters Hall and Museum – 664 – 22nd Av. N.E.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 1st – North (Sumner-Glenwood, Near North, Willard-Hay, Hawthorne, Jordan, Folwell, Cleveland, McKinley, Victory, Webber-Camden, Shingle Creek, Lind-Bohanon)

Location: North Regional Library – 1315 Lowry Av. No.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Interpreters for Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, Lao and Oromo languages will be available)

Monday February 5th – Central City (North Loop, Downtown East, Downtown West, Cedar Riverside, Ventura Village, Elliot Park, Loring Park)

Location: Mill City Museum – 704 So. 2nd St.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Interpreters for Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, Lao and Oromo languages will be available)

You can read the CE Report by following this link to the City's website:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/news/20061121CE_Report.asp or by going to NRP's website:

<http://nrp.org/R2/News/NewsArch/2006/20061116.html>. If you need a paper copy of the report or need this information in a different format, please contact Ms. Clara Perrin at (612) 673-3163.

Written comments on the Community Engagement Report should be submitted by February 8, 2007 to: Clara Perrin, Community Engagement Coordinator, 350 South 5th Street, Room 301M, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

We will also be distributing a survey about community engagement to stakeholders citywide. The survey will be provided in electronic and paper formats and will be available in Spanish, Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese, Lao and Oromo. The survey will be distributed during the second week of January and the deadline for responses will also be **February 8th, 2007**.

To suggest questions to include in the community engagement survey, please send them, by December 31, 2006, to: Joe Horan, NRP, Room #425, 105 – 5th Av. So., Mpls, MN 55401. You may also call in or email your suggested questions to Joe at 612/673-5144 or jhoran@nrp.org.

We would like your assistance in promoting these public discussions and distributing the survey, and will be forwarding you more information about the meetings and survey shortly after the New Year. In the meantime, please let members of your community know that these discussions are coming, and that there will be a survey available for people to provide feedback. We hope this “early warning” will give people more time to fit these important events into their schedules.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Lickness at (612) 673-5216, blickness@nrp.org

Thank you for your cooperation, support and assistance.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Miller
NRP Director

Steven Bosacker
City Coordinator

PS. In addition, at these meetings, we will be asking for your comments on the upcoming Solid Waste and Recycling Request For Proposals (RFP) that will be issued by the City.

English: Attention. If you want help translating this information, call- 612-673-3737

Spanish: Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llama 612-673-2700

Somali: Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500

Hmong: Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800

Sign Language: 612-673-3220 **TTY** 612-673-2626