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An Invitation To Become Part of Your Community

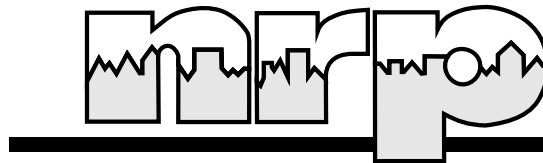
Most people are well-intentioned, but just don't know how to become part of their local community. Now there's a way.

The recently conducted survey and focus groups identified and prioritized the issues of greatest importance to nearly 1300 HPDL residents. Results were presented at the January HPDL meeting and a report will be available shortly. The accompanying chart lists many of the concerns residents felt need action, arranged by topic area.

But nothing will happen unless you decide to participate. The way to participate is to sign up for one of the ten task forces, based on your personal interest and skills. You will be asked to attend one meeting on the topic you've picked.

Don't delay. Check your choice, and return the sign-up form by March 31st. To fulfill our commitment to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and to continue the momentum started by the research . . . **we need to hear from you soon.** After the NRP Steering Committee sorts out the sign-up forms, we will be contacting you to let you know when groups will meet.

Why should you? Those of us on the HPDL board and NRP Steering Committee have learned that the best way to become part of the community is to work on issues and projects that are important to the community. Complaining without participation often leads to frustration. Participation will give you a sense of ownership and new friends.



Meet Your Neighbors

DAN MCGRANE: A 19 year resident of the Page neighborhood Dan has served as an HPDL Board member, as treasurer (thru 2/93), unofficial computer "guru" and as a member of the NRP Steering Committee. He and his wife, Anne, have 3 children and are very active in activities at Hale and Field Elementary Schools, the Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council (PIRC), Community Crime Watch, and many outdoor activities such as biking and camping. Dan works for 3M Corporation and sees his involvement in HPDL as a "way to keep the community I live in nice, a viable place to live".



CHUCK MYHERVOLD: Chuck and his wife Margaret have lived in the Diamond Lake neighborhood for 29 years. Chuck is a retired electrician who worked for the Richfield School system and the Milwaukee Railroad both at the downtown depot keeping the clock running and on the trains. He enjoys yard work, various retiree activities, and helping neighbors with their recycling, plowing, etc. High points of his life in Minneapolis include an opportunity to shake left hands with President Truman, chat with President Johnson about their distant relationship, and a short uninvited ride on the running board of Charles Lindbergh's car in a parade! Chuck has been a long time participant in community activities, feeling that this is a very good neighborhood



planes and 35W expansion notwithstanding!

HEIDI JOHNSTON: Heidi has lived near Lake Nokomis in the Hale neighborhood for 17 years. She grew up in the Twin City area and currently works for the Dayton-Hudson Corporation. Her interests include traveling, skiing, and protecting the environment. Heidi came to HPDL through a ten year association with Community Crime Watch Block Clubs. She has served on the NRP Steering Committee, on the Board (Spring 1992 through 9/92), and has been an insistent voice for including the views and concerns of residents in all parts of the three neighborhoods. Her interest in participating in the community stems from a desire to protect the quality of life we experience in Minnesota, preventing crime, and "getting to know the people around me."



\$2,000 Door Prize

Home buyers often don't know where to turn for advice. That's why the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) are hosting a Home buyers Open House on Saturday, May 8. Buyers will get the information they need, and they will be eligible to win a door prize of \$2,000 toward buying or improving a Minneapolis home.

The Open House will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hale Elementary School, 1220 East 54th Street. And, on Sunday, May 9, dozens of homes throughout the city will be open for inspection as part of a special Star Tribune Picture Classified promotion. The open House and Tribune promotion will feature homes throughout the city.

Last year, more than 1,100 people attended Open Houses. They got the facts on choosing a home, home financing, city living and remodeling from real estate agents, bankers, neighborhood organizations and other experts.

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Our New CCP

The newest member of our Community Crime Prevention/SAFE Unit team is Sue Roethele, who will be the Crime Prevention Specialist partner of Officer Barry Nelson. Sue takes the place of Lorenzo Lien.

Sue joined CCP/SAFE in July as a Public Information Assistant. Before that she taught Adult Education classes in marketing, media and desktop publishing for ten years for the Technical College System. For fifteen years before that she was a reporter, editor and executive editor for various daily and weekly newspapers. Sue lived in the Whittier neighborhood for many years before buying a farm in western Wisconsin fifteen years ago. She is moving back to the city next fall (hopefully, before the first snowfall!).

Although Sue is still in training and has "lots to learn," her interest in neighborhood issues and community-based policing is high. "During all those years of working for newspapers I was on one side of police reporting," said Sue. "Now I'm seeing it from a totally different perspective."

And, according to Sue, Officer Barry Nelson is the perfect partner. "He's knowledgeable, conscientious, steady and, best of all," says Sue, "he has a great sense of humor which is really important when you spend so much time together."

Please join us in welcoming Sue to the neighborhood. Don't forget to invite her to your block party this summer!



... from the chair

Just as there has been a spring-like change in the air, there has been a change in the HPDL chair. I, Karen Pritz, was elected HPDL Chair at the February 22 Board of Directors meeting, after the Board accepted the resignation of Tom Dial. Tom has stepped out of the chair role of the association as he is running for the 11th Ward City Council seat. He was then unanimously voted official "Chair Emeritus" (in perpetuity no less!) in a small attempt to recognize how valued his time, commitment and effort have been as catalyst, joint founder and first chair of this organization. Fortunately, Tom will serve out the rest of his term as board member, so we are not losing his experience, considerable pool of knowledge and talent. From all of us—Thank you for your leadership, Tom, our best wishes are with you as you participate in other activities, and we look forward to continuing to work with you on the HPDL board.

I am honored to serve as your chair, and much appreciate the vote of confidence of the board. I accepted the position on the strength of renewed Board commitment to work as a team to get everything done to keep us going. Laurie Frevert has been elected Vice Chair, a title that does not quite reflect the collaborative effort we envision. Our newsletter would not be the informative, quality product it is without Laurie and Doug Frevert's willingness to devote a great deal of time, talent, and effort to it. Board member Dave Samuelson will be training in on the newsletter to allow Laurie some time for Chair responsibilities. Vibhu Sharma has taken over from Dan McGrane as Treasurer to allow Dan more time to work with the NRP and to take care of the physical needs of the office and to work with Tony Pucci and Merle Davis on meeting set-up etc.

Scott Holdahl continues as our Board Secretary, with changes in his responsibilities occurring mostly due to the other big change in HPDL, detailed below.

Mary Ellen Godbe, our Communications Assistant, is leaving HPDL as paid staff at the end of March to pursue other opportunities. Thankfully we will not lose her as a community resident and volunteer! Mary Ellen has had many roles at different times - joint founder, board member, and staff - and we are grateful for all of her time and effort. Her enthusiasm, talents, and sunny disposition combined to make her able to withstand the uncertainty that came with our inexperience in setting up and staffing a community office. She has established an office that is organized, full of valuable information, and that has truly begun to be a community gathering point. We'll miss you in the day-to-day, Mary Ellen, but look forward to continuing to associate with you as a volunteer.

HPDL is taking a temporarily different approach to staffing as we fill Mary Ellen's position. We are now in the workshop and Action Plan stage of our NRP process, a time requiring intensive effort. Add to this the fact that I have been the chair of the NRP Steering Committee and now find myself Chair of the organization as well, it becomes apparent that we are in need of a temporary NRP Coordinator. Therefore, we plan to hire an NRP Coordinator with primary responsibility to coordinate workshops and Plan development, which means sacrificing regular office hours until the Plan has been submitted. We will not sacrifice our commitment to being responsive to community residents, and will make the needed adaptations. Anyone willing to volunteer any amount of time (1 hour or more) to staff the office please let Mary Ellen (824-7707) or I (822-0369) know. We will provide you with everything you need. Bring a friend and play cards, sew, read, type, or chat. It's a great chance to get to know more about the community and your neighbors.

HPDL Board:

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Tom Dial	825-6567
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Dan McGrane	825-6102
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If you wish to comment on this or previous newsletters, or want to submit articles for future publication, contact us at the office.

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HPDL Minutes

January—This meeting reviewed the HPDL Survey results.

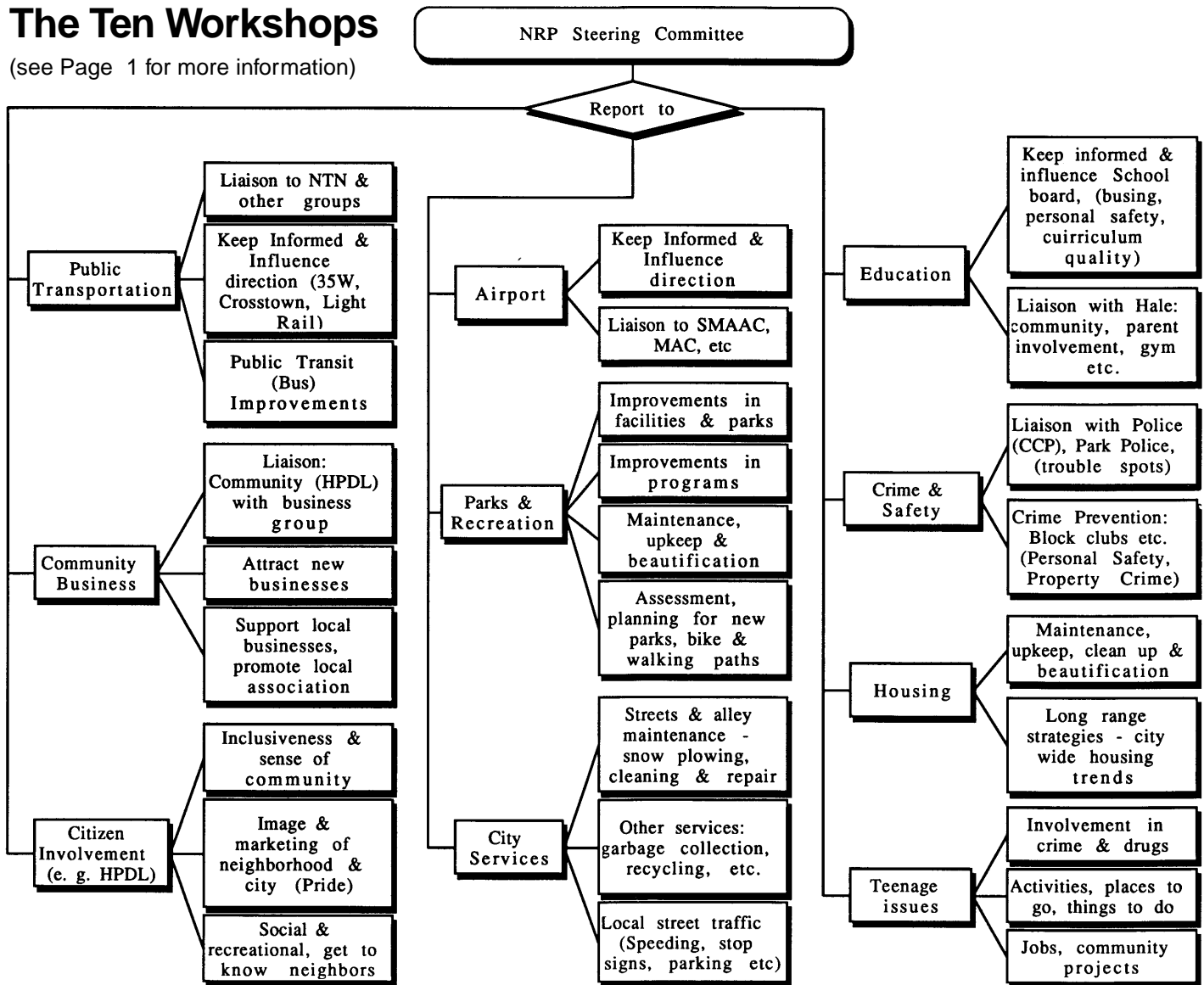
February—McDonald's presented preliminary plans to build a fast-food restaurant at 60th and Portland.

March—Come and see the plans for 35W. Representatives from MnDot and the City of Mpls. Dept. of Public Works, and MTC.

April—Town hall workshop on 35W.

The Ten Workshops

(see Page 1 for more information)



Wanted:

One **sign painter** from Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Area to paint the HPDL logo and name on the front of our community office at 5255 Chicago Ave So. Please contact Dan McGrane at 737-4458 (work) or 825-6102 (home) if you are interested in doing this for your community. I will provide you with all the details.



Have a
great
Spring!

WORKSHOP SIGN-UP FORM

YOUR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Specific Workshop Interest

First Choice _____

Additional Choice _____

Please mail this to: HPDL, 5255 Chicago Av. S., Mpls MN 55417
or call the office at 824-7707.

By March 31, 1993

Thanks

Where, oh where has my Little Pet gone?

The allure of spring can entice your pet to explore the outdoors. Sometimes “*little spot*” or “*fluffy*” wanders too far and when they don’t come home, **what can you do?** Animal Control of Minneapolis has some tips.

Before they wander out . . .

- Take a couple of photographs of your pet for identification, front and side view.
- License any dog or cat over four months of age. The pet must have a current certification of rabies vaccination to obtain a license.
- Collar and tag your pet: include the license, a rabies vaccination, and a tag with your pet’s name, address and phone number.
- When your pet dog is outdoors and not fenced-in, it must be restrained by a chain or leash no longer than eight feet. No leash laws apply to cats.
- Contact Animal Control to inquire about pets other than cats & dogs and the laws and permits that apply.
- Make a Block Club map of “pets” for your block club. List the owner’s name, phone, and address; and the pet’s name, breed, and any distinguishing marks. With the map, neighbors can call you instead of Animal Control. If you find a stray pet, just check your map.

When your pet is missing.

- Search your neighborhood and contact your neighbors.
- Contact Minneapolis Animal Control. No information is given about pets over the phone, for the pet’s protection you must go to the animal shelter and first give a description of your pet (photo would help). If your tagged pet is picked

up by Animal Control, they make an effort to contact you.

- Fines may apply in recovering a pet.
- Contact the Humane Society. They have a computerized “Lost and Found” retrieval system.
- Distribute/Post Flyers in your neighborhood. Include a photograph and pertinent information. (Remember to remove the posters when your pet has been found.)
- Contact the Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper to place an ad. The paper gives a special rate for lost and found pets, \$5 per line (3 line minimum). Consult the classified section for further information.

Note: Minneapolis Animal Control is the *only* agency in the city that will come out if you’ve found a stray domesticated or injured wild animal. You should also contact them if you’ve been bitten (broken through the skin) by an animal with unknown rabies status. Keep track of the animal while they are on their way!

Open Meetings

HPDL meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Road.

COMN (Congress of Minneapolis Neighborhoods). A city-wide issues roundtable for and by neighborhood volunteers. It holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Call Judy Schwartau 871-9137 for more info.

MASAC (Metropolitan Airport Sound Abatement Council) meets at 7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of the month at MAC headquarters, 6040 28th Ave. So.

NRP Steering Committee’s next meeting is Wednesday, March 31.

PIRC (Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council) meets at 7 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at Pearl Park.

Who you gonna call?

Bus Ride Info	827-7733
Humane Society	522-7130
Animal Control	348-4250
Star Tribune	673-7000
City Council	
Steve Cramer	673-2211
County Commissioner	
Mark Andrew	348-3080
Peter McLaughlin	348-3087
State Senator	
Jane Ranum	297-8061
State Representative	
Jean Wagenius	296-4200
Airport Noise	726-9411
Comm. Crime Prevention	673-2819
Street Maintenance	861-6020
Burned out Street Lights	347-7360
Snow Emergency Info	348-SNOW
HPDL Office	824-7707

Door Prize *from page 1*

“This event increases in popularity every time we do it,” said Paul Sigurdson, an agent with Coldwell/Banker and co-chair of the Minneapolis Real Estate Advisory Board. “Now is the time to buy. Interest rates are the lowest they’ve been in 20 years. New buyers will learn a lot on May 8 and they can start shopping on May 9.”

“I’m looking forward to a big turn-out,” said Christine Kriz of the MCDA. “We have low-interest loans for qualified first-time home buyers and an excellent program for homeowners to finance their improvement projects. The Open House is an opportunity to talk about your situation with MCDA staffers who know the programs inside-out.”

HPDL will have an information table at the Open House so please stop by and say hello!

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