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## CNO Policy on New Housing for development at 2225 East Lake

Eric Gustafson | CNO staff

Hennepin County broke ground in January on phase 1 of redevelopment of 2225 East Lake, the 6.5 acre property immediately south and west of Lake Street and Hiawatha. In addition to new retail, County services, and a public plaza and permanent home for the Midtown Farmers Market, plans call for a total of 565 new homes to be built by one or more developers who would partner with the County. Commissioner Peter McLaughlin asked the CNO Board to present its desired mix of housing for the overall development.

The Corcoran Neighborhood Organization's Land Use & Housing committee led a series of discussions, fact-finding and presenta-

**Types, number of bedrooms, and unit size.** CNO advocates for a wide mix of housing opportunities reflecting the diversity of today's Corcoran neighborhood in terms of family size and income, cultural background, and transportation habits.

The mix should include as many ground-level walk-out units as possible, along with some live-work / artist units, senior / supportive units, and intergenerational opportunities. In terms of number of bedrooms and unit size, the mix should include 1-bedroom and studio units, & micro / smaller units as one tactic to achieve affordability.

**"CNO wants to maintain Corcoran's appeal as a place to rent, to own, or to expand as households grow, age, or require additional space."**

tions, and community debates on these topics over the last 9 months with the final meeting on Jan. 7 attended by a diverse mix of renters, homeowners, longtime and new residents representing a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives. Informed by these discussions, the CNO Board has finalized a 1-page policy to present to Hennepin County.

The board recognizes that development will play out over multiple phases and at least ten years of time, during which numerous economic and market trends will change and affect developer preferences, resources, and constraints. The policy emphasizes goals unlikely to be met by market forces alone.

CNO is especially enthusiastic about achieving more 3- and 2-bedroom units, which currently comprise just 1% and 26% of our existing apartment stock, respectively. This push also responds to a boom in Corcoran's population under 5 years old and in households with children under 18, relative to greater Minneapolis. We also advocate for substantial on-site, outdoor play spaces and amenities to ensure livability for children and families.

**Tenure.** CNO wants to maintain Corcoran's appeal as a place to rent, to own, or to expand as households grow, age, or require additional space. We desire pathways to ownership and affordable opportunities so that renters

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## Política de CNO sobre Nueva Vivienda para la urbanización de 2225 East Lake

Eric Gustafson | personal del CNO

El Condado de Hennepin rompió el pavimento en enero para la fase 1 de reorganización en 2225 East Lake, la propiedad de 6.5 acres al sur y oeste de Calle Lake y Hiawatha. En adición a nuevos negocios, servicios del condado y una plaza pública y hogar permanente para el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown, el plan requiere un total de 565 casas nuevas que sean construidas por uno o más urbanizadores quienes se asociarían con el condado. El comisionado Peter McLaughling pidió a la directiva del CNO presentar su mezcla de viviendas deseadas para todo el proyecto.

El Comité de Uso de Tierra y Vivienda de

numerosas tendencias económicas y de mercado cambiarán y afectarán las preferencias, los recursos y las limitaciones de la constructora.

**Tipos, número de habitaciones y tamaño de la unidad.** El CNO propone una amplia variedad de oportunidades de vivienda que refleje la diversidad del vecindario Corcoran actual, en términos de tamaño de familia e ingresos, historial cultural y hábitos de transportación.

La incorporación debería incluir tantas unidades al ras del piso como sea posible, con unidades para trabajadores, artistas, ancianos

**"El CNO quiere mantener lo atractivo de Corcoran, como un lugar para rentar, ser dueño o para expandir el crecimiento de hogares"**

la Organización del Vecindario Corcoran, en los últimos 9 meses, lidera una serie de discusiones, investigación, presentaciones y debates comunitarios sobre estos temas, la reunión final se realizó el 7 de enero y a esta atendieron diversos inquilinos, dueños de casa, viejos y nuevos residentes, trayendo una amplia gama de historiales y perspectivas. Informada por estas discusiones, la directiva del CNO ha realizado una política de 1 página para presentar al condado de Hennepin.

La directiva reconoce que la urbanización implicará multiples fases y al menos un periodo de diez años, durante los cuales

y oportunidades intergeneracionales. En términos del número de habitaciones y tamaño de la unidad, la incorporación debería incluir unidades de 1 habitación y estudios pequeños / unidades más pequeñas, como una táctica para lograr accesibilidad económica.

El CNO está particularmente entusiasmado por lograr más unidades de 3 y 2 habitaciones, lo que actualmente comprende sólo 1% y 26% de nuestro catálogo existente, respectivamente. Este empuje también responde a un auge en la población de Corcoran, menor de 5 años y en viviendas con niños por debajo de los 18, en comparación con Minneapolis. También proponemos espacios sustanciales allí mismo, juegos al aire libre y

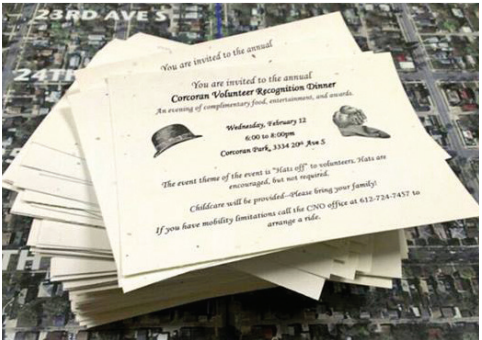
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## Awards Dinner

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## Cena de premios

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February – Community Calender

Meetings

Thursday, February 4th

Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting  
6–8pm  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.

>See the front page for more information

> Questions? Eric Gustafson  
eric@corcoranneighborhood.org  
612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, February 8th

Newspaper Committee Meeting  
6–7pm  
Monthly meeting to plan the March edition of the Corcoran News.

> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister  
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org  
612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Wednesday, February 17th

Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee Meeting  
6–7:30pm  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to support market staff in identified areas of need including fundraising, communications, operations, outreach and partnerships, and on-site support.

>See page 4 for more information

> Questions? Miguel Goebel  
miguel@midtownfarmersmarket.org  
612-724-7457  
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Thursday, February 18th

Economic Development Committee Meeting  
6–8pm  
Monthly meeting of residents working together to build a retail environment that is fully-occupied, stable, and responsive to residents' needs through strategic support and collaboration with property and business owners.

> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister  
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Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

Saturday, February 6th

9am-2pm  
Minneapolis Convention Center,  
1301 2nd Ave S,  
Minneapolis, MN 55403



School Choice Fair Showcase is an opportunity to learn more about the MPS schools, which is held on Saturday, February 6th from 9am-2pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Folwell School Performing Arts Magnet will be there with representatives to talk to you. You can come see Folwell by scheduling an in person tour. Call Katie Hanson at (612)-668-4567.

Events

February 18th – 28th

The Story of Crow Boy  
Heart of the Beast Theatre's latest collaboration is on stage 2016

> For information & schedule See page 5

Wednesday, February 24th

Leadership Awards and Community Dinner 6–7pm  
CNO hosts our Leadership Awards and Community Dinner  
Nominations due February 10th.  
>See page 4 for more information  
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister  
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612-724-7457  
Location: Corcoran Park, 3334 20th Ave S

Save The Date:



April 16, 2016  
South Minneapolis Housing Fair on Saturday

> More info at [www.housingfair.org](http://www.housingfair.org). Contact Event Coordinator, Gretchen Kurgier at 612-245-1357 or email [smpls-housingfair@gmail.com](mailto:smpls-housingfair@gmail.com).

Utilize Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Office

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization has new remodeled community space! Stop in to our office during the week and see our new space. We are now offering use of the space to residents as well as community organizations or businesses. We provide coffee, tea, and water service as well as access to the kitchen. For more information and rental rates, please contact Heidi Johnson McAllister at [heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org) or 612-724-7457.



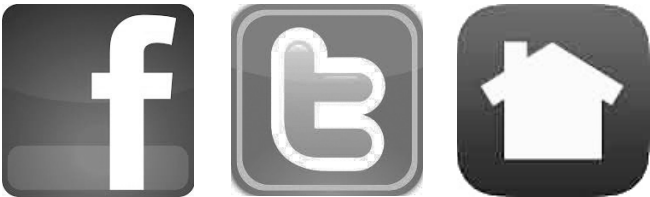
February Public Safety

Cold harsh weather can be rough on anyone, but especially those in need who may be living on the street. If you see someone in need, you can contact the people at St. Stephens Street Outreach. More information can be found at : <http://ststephensmpls.org/programs/emergency-shelter/street-outreach>

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- City of Minneapolis Services: 311
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# 100 Ways to Love People

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor

This list was compiled by several people sharing their ways to love people.

1. Love your Higher Power.
2. Love others as you love yourself.
3. Never harm a child.
4. Return carts to the corral or bring them into the stores (rather than complain).
5. See an employee at a store struggling? Offer to help!
6. Call someone and tell them that you love them.
7. Let someone tell you that they love you.
8. Compliment someone on a spiritual quality that they possess.
9. Listen empathetically and honestly without trying to fix someone.
10. Leave things better than I found them.
11. Take the time to employ the Law of Creative Smiling when we are around people (smiling with your laughter, eyes, teeth, tongue, posture, physical proximity, etc).
12. Hugs, not drugs.
13. Handshakes.
14. If someone is behind you at a store and you are both looking for a prime parking spot, drive past the good one and let the other driver have it (or just never take the best spot and let someone else can have it).
15. Call someone and let them know you care.
16. Do free service work at your place of employment.
17. Sacrifice time and energy to help people.
18. On the road? Let others go first.
19. Stop for pedestrians.
20. Drive sober.
21. Pull over to help someone having trouble on the roadside.
22. Caress a loved one's face with a deep look of love.
23. Offer well-placed & sincere compliments.
24. Let them know they have a 'social SNAFU' thing going on (booger showing, fly open, center-button open on one's blouse, food on chin, etc).
25. Tell a lighthearted joke.
26. Encourage someone that is feeling stressed or has a hurdle to surmount.
27. Shovel someone's driveway anonymously.
28. Give pleasure without expectation of reciprocal activity.
29. Give someone a backrub.
30. Wash someone's feet.
31. Give your partner a bath.
32. Share some music with someone (burn CD's for people).
33. Deposit some money in a friend's account that needs money.
34. Fast and give the money you would have spent on food to the poor.
35. Volunteer to help a charity.
36. Give yourself a Music Bath.
37. Laugh with people.
38. Write someone a poem.
39. Create a greeting card for someone.
40. Clean someone's windshield of snow and ice.
41. Pay for someone's food in line at a grocery store.
42. Go to a Thrift Shop and buy something for a needy person.
43. Return a lost article to someone.
44. Admit to someone when you are wrong.
45. Inject lightheartedness into difficulty circumstances.
46. When you were right and someone else was wrong, do not rub their nose in it, but rather say something appreciative with humility.
47. Offer someone your place in line.
48. Let someone know in their work capacity, that you, their customer, genuinely appreciate their hard work.
49. Adjust a rug by a business door that has been rumbled and is keeping a door from closing right, or is just out of position.

50. Pick up trash on the side of a road and discard it in the proper receptacle.
51. Do not play your radio too loud in quiet neighborhoods or when people are nearby.
52. Provide someone transportation.
53. Provide directions to someone asking for it (maybe lead them to the right street or highway, etc.).
54. Shampoo someone's hair.
55. Give up your seat on the bus, give up your taxi, or offer someone your choice spot in a well-attended function.
56. Get to work early and do not leave early for free.
57. Do not use foul language around people that find it uncomfortable to be around it.
58. Open a door for someone.
59. Pull out and push in a chair for a date (follow social etiquette).
60. Do not flap the covers after you fart.
61. Do not gossip.
62. Be inclusive.
63. Be positive, not negative.
64. Remember people's names (including their children's names).
65. Praise someone, treat someone extra-special.
66. Ask someone what his or her name means (first or last, when appropriate).
67. Ask permission to ask a question before asking it.
68. Thank a store clerk by name after a transaction.
69. Compliment someone's appearance when appropriate.
70. Learn something about someone's field of interest so you can discuss it with them.
71. Learn someone's sibling's names and learn things about them.
72. Remember what people tell you about personal things; learn their song.
73. Return phone calls.
74. Remove trash from the street.
75. Volunteer to give rides.
76. Write someone a poem.
77. Clean up trash in a restaurant for the Wait Staff.
78. Scrape someone's windshield of ice & snow anonymously
79. Shovel someone's driveway/sidewalk anonymously.
80. Give a generous tip to Wait staff.
81. Pick up garbage and dispose of it in the proper receptacles.
82. To avoid embarrassing them, mention your name to someone you have not seen in a while, just in case they forgot your name ("I bet you missed your old friend, Timothy!").
83. While waiting in line, be patient and cheerful.
84. Let someone else in line go first.
85. Offer to help an elderly person carry groceries to the car.
86. Offer your arm for support to an elderly person walking across the street, to their car, to church, etc.
87. Make amends to those we have harmed.
88. Place a quarter in someone's expired parking meter.
89. Be grateful for everything.
90. Make amends, admit when you goofed.
91. Throw a quarter in someone's expired parking meter.
92. Do service work for a community.
93. Offer to babysit at no cost so someone can attend a workshop or event as a couple.
94. Forgive yourself or others.
95. Feed aquarium fish and watch them swim their dance.
96. Bringing food to a pet with adoration.
97. Let people love you exactly as *they* are.
98. Teach (encourage) love.
99. Drive sober.
100. Listen to your heart.

# Corcoran Park News February 2016

Eric Silva Brenneman | Corcoran Neighbor and Park Employee

Have a little rock star in the house? Beginning Guitar for kids 7+ has space available. Class meets Mondays 6-6:30pm. Need to dance and and get some exercise? Exercise Dance Classes (like Zumba) continue Mondays and Wednesdays 5-7pm and Fridays 4:30-6pm.

Toddler Tot Time is in full winter swing 5-8pm on Tuesdays. Along with lots of gym toys for the little ones, the kitchen is available if par-ents want to bring or cook

food. For more info, stop by the park.

As always, if there's inter-est, we're always looking for programming suggestions and folks willing to teach and share their talents. What would you like to do at Corcoran Park?

See article on page 5 for more information on future Minneapolis Park Board plans.

# Black History is American History

Frances Copenhaver | Corcoran News Youth Reporter



February has many holi-days and observances. One of these is Black History Month. Founded in 1926 by the historian and educa-tor, Carter G. Woodson, it initially only lasted a week in February. The celebration intentionally coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass – two Americans who helped shape black his-tory. Woodson's goal was to integrate the teaching of black history into the class-rooms of America's schools. The "goal was, first, to give blacks a sense of pride in their accomplishments and, second, to educate whites on the many contributions made by African Americans."

The weeklong observance was expanded to include all of February in 1976 as part of the United States Bicentennial celebration. President Gerald Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

However, there are many people in the African American community that

are skeptical of Black History Month. Articles in The Journal Of Blacks In Higher Education question if Black History Month still serves a useful purpose, "singling out African Americans for special attention in February reinforces white beliefs that black history is not worthy of general recognition." There is also the concern that large corporations "make token efforts to promote an aware-ness of black history in an effort to further their mar-keting efforts in the black community."

At my school, I guess we side with the critics of Black History Month as it is currently observed. Black history is American history so it is part of our educa-tion year round. Historian, John Hope Franklin (The Journal Of Blacks In Higher Education) even points out that in 1936 Carter G. Woodson said that "he looked forward to the time when it would not be nec-essary to set aside a week." Woodson "fervently hoped that soon, the history of African Americans would become an integral part of American history and would be observed throughout the year."

Perhaps on this 40th anni-versary of the weeklong awareness being stretched to include the whole month we can do our part to help Carter G. Woodson's (and many others) idea for equal-ity become a reality.

See article on page 7 for book recommendation on race and racism.

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## Community Awards Dinner Feb 24th

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

Corcoran Neighborhood would not be the same place without the many leaders, who give time and their skills to building upon the strengths of this neighborhood. Every year, CNO hosts our Leadership Awards and Community Dinner to celebrate the work that has occurred over the past year by dedicated leaders.

Join your neighbors at CNO's Community Awards Dinner on Wednesday, February 24th. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm at Corcoran Park (3334 20th Ave S), accompanied by music. Kabomelette owners and Corcoran Neighbors, Greg and Chelsea Miller, will cater the dinner.

A program will feature neighbors toasting other neighbors who have shown outstanding volunteer leadership in the Corcoran neighborhood during the past year, or over their lifetime. Community leaders are folks who undertake large- or small-scale efforts, gestures of goodwill, and leadership that benefits

our neighborhood.

Nominations are being sought through Wednesday, February 10th.

See you at the event!

### Send CNO Nominations for A Community Leader by Feb 10th

Nominate your neighbor for the Lifetime Community Leader or Leader of the Year. Submit the nominee's name, your name, and a brief statement explaining how they have contributed to the neighborhood to Ross Joy [ross@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:ross@corcoranneighborhood.org) or by mail at 3451 Cedar Ave S. You may also call Ross at 612-724-745 to phone in your

nomination. A volunteer team is planning this event. Please contact Ross to assist with planning!

Last year, longtime resident Mark Jensen received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his leadership in his former roles as CNO Board Member and Chair. Mark dedicated time to attending city meetings as well as doing heavy lifting with CNO events. Leader of the Year was shared by Current Board Chair LisaBeth Barajas and Phillip Koski for their work on the 2225 E Lake Street development.



## Premios de Liderazgo y Cena Comunitaria / 24 de febrero

Heidi Johnson McAllister | Personal del CNO

El vecindario de Corcoran no sería lo que es sin sus líderes, quienes dedican tiempo y habilidades para desarrollar el potencial de este vecindario. Cada año, el CNO organiza nuestra Cena Comunitaria y Premios al Liderazgo para celebrar el trabajo que se ha hecho durante el año pasado por líderes dedicados.

Acompaña a tus vecinos en la Cena de Premios Comunitarios de CNO. El miércoles 24 de febrero. La cena iniciara a las 6:00 p.m. en el Parque Corcoran (3334 20th Ave S), y será acompañada de música. Los dueños de Kabomelette y vecinos de Corcoran, Greg y Chelsea Miller, servirán la cena.

El programa incluirá a vecinos brindando con otros

vecinos, quienes hayan mostrado liderazgo en ser voluntarios en el vecindario Corcoran durante el año pasado, o durante toda la vida. Los líderes comunitarios son gentes quienes hacen esfuerzos grandes o pequeños, gestos de caridad y liderazgo que beneficia a nuestro vecindario.

Se buscan nominaciones de aquí al miércoles 10 de febrero.

¡Allá nos vemos!

### Envíen sus nominaciones al CNO para Líder Comunitario - Antes del 10 de febrero

Nomina a tu vecino para Líder Comunitario de Vida o Líder Comunitario del Año. Somete el nombre del

nominado, tu nombre y una breve descripción que explique cómo han contribuido al vecindario. Enviar a Ross Joy [ross@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:ross@corcoranneighborhood.org) o por postal a esta dirección: 3451 Cedar Ave S. También puedes llamar a Ross al teléfono: 612-724-745\*

El año pasado, el residente Mark Jensen recibió el Premio al Logro de Vida por su liderazgo en sus roles pasados como miembro y presidente de CNO. Mark dedicó tiempo a atender a reuniones de la ciudad y a organizar eventos con CNO. El Líder del Año fue compartido por la actual presidenta Lisa Beth Barajas y Phillip Kossi, por su trabajo en la construcción de 2225 E Lake Street.

## 2016 Vendor Applications Now Available!

Miguel Goebel | Market Manager

### Are you interested in vending at the Midtown Farmers Market?

Quality vendors are the heart of the Midtown Farmers Market and we strive to create a balanced and diverse vendor mix each season. Applications from Minnesota and Wisconsin farmers, artisans and producers are welcome! Visit our website, [www.midtownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org) or contact Market Manager Miguel Goebel at [manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org) or 612-724-7457, for more information and to access the 2016 vendor application.

### Application Schedule and Deadlines:

March 4: Applications due for all vendors except arts and crafts vendors

March 11: Acceptance notification

April 1: Application deadline for arts and craft vendors

April 2: Annual Spring Vendor Meeting

April 8: Acceptance and first half schedule notification for art and craft vendors

May 7: Opening day, Saturday market

June 7: Opening Day, Tuesday market

August 6: Final payments due, annual vendors

October 25: Closing Day, Tuesday market

October 29: Closing Day, Saturday market

\*Applications received after the due date will only be considered if space is still available.

### Get Involved, Join the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee!

Are you interested in volunteering and becoming more involved with the Midtown Farmers Market? If so, the market is currently looking for passionate individuals who are interested in helping the market with event planning, communications and public relations, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and on-site market day support. Please contact market manager, Miguel Goebel by e-mail at [manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org) or by calling 612-724-7457 for more information and additional informational materials about the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee.



## Solicitudes para Puestos, Ahora Disponibles - 2016

Miguel Goebel | Gerente del mercado

### ¿Estás interesado en poner un puesto en el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown?

Los vendedores ambulantes son el corazón del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown y nosotros nos esforzamos por crear una mezcla balanceada de vendedores durante cada estación del año. Las solicitudes de granjeros de Minnesota y Wisconsin son aceptadas. Los artesanos y productores también son bienvenidos. Visita nuestro sitio web: [www.midtownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.midtownfarmersmarket.org) o contacta al gerente del mercado, Miguel Goebel en: [manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org](mailto:manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org) o al teléfono 612-724-7457, para más información y acceso a la solicitud de vendedores del 2016.

### Horario de solicitudes y fechas límite:

4 de marzo: Fecha de entrega de solicitudes para todos los vendedores, excepto para artistas y vendedores de manualidades.

11 de marzo: Notificación de aceptación

1 de abril: Fecha límite para artes y vendedores de manualidades

2 de abril: Reunión Anual Primavera de Vendedores Ambulantes

8 de abril: Aceptación y primera mitad de notificación de horario para arte y vendedores de manualidades

7 de mayo: Apertura, Mercado del sábado

7 de junio: Día de apertura, Mercado del martes

6 de agosto: Día de pagos finales, vendedores anuales

25 de octubre: Clausura, mercado del martes

29 de octubre: Clausura, mercado del sábado

\* Las solicitudes recibidas después de la fecha límite serán consideradas sólo si hubiese espacio disponible

### Involúcrate, Únete al Comité Asesor del Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown

¿Estás interesado en ser voluntario e involucrarte más con el Mercado de Granjeros de Midtown? Si la respuesta es sí, el mercado está actualmente buscando individuos apasionados que estén interesados en ayudar al mercado con la planeación de eventos, comunicaciones y relaciones públicas, recaudación de fondos, reclutamiento de voluntarios y apoyo.

## MAYDAY 2016

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Heart of the Beast Theater | Press Release

Every spring, the MayDay Festival explodes onto Bloomington Avenue! We own the street for the day, dancing and playing instruments with fiery verve. As a community we tell our story, section by section, each designed musically and visually by MayDay staff artists as a walking theatrical performance.

### THE 42ND MAYDAY FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 1st 2016!

All are welcome to brainstorm this years MayDay theme at our upcoming community meetings.

#### 1st Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 7:00—9:00pm

-The FIRST meeting is an open brainstorm inviting attendees to speak of the concerns and the joys of this current time, with ideas of how we as a community and as individuals participate in these issues.

#### 2nd Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 7:00—9:00pm

-For the SECOND meeting HOBt staff will present an umbrella theme for MayDay. Participants at the meeting then give feedback - asking questions, offering ideas, and helping to network possibilities for furthering the theme.

### MAYDAY BUILD WORKSHOPS:

For the entire month of April, community workshops to build MayDay are held at our theatre. Beginning Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 MayDay Build Workshops are held:

Every Tuesday from 7-9pm - Every Thursday from 7-9pm - Every Saturday from 9-11am and 1-3pm

All workshops are open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Workshops are funded by free will donations.

\*Set up for MayDay 2016 begins at 7:30am on Sunday May 1st, 2016

All meetings and workshops are held at In the Heart of the Beast Theatre's home base: The Avalon Theatre, 1500 E Lake St, Mpls, MN 55407. We hope to see you there!



# Wife in the Cities

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor



This column is your go to for fabulous food, fashion, and finds for the home!

Wife in the Cities is a new column that features fashion forward individuals from Minneapolis and beyond, reviews of the greatest new restaurants in our amazing city, and some scores in the home décor and repair department. Essentially...your go to for fabulous food, fashion, and finds for the home!



It's official...one of the best/cheapest brunches in the city (and one of my new personal favorites) is "Café Racer Kitchen". They started out as a food truck and this is their version of brick and mortar, which is located at 2929 East 25th Street in Minneapolis. The food is fantastic, so very flavorful, and you can't beat the quaint lil atmosphere that is both indoor and outdoor. Come here to study, sip some vino, or enjoy a fantastic brunch or dinner with friends, all in a hip neighborhood atmosphere!

You will not be disappointed!

Like & follow Wife in the Cities on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wifeinthecity/>



# The Story of Crow Boy

Heart of the Beast Theatre | Press Release

Asks what it means to be human  
vamidst incredible brutality  
Heart of the Beast Theatre's  
latest collaboration is on stage  
Feb 18 – 28, 2016

THE STORY OF CROW BOY explores the intriguing life story of Taro Yashima who wrestled with human brutality, racial discrimination, and the ravages of WWII to build work of social conscience, compassionate insight, poetic visual form, and ultimately – of joy. Yashima reminds us what it means to be human, and offers understanding into the complexities of cultural survival. This production draws on his searing graphic autobiographical and luminous fictional books including the Caldecott Honor Award-winning CROW BOY (1956) about a young boy who learns to sing the “voices of crows” in defiance of his years of being bullied.

## BOX OFFICE:

Tickets for THE STORY OF CROW BOY are \$22 and can be purchased at the HOBT Box Office at 612-721-2535 or online <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2483313> or through [www.hobt.org](http://www.hobt.org)

Individual and group discounts are available. Performances are at the Avalon Theatre.

\*Recommended for age 13 and above

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

- Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Friday, February 19, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Saturday, February 20, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Sunday, February 21, 2016 – 2:00pm
- Sunday, February 21, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Thursday, February 25, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Friday, February 26, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Saturday, February 27, 2016 – 7:30pm
- Sunday, February 28, 2016 – 2.00pm
- Sunday, February 28, 2016 – 7:30pm



# Minneapolis Park Board Open House

Simon Riordan | Corcoran Neighbor



On December 3, I attended the Minneapolis Park Board plans for the future of parks at an open house at Powderhorn Park. The event was really well staffed with staff and consultants eager to talk to citizens and gain genuine reactions to the plans as they were laid out. The plans were smart, well designed and conveyed a message that the park board is very seri-

ous about this overhaul and how to approach it. In nearly every park representation, there were two examples of possibilities for future plans of the park an participants were allowed to vote on the example they liked best, as well as provide feedback on the highlights they liked in each particular example. As a Corcoran resident, I was particularly concerned

about the design proposals for Corcoran, Sibley, and Powderhorn. I found that the Corcoran design truly reflected the voice of the local park meeting hosted to Corcoran Neighborhood Organization earlier in 2015, where people identified what was or was not working at the park.

See article on page 3 for update on Corcoran Park programs.

# Corcoran Book and Bake Sale Success

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

While it was cold outside on January 23rd, CNO was hopping at the annual book and bake sale. Caramel rolls, sweet potato muffins, gluten free cherry bars, special k bars, two kinds of chocolate chip cookies, and gingerbread blondies were devoured while people shopped for books, tapped their foot to music, made bookmarks or talked to their neighbors. We raised over \$1300!

Thank you to the volunteers who generously donated their time to sort hundreds of books, worked at the sale or baked yummy goods, including Jessica Hackner, Devin Tomczik, Kathleen Hoffer, Kathleen Lenk, Gwen McMahon, Deanna Olson, Lynn Richardson,

Jane St Clare, Heidi Traore, and Cindy Butler. We were incredibly grateful for our business sponsors of the event by donating money or providing gift certificates for the raffle. Those sponsors are Kabomelette, Moon Palace Books, Chatterbox, and Shear Arts Salon. The winners of the raffle are: Doug Hovelson, Jenny Martin, Emily Midland, Cadence Nelson, Mike Novak, Bill Oliver, Sasha Peterson, Catherine Settanni, and Deb Wood. Thank you to everyone who stopped in and shopped!





## Building Bridges: A Call for Southside Solidarity with North Minneapolis

Teresa Zaffiro | Corcoran Neighbor

I moved to Minneapolis (and to Corcoran Neighborhood) just a few months ago. As born and raised Midwesterners my girlfriend and I wanted to stay in this part of the county, but live somewhere progressive and dynamic. We chose Minneapolis for the bike scene, the affordable cost of living and excellent job market; in general, the high quality of life. Within months of moving to Minneapolis I had affordable, stable housing and a salaried job with a fair schedule and paid sick time.

Shortly after moving here, my girlfriend and I participated in the annual “Cirque Du So Gay” Bike Race. It was as a result of this race, where an organization called Neighborhoods Organizing for Change was one of the stops, that I learned Minneapolis may not be the “high standard of living” utopia I thought it was...at least not for everyone. At this first visit to NOC I met incredible, dynamic Northside community organizers who opened my eyes to the fact that Minneapolis has some of the worst racial disparities in the county, and most of the city’s residents of color, especially low-wage workers, face a very different reality than I do here. I learned, in the paraphrased words of a NOC organizer, that there are two economies in Minneapolis; one that works for people that look like me, and one that does NOT work for people of color.

Had it not been for this event, I honestly may not have had much reason to get over to North Minneapolis. In fact, I would wager that before the 4th Precinct occupation, Southsiders regularly coming to the Northside numbered pretty low. Through my involvement with NOC campaigns, I learned about the glaring, egregious and long standing racial and economic dispari-

ties in a city I had previously thought to be a model of equity. It is because of these realities that I am involved with NOC as a donor / sustaining member and as a volunteer, and why I urge Southsiders like myself to connect with the Northside. There is awesomely strong leadership from the people on the Northside, and as Southsiders we can stand with communities there, in the words of another NOC organizer, “by elevating and amplifying these voices whenever possible”. The racial and economic disparities in Minneapolis are not confined to North Minneapolis, and in building stronger bridges we can build an even stronger movement for racial and economic equity in Minneapolis.

Neighborhoods Organizing for Change (NOC) is committed to building Black leadership and advancing racial and economic equity for communities of color. Organizers at NOC are leading a Southsiders Organizing Group, to build NOC membership and support in South Minneapolis. Oppressive, unequal systems of power are only strengthened by our silence and divisions, so let’s build bridges together.

Questions or want to get involved?  
  
Contact Organizer Tony Williams, [tony@mnnoc.org](mailto:tony@mnnoc.org)  
  
For more information on NOC: visit [www.mnnoc.org](http://www.mnnoc.org) or follow us on Twitter and Facebook

## Creando Puentes: Un Llamado a la Solidaridad del Sur con el Norte de Minneapolis

Teresa Zaffiro | vecina de Corcoran

Me cambié a Minneapolis (al vecindario Corcoran) unos meses atrás. Como personas nacidas en el medio oeste, mi novia y yo decidimos establecernos en esta parte del país, vivir en algún lugar progresista y con dinamismo. Elegimos Minneapolis por su ciclismo, por el costo médico de la vida y por su excelente fuente de empleo y, en general, por la alta calidad de vida. A meses de llegar a Minneapolis, obtuve vivienda estable y módica, empleo con salario y horario justos, y compensación por enfermedad.

Al poco tiempo de llegar aquí, mi novia y yo participamos en la carrera de bicis “Cirque Du So Gay”. Fue como resultado de esta carrera, que una de las paradas fue en la organización conocida como Vecindarios Organizando para el Cambio (NOC en inglés), y donde aprendí que Minneapolis quizás no es la utopía de “alto nivel de vida” que yo creía... al menos no para todos. En esta primera visita a NOC conocí a organizadores comunitarios increíbles y dinámicos, quienes me abrieron los ojos al hecho de que Minneapolis cuenta con una de las peores disparidades del país en cuanto a raza y la mayoría de residentes de color de la ciudad, especialmente los trabajadores de bajos ingresos, que enfrentan una realidad muy diferente a la mía. Aprendí, parafraseando a un organizador de NOC, que hay dos economías en Minneapolis, una para la gente como yo y otra que NO incluye a la gente de color.

Si no hubiese sido por este evento, honestamente no tendría razón suficiente para ir al norte de Minneapolis, de hecho, apostaría a que antes de la ocupación del 4to Precinto, los sureños que regularmente vienen al norte son muy pocos. Por medio

de mi participación en campañas de NOC, aprendí sobre la notoria, indignante y vieja desigualdad racial y económica, en una ciudad que previamente, pensé, era un modelo de equidad. Es debido a estas realidades por lo cual participo en NOC como donante / miembro activo y voluntario, y la razón por la cual urjo a la gente del sur, como yo, a conectar con el norte. Hay liderazgo impresionantemente fuerte de la gente del norte y, como sureños, podemos solidarizarnos con las comunidades de allá, en palabras de otro organizador de NOC, “elevando y amplificando estas voces dondequiera que sea posible”. Las desigualdades raciales y económicas en Minneapolis no son únicamente en el norte de Minneapolis, y al construir puentes más fuertes, podemos construir un movimiento aun más sólido para lograr igualdad racial y económica.

Vecindarios Organizando para el Cambio está comprometida en construir liderazgo afroamericano y avanzar en cuanto a la igualdad racial y económica en las comunidades de color. Los organizadores de NOC lideran un Grupo Organizativo de Sureños, para incrementar el numero de miembros y apoyo en el sur de Minneapolis. Los sistemas de poder opresivos y desiguales se fortalecen con nuestro silencio y divisiones, así que construyamos puentes juntos.

¿Tienes preguntas o quieres participar?  
  
Contacta al organizador Tony Williams: [tony@mnnoc.org](mailto:tony@mnnoc.org)  
  
Para más información sobre NOC, visita: [www.mnnoc.org](http://www.mnnoc.org) o síguenos en Twitter y Facebook

## Thank You to CNO’s Generous Donors in 2015!

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

Last year CNO created goals to increase the sustainability of CNO through member donations. For 2015, we were able to secure donations from 8 new sustainers, 34 new donors, and 45 past donors; raising over \$8,000 in total. Your contributions have made a direct, positive impact by supporting CNO’s ability to organize and build relationships to collectively address community issues.

Thank you to ALL our donors past and present. Your support is important to us!

- Erika Garcia
  - Timothy DenHerder-Thomas
  - Sarah Lawrence-Lupton
  - Christine Dietz
  - Wanda Anstett
  - Kevin Roberts
  - Justin Haugen
  - Adam and Devin Tomczik
  - John Paul
- Gaylyn Bicking
  - Dora Kaufman
  - Ann and Tom O’Toole
  - Sandra Spieler
  - Thomas Williamson
  - Ben Goldfarb and Nora Whalen
  - Deb Wood
  - Ingrid Liepins

### 2225 East Lake Development

Continued...  
needn’t leave Corcoran in order to own. As such, CNO advocates for a range of ownership opportunities through condominium, cooperative, cohousing, shared housing, rent-to-own and/or other arrangements.

**Consumer costs.** CNO wants to maintain Corcoran’s status and reputation as welcoming to all household backgrounds and income levels, and thus advocates for a mix of market rate, workforce, and affordable housing.

### 2225 East Lake para la urbanización

Continúa...  
amenidades para asegurar la vida llevadera para niños y sus familias.

**Antigüedad.** El CNO quiere mantener lo atractivo de Corcoran, como un lugar para rentar, ser dueño o para expandir el crecimiento de hogares, edad, o requerir espacio adicional. Deseamos facilidades para convertirse en dueños de vivienda y oportunidades médicas para que los inquilinos no se tengan que ir de Corcoran. Como tal, los defensores de una gama de oportunidades para ser dueño, mediante condominios, cooperativas, compartir vivienda, compartir casa, rentar para llegar a ser dueño y/u otros acuerdos.

**Costos al consumidor.** El CNO quiere mantener su estatus y su reputación al acoger a gente con diversos historiales de vivienda y niveles de ingreso, y ser defensores de un índice de mercado diverso, fuerza de trabajo y vivienda económica.

## Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

We are still at the beginning of 2016 and this is a good time to remind people that they can sign up for crime alerts from the Minneapolis Police. All you need is an email account and you can sign up at: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert/index.htm>

This month’s crime map covers November 2015 to mid-January 2016. All statistics are sourced from the Minneapolis Police Department, 3rd precinct from our sector’s Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notsch ([karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov](mailto:karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov)).

Reminder that you can report crimes online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/report/eReport>

### Crime Statistics 2014 vs 2015

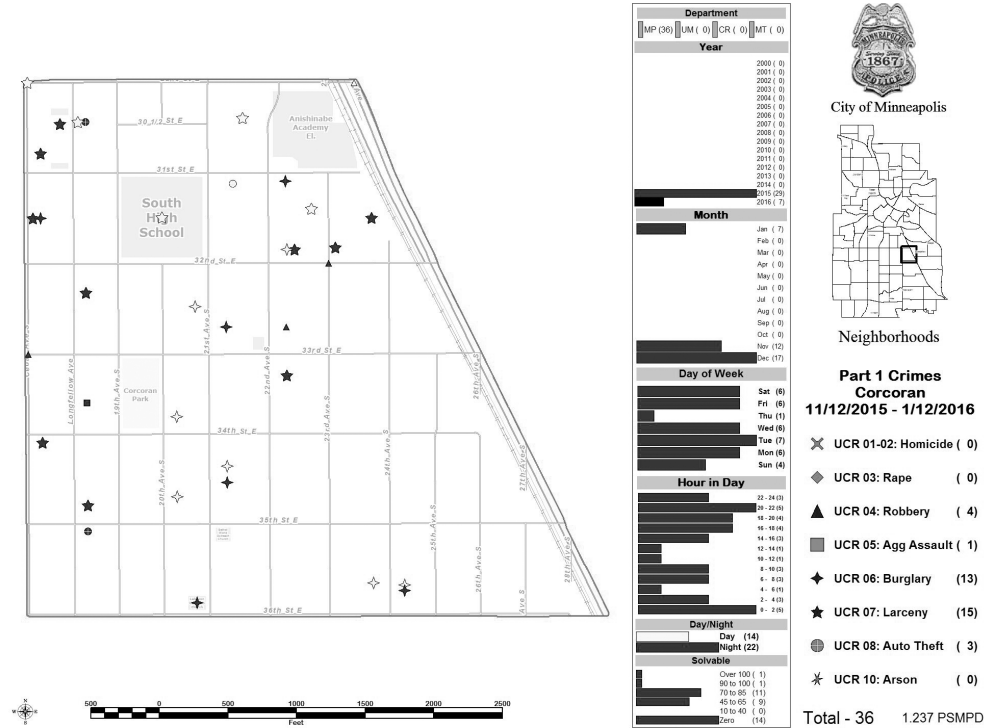
Corcoran	2014	2015	% Change
Homicide	1	0	-100%
Rape	3	4	33%
Robbery	35	21	-40%
Agg. Assault	15	12	-20%
Burglary	44	52	18%
Larceny (theft)	143	114	-20%
Auto Theft	12	20	66%
Arson	1	1	0%
Total	254	224	-12%

### CERT Disaster Preparedness Tip of the Month

This month will be a re-use of last issue’s winter preparedness tips for traveling and commuting. When traveling by car keep a winter survival kit in your that contains at least the following:

- Coffee can or similar metal container that within holds: candle, matches, chocolate bar (or similar energy source). The coffee can can be used to shovel snow out from around and under tires, or be used with the candle to melt snow to drink.
- A container of cat litter or sand. This will help provide traction under tires.
- Flash light with batteries.
- Cell phone to call for help.

### Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-November 2015 to Mid-January 2016



(source: MPD, Karen Notsch, [karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov](mailto:karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov), 612/673-2856)



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm – CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Attendees: Lisa Barajas, Meline Juarez, April Riordan (on phone), Matt Kazinka, Oscar Del Sebastien, Phillip Koski,

Absent: Edain Altamirano, Joan Bennett, Alberta Smith, Gerry Tyrrel

Staff: Eric Gustafson, Miguel Goebel

Guests: Mike Novak, Shari Albers (Powderhorn)

7:05 Lisa called the meeting to order and asked Miguel Goebel to lead us in the Farmer's Market discussions.

## Midtown Farmers Market committee

- A. Appoint Mike Novak to CNO Board as committee co-chair

Mike Novak has worked with the market communication team, did the banners (professional graphic designer), lives in the neighborhood and is interested in getting more involved with the Farmer's Market and CNO Board.

Mike would be the CNO Liaison on the Board, the second co-chair is still open and staff is currently recruiting. The second co-chair will chair the Market meetings.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Mike Novak be assigned to the CNO Board as the Market Committee Co-Chair.

- B. Approve MFM policy changes \*

Miguel explained that the Market budget continues to grow. Indoor restrooms and the increase in cost is an issue. The restrooms are a health issue as well as an amenity. The first place to look to cover the increase in Market expenses was Vendor fees, as they have not been reviewed in some time. Miguel has looked at rates at other farmer's markets in the area and the proposed fees are in line with other markets. He clarified the \$5 daily increase and discussed annual fees. There is a discounted stall fee for those that pay the season in advance. This would increase the Market budget income for vendor fees from \$41,400 in 2015 to \$50,700 in 2016. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the new fee schedule.

Miguel explained the new Personal Safety Emergency Policy came about due to an employee having a medical issue at the Market. At the time, the vendors didn't know exactly how to handle it. So an Emergency Policy for Vendors' benefit should be in writing. Phillip suggested that property damage be added to second paragraph. Clarification that "Staff" should be changed to "Market Manager". Motion made, seconded, carried that the Policy be accepted with the indicated changes.

## Treasurer's Report and Budget Presentation (April)

- C. Approve 2016 budget

This was discussed at length at the last meeting. Included in this new narrative in Other Personnel is the cost of offering medical benefits to new personnel. Also discussed was the Center for Energy and Environment's estimated cost of LED lighting for the CNO building which would lessen the cost of electricity and last much longer. The numbers are listed under Capital Improvements. Installed Cost is the cost it would normally be through a regular vendor. Then the rebates, grants are considered showing the final cost and yearly savings. Eric stated that foundation grants could also cover the items that we need for the Market and Capital improvements that we need to improve services for the community. Phillip noted that the Budget and the Narrative are proposed and amendments will come throughout the year as adjustments are made. Lisa thanked everyone involved for the thorough



evaluation that was done, which has not been done in the past, and how it helps the Board to focus on those items that we need to address. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the Budget and Narrative.

- D. Update on fall fundraising campaign

Staff is pleased with the turnout on "Give to the Max" and are doing follow up calls on those that have lapsed. However, it was felt by those in attendance that it should have been so much better. The Board will continue outreach throughout the year, instead of only the Year-End concentration.

## Economic Development committee update (Matt)

- E. Retail strategy for 2225 East Lake development

Several things are being worked on at this time. One item that continues is the Retail strategy for the new County building lower lever on Lake St. The Committee met with the county and discussed the community needs for that space. Community interest were in an early morning and lunch afternoon coffee/lunch for people on way to railway station or county employees and/or a nighttime restaurant looking out over the plaza. They could share a kitchen. One space is 3,000 sq. feet and another is 4,000 sq. feet. Other interests were a bank, or convenience store. Now NDC is opening up a process to identify businesses that may be interested in the space. It needs to be a business that is prepared to pay the going rate for the space. The committee has spoken to an established café who is showing an interest in a second location. If there is any business that is interested in the location, there are many opportunities available and the CNO can facilitate.

- F. Training for Micro-Entrepreneurs in Jan. is set to begin and there already has been interest shown by several local business.

## Land Use & Housing committee (Phillip)

- G. MOTION: CNO advocates that Minneapolis Public Schools allow access to its building at 2019 East Lake by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota for the purpose of surveying for historic value prior to the building's demolition.

This is related to the property that is the Paco building that was originally the Burma Shave building (S/W corner of Lake St. and 21st Ave So.) and if there was an interest in saving the legacy of the building in some form.

Phillip questioned who would be the person checking the historical content of the building. Shari Albers from Powderhorn spoke on the issue. Steve Sandberg pulled together history-minded community members and started this effort. The bldg. was built in 1900 and in 1925 Burma Shave moved in there. It became a national company and their signs were erected around the country. This community committee

would like to see access to the building and requests that CNO send a letter to the school district permitting them access. The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota would conduct the survey. Phillip explained that the point would be to verify the condition and complete a report that could be filed with Hennepin County so that this could all go on record. The motion was modified to request that the Minneapolis School District allow the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota access to the building in question. Motion made, seconded and carried by the board.

- H. The Hi-Lake infrastructure study that will be conducted by City and funded by the City and County was discussed. Our Committee will be meeting with Councilmember Alondra Cano, Lisa, Eric and Phillip to discuss the future study and make recommendations. Evaluation of the territory and suggestions for the improvements will be made in a formal report that will then be submitted to the elected officials who need to make the capital dollars available. City, County, MNDOT, and Metro Transit would need to be involved. Our goal is to get a plan.
- I. South High campus planning – advocacy with South, CM Cano

CNO met with South High Foundation and Councilmember Alondra Cano. There is general concern about the property that they now have on Lake St. They have a budget for improvements for So High and the new Adult basic Education building. Everything is happening without any community involvement or knowledge of the future plan. A letter will be drafted to be signed by Councilmember Cano, the school principal and CNO to encourage the Minneapolis School Board to commence a master plan exercise, which includes all the concerned parties in community, to commence in a timely manner. Phillip will complete the draft letter and send to Lisa for signature and share the letter with the Board.

- J. Housing Policy Plan update

No update at this time but will continue to work on it in the New Year.

## Musicant recommendations and report

The updated version of this report is in the Board Packet. The report covered background surveys and the next steps moving forward; e.g. government structure, costing out the space improvements and then shopping around to find the funding. There is a meeting on Monday morning to continue the discussion on the park.

## Announcements (All) and Adjourn

- o Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.: CNO Board of Directors meeting and annual Board-Staff holiday party at a location yet TBD
- o Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9:00 to 4:00: CNO Book and Bake Sale at CNO if you like to volunteer and have books to donate it would be appreciated.
- o Volunteers Needed! Please talk to Heidi or Eric

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

# Black Voices: An Echo from the Pages

Oscar Del Sébastien | Editor and Corcoran Neighbor

February is African American History month. This year I would like to recommend to the general public, especially those who would like to gain a better understanding of *race* relations in the US and abroad, certain titles and authors. I share these titles and names, as memories of wisdom and knowledge grown here in this American soil, passing them on as seeds and fruits to be sown, harvested, and shared. Most cities have book gardens known as libraries. There, have these voices taken root. They have taken root in our libraries, in our superstitions, in our foods, in our ingenuity, in our resilience and resourcefulness, in our sciences, in our language, in our styles, in our art, in our music, in our habits, and in our histories. I believe it is

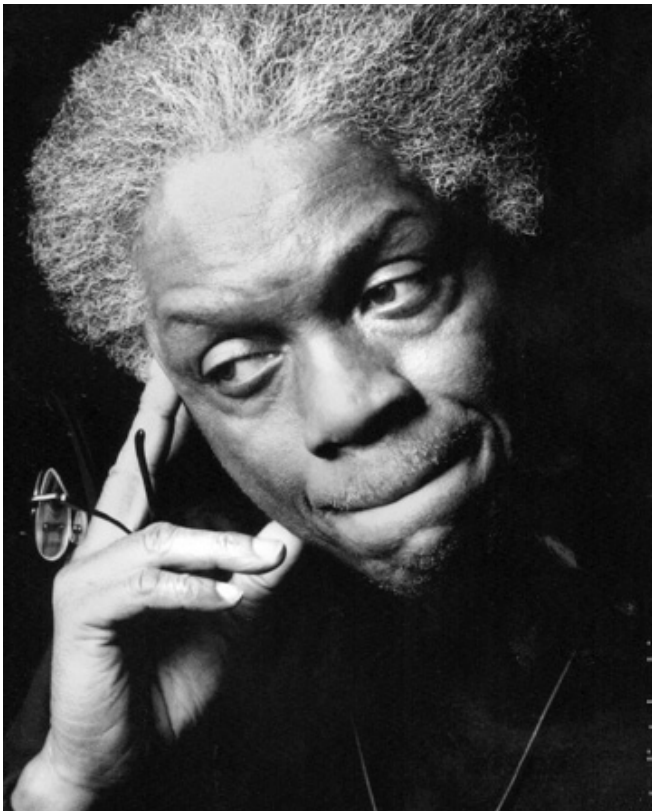
important to hear what our past *ancestors, the very people comprised of mixed heritages living on this continent*, have to say. The voices have been around for quite sometime- the language, the cause, and the fight for equity didn't just appear yesterday. It's been going on for a very long time. Here is a glimpse into all that jazz.

- Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America. Lerone Bennett Jr. 1989 (7th ed) Johnson Publishing Company, Inc.
- The Portable Harlem Renaissance Reader ed. David Levering Lewis 1994. Viking Press.
- Black Voices: An Anthology of Afro-American Literature. Ed. Abraham Chapman. 1968. Mentor Books (available used)

- Blues, Ideology, and Afro-American Literature: A Vernacular Theory. Houston A. Baker, Jr. 1984. University of Chicago Press.
- Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present. Harriet. A. Washington. 2006. Anchor Books.
- Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope. bell hooks (Gloria Watkins) 2003. Routledge Publ.
- A Choice of Weapons Gordon Parks. 2010. Minnesota Historical Society Press.
- The Myth of Race / The Reality of Racism. Mahmoud El-Kati. 2014. Papyrus Publishing Inc.

There are many titles and authors I could have mentioned, but I chose these because they take into scope a vast subject in such few volumes. The last author is from the Twin Cities. I invite anyone to attend any of Professor Mahmoud El-Kati's lectures and lecture series. I guarantee you that you will walk out a more informed instrument of humanity. One can also catch El-Kati's regular Tuesday night show on 89.9 KMOJ (The People's Station). To learn more about Professor El-Kati go to <http://www.mahmoudelkati.com>

See article on page 3 for more information about Black History Month





## Update on Renters Committee

Loretta VanPelt | Corcoran neighbor

The members of the renters' committee met on January 15. This meeting was a recap of what happened in 2015. There were major wins including several unit repairs being made and the start of policy change discussions with city leadership. Our group also came up with strategy for the New Year including organizing more tenants in the neighborhood who are having problems in their buildings and also building a coalition with other communities in fighting together for better renting conditions. The group welcomed many new faces to the committee, and the meeting ended with how we all envisioned home to be.

For the month of February the renters' committee will be organizing in building meetings to ensure bedbugs and pests are properly exterminated and to halt unjust evictions. To get involved contact Ross Joy at [ross@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:ross@corcoranneighborhood.org) or 612-724-7457.

More about the renters' committee can be found at [www.corcoranneighborhood.org/renters](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/renters).



## Noticias del comité de inquilinos

Loretta VanPelt | vecina de Corcoran

Los miembros del comité de inquilinos se reunieron el 15 de enero. Esta reunión fue un resumen de lo que ocurrió en el año 2015. Hubo grandes victorias, incluyendo varias reparaciones de departamentos que se están realizando y el inicio de debates con líderes de la ciudad sobre algunas cambios políticas. Nuestro grupo también se acercó con una estrategia para el nuevo año incluyendo la organización con más inquilinos en el vecindario que están teniendo problemas en sus edificios, así como la organización de una coalición con otras comunidades en la lucha juntos por mejores condiciones para inquilinos. El grupo dio la bienvenida a muchas caras nuevas a el comité, y la reunión terminó con la forma en que todo previsto a casa para estar.

Para el mes de febrero el comité de inquilinos organizará las reuniones en unos edificios en el vecindario para garantizar las chinches y las plagas están correctamente exterminado y para detener los desalojos injustos. Póngase en contacto Ross Joy de [ross@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:ross@corcoranneighborhood.org) o 612-724-7457.

Más sobre el comité de inquilinos se puede encontrar en [www.corcoranneighborhood.org/renters](http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/renters).

## Fix-It Clinic

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran neighbor

It wasn't too long ago that my cranky vacuum, that happens to be less than two years old, decided to kick the bucket on me. I was so aggravated, saying to myself, "they just don't make things like they used to"! So, I posted on the "Nextdoor app" for the Corcoran neighborhood, seeking guidance...to trash or to treasure and fix this stubborn newish cheaply made vacuum. Well, within hours I was bombarded with messages encouraging me to fix it and explaining how our landfills are overflowing with *FIXABLE* household items. I am also one to save money and penny pinch, so I thought, "I can do this! I am woman hear me roar". I set to taking that sucker apart and low and behold...I FIXED it after some suggestions from handy neighbors. I saved myself money, my vacuum was rescued from the depths of despair, and there is one less household item polluting our earth.

Inspired by my handiness and savvy money saving skills? Do you want to learn how to fix your own house-



hold appliances, clothing, electronics, and mobile devices? The best place to do so is at a Fix-It Clinic, sponsored by Hennepin County. Fix it clinics will teach you how to troubleshoot your items, give you basic repair skills, and volunteers with repair knowledge will be there to walk you through how to disassemble and fix your items. Please note that it is requested that you bring your own tools to help on the job. Or maybe you are already handy...volunteer to help out your neighbors!

To find the nearest Fix-It Clinic, to volunteer, and to see a list of repairable items, head to <http://www.hennepin.us/fixitclinic>. See you there!



## AHORROS DE ENERGÍA DISEÑADOS PARA SU HOGAR

### EQUIPO DE ENERGÍA MEJORADO - \$70

Nuestro equipo de consultantes de energía de confianza llegará a su hogar, evaluará sus opciones para ahorrar energía, y le instalarán materiales de energía eficientes a su elección

- Empaques puerta para reducir corrientes de aire
- Un cobertor de lona para el calentador de agua
- Termostato Programable
- Luces Fluorescentes Compactas
- Regaderas de baño de alta eficiencia
- Aireadores para los grifos de agua

Nuestro equipo también hará lo siguiente:

- Pruebas de soplado de las puertas para medir si su casa tiene fugas de aire.
- Inspección completa del aislamiento de su ático y paredes utilizando cámaras infrarrojas.
- Revisión de la seguridad del Sistema de calefacción y agua caliente
- Asistencia con los siguientes pasos a seguir.

Si su hogar necesita aislamiento o sellado de aire, nuestro equipo puede proporcionarle con un presupuesto para el trabajo recomendado y ponerlo en contacto un contratista calificado que hará honor al presupuesto.

PARA HACER UNA CITA PARA SU VISITA:

Llame al 612-335-5856 o visite [mncee.org/hes-mpls](http://mncee.org/hes-mpls)



La Ciudad de Minneapolis contribuye con el Escuadrón de Energía Mejorada para reducir el costo de la visita a \$70.00. El Escuadrón de Conservación de Energía para el Hogar es proporcionado por las compañías de energía, CenterPoint y Xcel Energy, y ejecutado por el Centro para la Energía y el Medio Ambiente (CEE), una compañía sin fines de lucro en Minn.



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## 2016 Paint-A-Thon Applications Available

Metro Paint-A-Thon | Press Release



Metro Paint-A-Thon helps homeowners who are low-income seniors and people with physical disabilities to continue living independently by matching them with volunteer teams who will scrape, prime, and paint the exterior of their home, garage or other structure at no cost to the homeowners.

Interested homeowners and agencies can find more program details including eligibility requirements outlined on the 2016 homeowner application available at: <https://www.mgcc.org/paintathon/homeownerapplication> or contact the Metro-Paint-A-Thon to have a copy mailed/emailed. Applications are due by April 14.

Contact: Molly Chandler, Director of Senior Services at 612-276-1579 or [mchandler@gmcc.org](mailto:mchandler@gmcc.org).



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Para cualquier necesidad de vivienda - como un pregunta acerca de más recursos de viviendas, para reportar un problema con su vivienda u otra propiedad, a participar en La Junta de Inquilinos o el Comité de Planificación Urbano y Viviendas de Corcoran - póngase en contacto con Ross Joy: [ross@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:ross@corcoranneighborhood.org), 612-724-7457.