

January 5, 2017 Land Use and Housing Committee Meeting

Adam Tomczik | Corcoran Neighbor, CNO Board Member, & Land Use and Housing Chair

Architects hired by Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) presented plans for MPS's new Adult Basic Education and Transitions Plus school building to a packed house at CNO's Land Use and Housing Committee meeting on January 5, 2017.

The new school will be located on the southwest corner of 21st Avenue South and East Lake Street in the present location of the soon-to-be-demolished 2019 East Lake Street building. The entire project will cost \$29 million and will result in a three-story building occupying half of the city block along Lake Street between 21st Avenue and 20th Avenue. The school's main entrance will face Lake Street, with the western wing dedicated to Adult Basic Education and the eastern wing

to street parking, the availability of transit passes for students, and the feasibility of moving a bus stop one block west from the YWCA to the new school. Mr. Tamble and Ms. Cox both expressed interest in moving the bus stop and they each described their department's plans to encourage their students to use transit. CNO Board Member Adam Tomczik explained that our organization is ready to work with affected neighbors on parking issues.

Several parents of South High students voiced concern that Minneapolis Public Schools did not consider the high school's needs when planning for the new building. South High Principal Ray Aponte said that his focus is on improving the athletic facilities at Barnard

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dedicated to the Transitions Plus program. The design includes 121 underground parking spaces for staff and students and 39 visitor parking spaces in a surface lot immediately south of the building facing South High's Barnard Field. The building will meet LEED standards for energy efficiency and all rainwater will be captured and stored on-site.

Neighbors attending the presentation had many questions for the building's architects and for Community Education Director Jack Tamble and Special Education Director Rochelle Cox. Transportation was a theme, with questions on Corcoran residents' access

Field, and he hopes that the new development does not interfere with those goals. Mark Bollinger, Executive Director for the MPS's Facilities Management and Capital Construction, acknowledged that Minneapolis Public Schools did not begin to invest significant capital in the South High campus until 2003. Mr. Bollinger promised to bring parents' concerns to MPS's executive leadership.

After the presentation and question-and-answer session, Corcoran residents at the meeting voted unanimously to support the MPS design plan for the new project. The

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5 de enero del 2017 - Reunión del Comité de Uso de Tierra y Vivienda

Adam Tomczik | Vecino de Corcoran, Miembro de la Mesa Directiva de CNO y Vicepresidente de Uso de Tierra y Vivienda

Los arquitectos contratados por las Escuelas Públicas de Minneapolis (MPS en inglés) presentaron planes para el edificio de la escuela Adult Basic Education and Transitions Plus de MPS en una reunión atiborrada del Comité de Uso de Tierra y Vivienda, el 5 de enero del 2017.

La nueva escuela estará ubicada en la esquina suroeste de la avenida 21 sur y calle Lake en la ubicación actual del edificio, pronto a demolerse (2019 East Lake Street). El proyecto entero costará \$29 millones y resultará en un edificio de tres pisos que ocupará la mitad de la cuadra que pertenece a la ciudad, adyacente a la calle Lake, entre la avenida 21 y la avenida 20. La entrada principal estará del lado de la calle Lake, con el ala oeste dedicada a la Educación Básica para Adultos y el ala

Rochelle Cox. El transporte fue un tema, con preguntas sobre el acceso de los residentes al estacionamiento en la calle, el acceso a boletos para transporte público para estudiantes, y la posibilidad de reubicar una parada de autobús a una cuadra del oeste del YWCA hacia la nueva escuela. El Sr. Tamble y la Srta. Cox, ambos expresaron interés por reubicar la parada de autobús y ambos describieron los planes del departamento para invitar a los estudiantes a usar el transporte público. El miembro de la directiva de CNO, Adam Tomczik explicó que nuestra organización esta lista para trabajar con los vecinos afectados sobre asuntos de estacionamiento.

Varios padres de estudiantes de South High se hicieron escuchar sobre el hecho que MPS

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este dedicada al programa Transitions Plus. El diseño incluye 121 espacios de estacionamiento subterráneo para los trabajadores y estudiantes, y 39 espacios de estacionamiento para visitantes, en una superficie al sur del edificio del lado del campo Barnard de South High. El edificio cumplirá con estándares de LEED para la eficiencia de energía y toda el agua de lluvia será capturada y almacenada.

Los vecinos ahí presentes tenían muchas preguntas para los arquitectos del edificio y para el director de Educación Comunitaria, Jack Tamble y la directora de Educación Especial,

no tomó en consideración las necesidades de la preparatoria durante la planeación del nuevo edificio. El director de South High, Ray Aponte dijo que su enfoque es el mejorar las instalaciones del Campo de Atletismo Barnard, y que desea que la nueva construcción no interfiera con esas metas. Mark Bollinger, Director Ejecutivo del Manejo de Instalaciones y Construcción Capital, reconoció que MPS no inició la inversión de capital significativo en el campus de South High sino hasta el 2003. El Sr. Bollinger prometió llevar las quejas de los padres de familia a los ejecutivos de MPS.

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Febrero – Calendario Comunitario | February – Community Calender

Meetings

Thursday, February 2nd
Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting
6 – 8pm
Monthly meeting of residents working together to protect and improve the built environment in Corcoran.
> For more information go to <http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org>
> Questions? Eric Gustafson
eric@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Monday, February 6th
Newspaper Committee
6 – 7pm
Monthly meeting to plan the next edition of the Corcoran News.
> Questions? Heidi Johnson McAllister
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Wednesday, February 8th
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.
> Questions? Miguel Goebel
miguel@midtownfarmersmarket.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Thursday, February 16th
Economic Development Committee Meeting
6 – 7:30pm
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
heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

Community

Saturday, February 4th
Book & Bake Sale
9am – 4pm
Come enjoy yummy treats and hot coffee while browsing for new to you books.
Book Donations can be accepted through February 2nd .
> Questions: Contact Heidi Johnson McAllister, Heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org, 612-724- 7457.
Location: Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Office, 3451 Cedar Avenue South.
> See page 4 for more information

Sunday, February 5th & 19th
Yarn Mission - Knit Meet Up
11am – 2pm
Community knitting group, open to all. The Yarn Mission group is to use knitting to support and contribute to the achievement of Black Liberation. Pro-Black, Pro-Rebellion, Pro-Community
> For more information go to <http://theyarnmission.com/> or find us on Facebook

Tuesday, February 7th
Food Shelf Distribution
3 – 4pm
Lebanon Church (21st Ave & 36th St)
(Always the first Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday, February 22nd
CNO Awards Dinner
6pm
CNO Hosts the annual Community Awards Dinner at Corcoran Park. Nominations are due February 14th to Heidi Johnson McAllister at heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org.
Corcoran Park (3334 20th Ave S.)
> See page 4 for more information

Like CNO on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and join Nextdoor to stay in touch with your neighbors.



Events

Every Saturday
February 4th – March 11th
TA-DA! Puppet Shows for Kids
10am – noon
In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is pleased to announce our winter 2017 TA-DA! Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids series, returning for the 18th year. Our Associate Artists and friends bring stories from around the world to life each Saturday, designed to inspire and delight children of all ages. Some performances are in English; others are in Spanish.
1500 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis
Tickets: \$7 suggested donation (\$2 for Powderhorn and Phillips residents)
612-721-2535 or hobt.org for more information

Tuesday, February 7th and Tuesday, March 21th
MayDay Community Meetings
7 – 9:30pm
The process of creating the MayDay Parade, Ceremony, and Festival begins in February and March. We invite you to join with neighbors and MayDay artists in a conversation about where we are as a community right now: our hopes, concerns, and images that resonate and inspire as we look towards this new year.
Both meetings are held at In the Heart of the Beast Theatre’s home base, the Avalon theatre: 1500 E Lake St , Mpls, Mn 55407
Phone: 612-721-2535 - info@hobt.org

Sunday, February 26th
Exploring the American Arts & Crafts Movement
An Illustrated Talk by Larry Crawford
1 – 3:30pm
(Two one-hour talks with refreshment break at 2 p.m.) Free for Bungalow Club members; Non-members \$3
> For more information: www.bungalowclub.org, 612-724-5816
> St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
1895 Laurel Ave., St. Paul (Park on the street)
www.saintmarysepiscopal.org

Save the Date:
Saturday, April 1st, 2017
South Minneapolis Housing Fair
The South Minneapolis Housing Fair is all about connecting homeowners with reliable resources for maintaining and improving their homes. For more information, www.housingfair.org
South High School
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Winter Reminders

Parker Adams | Corcoran Neighbor & Youth Reporter

It is very important to follow set guidelines during the winter months. Snow emergencies and shoveling are two important things to remember to do during the harsh winter of Minnesota. In this article I will talk about them.

Snow emergencies are very important for the safety of all drivers on the road. They allow for the street to be cleared of snow so the driving conditions are better for everybody. When the city of Minneapolis declares a snow emergency, remember the following: On day one, starting at 9:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., there is no parking on either side of the snow emergency routes. On day 2, there is no parking on the even numbered side of a non-snow emergency street and both sides of parkways from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On day 3, there is no parking on the odd numbered side of a non-snow emergency street from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can sign up for alerts through the city of Minneapolis. They can call or text, alerting you of a snow emergency. They even have a snow emergency app for your convenience.



Keeping up with snow emergencies and making sure the streets are able to be plowed is a great way to improve driving conditions.

Shoveling is also very important. It allows people to be able to safely walk to their destination. According to minneapolismn.gov, “Minneapolis ordinance requires property owners to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall for houses and duplexes, and four daytime hours for all other properties. Failure to shovel your walk could lead to a ticket plus the cost of crews shoveling it.”

If you need assistance clearing your walk, you could call 311 for a list of sources that might be available to you. Not only is shoveling your walkway required, but it is a part of being a good neighbor. Everyone in the neighborhood would appreciate and benefit from a clean sidewalk to walk on.

In conclusion, it is very smart to follow winter traffic rules and shoveling expectations. We all appreciate your compliance during these long and arduous winter months. Thanks for reading!

Sully Movie Review

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

How’s this for paradox? *Sully* is one of the best movies I have ever seen, and yet I highly recommend stopping it thirty minutes before it ends. I will explain later.

Sully tells the amazing true story of the events of January 15, 2009, when a fully loaded US Airways Flight 1549 ended up in the Hudson River with zero casualties. Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger -- the movie’s namesake -- was at the helm of the Airbus A320 that day.

As I watched the re-creation of the event and the subsequent rescue, tears of gratitude welled up in my eyes. I am so used to being fed a steady diet of ‘negative and tragic’ that it was a refreshingly therapeutic experience watching everything about the rescue effort go right. As a grateful New Yorker quips early on, “Our city isn’t used to hearing good news involving airplanes.”

Another reason for the tears was the constant reminder of the humanity involved...155 lives, to be exact. Even knowing the outcome, I found myself leaning in with baited breath as Chesley went back into the sinking fuselage to search for remaining passengers. When he finally received word that all were accounted for, I lost it. The sanctity of human life was on full display.

The score was a surprisingly

mellow, jazz-like concoction...something you might expect playing in a pilot’s head, even with chaos all around. And it worked. In fact, everything about this movie had the ring of authenticity. It was so realistic that at one point during the rescue scene, I literally caught myself reaching for my phone to take a picture of the ‘live event’ unfolding before my eyes. I have director Clint Eastwood to thank for that, who drew from his own harrowing experience of an emergency water landing at 21.

Sully stood so well on its realism that it did not have to spend the last thirty minutes proving the innocence of the flight crew. In fact, I actually think Chesley and his copilot came down a few hero notches trying to defend themselves. One hundred fifty-five lives walked away intact. That was the story! The subplot of the investigation and the final payoff at the end was hardly worth the let-down of considering that Sully could have been in the wrong. Hence -- and I do not say this lightly -- if you stop the video before the final hearing, you will be glad you did. Let me know. russ@lebanonchurch.org

P.S. As irritated as I am by the constant noise pollution over Corcoran, the gratitude for pilots this movie invoked made me a little less so.



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CNO Board ratified that support at our January 12 meeting with two conditions:

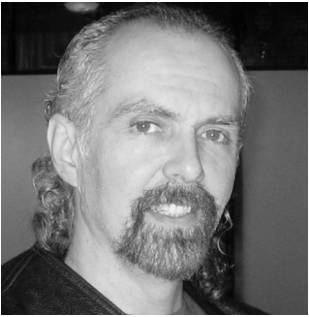
- 1.) That MPS work to provide transit passes for students and staff who will use the new facility in order to address residents’ parking concerns.
- 2.) That MPS commit to making their capital improvement plan within 2 years and to involve CNO in discussions about the South High campus; furthermore, CNO supports a variance to the Pedestrian Overlay District to allow more than forty feet of surface parking at street frontage along 30-1/2 Street. Construction will commence in late spring or early summer of 2017 and the school will open in the fall of 2018.

Después de la presentación y sesión de preguntas y respuestas, los residentes de Corcoran que se encontraban en la reunión votaron unánimemente para apoyar el plan de diseño de MPS para el nuevo proyecto. La directiva de CNO ratificó ese apoyo en la reunión del 12 de enero, con dos condiciones:

- 1) que MPS trabaje para proveer boletos para transporte público para estudiantes y trabajadores quienes usarán las nuevas instalaciones, esto para incluir las quejas sobre estacionamiento de los residentes.
- 2) que MPS se comprometa a hacer su plan de construcción de capital dentro de 2 años, esto para incluir a la CNO en las discusiones sobre el campus de South High. Además, la CNO apoya una divergencia la Clasificación Zonal de Peatonales para permitir más de 12 metros de estacionamiento en la parte frontal de la calle sobre calle 30 1/2. La construcción comenzará a finales de la primavera o principios del verano de 2017 y la escuela abrirá sus puertas en el otoño del 2018.

The Incomplete Skeptic Signs of a Spiritual Awakening

Timothy Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



The following is a take on “12 Symptoms of a Spiritual Awakening”, author unknown.

1. A tendency to let things happen rather than force solutions or impose harmony
Assignment: Say what you, mean. Mean what you say, but don’t say it mean. Truth without compassion is cruelty.
2. Frequent spells of smiling.
Assignment: Go do something childlike (not to be confused with childish). Skip down the sidewalk and giggle gleefully! Remember, it’s not illegal to be crazy. It’s only illegal to act crazy. Though walking that balancing beam can be fun!
3. Feelings of being connected with others and nature.
Assignment: Maybe grab a friend and head down to Minnehaha for a walk in the park.
4. Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation. If you don’t tell at least three people a day that you love them, you’ve probably wasted a day of your life.
Assignment: Go find those three people (pets and plants counts, too)!
5. A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experience.
Assignment: Imagine standing between two mirrors. The mirror on your left represents the past, the one on your right, the future. If you want to change your perception of the past, simply shift your angle of perception. Everything changes!
6. An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
Assignment: Look for the

- good and you’ll find it.
7. A loss of ability to worry.
Assignment: If you’re going to worry, why pray? If you’re going to pray, why worry? “The door to hell is opened only from the inside.” CS Lewis
 8. A loss of interest in conflict.
Assignment: Forgive not because someone deserves forgiveness, but because you deserve peace. “Do not think of knocking out another person’s brains because he• differs in opinion from you. It would be as rational to knock yourself on the head because you differ from yourself ten years ago.” Horace Mann
 9. A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others. Most of the corners we paint others into are synthetic. Gossip is always an ill-blended paint, comprised of a lack of input from the person gossiped about.
Assignment: Trust that in God’s Economy, nothing is wasted.
 10. A loss of interest in judging others.
Assignment: Although the world seems to be addicted to judgement, don’t get into a pissing contest with a skunk over it! Remember that when you point your finger at someone, you have three fingers pointing back at you. “Judging others is easy because it distracts us from the responsibility of judging ourselves.” Charles F. Glassman
 11. A loss of interest in judging self.
Assignment: Give yourself a break. “It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.” ee cummings
 12. Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything in return.
Assignment: Read The More Loving One, a poem by WH Auden.

Church @ the Park

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor



Since 1976, the Corcoran Recreation Center has served our neighborhood in a myriad of ways. From caring staff to programs for children of all ages, to the facilitation of events through its community kitchen and multipurpose rooms, this 3,000 square foot building, nestled in the heart of the park that bears its name, also serves as a church on Sunday mornings. The faith community of *One Accord Church of Jesus Christ* -- whose roots are Jamaican -- has called this home for the past three years.

I joined them for worship on the Sunday immediately following the national election. The sermon was aptly about remaining calm, and waiting. In a somber yet resolved

tone, one of the elders urged prayer for all leaders, reminding us that regardless of who sits in a White House, God sits on a throne, and one day the government will rest on His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6), and everything will be made right. Multiple people, young and old alike, shared testimonies of how God had recently helped them. The music was loud but pleasant (if that makes sense). I was greeted warmly and never once made to feel like an ‘outsider.’ They welcome all to their services, which are held each Sunday at noon. For more information, contact Sean Davis @ (612) 206-7534, or email: sdavis@nhcc.edu

Corcoran Park Happenings | Eventos en el parque Corcoran

Cierrah Hansen | Corcoran Neighbor & Corcoran Park Staff



Enjoy dinner and a movie at the Corcoran Park Dinner Theater program. The Theater will be every other Thursday, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. People ages 5 to 14 are welcome. Staff member Cierrah cooks dinner and show a newer movie here at the park. Contact the park the week before to find out the movie and what Cierrah is cooking. The park staff can be reached at 612-370-4919.

Disfruta de una cena y una película en el programa de ‘Cena y Cine del Parque Corcoran’. El Cine ocurrirá cada dos jueves, de 5:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m. Las personas de 5 a 14 años son bienvenidas. Cierrah, miembro del equipo, es quien cocina y pasa una película nueva aquí en el parque. Contacta al parque una semana antes para enterarte de cuál será la próxima película y de lo que Cierrah cocinará. El equipo de trabajo del parque puede ser localizado en el 612-370-4919.

Wife in the Cities: Writing On LOVE

Sara Stamschror-Lott | Corcoran Neighbor



I was reluctant to write about what I really wanted to write about for this edition of the paper. I normally write about home décor and places to shop. I also wasn't sure how the CNO would feel about this topic or how my neighbors would feel reading my opinions as we change from a democratic society to a Republican one. Today is the inauguration and Donald Trump is becoming the leader of the free world as I write this.

Now, I must be honest, I am a liberal female, married to a spectacular liberal African American man and we both work in non-profits. We are planning to bring bi-racial children into the world, protest for equality and continue to work with underserved people despite our funding sources being threatened under new leadership. I am truly scared in my gut for my little family, my wonderful neighbors who also have "untraditional families" (whatever the heck that actually means!) and I worry for the clients I work with that are now losing their ability to fund their medical and mental health care.

Ok, let me get to my point for writing this today...my column is an opinion piece, but it is usually focused around fun topics. I am also aware that not all my neighbors reading this will agree with my view point and may have voted for Trump. Most of my family voted for Trump as well, so I am used to the divide...as well as petrified

of it. And ironically, the best advice I have received, that I want to pass on in this article, came from my granny (a Trump voter). She said, "Sara...all we can do is LOVE each other. Even if our president is not conveying that message...we, as the people, can only love each other". And this reminded me of Martin Luther King stating, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that".

And so I write this today to simply say that we must learn to love one another greatly, regardless of who voted for who. As a Corcoran resident, I love that I live in a safe community in a warm house. I love that when I see my Corcoran neighbors on the street they are friendly, welcome me into their homes, accept me and my family for who we are, laugh with me and work to protect me. I am thankful that my neighborhood is proud of our artists and that the CNO is supporting the new COPA artists group as they develop the first annual art crawl. I love that my neighborhood is diverse on every level, which is one of the main reasons we moved here. And most of all, I'm happy that I live in a neighborhood that will allow me to love my neighbors, regardless of who they are, what they look like, what language they speak, who they are married to or not married to, how much money they make, how old they are and regardless of who they voted for. So, I am saying, in this difficult time of divide, please join together with each other in love instead of hate. Its the only way. It's the only answer. Reach out and connect. Now is the time, more than ever, that LOVE is needed in our little neck of the world. Be loved good neighbors...be loved.

GROWS keeps GROWing

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran Neighbor

GROWS has been a part of this neighborhood for seven years- can you believe it?! As I write this, I am watching the inauguration, and feeling empowered to continue the work we've started. Our core group has done a lot of talking and visioning since the election to expand and clarify our role here in the neighborhood. We know a lot of work needs to be done to expand the arc of justice and defend what we've already accomplished. *We are ready to resist - and we are ready for YOU to join us!*

Statement of Purpose: Recognizing the pervasive materialistic culture that endangers the planet, fosters isolation, inequity and overconsumption; and with the recognition that our ability to thrive is inextricably bound up with each other:

Corcoran GROWS, working at the neighborhood level - and in concert with allied movements - seeks to reclaim a vibrant culture of the Commons that values and defends our shared environment, recognizes and challenges oppression, cultivates the strengths of its neighbors to create meaningful connections, and a sustainable future.

Mission Statement

Corcoran GROWS is inspiring a

collective transformation; building a community that relies upon our inherent interdependence and values our shared knowledge, generosity, and commitment to an equitable and sustainable future.

Upcoming Opportunities:

Planning Potlucks: Join us for regular meetings to plan our acts of resistance!

Thursday, Feb. 9th - 6-8:30pm - 2311 32nd Ave.

Thursday, March 9th - 6-8:30pm - 3540 Longfellow Ave.

Night with a Neighbor: Sandy Spieler will inspire us with her 40 years of passionate waterwork, and how larger water issues connect to our neighborhood. Guaranteed to spark ideas for how WE can work for our precious water.

Friday, Feb. 24th - 7-9pm - location TBA

Keep track of us and like our facebook page: www.facebook.com/corcorangrows

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In resistance and love: Joe Hesla (612-722-6473), Paula Holden (612-724-6795), Howard Kroll and Marissa Tappy



Ask the Yoga Instructor: Prenatal Yoga

Mary Bue | Corcoran Business Owner of Imbue Yoga Studio

Greetings from your friendly neighborhood yoga instructor and owner of Imbue Yoga on 35th street. I am thrilled to offer some yogic insights. If you have a yoga-related question, I will do my best to answer. Please email questions to imbueyoga@gmail.com and perhaps you'll be featured!

Q: I just found out that I'm pregnant! My doctor suggested I try yoga. Do you have any tips to start while expecting?

A: First of all, CONGRATULATIONS! That is wonderful news and I wish you the happiest of pregnancies! Prenatal yoga can be a great addition to your routine not only to welcome the changes in your body but also to soothe some of those heightened emotions.

My teacher always said "The baby has the real estate" - herein lies my first tip: leave LOTS of space for your baby in all of your movements. Refrain from anything lying on your belly, keep your twists open and try not to do any strengthening of the abdominals as you want them to be supple for your growing baby. Also note that your body is flowing with a hormone called relaxin that makes you more flexible than usual - exciting, however be careful not to stretch too far! Also if you have any numbness in fingers while resting on your back, be sure to roll to your side to rest (probably best always to rest on your side in the 2nd-3rd trimesters).

A simple vinyasa (flow) practice for you: Start on hands and knees (table pose), knees wider than hips. Exhale sink-

ing your hips down towards your heels. Rest your head on the mat or a pillow (childs pose). Slow down your breathing and feel the awe that you are now breathing for two. On an inhale, float back to table pose, tuck your toes under, press into your hands, lift your knees up as you shift your hips up and back (downward facing dog). Keeping your wrists and arms straight, feel length from fingertips to tailbone, tailbone to heels, keeping your knees soft. Breathe 3-6 breaths feeling strength, release, and

freedom. Inhale, lower knees, exhale slowly back to childs pose. Rest. Repeat as many times as you like. When resting, feel your heart(s) beating, your breath flowing, invite gratitude and wonder.

Prenatal Yoga drop in classes begin on Sundays at Imbue Yoga starting Jan 29th at noon. Imbue Yoga Studio 2223 E 35th St, Minneapolis, MN 55407 www.imbueyoga.com

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2017 Town Hall Meetings With State Reps. Davnie, Wagenius & State Sen. Torres Ray Will Engage Local Community

Press Release



Responding to the concerns constituents have shared with them Minneapolis State Representatives Jim Davnie, Jean Wagenius, and State Senator Patricia Torres Ray are inviting residents of Senate District 63 to attend a series of town hall meetings to address potential changes in areas of special concern to many Minnesotans.

A new Presidential Administration and Republican Majorities in both chambers of the Minnesota Legislature will mean significant changes on a number of topics and issues facing our community. State Rep. Davnie, State Rep. Wagenius, and State Sen. Torres Ray and local experts will host a series of panel conversations exploring developments on the state and federal level and avenues for engagement on issues local residents care about. They will provide information and take questions from members of the community. These events are free and open to the public and people are welcome to come and go as they please.

Meeting on Climate Change:

Town hall meeting with Rep. Davnie, Rep. Wagenius, and Sen. Torres Ray. Joined by representatives from MN350, Fresh Energy and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Mayflower Church, 106 East Diamond Lake Road
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Meeting on Civil Rights:

Town hall meeting with Rep. Davnie, Rep. Wagenius, and Sen. Torres Ray. Joined by representatives from ACLU-Minnesota, League of Women Voters-Minnesota and Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Communications Workers of America Hall
3521 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

For more info contact:

- Rep. Jim Davnie at (651)296-0173 or rep.jim.davnie@house.mn
- Rep. Jean Wagenius at (651)296-4200 or rep.jean.wagenius@house.mn
- Sen. Patricia Torres Ray at (651)296-4274 or sen.patricia.torres.ray@senate.mn

Reading Partners Seeks Community Volunteers

Kelly Rynda | Reading Partners Twin Cities



Reading Partners Twin Cities is seeking volunteer tutors at Green Central and Lyndale Elementary Schools. Our volunteers make a lifelong impact on a child who struggles with reading. We currently have almost 40 students waiting for a tutor!

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Save the Date! Community Awards Dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

Eric Gustafson | CNO Staff

Save the Date! Community Awards Dinner on Wed., Feb. 22nd.

Now Seeking Nominations for Leader of the Year, Lifetime Achievement awards

Corcoran would not be the vibrant and connected neighborhood that it is without the volunteer leadership contributions of many active residents. Each year the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) hosts a Community Awards Dinner to celebrate volunteer community leadership.

Join your neighbors at CNO’s Community Awards Dinner on Wednesday, February 22nd. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm at Corcoran Park (3334 20th Ave S). The event is free and all Corcoran residents are invited.

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 people who undertake large- or small-scale efforts, gestures of goodwill, and leadership that benefits our neighborhood and community.

Nominate your neighbor for the Leader of the Year award or the Dorothy LaDue Lifetime Achievement award to be celebrated at the Community Awards Dinner. Please share the nominee’s name, your name, and a brief statement explaining how the nominee has contributed to the neighborhood to Heidi by February 14th: call 612-724-7457, email heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org or mail your nomination to 3451 Cedar Ave S.

Finally, a volunteer team is planning the Community Awards dinner. Please contact Heidi to assist with planning!



¡Aparta la fecha! Cena de Premiación Comunitaria / Miércoles 22 de febrero

Estamos aceptando nominaciones para ‘Líder del Año, Premios al Logro de toda una Vida’

Corcoran no sería el vecindario vibrante y unido que es sin las contribuciones de voluntarios de muchos de sus residentes activos. Cada año la Organización Vecinal de Corcoran (CNO en inglés) preside una Cena de Premiación Comunitaria para celebrar el liderazgo comunitario de sus voluntarios.

¡Acompaña a tus vecinos en la Cena Comunitaria de CNO el miércoles 22 de febrero! La cena dará inicio a las 6:00 p.m. en el parque Corcoran (3334 20th Ave S). El evento es gratis y todos los residentes de Corcoran están invitados.

El programa incluirá a vecinos brindando por otros vecinos quienes han mostrado destacado liderazgo voluntario en el vecindario Corcoran durante el año pasado, o toda su vida. Los líderes comunitarios son gente común y corriente que se comprometen con esfuerzos, grandes o pequeños, gestos de amabilidad y liderazgo que benefician a nuestro vecindario y a nuestra comunidad.

Nomina a tu vecino para premio a ‘Líder del Año’ o para el ‘Logro de Toda una Vida de Dorothy LaDue’, que se celebrará durante la Cena de Premiación Comunitaria. Por favor, comparte el nombre del nominado con una breve descripción, explicando cómo el nominado ha contribuido al vecindario del 10 de febrero: A Heidi por correo electrónico: heidi@corcoranneighborhood.org, o por teléfono al 612-724-7457, o por correo en: 3451 Cedar Ave S.

Finalmente, un equipo de voluntarios está planeando la Cena de Premiación Comunitaria. Por favor, contacta a Heidi si deseas ayudar con la planeación.

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Beloved Annual Corcoran Book and Bake Sale Returns: Saturday February 4th

Kath Lenk | Former Corcoran Neighbor & Book Sale Volunteer

Once again, the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization office will turn into a warm and welcoming bookstore and bakery on the first Saturday of February. Many gently used books and delicious homemade baked goods will be for sale at very affordable prices. Music will be played during the morning hours. Come browse for books while enjoying hot beverages and delicious treats. Event sponsors include Shear Art Studios, May Day Café, Bill Oliver (realtor), and Moon Palace Books. All proceeds benefit the many projects and activities of CNO.

Corcoran Book and Bake Sale
Saturday February 4th
9am-4pm
Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Office
3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Used book donations will be accepted through February 1st at the CNO office and the Corcoran Park Recreation Center (3334 20th Ave S). Volunteers are also welcome to help sort books prior to the sale on January 31st and February 2nd from 6 to 8pm.

El regreso de venta de libros y pan en Corcoran: Sábado 4 de febrero

Kath Lenk | Antiguo vecino de Corcoran y voluntario de la venta de libros

Una vez más, la oficina de la Organización Vecinal de Corcoran se convertirá en una acogedora y cordial panadería y librería el primer sábado de febrero. Un gran número de libros, cuidadosamente usados, y productos de panadería caseros se pondrán a la venta a precios muy cómodos. Habrá música durante las horas de la mañana. Ven a explorar los libros mientras disfrutas de bebidas calientes y cosas deliciosas. Entre los patrocinadores del evento están: Estudios de Arte Shear, Café May Day, Oliver (realtor) y Libros Moon Palace. Todas las ganancias benefician a los diversos proyectos y actividades de CNO.

Corcoran Book and Bake Sale
Saturday February 4th
9am-4pm
Oficina de la Organización Vecinal Corcoran
3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Estaremos recibiendo donaciones de libros usados hasta el 1 de febrero en la oficina de CNO y el Centro Recreativo del Parque Corcoran (3334 20th Ave S). Los voluntarios son también bienvenidos para ayudar a ordenar los libros antes de la venta del 31 de enero y 2 de febrero.

A Crush of Positive Resistance

Susan Hensel | Corcoran Neighbor & Gallery Owner

On the evening of the 20th, the Susan Hensel Gallery on Cedar Avenue opened its normally closed doors to hold an inauguration event centered around art, community, and fellowship. *Inauguration: Acts of Resistance, Acts of Kindness* featured artwork from artists around the Twin Cities and beyond, some made in response to the current political climate and others chosen because they felt appropriate. In addition to the artwork, attendees were encouraged to make buttons and yard signs that spread constructive messages and encourage respectful dialogue. An estimated one to two hundred broken-hearted people stopped by to converse with their fellow neighbors and contribute to something posi-

tive. This evening’s event was the first community action and the official launch of the Civility Project, an artfully designed national initiative dreamt up by artist and gallery owner Susan Hensel. Although the gallery had been closed for several years, the state of the country and the lack of respectful discussion surrounding it spurred Hensel into action and the Civility Project was born.

The Civility Project seeks to build stronger communities and restore civil discourse. The Civility Project promotes understanding between opposing groups through the encouragement of story sharing and deep listening. These tenets will be demonstrated through the distribution of

2017 Midtown Farmers Market Vendor Applications Now Available!

Miguel Goebel | MFM 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 or contact Market Manager Miguel Goebel at manager@midtownfarmersmarket.org or 612-724-7457, for more information and to access the 2017 vendor application.

2017 Application Schedule and Deadlines:

March 3: Priority Application Deadline (for all vendors except arts & craft vendors)*

March 10: Acceptance notifications

March 31: Priority Application Deadline for art & craft vendors*

April 7: Acceptance Notifications for art & craft vendors

April 8: Annual Spring Vendor Meeting

May 6: Opening Day, Saturday Market

June 6: Opening Day, Tuesday Market

August 5: Final Payments Due for Annual Vendors

October 28: Closing Day, Saturday Market

October 31: Closing Day, Tuesday 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 or by calling 612-724-7457 for more information and additional informational materials about the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee.

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CNO Board Adopts 2017 Budget

Following are the Budget and Budget Narrative

CNO Board

INCOME

General operating funds (NRP Admin, CPP, McKnight) comprise 39% of our income. We have a balance of \$89,460 in NRP Admin, to which we have added a diminishing amount of program income (from repaid housing loans) every year or two. At our proposed rate of spending this fund would be spent down by mid-2020; the final Surplus line in this budget represents an addition of General operating funds to a new strategic Operating Reserve. Community Participation Program (CPP) funds will be awarded for 2017-2019, and the City’s commitment to fund CPP ends in 2020. CPP and our McKnight general operating grant are currently pending. Staff and treasurer recommend that a finance committee of the board explore new strategies to sustain CNO’s capacity past 2020.

NRP Home improvement funds include \$893 for a small incentive fund to be programmed by our Housing committee. This is our remaining balance, to which we could add future program income. Not shown in CNO’s budget are established contracts for our Homebuyer, Low Interest Loan, and Emergency Loan programs – all designed by our Housing committee and administered by Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC). Our approach has been to keep these funds solvent and available for residents; we currently have over \$80,000 remaining.

Foundation grants goal is built on cautious staff projections for pursuing and securing some specific opportunities we have researched including several strong current and previous funding relationships. This line also includes some grants we would need to identify and secure in order to go ahead with some specific expenses marked as “conditional.”

Economic Development funds are available from a 2015 McKnight award (\$22,500 balance) and the City’s Business Technical Assistance Program (B-TAP), which is reimbursable based on services provided.

Newspaper income represents advertising sales. The budgeted goal requires a small boost relative to 2016.

Community Garden income represents plot fees; Garden expenses are explained below.

Office income represents revenue generated by our office space via rental use by residents and outside organizations. The increase reflects the increased appeal and use of our remodeled space and will require a marketing plan to attract new users.

Individual donations goal will require a stronger Jan-Dec effort by board and staff driven by a new monthly fundraising committee of the board, and a renewed Friends of the Market group.

Event income includes a “Dine Out for the (Farmers) Market” pilot raising \$3,600, and assumes the continued success of the established Fall Harvest (\$7,500) and Winter Booksale (\$1,800) events.

Farmers Market income includes an increase in revenue received via vendor fees and Sponsorships; the latter will require a stronger outreach plan starting several months earlier with updated materials.

Capital funds represent use of our bank account (balance is \$119,500 as of Nov. 1).

EXPENSES

Personnel Expenses grow 5.9% relative to 2016, and reflect the addition of a 10 hr/wk organizer position piloted in 2016 (Edain’s role), but do not include salary adjustments from 2016 with one exception; the SNAP outreach capacity we budgeted for 2016 has been rolled into the Market Manager salary to bring it closer to parity with other senior staff salaries based on the responsibilities of this position. Last year’s budget narrative outlined plans to increase the hours, pay, and benefits of our seasonal Market Assistant position over time, aiming to move from its current 22.5 hr/wk at \$14/hr with no benefits, to 30 hr/wk at \$16/hr with health and dental coverage by 2018. As proposed for 2017, the position will average 25 hr/wk at \$16.50/hr and will receive health and dental benefits.

Overhead Expenses will increase 0.3% relative to 2016 despite upgrades to our copy/print capabilities, improved database, and rising utility and insurance costs. Overhead represents 6.9% of our total expenses.

Organizational Development includes dollars for formal staff and board trainings to be identified.

Program Expenses include:

- Economic Development (ED), a line representing use of dedicated ED income. The ED committee will present a detailed program budget in December or January.
- A Small Area Planning consultant, contingent on first identifying and securing a new (and currently unknown) grant.
- A leadership development pilot to be developed, aimed at building more representative and sustainable leadership in the work of CNO, and also contingent on new funds.
- Newspaper design, production, and distribution costs for 11 color editions mailed to every Corcoran household, including a designer stipend.
- Meeting and Event expenses include provisions for childcare, consecutive translation, and food for key meetings.
- Printing covers outside vendor costs for large or complex color printing projects.
- Community Garden equals income received from plot fees. It includes a small coordinator stipend; the balance

- of spending is decided by garden participants.
- Small incentive fund is the mini grant programmed by the Housing committee.
 - Farmers Market Site Items includes a new informational kiosk and replacement of run-down tents, tables, and chairs (all contingent on raising new funds); our costs for restroom access; on-site storage and waste removal costs; equipment repairs; and moving truck rental costs.
 - Farmers Market Programming, contingent on securing new grant dollars, would help broaden our appeal and improve the quality of live music and performances.
 - Farmers Market Merchandise purchase covers new T-shirts and tote bags to be sold.
 - Farmers Market EBT/Credit Equipment and Service if offset by Farmers Market credit card fees listed under “Income.”

Capital Improvements covers repairs on our building foundation to address water intrusion, as well as a new wall-mounted screen for our conference space and a new copy/print machine.

2017 Budget	
Corcoran Neighborhood Organization	
with Midtown Farmers Market	
Income	Adopted 2017
NRP Admin	\$25,000
NRP Small Incentive Fund	\$893
Community Participation Program (CPP)	\$46,576
Foundation Grants	\$59,700
McKnight: General Operating	\$65,000
McKnight: Economic Development	\$12,265
City of Minneapolis B-TAP	\$8,000
Newspaper Income	\$6,000
Community Garden Income	\$1,000
Office Income	\$4,000
Individual Donations	\$20,000
Event Income	\$12,900
Farmers Market Vendor Fees	\$53,250
Farmers Market Sponsorships	\$22,500
Farmers Market Merchandise Sales	\$800
Farmers Market Credit Card fees	\$3,000
Capital Funds	\$12,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$352,884
Personnel Expenses	
Salaries	\$208,011
Payroll Taxes	\$16,536
Payroll Service	\$1,500
Health Insurance and Benefits	\$16,093
	\$242,141
Overhead Expenses	
Bookkeeping	\$3,600
Nonprofit Insurance	\$2,940
Licenses, Dues, Subscriptions	\$2,359
Office Supplies	\$1,200
Postage	\$800
Computer Software and Maintenance	\$500
Utilities	\$4,764
Building Maintenance	\$2,990
Phone and Internet	\$3,840
Office Equipment Expense	\$700
	\$23,693
Organizational Development	
Staff Training	\$1,200
Board Training	\$500
	\$1,700
Program Expenses	
Economic Development	\$20,160
Small Area Planning consultant	\$10,000
Leadership Development pilot	\$5,000
Newspaper	\$8,623
Meeting and event expenses	\$1,800
Printing	\$500
Community Garden	\$1,000
Small Incentive Fund (Program Incentives)	\$893
Farmers Market Site Expenses	\$9,870
Farmers Market Programming	\$7,500
Farmers Market Merchandise purchase	\$600
Farmers Market EBT/Credit Equipment and Service	\$2,000
	\$67,946
Capital Expenses	
Capital Improvements	\$12,000
	\$12,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$347,480
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$5,404

Over \$5000 raised for CNO - thank you neighbors!

April Riordan | Corcoran Neighbor & CNO Board Treasurer

The board of directors for CNO sets fundraising goals each year for our individual giving revenue - one time and sustaining gifts from residents and other individuals who believe in CNO’s mission of uniting neighbors to strengthen our community.

Our 2016 goal for our fall fundraising campaign was to raise \$5000 and thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal and raised \$5316. This included \$1556 on Give to the Max Day, almost \$3000 in other year-end contributions, and a \$1000 matching gift from a board member’s employer! To do this, we tried a neighbor-to-neighbor postcard campaign, promoted giving to CNO in the newspaper and at our events, and even spent a night calling those who have given in the past to ask/remind them to donate again.

We had a few other goals that we fell short on... We had hoped to bring in 25 new donors but we only got 16. We also wanted to increase our sustaining donors by 15 and only gained

3 new sustainers. Also, we had an ambitious goal of retaining 100% of past donors. We didn’t get to 100% but maintained a respectable 83%.

Do you have creative, effective ideas for fundraising? Do you like to plan fundraising events, design marketing materials, or get out and talk to people? Would you like to gain experience in fundraising? We are launching a new fundraising committee to raise even more money for CNO so we can continue our important and impactful work for our neighborhood and city. We need all kinds of volunteers with all kinds of skills and strengths to make this committee energized and effective. (You do not have to be a resident of Corcoran to participate - Friends of the Midtown Farmer’s Market welcome!) Email April Riordan at aprilriordan@gmail.com to join the committee or for more information.

Thank you to November and December Donors!

Heidi Johnson McAllister | CNO Staff

Thank you to those who invested in CNO in November and December! Your generosity contributes to CNO building up participation and leaders, addressing renters’ rights issues, creating the Corcoran News, supporting our neighborhood businesses, and running a robust farmers market. We rely on the participation, leadership, and financial support of residents like you.

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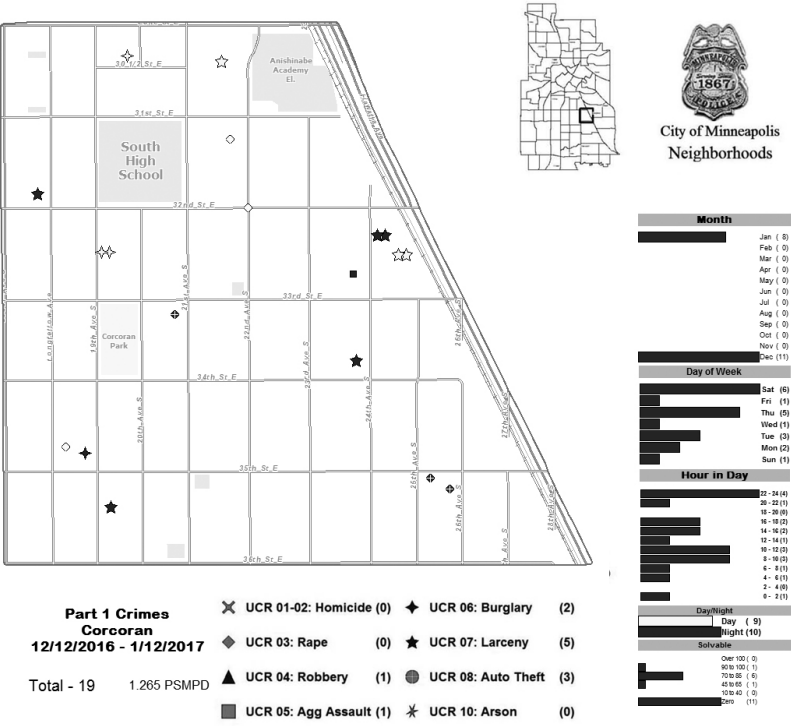
Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel | Block Leader/CERT member

This month’s Crime map was provided by Shaun Tillman, Crime Prevention Specialist, MPD 3rd Precinct.

I don’t have a topic for this month as Corcoran’s own Youth Reporter, Parker Adams has done a great job of covering winter related tips. I recommend checking out her column!

Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-December 2017 to Mid-January | Mapa de Delinuencias en Corcoran desde medio-diciembre 2017 a medio-enero



Corcoran News Survey

Russ Grigsby | Editor & Corcoran Neighbor

Over the last year, the Corcoran News has seen some changes; the biggest change is the design of the newspaper. We changed designers at the beginning of last year. A local, Corcoran resident and graphic designer, Lori Auer, has created a layout. We have many Corcoran residents now writing articles on a regular basis. The Corcoran News committee would like to hear from you about your preferences in the newspaper. We have created a survey for you to take that you can find at www.corcoranneighborhood.org. We seek your responses between now and March 1st. If you do not have access to take the survey online, please contact Heidi at (612) 724-7457.



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CNO Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 8th, 2016, 7 – 9 p.m. at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Community members are encouraged to contact CNO executive director Eric Gustafson (612-724-7457, eric@corcoranneighborhood.org) with any questions about CNO Board business, to learn more, or to get more involved. CNO Board meetings are open to the public; find the next meeting time on page 2 of this edition.

Attending: Clark, Barajas, Riordan, Grigsby, Tomczik, Lee-Ferrand, Kazinka, Novak, Applewhite; also Gustafson, Davis, Altamirano (Staff). **Absent:** Smith, Watkins.

MOTION to appoint new board members.

- Motion Lisa, 2nd Adam. Passes.
- Evan Lee-Ferrand, Renters Chair. New to the neighborhood. Work at HOME Line. Fills position held by Edain Altamirano, who is stepping down.
- Marvin Applewhite, At Large. In neighborhood for 4 years, now in Blue Line Flats. Have done outreach with CNO staff on Better Bus Stops project.

2017 Budget and related actions.

- Flannery walks through revised budget and narrative. Creating a strategic operating reserve using \$5,000 general operating dollars. Lisa: anticipate national election and Mayor’s pledge of sanctuary city, possible loss of federal funds could put pressure on unspent funds from City. April: aware foundation grants income is a “push.” Challenging to find unrestricted funds. Planning for future scenarios including loss of CItY support.
- Matt presents Economic Development budget. Spending down dedicated funds from McKnight grant of 2 years ago; spending down slowly and anticipate spending final \$11,000 in 2018. Also have income from City for business technical assistance; total income and expenses for Economic Development are about \$20,000. Expect to replace Joan Bennett who had been providing business assistance.
- Eric walks through specific expenses that are contingent on identifying new funding, including farmers market programming and a new leadership development pilot. Eric walks through proposed Capital improvements including repairs to the building foundation and a new copy/print machine.
- Motion to approve the 2017 Budget and Narrative as presented by Adam, 2nd Lisa. Passes.

Discussed forming a Financial Sustainability committee and and a Fundraising (aka Individual Giving) committee.

- AR: proposing these new committees to address potential loss of City financial support in 2020 and to support increased income goals for 2017. Membership could include board and non-board. Flannery would love to have more than executive committee members on the committees. Matt: consider combining these committees? April: discussed but feel finance and fundraising should be kept separate. Marvin and Russ interested in Fundraising committee.
- Motion to create a Financial Sustainability committee and Fundraising committee. Motion Lisa, 2nd Russ. Passes.

Decide next steps on community planning Comp (2040) Plan input.

- Lisa: Comprehensive (“Comp”) plan is required of City, defines long-term vision for transportation, housing, environment, jobs, etc. MK attended October open house convened by City to gather input. LB Adam, Meline, Eric, and myself met with City planning staff to discuss work we’ve done and how to share and inform Comp plan. AT: concerned the Oct. open houses represent the only input the City plans to gather; had expected a more robust and engaging process. Ahead of the January Board meeting, please look at the google document started by

Eric capturing CNO’s work in the various areas corresponding to the Comp Plan. Share your thoughts by the end of the year; Lisa will share a reminder before Dec. 25.

Small Area Plan next steps.

Adam: had expected “Big Questions” phase of City’s Comp Plan to keep us moving. Land Use committee has enough on our plate already; taking on small area planning may be too much to handle; proposing a special committee or task force to drive the process, want to make sure we can gather wide-ranging input from a broad set of stakeholders. No timeline, and City planning dept won’t review our plan until Comp Plan process is complete. Lisa suggest starting by identifying say 4 big topics we want the plan to cover. Adam and Lisa are interested in getting started in January. Adam will bring a draft to guide discussion at our January board meeting.

Strategic Planning

- Building and diversifying a base of CNO participation and leadership. Developing block leadership. Clarifying CNO role on public safety.
- Share an example of how CNO has supported your growth as a community member or as a leader. And/or, share an example of how your block has responded to a common concern, or how it builds community.
- Eric described how he was recruited by neighbors to the housing and land use committees, and served as liaison to East Lake Library remodeling.
- Flannery had a recent exchange with Minneapolis Public Schools superintendent as our board chair, on topics related to the future of the South High campus.
- Lisa got involved in a tight-knit block club, which at the time included several CNO board members. Organized to deal with a problem house that had prostitution activity.
- Russ was out of town during the big wind/thunder-storm of Summer 2013. Talked to a neighbor by phone and heard they were helping clear a downed tree from his property.
- Flannery and Mike are both on facebook group for the block; used to address day-to-day needs.
- April had no idea what CNO was when I moved here. Saturday after the recent election, 40+ neighbors gathered on a neighbor’s porch for coffee and donuts.
- Mike says it often takes trauma for people to come together. We had a problem house that drew neighbors together to address.
- Matt have a hard time meeting people on the block, yet very comfortable attending meetings, typical nonprofit activities because I work for one too. Eric adds: our staff would be delighted to door-knock with anyone who wants the help.
- Flannery says, CNO still offers welcome packets for new neighbors. Eric adds: these have been very popular, makes a great entree to meet new neighbors.

Flannery: what leadership actions should CNO ask its board members to complete on their own block, or in the community? (e.g. door-knock your block, or recruit 5 new members)

- April thinks we should do more listening than talking. Expect people will be more engaged this way.
- Edain agrees: focus on building relationship and listening

- rather than just invited them to what we’re already doing.
- April tell success stories (see above) of how neighbors have connected and built community.
- Eric discussing with staff a strategic / targeted outreach and block organizing at Blue Line Flats, less organized blocks near development projects and other big things that are going on.
- April would be great to have an incentive for people to help bring neighbors together; e.g. donuts.
- Russ our church will be doing Christmas caroling.
- Marvin says, our building has many Somali residents, so need to have language capability for the outreach.

What training, formal or informal, should CNO board members be required to complete?

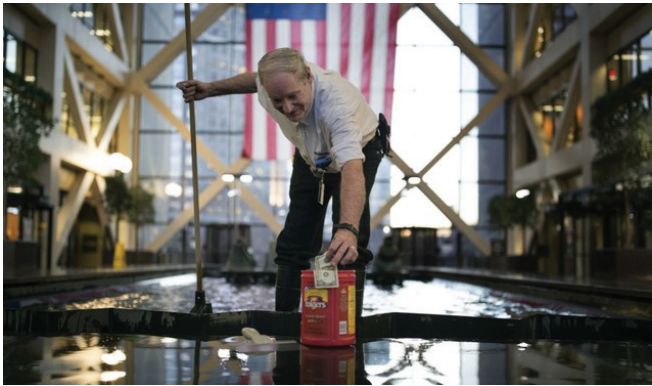
- April we do a formal financial training for board members. Brettina and I completed CURA’s Neighborhoods Now training that was worthwhile. I also completed a community engagement training offered by Nexus.
- Lisa: many informal training opportunities as well. Experienced board members like me could meet with new board members to help orient them.

Committee updates

- Adam: Land Use & Housing updates include 1.) Mpls Z&P committee approved demolition of former “BurmaShave” building at 2019 East Lake, to allow Minneapolis Public Schools to proceed with development of ABE/T+ facility; 2.) County Commissioner McLaughlin asked us to prioritize improvement options outlined in Hi-Lake Interchange study.
- Matt: Economic Development updates include 1.) working with Hennepin County and Neighborhood Development Center to curate 14 applications for retailers seeking space in the new development at 2225 East Lake; 2.) convened a meeting of business and property owners at 23rd Ave / 35th St node re. Placemaking improvements; will meet again to prioritize possible improvements.
- Mike: Farmers Market committee will meet next month to debrief our 2016 season, what went well, and make plans for 2017 and recruit new committee members. Still working on website overhaul. Have been in some plaza design meetings with Hennepin County.
- Russ distributes summary of recent progress on Newspaper committee, including new youth reporter and new youth cartoonist. Aiming to involve more households; encourage more board members to write articles. Planning a survey for next edition re. “What are you getting out of it? Is it readable? Do you like the format?”
- Evan: no committee updates now but talking to Brettina and Edain about how important it is to get out and talk to people and listen. Neighborhood is changing so fast. Excited to work with staff and bring a tenant perspective. Edain provides an update on Apartment Shop situation. Judge said no to receivership but provided feedback on how we could continue to pursue receivership. Planning more door-knock blitzes in various affected neighborhoods as a way to reach more affected renters and invite more neighborhood organizations to get involved in the Minneapolis Renters Coalition.

Coins Tossed in the Hennepin County Government Center to Help the Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery

Peter McLaughlin | Hennepin County District 4 Commissioner



Throughout the month of January any coins tossed into the Hennepin County Government Center’s pool were collected to help fund the Friends of the Cemetery, Minneapolis Pioneers & Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. The Friends of the Cemetery restore and preserve the historic cemetery at Cedar Ave and Lake St, in the heart of commissioner district 4, the district I represent.

Nominate your home for the 30th Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

Press Release | MSP Home Tour



The Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour, April 29-30 2017, is accepting applications with a first deadline of January 20. On the tour, homeowners open their doors to share ideas based on their remodeling experience. Visitors are particularly interested in seeing period-accurate restoration and expansions sensitive to the surroundings. Being on the tour gives homeowners feedback as well as the incentive to finish those last few projects.

At www.MSPHomeTour.com, click on “submit a

home” to apply online. Or request an application and more info by contacting coordinator Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or mfashmore@aol.com. Organizers want to have visited most of the eligible homes by early February, but will also consider applications that help meet tour goals, through February 15. Homeowners are welcome to self-nominate, and contractors, architects and other professionals may also submit projects that they worked on.

Light Rail Station Update

LisaBeth Barajas | Corcoran Neighbor & CNO Board Vice Chair



If you’ve been by the light rail station lately, you might have noticed the progress made on the new development at 2225 East Lake Street. Hennepin County is constructing a new county services building on the southwest corner, along with a new transit plaza on Lake Street, and 115 new housing units on the south side of the county services building. Windows, decorative siding materials, and other exterior finishes are being installed as the crew continues to finish out the interior space of the county building. Foundational elements for the apartment building are also beginning to rise.

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization Board Members and staff have been coordinating with the Neighborhood Development Center and Hennepin County to recruit local business owners for the retail spaces on the first floor of the building on Lake Street. There has been great interest in the spaces from many local entrepreneurs. CNO will continue to work with the County and NDC to select local businesses that

will add to the mix at the light rail station and be successful in that space.

While there’s still snow on the ground, preparations for the 15th season of the Midtown Farmers Market are underway. The County staff reports that they expect to have the exterior of the county services building, the parking garage, and the transit plaza on Lake Street complete by May, in time for opening day of the Market. If all stays on track, county employees will move in to the building sometime in June, with the businesses moving in sometime this summer, depending on any interior detailing that might need to be done for the individual businesses. Design work and planning for programming and maintenance will continue through this year for the future permanent Farmers Market Plaza. The Market will be held this season in the same place, so keep your eyes out for opportunities to influence and refine the design for the future plaza, whether at the Market or at a CNO Land Use and Housing Meeting.

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2017 Paint-A-Thon Applications Available

Press Release | Metro Paint-A-Thon

We help homeowners to continue living independently by matching them with volunteer teams who will scrap, prime, and paint the exterior of their home, garage, or other structure at no cost to the homeowner. Despite the economic challenges Metro Paint-A-Thon has faced, we are committed to continue to serve eligible homeowners.

Interested homeowners and agencies can find more program details including eligibility requirements outlined on the 2017 homeowner by Contacting Metro-Paint-A-Thon to have a copy mailed or emailed. Contact Molly Chandler, the Director of Senior Services, at 612-276-1579 or mchandler@gmcc.org.

Find Housing Resources
including CNO programs and other programs
http://www.corcoranneighborhood.org/housing_resources
or stop in at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave S

More Tenants Means Higher Need For Security | ¿Más Seguridad Para Quién - Los Propietarios O Los Inquilinos?

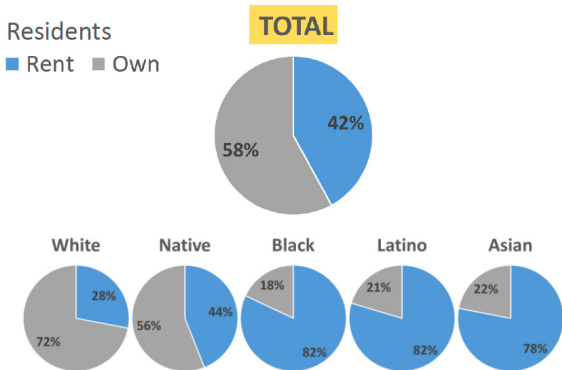
Evan Lee-Ferrand | Corcoran Neighbor, CNO Board Member, & Renters Chair

I wanted to write this article to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO) Renters Committee. On social media, there have been calls for increasing neighborhood security due to the recent influx of rental units. I agree that more security is indeed needed when we see a growing demographic of tenants in a neighborhood, but for whom the security is needed is where my views differ.

I am saddened that there does not appear to be consideration of how any member from the newly opened apartments would digest these calls for security – especially when Corcoran is mostly comprised of white homeowners whereas many new tenants are primarily black and East-African immigrants. There’s a strong narrative against tenants on affordable housing programs, and more so tenants of color, who are accused of bringing in a higher crime rate to neigh-

Para presentar mi nuevo rol como el presidente del comité para los inquilinos de Corcoran (CNO) quería responder a una publicación que se encontraba en los medios sociales se encuentran comentarios que piden más seguridad debido a la llegada de los inquilinos en los nuevos departamentos accesibles. Estoy de acuerdo que con más inquilinos, hace falta más seguridad, pero yo hablo con motivos muy diferente a los del señor que hizo tal pedido.

Me dio tristeza que él no tomaba en cuenta cómo un miembro de la comunidad de los nuevos departamentos iba a reaccionar a su comentario, dado que la mayoría de Corcoran consisten en propietarios blancos y los inquilinos recién llegados son principalmente morenos y de África Orienta.–Hay mucho prejuicio contra los inquilinos que dependen del gobierno por la vivienda, y más para los inquilinos de color que son acusados de atraer más



borhoods. What national discourse fails to mention is that tenants primarily tend to be the victims of these crimes, not the homeowners (Bureau of Justice Statistics). Tenants are not only at risk for dealing with crime, but dealing with gentrification (yes, it exists), hostility from slumlords, discrimination, unregulated rent increases and habitability issues. In cities such as Minneapolis, where there is no Just Cause Eviction protection legislated, renters have no guarantee that they have the right to stay in their homes after the lease expires, which is entirely dependent upon the landlord’s will.

In order to achieve unity in diversity, we must first acknowledge the lines that map out the disparities created by housing policies (or lack thereof) and the prejudice that ensues from them. I joined CNO’s board to work to build more safety for the neighborhood, but safety for those who are statistically more vulnerable to crime, housing instability, and marginalization within their own neighborhood. The renters committee plans to reach out and build relationships with many new families who rent in Corcoran, to build renter leadership, to assist renters seeking repairs, to help Corcoran renters tap into conversations on policy and systems change unfolding at the city level.

crimen a los vecindarios. Lo que es ausente en el debate nacional es que los inquilinos son las víctimas principales de delincuencia y delitos – no los propietarios blancos. Los inquilinos no solamente son vulnerables a delincuencia sino a gentrificación, maltrato de los dueños, discriminación, falta de leyes para controlar los aumentos de renta, y problemas de habitabilidad. En ciudades, tales como Minneapolis, donde no hay protecciones contra desalojos con causa justa, no hay protección contra la posibilidad de que sus propietarios suspendan sus contratos después de que se expiran.

Para lograr unidad con diversidad, primero tenemos que reconocer las fronteras de las desigualdades creadas por las leyes, o la falta de ellas, de la vivienda, y el perjuicio que resulta de esto. Me junté con el comité de CNO para trabajar a construir más seguridad para el vecindario sino la seguridad para los que los estudios muestran ser vulnerables a la delincuencia, inestabilidad de la vivienda y marginalización dentro de su propio vecindario.



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