



L&H Housing Phase One Construction Underway

Dillon Fried | Member of the Land Use and Housing Committee

Construction began in December on the second building of the L&H Station Development at the southwest corner of Lake Street and Hiawatha Avenue. Hennepin County is partnering with the BVK Group and Launch Properties to develop the site. Saturday Properties specializes in housing development and was brought on as a partner to develop this first phase of housing. Mark Laverty with Saturday Properties came to the CNO Land Use and Housing Committee meeting on January 4th to discuss the project.

The L&H Housing Phase I building is located on 22nd Ave. immediately south of the Hennepin County Regional Service Center. Most of the footprint of the development is on top of the parking garage that was built with the Service Center. They are already constructing above ground structure since most of the foundation was pre-existing. Additional foundation is being poured at the west end of the site where a small portion of the building will overhang the edge of the parking structure. Frana Companies is the general contractor for the project which is expected to be complete in December 2018.

The completed building will be six stories. That includes one floor of ground level parking under five levels of housing. It will have 123 total dwelling

units consisting of 36 studios, 69 1-bedrooms, and 18 2-bedrooms. Saturday Properties will also be the property manager after construction is complete.

This development will operate on an "attainable housing" model with the goal to attract early career professionals, teachers, and others that fall within a restricted income level who might not be able to afford market rate housing. To be eligible, tenants' household incomes will be restricted to 80% or less of area median income (AMI). According to Laverty that works out by current area standards to be \$47,600 for a single person, \$54,400 for two people, and \$61,200 for 3 people. Rents will then be restricted to 30% of household income. Monthly rents will be capped at \$1144 for studios, \$1304 for 1-bedrooms, and \$1469 for 2-bedrooms.

Saturday Properties expects to be a development partner for L&H Housing Phase II. They envision beginning construction of two buildings simultaneously--one on the site of the current Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Basic Education (ABE) Building, and the other southeast of the ABE Building, just south of the future market plaza. Laverty is hopeful work can begin on those developments in 2019.

L & H Housing Phase One Construcción en Marcha

Dillon Fried | Miembro del Comité de Uso de la Tierra y Vivienda

La construcción comenzó en diciembre en el segundo edificio de L & H Station Development en la esquina suroeste de Lake Street y Hiawatha Avenue. El condado de Hennepin se está asociando con BVK Group y Launch Properties para desarrollar el sitio. Saturday Properties se especializa en el desarrollo de viviendas y fue contratado como socio para desarrollar esta primera fase de viviendas. Mark Laverty con Saturday Properties vino a la reunión del Comité de Vivienda y Uso de la Tierra de CNO el 4 de enero para discutir el proyecto.

El edificio L & H Housing Phase I está ubicado en 22nd Ave. inmediatamente al sur del Centro de Servicio Regional del Condado de Hennepin. La mayor parte de la huella del desarrollo se encuentra en la parte superior del estacionamiento que se construyó con el Centro de Servicio. Ya están construyendo una estructura sobre el suelo ya que la mayoría de los cimientos eran preexistentes. Se están vertiendo cimientos adicionales en el extremo oeste del sitio donde una pequeña porción del edificio sobresaldrá del borde de la estructura de estacionamiento. Frana Companies es el contratista general del proyecto, que se espera esté completo en diciembre de 2018.

El edificio completo será de seis pisos. Eso incluye un piso de estacionamiento en el piso bajo cinco niveles de vivienda. Tendrá

123 unidades de vivienda total que consta de 36 estudios, 69 de 1 dormitorio y 18 de 2 dormitorios. Saturday Properties también será el administrador de la propiedad una vez que se complete la construcción.

Este desarrollo operará en un modelo de "vivienda alcanzable" con el objetivo de atraer a profesionales de carrera temprana, maestros y otros que caen dentro de un nivel de ingresos restringido que quizás no puedan pagar viviendas a precio de mercado. Para ser elegible, los ingresos de los hogares de los inquilinos estarán restringidos al 80% o menos del ingreso medio del área (AMI). Según Laverty, según los estándares de área actuales, es de \$ 47,600 para una persona sola, \$ 54,400 para dos personas y \$ 61,200 para 3 personas. Los alquileres estarán restringidos al 30% del ingreso familiar. Los alquileres mensuales tendrán un límite de \$ 1144 para estudios, \$ 1304 para 1 dormitorio y \$ 1469 para 2 dormitorios.

Saturday Properties espera ser un socio de desarrollo para L & H Housing Phase II. Ellos prevén comenzar la construcción de dos edificios simultáneamente: uno en el sitio del Edificio actual de Educación Básica para Adultos de las Escuelas Públicas de Minneapolis (ABE) y el otro al sureste del Edificio ABE, justo al sur de la futura plaza del mercado. Laverty tiene la esperanza de que el trabajo pueda comenzar en esos desarrollos en 2019.

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Las asambleas de Minnesota son el martes 6 de febrero. Ayuda a elegir los candidatos que te representarán en la oficina. Encuentra más información en la página 4

Recordatorio de emergencia en nieve, consulte la página 6.

Febrero y Marzo - Calendario Comunitario | February & March - Community Calendar

Meetings

**Thursday, February 1st
& Thursday, March 1st**
Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting
6:30 – 8:30pm
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?
info@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Monday, February 12th
Monday, March 12th**
Newspaper Committee
6 – 7pm
Monthly meeting to plan the next bi-monthly edition of the Corcoran News.
> Questions?
news@corcoranneighborhood.org
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Wednesday, February 28th
& Wednesday, March 28th**
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? Contact Mallory Forseth
mallory@midtownfarmersmarket.org - 612-724-7457
Location: CNO office, 3451 Cedar Ave S

**Tuesday, February 6th
& Tuesday, March 6th**
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? Matt Kazinka
info@corcoranneighborhood.org - 612-724-7457
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Community

**Wednesday, February 7th,
Wednesday, March 7th**
**Corcoran GROWS:
GROWS University FILM Series**
6:30 – 8pm
GROWS is launching its University series, which will include a monthly showing of individual episodes of “Years of Living Dangerously.”
> Questions?
<https://www.facebook.com/CorcoranGrows/>
Location: 3519 23rd Ave.

Wednesday, February 7th
COPA Art-crawl Planning Meeting
7 – 9pm
Meeting to plan the 2018 COPA art-crawl
> Questions?
Chris Sutton, rococodada@aol.com
Location: 3448 Longfellow ave S.

Thursday, February 15th
Corcoran GROWS Demo
6:30 – 8pm
David DuBois will show us how he built his apple grinder and then demonstrate the apple grinding
> See page 4 for more information/
Location: 3332 21st Ave. South

Friday, February 16th
Corcoran Community Session
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Come meet District 3 Park Board Commissioner AK Hassan and join him for a conversation about your priorities for Corcoran Park and the Minneapolis Park system! Light refreshments will be served.
Location: Corcoran Park Building, 3334 20th Ave S

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>Location: 3329 Longfellow ave. South Mpls.

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8:15 – 9:30am
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Location: Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
3451 Cedar Ave S.

Tuesday, February 27th
May Day Planning Meetings
6 – 9:30 pm
It is time to gather to envision the theme for MayDay! All are welcome to our two community meetings to brainstorm the theme for the 44th MayDay Parade. The process of creating the MayDay Parade, Ceremony, and Festival begins in February and March with community meetings. 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. This first meeting is a 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.

Tuesday, March 20th
Second Planning Meeting
6 – 9:30 pm
For the second meeting, the MayDay staff presents their ideas for a theme garnered from the ideas shared at the first community meeting. Meeting participants then give feedback—asking questions, offering ideas, and helping network possibilities for furthering the theme.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
> For more info:
Phone: 612-721-2535
Email: info@hobt.org
Location: In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, 1500 East Lake Street

Update
South Minneapolis Housing Fair
We regret that the 2018 fair will not be held, due to scheduling issues. We are taking this time to refocus, regroup & improve. We'll be back in 2019! Stay tuned!
Additionally, we are recruiting both board members & planning committee members for involvement in managing & mounting our fair. Message us here or contact Jessica Edwards at jbedwards@cbburnet.com.

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Supe-airbnb

DeAnna Miller | Corcoran Resident

The Super Bowl isn’t just one football game -- it’s a 10-day festival drawing over a million people to Minneapolis. An estimated 125,000 of those will need overnight accommodations. The Twin Cities doesn’t have enough hotel rooms for all those people, so some fans may find themselves in Corcoran as Airbnb guests.

Sue Redmond has lived in Corcoran for 20 years. She owns a single-family home and started offering an upstairs suite with a side entrance, living room, bedroom, and bathroom on Airbnb three years ago. She says it’s quieter in the winter, but May through October she keeps busy hosting parents visiting their kids in college, businesspeople attending a conference, and people in town for an event like a concert.

Airbnb hosts generally ask -- and get -- five to six times their going rate over the Super Bowl. Redmond hadn’t booked her suite for the game yet, but she’s guessing that’s because the final teams had not yet been determined as of this interview.

If the idea of hosting strangers in your home sounds scary, Marcus Larson assures you it’s not. Larson has lived in Corcoran since 2004 and has listed the ground-floor unit of his duplex on Airbnb for two years. The ratings system (guests rate hosts, and hosts rate guests) weeds out bad actors pretty quickly. Neither he nor Redmond have ever had a bad experience with a guest. Larson has set his Airbnb host filter to only rent to people who have already been recommended by a previous host.

There is perhaps a surprising number of Airbnb listings in the Corcoran neighborhood -- four within a few houses of Larson’s intersection alone. Corcoran is an appealing location for many travelers because it is centrally located between downtown and the airport (and Mall of America) but affordable and quiet.

“People think you’ll make a lot of money doing this,” Larson laughs. “But we don’t make any more than we would with a regular renter in the unit.” Larson and his partner had always used the lower unit as a guest house for company. They can still do that by listing it with Airbnb instead of getting a regular renter.

Larson acknowledges that this can have the effect of raising rent on affordable housing. Every unit listed on Airbnb reduces available rental housing. “I think Airbnb should be taxed the same as a hotel,” Larson says. “The hotel tax pays for added stress on the roads and services ... Even though I don’t want to pay it, I think it’s fair.”

Ironically, by missing their chance to play in the Super Bowl, the Vikings likely created more demand for overnight accommodations, since out-of-town fans of the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots will now be scrambling to find a place to stay.

Super Bowl Sunday and Your Transit Needs

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Resident

Super Bowl Sunday is February 4th. Metro Transit had sent out an alert that affects all downtown transit, including the Blue Line. From their website:

“Due to security around the stadium on game day and the proximity of the stadium to the light-rail line, regular light-rail service WILL NOT operate on gameday; only those holding an official Super Bowl LII ticket, along with a Gameday Fan Express Pass will go through security checkpoints and board light-rail at either Mall of America (Blue Line) or Stadium Village (Green Line) stations on February 4, 2018. Green Line service will operate normally between Stadium Village and Union Depot stations on gameday.

For non-game-ticket holders, buses will replace light-rail trains on the entirety of the Blue Line throughout the day on February 4, 2018. Free replacement buses will operate between Target Field Station and Stadium Village Station on the Green Line. Buses run on similar schedules to trains but can take longer; please plan accordingly.”

Additionally, some extra routes have been set up for the various activities during Super Bowl week. These routes and schedules can be found on the Metro Transit site at: <https://www.metrotransit.org/superbowl/>

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Attend the Community Connections Conference on February 10th

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The Community Connections Conference is a city-wide event hosted annually by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. Join community members, non-profits, City departments and elected officials on February 10th from 8:00am-3:30pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center, to share ideas and develop strategies to create and impact change as a community.

This year’s conference theme is Aspire. Collaborate. Transform.

- **Aspire:** Creating outcomes through capturing your ideas, ambitions and visions of what the city can become.
- **Collaborate:** Coming together to develop strategies to achieve these outcomes.
- **Transform:** Creating and impacting change as a community.

The overall goal of the conference is to build diversity and capacity of neighborhood organizations and community organizations by providing new and innovative ideas through collaboration and participation. The conference includes:

- Engaging speakers
- Interactive workshops
- Complimentary lunch
- Community exhibitors

Accessibility and Inclusion

Your participation in the Community Connections Conference is greatly encouraged. The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department is committed to providing a rich, accessible and inclusionary experience. On-site captioning and interpreters for American Sign, Spanish, Somali, Hmong and Oromo are available throughout the day.

The Minneapolis Convention Center offers information on locations of accessible entrances, restrooms and transportation. For further reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at 612-554-1959 or ncr@minneapolismn.gov. Please submit your request by January 31.



Corcoran GROWS: Updates and Upcoming Meetings

Marissa Tappy | Corcoran GROWS member & Corcoran Neighbor

GROWS University

Community-led learning for a resilient future

In 2018 GROWS is launching its University series, which will include a monthly showing of individual episodes of “Years of Living Dangerously.” This will be followed later in the month by an opportunity to meet, learn and experience what your neighbors are doing to turn global climate issues into personal moments of transformation and ingenuity.

This is an ongoing program that we hope will spur new relationships, spark ideas for changing the way we live, and ignite a passion for leading the way in alternative and community-focused economies.

- Film series: 1st Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8pm
- Neighbor Share ‘n’ Shows: varying dates from 6:30-8pm

Mark your Calendars:

- Wednesday, February 7th from 6:30-8pm @ 3519 23rd Ave. - Years of Living Dangerously ep. 2
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The Incomplete Skeptic: The Birds of Paradox

Timothy G Cameron | Corcoran Neighbor



For a great many years, I’ve been listening to well-intentioned people whom I admire and respect immensely, people with integrity, prattle on from their wounded ego about the virtue of action being more important than words. Ironically this objection to words is typically tendered with words and is

underpinned by those whose words mean nothing by their admissions. Worst case scenario, it reminds me of agnostic bigots saluting burning question marks.

“Action speaks louder than words” is a supposition of the Wounded Ego that is unconsciously fed its solution which is also existing only by the problem it creates to solve. “It’s an action program” is also an example of this lapse in trust epitomized on the ‘Throne of Reason.’ It’s a trick; it’s a trap, it’s an ambush in logic. At best it’s a paradox presented as truth.

Scientific Ego & Religious Ego, Democrat Ego & Republican Ego (separate wings of the same Bird of Prey), and whatever OTHER self-aggrandizing BS our Narcissistic Ego tries to sell us, it all teeters on the same fulcrum called Paradox.

Truth without Paradox is Dead. ‘Faith without works is dead’ is what the Bible says, which to me is like saying following the Divine Feminine (Intuition) without balancing it with the Divine Masculine (Action), is dead. It is an aberration of the Dark Masculine to immerse oneself in the idea that action speaks louder than words. An aberration of the Dark Feminine is that intuition or intention is everything. That we intuitively know things that used to baffle us signifies a surrender and a willingness for open-mindedness.

A Balance of Polarity renders any paradox peaceful. ‘Acceptance is the answer to all my (so-called) problems today.’ The interesting thing about a solution is that it needs a problem to solve. Honesty would do well to bear in mind that ‘truth without compassion is cruelty.’ Open-mindedness does not mean that someone believes or disbelieves anything. It may just mean a willingness to consider new ideas and suspending one’s judgment perhaps to consider the thing we once thought impossible. Friedrich Nietzsche talked much about THE Will to Power. But he also ‘believed’ that God was dead and in tandem erroneously believed that anything which doesn’t kill him makes him stronger, not realizing that anything that kills them also makes him stronger. He was experiencing contempt before investigation, but to his credit, he was always willing to investigate feelings. Credit where credit is due.

“Can you look without the voice in your head commenting, drawing conclusions, comparing, or trying to figure something out?” E. Tolle

Keep it simple. I promised myself decades ago to always remember the birds. They sing for everyone.

- press process ending in a delicious sip of apple cider! Please bring some apples and a jar for cider if you have the ability.
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Years of Living Dangerously: “This groundbreaking documentary event series explores the human impact of climate change. From the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy to the upheaval caused by drought in the Middle East, combining blockbuster storytelling with the reporting expertise of Hollywood’s brightest stars and today’s most respected journalists.”

Meet your new senator: Tina Smith

Becky Z. Dernbach | Corcoran News Editor



On January 3, Tina Smith became your newest U.S. Senator from Minnesota. Senator Smith was appointed to the Senate by Gov. Mark Dayton following Senator Al Franken’s resignation. Her appointment brought the total number of women in the U.S. Senate to 22 out of 100, an all-time high. It also marks the first time in history both of Minnesota’s senators have been women. Smith will run for the seat she was appointed to in a special election in November 2018.

“What I intend to do is be just a really fierce advocate for Minnesotans here in Washington, D.C.,” Smith told the Star Tribune hours before being sworn in.

Tina Smith grew up in New Mexico and moved to Minnesota for a job with General Mills more than 30 years ago. She became a vice president for Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, and soon became known as an influential DFL strategist. She served as chief of staff to both Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak and Gov. Dayton. When Dayton ran for reelection in 2014, he tapped Smith as his running mate. As lieutenant governor, Smith carved out a notably public-facing role, traveled the state hearing from Minnesotans, and played a key role helping run the Dayton administration. Smith plans to bring her priorities as lieutenant governor with her to Washington, including early education and rural broadband. She has also pledged to fight for key federal issues like net neutrality and the DACA program.

Senator Smith has worked closely with former Senator Franken’s office for a smooth transition and hired many of his same staff. She serves on the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and the Committee on Indian Affairs. To contact her office, you can call 202-224-5641.

Mayor Frey's Neighborhood Priorities

DeAnna Miller | Corcoran Resident

Jacob Frey, the former Ward 3 City Council member, was elected mayor of Minneapolis on November 7, defeating incumbent Betsy Hodges. Frey campaigned hard on affordable housing, police/community relations, and economic inclusion.

Making affordable housing a priority could have a significant impact on the lives of many Corcoran residents. Corcoran has about 1600 households, 42% of which reside in rental properties -- and almost half of those are rented apartments. Half the households in Corcoran have a household income less than \$50,000 per hear, and 18% live below the federal poverty rate.

Frey believes that a city doesn’t even need to build more affordable housing to increase the availability of affordable housing. Last fall as a City Council member, Frey threw his support behind a large residential development which would feature an 18- to 20-story tower of “upscale units.” Frey explained his position to the Star Tribune: Building more residential units helps to alleviate the city’s tight rental market because when demand outpaces supply, prices increase (for everyone).

(Un?)fortunately, Corcoran doesn’t have many empty lots on which to build infill housing. In order to improve affordability in the Corcoran neighborhood, Frey will need to explore other kinds of economic assistance for housing.

Frey explained at a news conference on January 4 that another key priority for his administration is addressing the opioid crisis. Opioid overdose has become a national problem. Locally, neighborhoods in the Third Precinct have been hardest hit. The Third Precinct covers all of the city south of I-94 and east of 35W. Police in some Third Precinct neighborhoods will start carrying the opioid-reversal drug naloxone in the hopes of decreasing the number of overdoses.



Minnesota 2018 Caucuses and Elections

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Neighbor and Block Leader

2018 is a midterm election year where Minnesota will vote for almost all of its legislative offices both state and federal. It will also include a special election for Senator Al Franken’s replacement.

Minnesotans are encouraged to get out and caucus. Caucus is a public gathering along party lines where voters can take a direct voice in politics and interact with party members and politicians, as well as help form and guide the parties’ platforms and elect party officials. Additionally, caucuses vote in delegates to attend congressional, district, and statewide conventions, the next step in the political process for forming party platforms and selecting candidates to be on the primary ballot in August.

Districts for Corcoran Neighborhood:

- Congressional: **5**
- MN Senate: **63**
- MN House: **63A**
- County Commissioner: **04**
- Judicial: **04**
- Park: **MINNEAPOLIS 3**
- School: **MINNEAPOLIS (1) - DISTRICT 3**
- County: **Hennepin**

Caucus Date and Locations:

- Republican Party (<http://www.mngop.com/>)
Minnehaha Academy
4200 W River Pkwy
Minneapolis MN 55406
Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm
- Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party (<http://www.dfl.org/>)
Roosevelt High School
4029 28th Ave S
Minneapolis MN 55406
Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00pm
- General Election will be Tuesday, November 6th. State primaries will be Tuesday, August 14th.

A summary of primary and general election candidates and how and where to vote will be included in a later paper edition.

Park Board Commissioner Hassan Pledges to be a Voice for the Community

Becky Z. Dernbach | Corcoran News Editor

AK Hassan made history in November as Minneapolis’ first Somali American and Muslim park board commissioner -- as well as the youngest ever elected at age 26. Commissioner Hassan, who represents much of south Minneapolis including Corcoran, is also vice president of the park board. He brings to the role plenty of energy and determination to create equal access to our parks and tackle the park system’s racial disparities. “I want to be a voice for the community,” he says.



AK was born in Gedo, Somalia and arrived in Minneapolis with his family at age 17. Right away he got involved in his community: he was student council president, joined the Ventura Village Neighborhood Association, volunteered with youth at the Franklin Library, and became involved in the Save Peavey Park project to make the park safer and more family-friendly. His experience on the Save Peavey Park project helped him get to know the park system. As Park Board Commissioner, he wants to focus on the parks’ disparities in employment and access.

“Every child in our city should have equal access to our parks,” AK says. That means making sure park funding is equitably allocated and used for the programs different communities need. It also means finding ways to communicate about those programs to populations that don’t speak English or have Internet access. “There’s a music studio in Powderhorn Park, and the soundboard was donated to the park by Prince,” he says. “They meet every week. If parents knew those events were happening, they would send their kids.”

Commissioner Hassan will be holding a community session at Corcoran Park on February 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm to hear about neighbors’ park priorities and would love to see you there. In the meantime, you can contact him at 612-283-5629 or ahassan@minneapolisiparks.org.

You're Invited

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Ask The Yoga Instructor: Cleaning it out for 2018

Mary Bue | Corcoran Business Owner of Imbue Yoga Studio

Mary Bue - Imbue Yoga Studio
Minneapolis MN 55417
imbueyoga.com



A: Can you recommend any yoga postures or health tips for detoxing in the new year?

B: Happy new year! And so happy to hear that you are interested in boosting your health. Always the buzzword, “detox” to me seems to imply that we are toxic! Yes, there are toxins flowing - some we take in consciously (of which I am no angel), some present in our environment. There are many things we can do to support our immune system and encourage a clean, healthy body and mind.

Yoga’s sister science Ayurveda (the “science of life”) speaks to our unique human constitution and the elements of nature that make us who we are. It uses techniques of hygiene, cleansing, and diet to prevent disease and nourish our bodies / minds. Tied in with yoga (which means “yoke” / “union”) we have a beautiful system of self care so that we can care for our families, greater humanity, and the planet.

Some tips for cleansing from Ayurveda & Yoga:

- **Add more spice to your diet.** Ginger is wonderful for digestion, nausea, and an all around tonic. With fresh ginger grated and boiled in water for tea (then strained), add some maple syrup and lemon and you have a perfect sweet & spicy winter beverage. Turmeric (dried or fresh) is anti-inflammatory and soothing for sore throats. Add it to stir fry or curry or smoothies.
- **Gentle twists when done on slow,** deep exhales are soothing for the nervous system, bring circulation to the digestive system, liver, intestines, and “wring” out the spinal column bringing blood flow and releasing tension. Try resting on your back with your feet hip distance apart. As you exhale let the knees drop to the right, turn your head left (kind of like a windshield wiper) and inhale to center. Then switch sides.

Mary from Imbue Yoga will be doing a 3 week whole foods cleanse working with the book “If the Buddha Came to Dinner” by Hale Sofia Schatz beginning in early February. If you would like to follow along & join us for our potlucks, please follow us on Facebook or Instagram @imbue_yoga. Namaste!

Corcoran Park Happenings

Cierrah Hansen | Corcoran Park Preschool Instructor



- **Preschool:** Ages 3-6 T/W/TH 10am-3pm
Call for more details: 612-370-4919
Take advantage of this time for your little one to make new friends while playing and learning new social skills. Each day your child will enjoy music, storytelling, and creating artwork. Parents, pack your child’s favorite food for lunchtime each day at the park. You won’t want to miss out on this opportunity for your little one. Child must be potty trained. No class during Minneapolis Public Schools spring break.
- **Rec+:** M-F 2-6pm, After School Rec+ coordinator: Allyssa, Call for more details: 612-370-4919
Rec Plus provides school-age childcare for children ages 5-12 (must be in grades K-6) at neighborhood recreation centers. Rec Plus operates at Pre School and After School Rec + Child Care availability still.
- **Dinner Theatre Program - \$5**
Park staff will be cooking up an easy kid friendly meal for the kids, while they watch an animated Disney / Pixar movie in our dinner theatre style lounge. Dinner theatre is from 5:30-7:30. On February 8 we'll be watching Despicable Me 3 and eating bagel pizzas.
Dates: Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 8, Mar. 22

Midtown Farmers Market Vendor Application Now Open

Mallory Forseth | Manager, Midtown Farmers Market

The Midtown Farmers Market is currently accepting vendor applications for its 2018 market season! Quality vendors are the heart and soul of the 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! We are especially in need of a bread vendor this season, and are also seeking applications from more art and craft and value-added food vendors. Visit www.midtownfarmersmarket.org/vendors to access the 2018 vendor application, which includes vendor requirements, fee schedules, and other pertinent information. Questions? Contact Market Manager Mallory Forseth at mallory@midtownfarmersmarket.org.

2017 Application Schedule and Deadlines:

- February 16: Priority application deadline for all food vendors*
- March 30: Priority application deadline for art & craft vendors*
- April 7: Spring Vendor Meeting
- May 5: Opening Day, Saturday Market
- June 5: Opening Day, Tuesday Market

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

The Midtown Farmers Market Try It! Program is Back for 2018

New to the Midtown Farmers Market? Got a product you’d



like to give a go at market? The Try It Program is back for 2018! Entrepreneurs can try out farmers market vending with limited investment. CNO will help lower the entry barriers so you can bring your product to market. Interested? Contact tryit@corcoranneighborhood.org for more information and application instructions.

Get Involved! Seeking Market Advisory Committee Candidates and Special Project Volunteers

The Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee (AC) seeks candidates to fill open committee seats. The mission of the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee is to support market staff in carrying out the market’s mission statement and to advocate for the success of the market through their individual talents, relationships, ideas and by fostering community leadership. The AC meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 6pm-8pm at the CNO office. Committee membership requires attendance at these meetings and an additional 8 hours per month of volunteer time working on special projects including: fundraising, marketing and communications, event planning, volunteer recruitment, partnerships and outreach, administrative duties and more. The market is also seeking volunteers to assist with a number special projects in preparation for the 2018 season. To learn more about any of these opportunities, contact Market Manager Mallory Forseth at mallory@midtownfarmersmarket.org.



Dead Media - Business Spotlight

Kelly Savage | Corcoran Neighbor

1828 E 35th St, Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 222-1655

<http://dead-media.org/>
Owners: Simon Brooks, Walker Neudorff and Colin Wilkinson

There’s a hip spot in town and now it’s right in our neighborhood! Locally owned Dead Media specializes in buying and selling used records, both vinyl and cassettes, and has a selection of used books as well. The volunteer-run shop moved into the space adjacent to Northern Rose Bicycles that had formerly been running as an underground music venue.

Dead Media has made this “venue” legit. The second Saturday of each month features “Vector 9,” an all ages show featuring up and coming bands and comedians that’s always over by 10pm. The show is pay what you can with a suggested \$5 donation. What better than inexpensive entertainment you can walk to?

What about the goods? Dead Media has a selection of vinyl and cassettes by artists to delight the old and young alike. Classic rock, noise, punk and hip hop, they carry it all. Cassettes are making a huge resurgence within certain genres as they provide a different fidelity and tone to the music and, among collectors, CDs are starting to take a back seat to other traditional media

types. As musicians, the owners recognized this trend and knew it was hard to get music from local bands around the region, and started an online cassette distribution site that catered to the Midwest. Then, in came John Kass with his Dead Media record and book shop in the Seward neighborhood and a partnership was born. Having run Dead Media on their own the last few years, Simon, Walker and Colin currently fill the Twin Cities audiophiles’ needs in this particular niche.

You don’t need to be a collector, however, to enjoy the store. I perused the albums, seeing many I had owned or wanted as a kid, as if I were in a museum. I plan to follow them on Facebook to find out dates and times for events like Vector 9. For anyone with an interest, please note the cashiers are volunteers. Volunteers work one 3-4 hour shift a week and are compensated with discounts and other offers.

Local bands, Dead Media will buy some of your product to sell to your local fans, without consignment. They also provide blank tapes for small run releases and have equipment to help with dubbing.

I get the feeling this is a great location to hobnob with musicians and other people “in the know” on the local scene, so I’m planning on stopping in regularly. Hope to see you all there!



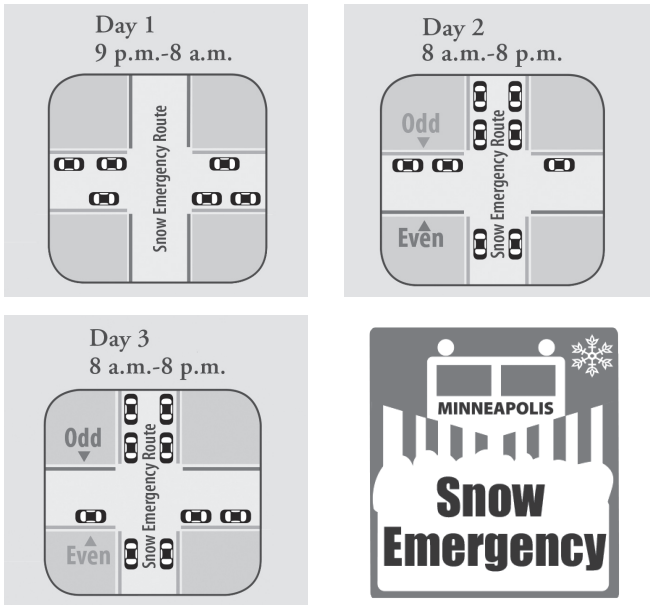
Snow Emergency Season

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Neighbor and Block Leader

Last month during the big snow Minneapolis’ impound lot was busy -- many cars were towed due to failure to comply with the City’s snow emergency parking rules. These rules are to allow for quick and safe plowing of emergency routes as a priority and then clean out the rest of the streets afterwards. Minneapolis city streets are narrow, and to ensure as close to curb to curb clearing as possible it is required to alternate parking on the streets to allow the plows to move through and clear the street.

The rules can seem archaic but the City provides multiple different ways to be alerted in the case of a snow emergency. Snow emergencies will be announced on local news stations and can be checked by calling 612-348-SNOW (7669) or going to the City’s website at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow/> where a multi-lingual PDF can be found that explains the rules for each day of the emergency. You can also sign up for email or text alerts to notify you when a snow emergency is declared. There are also apps available for smartphones.

If you believe your vehicle has been towed you can contact the City impound lot at 612-673-3000 (or via 311) or search the impound lot’s website for your car at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/impound/index.htm> that includes an online search form. The impound lot will make an attempt to notify the registered vehicle’s owner via mail within 72 hours of being towed. Cars not claimed may be sold by the City at auction.



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DON'T GET TOWED THIS WINTER

When a Snow Emergency is declared, parking rules go into effect so plows can clear the streets.

Plows clear the streets so fire trucks, police cars, ambulances and drivers like you can get around and park. Plowing your street completely requires parked cars to be moved. If you don't follow the parking rules, your car may be ticketed and towed.

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS DECLARES A SNOW EMERGENCY?

► Call 348-SNOW (7669).
TTY callers can use MN Relay Service or call 673-2157.


► Go to www.minneapolis.mn.gov.

► Watch local TV news or City cable TV channel 14 or 79, or listen to the radio.

SIGN UP
Sign up for a text message, email alert or phone call and the City will notify you when a Snow Emergency is declared. Sign up at www.minneapolis.mn.gov/snow.

LOOK UP
Look up where to park at www.minneapolis.mn.gov/snow/snowstreetlookup.

DOWNLOAD
Download the Snow Emergency app for iPhones and Android devices.

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Thank You to CNO Donors

Amy Arcand | CNO Staff

CNO continues to invest time and energy into working with you to create a stronger neighborhood. We work with renters, help foster new development in the neighborhood, run the Midtown Farmers Market, support businesses in the neighborhood, and enable changes to the intersection at Lake and Hiawatha. This work will not happen without you - whether you give your time or donate to CNO or the MFM, we rely on residents like you. We are continually grateful for the generosity as well as the years of involvement and dedication to create a community that is a great place to live!

Thanks to the following residents who made donations to CNO and/or the Midtown Farmers Market in December:

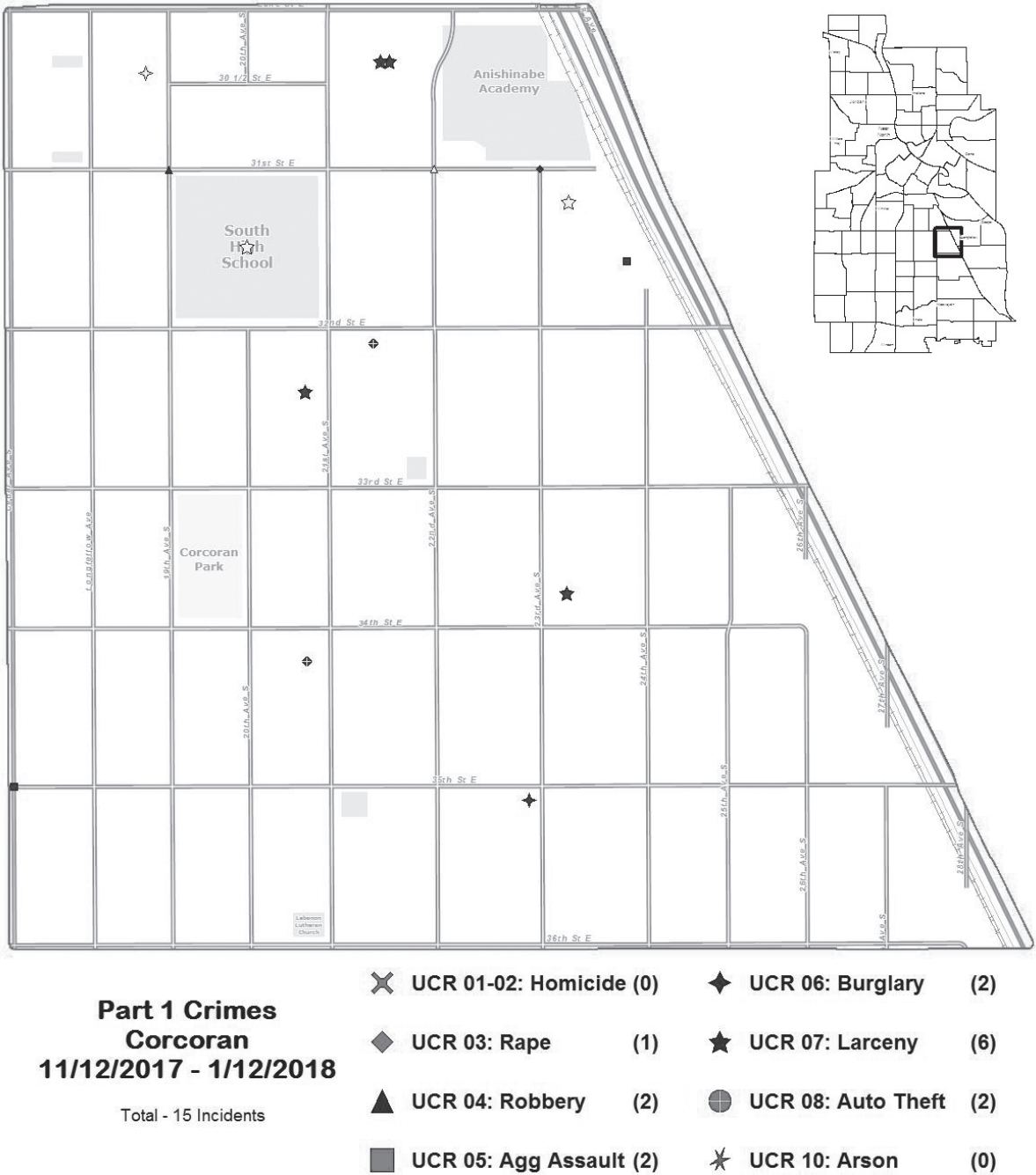
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Corcoran Watch Update

Shawn Kinzel-Auer | Corcoran Neighbor and Block Leader

Corcoran Neighborhood Crime Map Mid-November 2017 | Mid-January 2018
Mapa de Delinencias en Corcoran desde medio-noviembre 2017 a medio-enero 2018.



source: MPD, Karen Notsch, karen.notsch@minneapolis.gov, 612/673-2856

CNO Board Of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 9th, 2017, 7 – 9 pm at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Attending: Flannery Clark, Lisa Barajas, Ellie Watkins, Adam Tomczik, Matt Kazinka, April Riordan, Mike Novak, Lori Kinzel-Auer, Mandie Kender, Heidi Johnson McAllister (staff), Candace Miller Lopez (guest), Chris Sutton (guest), and Mary Jansen (guest).

Absent: Marvin Applewhite

Call to Order and Introductions

A. Flannery called the meeting to order and Introductions were made for Candace Miller-Lopez from Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association.

B. Board Member Reappointment, Resignation, and Appoint Strategic Approach Team for Strategic Planning

The board moved to reappoint Mike Novak as Co-chair of the Midtown Farmers Market Advisory Committee. Ellie moved. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

The board moved to remove Alberta Smith from the CNO Board. The vote occurred by secret ballot.

The board moved to appoint Flannery Clark, Ellie Watkins, Matt Kazinka, Mandie Kender, Lori Kinzel-Auer, Paula Holden, Mallory Forseth, and Heidi Johnson McAllister to the Strategic Approach Team. Lisa Barajas moved. Adam seconded. Motion passed. Heidi shared if there is an idea for inclusion of other residents to add to the diversity, please contact Heidi and have them join the team by the next meeting on December 4th.

C. SUN Proposal to the City of Mpls re: Neighborhoods 2020

Guest: Candace Miller-Lopez, Executive Director of Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association
Candace supplied context about the SUN project and the discussion about the Neighborhoods 2020. Meetings and community participation the City of Minneapolis held spurred us to come together and talked about the neighborhoods providing feedback. The draft is four concepts for NCEC and NCR to consider around funding and activities. Is this something that we would like to further explore? A vote isn't required at the meeting. Adam asked about the right sized support. Candace responded that it is about giving them a budget that supports our true priorities. Right now we have funds and a budget that is not a true reflection of what we are doing. The second point is a concept of executive leadership to consult to neighborhoods that don't have Executive Directors. The third concept is about centralizing and developing the community engagement support at the city. The last concept is about transition planning for the organization if they choose to shut their doors. NCEC will be sent this document and is looking for feedback. A question was asked about other cities. Candace shared that selected cities around the country that have neighborhoods are moving towards not being funded by the city. Adam asked if the city currently has executive directors and leadership to deploy? Candace shared that they don't but leadership is needed to help keep organizations on track. A group of neighborhoods that are not doing well, reflect on all of us. Adam asked about the plan to implement this at the city. Candace shared that this is still being fleshed out and have not present it to the NCEC board yet. Want to do that as soon as we are able. We will be looking to edit, make changes to the proposal over the next month. Then we will be sharing this with the city and their boards. Lisa shared that she is supportive of drafting something to give to the city. There is a bad reputation for organizations that don't represent their constituents that they don't engage and do the work. Lisa shared that rather than waiting for the City to

come up with something, the innovation is not there. Instead in this proposal, we should include a framework for creating a good structure in an organization. There should be baseline setting, this is minimally what organizations should be doing.

D. Committee Reports

1. MFM Advisory Committee
Mike shared that Miguel put in his resignation. Not sure what the conversation with Mallory is about the manager's job. Final numbers: it has been a hard year, everything is down. The committee is looking at 2018 goals and discussing the next steps for the Advisory Committee, the vendor mix and too much produce. We had problems with vendors not showing so we are looking at the contract. If they don't show, we don't get the money. Want to change to ensure there is a penalty for no shows.
2. Land Use and Housing
 - Blue Line Flats Update - Flannery shared that she is working to connect with David Wellington. Heidi shared that Brettina and she went to door knock the Blue Line Flats. Talked with a resident that had experienced discrimination with the property management company. Working to distribute welcome packets.
 - Misco Holdings - Heidi shared that the Misco buildings still do not have a rental license and they are still connecting with the residents in the buildings. The revocation of Steve Frenz licenses will occur at the end of November.
3. Economic Development
Matt shared that there was a networking mixer that morning with 17 businesses from the neighborhood to build relationships. The Try it Program for the Farmers Market was a success this fall as 1st time farmers market vendors costs are covered by CNO. Three vendors have participated and one has signed on to do the rest of the season. The retail at 2225 East Lake Street is moving forward.
4. Newspaper
Lori shared that no one knew it was running on steam. Our options could be looking at going to a 4 or 6 page paper and/or going quarterly. We are arranging a couple of meetings to discuss the future of the paper. Sounds like we might be able to keep it going. We will devote time to breaking even.

E. CNO Oversight Committee

The board reviewed the Plaza Governance Board Bylaws. Lisa shared that at the last meeting with Hennepin County, we reviewed the governance proposal. We are seeking feedback from the board regarding the document and will be looking to early in 2018 to approve the bylaws. The document reflects what CNO suggested.

F. Hi-Lake Interchange

The board discussed and debriefed the Community Meeting. Adam shared that it was a healthy discussion. The meeting was pretty good meeting over all, but Adam shared he isn't sure how much was accomplished. People had a variety of reasons for showing up. Mike Novak asked who showed up. Lisa shared that neighbors who have a general concern and there were a decent variety of people. Adam shared that he was happy to see Cara Letofsky, Chief Harrington and Metro Transit Police Captain and all the decision makers. April shared that it went off track a bit regarding stop lights and such. Lori asked if there will be a follow up meeting. It was discussed to wait until Spring. Heidi shared that LCC wants to be a partner in our work at the intersection and would like to move forward together. Discussed inviting Jim Davnie or Patricia Torres Ray to a meeting like this

to talk about housing and homelessness from a state perspective. Lisa Barajas shared that people are sleeping in cars all along 19th Avenue when she walks to work. Let's plan on a meeting with LCC in the spring. Space ideas are Hennepin County, South, Minneapolis Public Schools. Mandie shared that we could interview people experiencing homelessness along with St. Stephen's as an idea in the future.

G. 2018 Budget

The Finance Committee presented the budget and discussed the line items and income. With a budget deficit, we have some short term decisions to make. Adam shared that he doesn't think it is responsible to have an extensive deficit. Mandie asked if there are general grants to go after for funding. April shared that we should look at the staffing trend since that is a funding stream that has gone up exponentially. April shared that the CNO Board determines what we want to fund and the Executive Director determines what to fund it on. Questions were wrestled with in terms of how much budget can we afford and what would we need to limit in the budget. Over the next month, Matt and April will spend time in reviewing the current budget assumptions and will present at the next board meeting.

H. Land Use and Housing

Adam shared that that the owner of the house at 1911 32nd Street is seeking a variance. The plan was to fix it up and sell it. It essentially needs to be demolished. The owner wants to build a house and keep the foundation. Technically is a new housing build and needs to be set back 20 feet. Currently, it is set back 6 feet like the other houses and is close to the sidewalk. The owner needs a variance to build a house where there is a current house. The lot slopes to the back of the lot so if there is no variance, he would be required to build a house in the valley. Lisa says that it would be putting the house down in a pond. Adam shared that the LU and Hsg committee supports the variance and is willing to write letter to city planner. MOTION: Support a front setback variance request on a new home build at 1911 32nd Street. Matt moved. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

I. COPA

Guests Chris Sutton and Mary Jansen who are COPA leadership, shared about the 1st year of COPA and its success. COPA is seeking to become a part of CNO as a program. April clarified that staff will not be giving time to the program beyond taking care of finances and COPA agreed. Adam made a motion to make COPA a program of CNO and have a member of COPA sit on our board. April seconded. Motion passes. Welcome!

9:00 Announcements (All) and Adjourn
Flannery shared that the next board meeting is in December and to come to the Leadership Dinner.
Next Board Meeting: Meet in December - reschedule Leadership Dinner: Wednesday, November 15th Meeting adjourned.

CNO Board Of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 5th, 2017, 7 – 8 pm at CNO, 3451 Cedar Ave. S.

Present: Flannery Clark, Ellie Watkins, April Riordan, Matt Kazinka, Mike Novak, Mandie Kender, Lori Kinzel-Auer, Adam Tomczik, and Heidi Johnson McAllister (staff)

Absent: Lisa Barajas, Marvin Applewhite

Call to Order and Introductions

A. Appoint Additional Strategic Approach Team Member for Strategic Planning

A motion was presented to appoint Jamil Lott to the Strategic Approach Team for Strategic Planning. Adam moved and Matt seconded. Motion passed.

B. 2018 Budget

The Finance reviewed the November Budget Draft and compared the December Budget Draft. April and Matt presented the staffing trends for CNO. Question arose about the staffing and the Program and Finance Manager. Heidi responded that the Finance Manager was the assistant manager with CNO responsibilities.

Matt walked through the changes to the November draft including personnel. April recommends using the November draft revenue and look at the income in the 2018 budget draft as a stretch goal. This would mean we would support a deficit budget. April shared that we can watch expenses really closely. The question was asked what can we afford in this transition and how do we maximize investments to get greatest return. Budgeting for a deficit of \$14,000. Mike asked if the amount we budgeted is competitive for finding an ED and organizer. The personnel committee as Exec Committee would make that decision. There is room to reimagine how we divvy up personnel expenses. The discussion also included what we want from the next ED - what skills and talents. The organizer role is still open. Realistic numbers to get us someone good and can move us forward. We will be hiring an organizer and executive director and hiring fresh. We will be upfront with candidates about what can be afforded. When we have a good ED, the board discussed how we keep them. Adam shared that it is important to consider that this will impact how people live. Mandie shared her concern that a part time Assistant Manager is not ideal. Flannery shared that long term assistant manager would need to be supported by raising funds. April asked what we can expect from new staff. This is a time to reorder and regroup. Incredible accomplishment to stay flat.

The Finance Committee moved to support the budget. April provided an amendment: the budget total income to reflect the 2017 projected budget. Ellie seconded the motion with an amendment. Flannery discussed that this is the conservative choice. We will review the budget and goals as we go. In terms of the stretch goals, Mallory came up with her number. Motion passes.

C. SUN Proposal to the City of Mpls re: Neighborhoods 2020

MOTION: Support and Sign on to the SUN Proposal regarding Neighborhoods 2020 to be sent to the City of Minneapolis NCR Department, New Council Members and New Mayor. Adam moved. Mandie seconded. Flannery shared that she is grateful for the SUN to work on this. April stated that it is a great collaborative to discuss in the strategic planning.

D. Committee Reports

1. MFM Advisory Committee
Mike provided an update on the Advisory Committee meeting last week. There is an infographic in paper about the market season. There is a downward trend in markets as the landscape of food is changing. Mallory took the position of Market Manager. The vendor survey showed that vendors were satisfied with the year, even with attendance down. Vendors need more advertising and marketing help. The Carlson Business School is assisting with volunteer time to create a marketing plan to help us diversify customers, promote and package with location challenges. They will talk with them about construction and parking issues. In term of volunteers, Step Up is an option for low cost assistance. Additionally, South High requires volunteer experience that is unpaid.
2. Land Use and Housing
 - Adam shared that the variance voted on last month was unanimously denied by the planning commission. The owner could build a house with a regular permit. There is disappointment that they denied the request. The commission said they don't want to make exceptions, although they agreed with Lisa's points. Adam said we will see what the homeowner decides to do.
 - Blue Line Flats - Flannery had a productive conversation with David Wellington. Someone was shot in Blue Line Flats, caught on camera in foyer, neither live in the space. Wellington Management will be coaching with the onsite manager

- regarding the issues we are aware of and that we have free access to the building. The lines of communication are open.
- Frenz - Hacinto and Reyna who live at 22nd Avenue and 31st Street have filed a Tenant Remedies Act and went to court on Wednesday, November 29th. A hearing was scheduled for 9am on December 4th. Ricky Misco admitted that he doesn't have a license and now an administrator will be appointed. When there are updates, we will share with the board.
 - 3. Newspaper -
People interested in the newspaper met prior to the board meeting to discuss. The committee is up in the air, but there is interest. The group discussed a bi-monthly newspaper and many wanted to keep it monthly. The volunteers are interested in fundraising and determine how to fund it better. How do we market the newspaper to sell ads and hit up some of the areas to look for revenue. Adam shares that it takes a lot of work and there was not a way to fund the paper in the Wedge.
 - 4. Strategic Approach Team -
Flannery shared that the group had a 2nd meeting to do a Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats analysis. During the meeting we worked through it. It will be circulated electronically. In late February, there will be a community forum.

Announcements (All) and Adjourn

- Transition Update: Have received Interim ED applications. ExCo is meeting to discuss after the board meeting. Further updates to come.
- Please sign up to call neighbors.

Next Board Meeting: January 11, 2018 at CNO. Meeting adjourned.

Letter from CNO Vice Chair Lisa Barajas on Staff Transitions

LisaBeth Barajas | CNO Vice-Chair and Member of CNO’s Transition Team



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

CNO has experienced staff changes over the last few months. Community Organizer Brettina Davis and Midtown Farmers Market Manager Miguel Goebel left CNO in November. Community Development Manager Vanessa Haight left in December to become the Executive Director at Elliot Park Neighborhood Inc., and Executive Director Heidi Johnson McAllister will leave in January to spend more time at home with her young children. Assistant Market Manager Mallory Forseth was promoted in November and is now the Manager of the Midtown Farmers Market.

Staff turnover is hard for any organization, but it can be especially difficult for small organizations. This loss, which represents 80% of CNO staff, is a blow to our operations, to say the least.

To get through this situation, CNO hired an interim executive director to manage day-to-day operations while the board conducts an organizational review and assesses their future leadership needs. A Transition Team was appointed to oversee the process and a Search Committee was formed to find CNO’s next Executive Director. In addition, the Board of Directors selected Propel Nonprofits to lead a strategic planning process for the neighborhood. This is an opportunity to take a step back, analyze what is working and where we can improve, and create a new plan for moving forward.

As you can imagine, some things may not operate as smoothly as if we were fully staffed. That is where you come in. Current staff will support the board and strategic planning process, prepare for the 2018 market season, assist with hiring an assistant market manager, community organizer and executive director, and manage day-to-day operations. Volunteer leaders will continue to move our program work and committees forward. However, we will need your help as we get back up to full speed. Here are a few ways that you can volunteer to help:

- Assist with office operations a few hours a week
- Join a committee and offer to help as needed: Land Use and Housing, Midtown Farmers Market, Newspaper, Economic Development
- Publish our monthly electronic newsletter
- Help the Market Manager with special projects

For more information about how you can help, contact Amy Arcand at 612-724-7457 or amy@corcoranneighborhood.org

Amy Arcand is CNO’s interim executive director and will be with us through March, when we hope to have a new executive director in place. She is a Corcoran resident and was CNO’s executive director from 2002-2012. She founded Willow Consulting in 2013 and specializes in interim executive leadership where she supports organizations through times of transition, chaos, and change. Amy is passionate about good governance, community engagement, partnerships and building strong organizational foundations. She has dedicated her career to ensuring that community voices are heard and helping organizations and groups move their ideas to reality. Amy has a Master of Public Affairs degree with a concentration in Leadership and Civic Engagement and is a 2007 recipient of the Thomas Swain Fellowship for Leadership.

The CNO Board of Directors and staff are committed to managing this transition well and we expect to be back to full strength in a few months. Thank you for your patience and support as we move forward.

Sincerely,

LisaBeth Barajas

CNO Vice-Chair and Member of CNO’s Transition Team

Changes at the Corcoran News

Becky Z. Dernbach | Corcoran News Editor

This year, you can expect two big changes at the Corcoran News. First, we will be publishing bimonthly instead of every month. This change comes from a directive to the board to spend less on the newspaper. We’ll still be bringing you all the neighborhood news that’s fit to print every other month. You can help us keep up to date and plan ahead by sending your articles and events to news@corcoranneighborhood.org. You

can also help us sustain the Corcoran News by becoming a sustaining member or purchasing ad space for your business. You can contact info@corcoranneighborhood.org for more info.

Secondly, we’ve had a change in leadership since Russ Grigsby stepped down as newspaper editor. Lori Kinzel-Auer will be our newspaper chair, and I’ll be serving as the news editor. My background is in com-

munications and community organizing. I’ve lived in the Corcoran neighborhood for about two years, and I’m excited to step into this role! We’re also excited to have new volunteers on the newspaper committee and would love to have your help too. Our next newspaper meeting will be on Monday, February 12, from 6-7 pm at the CNO office. Join us to help shape our neighborhood newspaper!

Volunteer!
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS YOU!

CNO has experienced staff changes over the last few months, and we need your help during this transition period. YOU CAN HELP BY:

- Assisting with office operations a few hours a week
- Joining a committee and offer to help as needed: Land Use and Housing, Midtown Farmers Market, Newspaper, Economic Development
- Help publish our monthly electronic newsletter
- Help the Market Manager with special projects



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Corcoran Residential Sales Housing Report

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2017 was another “Seller’s Market” as demand continued to exceed a historically low housing supply. This has contributed to rising values closer to or exceeding initial listing prices and decreased the time houses spent on the market. The trend of low housing inventory with many qualified buyers hunting for a house is projected to continue into 2018. The Corcoran Neighborhood’s median sale price rose from \$183,950 in January 2017, peaked at \$214,000 in November and was \$211,000 at years end. For perspective the previous three years’ median sale prices peaked at \$187,325 (May 2016), \$183,500 (Dec. 2015) and \$166,000 (Nov. 2014). The median days houses remained on market ranged from 13-21 days versus 19-25 days in 2016. “Months Supply” of housing is how long the current housing inventory will take to sell. Throughout 2017 this indicator ranged from 0.7 - 1.1 months of supply, significantly lower than a more balanced 6 month supply.

Sources: Northstar MLS InfoSparks, Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors



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