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### ABOUT NORTHEAST FUTURES

*Northeast Futures is a community visioning and planning project for Northeast Minneapolis, MN.* The project's purpose is to help Northeast get on the same page and to work proactively and consistently when dealing with land use and development issues. For more info visit our website: [www.necdc.org](http://www.necdc.org)

### NORTHEAST FUTURES MEETING — 11/29/07

NE CDC is excited to announce a pivotal NE Futures meeting to be held on **Thursday November 29th — 6:30pm-8:00pm**. We'll be discussing (1) the formation of a NE Futures Council of Elders, and (2) initiating a NE Futures Convention committee.

All NE Futures committee members are urged to participate. An equally warm welcome is awaiting all NE residents interested in this exciting community visioning project.

Please join us at the *Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (N.E.M.A.A.)* office located in the California Building: **2205 California Ave. NE., Suite 118 Mpls. 55418.**

### DIRECT CONNECT — NORTHEAST FUTURES CANVASS

One of our primary outreach activities for this community visioning project has been a Northeast-wide door-to-door canvass. Our goal is to conduct 1 brief interview per every residential block in Northeast, some 400+. We're trying to get a representative sample of Northeaster values and visions, to learn of the commonalities and identify shared interests. At press time this daunting task hasn't yet been completed, but thanks to the local impact of global warming I believe we'll finish before the weather becomes inclement.

Engaging in these numerous community conversations with NE residents has been both a challenging and enriching experience for this community organizer. *Appreciative Inquiry* is the name of this civic engagement initiative and I've learned a lot from the various stories and perspectives I've heard. Painfully, I've had to endure many more rejections and ignored "solicitations" (people looking outside at me but not answering their door, waiting for me to go away) than I was granted interviews. However, hundreds of kind people were generous with their time and interested in discussing their experiences in and visions for Northeast. Thanks to all the canvass volunteers! Representatives from both the Beltrami and Bottineau neighborhood organizations helped us canvass their neighborhoods!

*The success of the NE Futures community visioning project heavily depends on NE residents developing a community vision with their visions for the NE community.* If your block hasn't been canvassed yet and you find one of us at your door, please talk to us and share your stories, values and visions for NE. Thanks to all of you who have!

*Northeast Futures seeks to evoke commonalities from a variety of groups and individuals, while encouraging them to work together on shared interests.*

#### Northeast Neighborhoods

- Audubon
- Beltrami
- Bottineau
- Columbia Park
- Holland
- Logan Park
- Marshall Terrace
- Northeast Park
- Sheridan
- St. Anthony East
- St. Anthony West
- Waite Park
- Windom Park

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#### [LOOKING FOR WISE ELDERS](#)

After all of the canvassing, surveys and community dialogues are completed then all of the community responses will need to be reviewed. We are forming a **Northeast Futures Council of Elders** to (i) conduct this analysis, (ii) present the vision and values findings at a future Northeast Futures Convention where they will also (iii) recommend a common vision and values statement and (iv) propose common principles and goals for land use and development in Northeast.

We are looking for experienced people who live in NE, who are capable of completing these tasks efficiently and transcending self-interest to represent the greater good of Northeast residents and businesses.

If you are qualified and interested, or know of a good man or woman to recommend for the Northeast Futures Council of Elders (ages 50+), please contact Marcus.

#### [NORTHEAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELPING WITH THE NE FUTURES CONVENTION](#)

The Northeast Chamber of Commerce (NCC) has proven to be skillful at organizing events. As a NE Futures partner organization it is only natural that NE CDC has turned to them for assistance with the planning for our NE Futures Convention. An intern will help research funding sources.

This will be the culmination of the Northeast Futures project. This will be the public venue for us to reach consensus on Northeast's shared values and common vision for land use and development. We'll combine community education sessions with a major speaker or two and conclude with a plenary session where attendees will debate and endorse a set of shared values and a common vision for Northeast's future.

#### [WE'RE HELPING THE AUDUBON NEIGHBORHOOD MASTER PLAN](#)

The Audubon Neighborhood Association (ANA) is working on a master plan for their neighborhood's future. A master plan is a big deal because it will be adopted by the city of Minneapolis into its Comprehensive Plan, which controls zoning, which influences everything concerning land use and development. The Audubon Master Plan will address preserving stable areas, revitalizing distressed areas, examining the Central Avenue and Johnson Street commercial corridors, incorporating recommendations from other area studies within the neighborhood, and attracting investment from businesses and residents.

ANA has partnered with DJR Architects, the Center for Urban and Regional Research at the U of M and NE CDC to complete the master plan. NE CDC will soon present canvass surveys done in Audubon to ANA. NE CDC is also assisting ANA and the U of M with a study of Latino housing needs in Audubon. "NE CDC has been instrumental and fantastic with educating and advising the neighborhood on community engagement," said Cindy Shulte, ANA president.

Visit the ANA website: <http://www.audubonneighborhood.org>

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### [GOT ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING?](#)

NE CDC has partnered with the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) to create an Entrepreneur Training Class here in Northeast. Classes will begin in March 2008. Register ASAP as space is limited to 12 people. This is a great opportunity for both currently operating and aspiring entrepreneurs. You'll attend 8 class sessions and receive 8 hours of individual consulting time.

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### [FIX AND PAINT GRANTS FOR CENTRAL AVE BUSINESSES](#)

Matching grants are available for up to \$3,000 for businesses along Central Avenue to make improvements to their businesses.

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### [CENTRAL AVENUE PLAN UPDATE](#)

The City of Minneapolis hired the Cuningham group (architectural, landscape and Urban design consultants) to create an updated plan of the "Making Central Ave. Great" plan drafted 10 years ago. This plan will be adopted by the city as part of the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan (for land use and development).

Learn about the updated plan and contribute to a discussion about the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for development along Northeast's main commercial corridor at a public meeting on **Saturday December 1st - 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Salvation Army 2727 Central Ave. Minneapolis, 55418.**

We would like to thank our funders and the volunteers who have helped to make the NE Futures Project possible:

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