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**Northeast Community
Development Corporation**

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**Northeast Chamber of
Commerce**

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**Northeast Minneapolis Arts
Association**

"Love it. Used to be the
safest place in MN.
Northeast is God's country.
I've never been anywhere
else. I'll die here. I have
no desire to sell my home. I
love the neighborhoods,
neighbors, everything is
convenient. I believe in
patronizing local
businesses."
- Community canvass
interviewee

ABOUT NORTHEAST FUTURES

Northeast Futures is a community visioning and planning project for Northeast Minneapolis, MN. The purpose of the project is to help Northeast get on the same page and to work proactively and consistently when dealing with land use and development issues.

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

Our project partners are the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association.

The project's four goal areas to engage Northeasters are:
~ Outreach, Research, Education and Advocacy ~

Specific results sought are:

1. Identifying the shared values and common vision of Northeast residents and businesses for land use and development,
2. Building community will and capacity to achieve land use and development goals consistent with those values and vision, &
3. Amending the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan as indicated.

WE'RE REACHING OUT

To learn about the visions and values of Northeast residents for Northeast Mpls, NE CDC embarked on a Northeast-wide door to door canvass with the goal of interviewing a resident on every block in Northeast. According to experts who consulted us, we needed to complete 385 surveys to achieve a statistically sound representative sample of what Northeasters think and feel. We completed more than 400 surveys before the winter stopped us. We will complete the remaining Northeast blocks in late spring '08. **PLEASE** help us canvass the rest of Northeast!

We're planning a series of Community Dialogue events to engage different segments of the Northeast community in the sharing of stories, information and ideas to gain useful perspectives and insights. We're trying to ensure diverse participation in the development of Northeast's COMMUNITY VISION.

ARTISTS' COMMUNITY DIALOGUE – 01/21/08 & 01/23/08

Northeast is the home of the official *Minneapolis Arts District*. NE CDC cordially invites artists to a community dialogue where we will discuss: (1) Artist Housing and (2) the role of Artists and the Arts in community development. This event is a collaborative effort with Maxfield Research, a Northeast based real estate consulting firm and the Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (N.E.M.A.A.), which produces the amazing annual Art^A-Whirl event in Northeast.

Mark your calendar for either **Monday January 21st or Wednesday January 23rd – 6:00pm – 7:30pm**. We'll meet at the N.E.M.A.A. office in the California Building, located at **2205 California St. NE Minneapolis, 55418 #118**.

We will have food and drinks for you. Attention all Artists: please attend and invite others to show up to share your voices.



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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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NORTHEAST FUTURES CONVENTION

The Northeast Futures Community Visioning project will culminate with a *Northeast Futures Community Convention* in October 2008. At this memorable event we'll present community education sessions, feature a major speaker or two and provide food and entertainment. We'll conclude with a plenary session where we will publicly reach consensus on Northeast's shared values and common vision for land use and development.

Community development is largely about real estate and business development, but the residents are the most important part of any community.

Valuable community feedback at a NE Futures meeting in November '07 has inspired us to shape the Northeast Futures Convention into a celebration of the old and new Northeast, with a focus on planning for the community's future.

WISE ELDERS NEEDED

We are currently forming a **Northeast Futures Council of Wise Elders** which will make a powerful group presentation at the Northeast Futures Convention based on the findings from our Northeast Futures outreach activities.

The Council of Wise Elders will **(i)** analyze the surveys and Community Dialogue responses, **(ii)** present the vision and values findings at the 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 Northeast, care about Northeast and are capable of completing these tasks efficiently. A qualified elder will be able to transcend self-interest to represent the greater good of Northeast residents and businesses. Volunteer time will range between 12-15 hours over an 8 month period of time, concluding at the Community Convention.

If you are qualified and interested, or know of a good man or woman to recommend for the **Northeast Futures Council of Wise Elders** (ages 50+), please contact Marcus at NE CDC: (612) 627-9366 or mharcus@necdc.org

GIS MAPPING FOR NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS

GIS mapping can be done on a neighborhood-by-design basis, for various community organizations-by-design, and for Northeast as a whole. Using City of Minneapolis data, census data and other market data we can offer maps featuring land use, building condition, zoning, population, and other features as needed by the community. It is anticipated that this will help each of Northeast's 13 official neighborhoods become more planning oriented and proactive when dealing with development. This will also help Northeast become better at identifying common issues and forming cross-neighborhood relationships to deal with shared development and land use interests. For more information contact Julia Burman at NE CDC: (612) 627-9366 or jkburman@necdc.org

TO VIEW A VARIETY OF NORTHEAST MAPS & DATA VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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