

## Report to WBCC, 1-25-06

- Items:**
- I. Committee Assignments
  - II. Office hours in Ward
  - III. Onestop and 311
  - IV. Report on Town Hall Forum
  - V. Rental Housing Summit
  - VI. Oak Street Cinema
  - VII. Zipcar
  - VIII. People's Center Clinic
  - IX. Central Corridor
  - X. Industrial Land Use and Employment Policy Plan

- I.** I have been assigned to the following committees: Health, Energy and the Environment (HEE) as Vice Chair; Public Safety and Regulatory Services (PS&RS); Community Development (CD); Zoning and Planning (Z&P); Claims; Elections; Taxes; and Rules. I will serve on the Executive Committee as the minority caucus member. I have been appointed to the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee and the Joint City County Lead Task Force.
- II.** Starting in February, I will be holding regular office hours on the West Bank one Tuesday morning per month, 9:30-11:00 AM. I'm currently considering St. Martin's Table as my West Bank location.
- III.** The City is working to improve services to residents and businesses through two relatively new efforts, One Stop and 311. I will be working to find out what has and has not been successful with the "One Stop" effort, listening to concerns and advocating for improvements as needed. The new "311" will give the city important information about how it does, or does not, provide service and respond to the needs of people who live and work in the City.
- IV.** I held a Ward 2 Town Hall meeting on Thursday, 1-12-06 at Matthews Park. Over twenty residents of the Ward attended, and together we shared hopes and concerns and helped set priorities for my term.

- V. Minnesota Students Association President Emily Serafy Cox has proposed a U of M Rental Housing Summit, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm. It would bring all stakeholders in the neighborhoods surrounding the University – long-term residents, student renters, landlords, government officials – together to openly discuss the problems facing our neighborhoods and some possible solutions. Council Member Diane Hofstede (Ward 3) and I have agreed to be sponsors.
- VI. Oak Street Cinema is, as you may have heard, in serious financial trouble. My office, along with the Mayor's office, will be working actively with the Minnesota Film Arts Board, Oak Street staff and community members to help preserve this important community asset.
- VII. On January 17, 2006, the University of Minnesota introduced a new car-sharing program with two locations in Ward 2, one on the West Bank. The vendor is Zipcar. There will be a Zipcar pick-up and drop-off location on the West Bank at the 21st Ave Ramp. For more information on how to use Zipcar, please visit: <http://www.zipcar.com/umn/>.
- VIII. The Community Development Committee granted approval to the People's Center Clinic's request for \$600,000 in revenue bonds to finance the cost of improvements & equipping of a medical clinic & administrative offices.
- IX. The Central Corridor Coordinating Committee met on 1.19.06. Their Draft Environmental Impact Statement will come out within the next two months. There will be a public input period of 60 days after its release. I will actively solicit input from neighbors, especially West Bank residents.
- X. To better integrate industrial land uses into the City's planning process, the City is currently studying industrial land use trends and policies. The purpose of the study is to provide the City with a clear policy direction for industrial land uses and industrial sector employment within the City of Minneapolis. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp>

The study is not complete, and there is still an opportunity for input. Please email responses to the attached questions (provided by the consultant in charge of the study) to:

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