

## Report to WBCC 5-17-06

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- I. As part of my ongoing series of community forums on issues important to the Second Ward, I'm hosting a forum on crime and safety. We will discuss neighborhood crime concerns, the Community Policing Initiative, the search for a new Chief, Restorative Justice and more May 23rd, 7:00-9:00pm Van Cleve Community Center.
- II. I have been actively assisting with the search for Sudi Abdi, connecting the family to the Police, Fire and Sheriff's Department. If you have any information about Sudi, please call (612)673-5701 or (612)868-8831 or (612)670-4541.
- III. The City Council voted unanimously to support mercury reduction ordinances I supported, authored by Committee Chair Scott Benson in collaboration with Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota.
- IV. This year's Commuter Challenge Bike/Walk Event will be held this Saturday, 5-19-06. Ride your bike or walk to the Hennepin County Government Center Plaza between 7:30 and 9:00 AM for a fun event with coffee and other refreshments, several speakers and a drawing.
- V. I am working with Green activists and the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee on a Green Power Challenge initiative to promote energy conservation and the use of renewable energy in Minneapolis.
- VI. I am Vice Chair of the City Hall CRA work group formed to address problems with the Civilian Review Authority. The group meets weekly, Thursday 8:00 am – 9:30 in room 319. So far the following recommendations were made to, and approved by, the Council in May.

1. A review of Internal Affairs Unit operations be conducted by an outside, independent auditor and be reviewed by the Public Safety and Regulatory Services Committee.
  2. That staff from departments including Police, City Coordinator, Human Resources, Civil Rights, and City Attorney, and the Police Federation, work to optimize an Early Intervention System for the Police Department. Early Intervention Systems allow departments to identify officers who are having performance problems and intervene before a major incident.
- VII.** Friday, May 12, at my initiative, the City Council unanimously voted to remove its ordinance making it illegal to dance in the streets. I'm looking into doing the same for the laws against loitering, lurking and trespassing that are often used in discriminatory ways to target people with mental illness or suffering from homelessness.
- VIII.** I served as chair of a city sponsored Instant Run-off Voting Task Force that reviewed the steps and costs of implementing Instant Run-off Voting in City elections. I am also working in support of a Council proposed charter amendment, to be placed on the ballot in November, to elect city officials using this ranked choice voting method.
- IX.** I am working to make it possible for the City Council to reserve seats on its boards and commissions for people under 30.
- X.** There are open positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Minneapolis Private Industry/Workforce Council. Both positions close this Friday, 5-19-06. Applications are available from the Office of the City Clerk, 304 City Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55415, 612-673-3358. There are also two open seats for a freeway study focus group for residents of Cedar/Riverside.
- XI.** A group that pays young people a small stipend to assess the services available to youth in a given area and recommend improvements will be focusing on the West Bank over the summer.
- XII.** The First Precinct will be expanding their Restorative Justice program to include the West Bank this summer.
- XIII.** The Cedar Riverside Business Association is looking for a new chair. If you would like to serve in this capacity, or know of anyone who might, please contact Dan Prozinski at (612) 332-8226.
- XIV.** The Industrial Land Use study has a new Draft Summary and Redevelopment Analysis. Both documents can be viewed here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp>.