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Minneapolis **Neighborhood & Community Relations**

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2012 Neighborhood Survey: Tell us what you think

The City of Minneapolis' Neighborhood and Community Relations Department has developed a survey to help assess the impact of neighborhood programs. We are asking for participation from leaders and volunteers in neighborhood organizations.

The survey will inform the City on the strengths and opportunities relating to community engagement so that we can better understand the work in neighborhood organizations and how to best apply resources. This survey is confidential and will be analyzed by a third party consultant. No NCR staff will review the individual responses.

Take the 2012 Neighborhood Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCR2012>.

The survey deadline is Friday, June 22nd. Survey results will be posted online and emailed to all neighborhood groups. The results of this survey will be used as a tool for improving our work with neighborhood organizations and as well as measuring the effectiveness of the CPP. We anticipate having survey results available by early July.

Asian Community Engagement Team & Meet and Greet Event

The Asian Community Engagement Team works with organizations that serve the Asian communities in Minneapolis. The goal is to collaborate and leverage resources to benefit the diverse Asian residents that call Minneapolis their home. On May 30, 2012, the Asian Community Engagement Team hosted a *Meet and Greet Event* in order for the Asian communities to be aware of the services, resources, and assistance that are available to them through the various Asian organizations. This event was a first step in building meaningful relationships with the community in order to work effectively together. The team will continue to work in partnership with the diverse Asian communities to address issues and concerns faced by residents.

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission: City-Wide Election for Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 & 8

The City-wide meeting to elect five neighborhood Commissioners from Districts 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 will be held on **Thursday, June 28, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at Minnehaha Academy-North Campus, 3100 West River Parkway.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Commission elections, please feel free to call Carrie Day Aspinwall at (612) 673-2243. The Voter Guides and additional information can be found on our website:

minneapolismn.gov/ncr/boards/ncec/2012_Neighborhood_Elections.



Help NCR Welcome Mariano Espinoza our New Access and Outreach Specialist



Mariano Espinoza will be serving the NCR Department as the new Spanish Access and Outreach Specialist. Mariano has over 10 years of experience in the field of immigrant and education policy, labor, and leadership development. Through his previous work in the labor and nonprofit sector Mariano developed and implemented culturally grounded programs and curriculum which have involved thousands of youth and their families in the educational reform field, immigrant rights arena, and workplace rights campaigns. Mariano resides in the Powderhorn Park neighborhood.

One Neighborhood Initiative

At the February 2012 Community Connections Conference, staff from the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department hosted a workshop called One Neighborhood. The goal for the One Neighborhood workshop was to promote broad participation in neighborhood organizations by strengthening neighborhood organizations' capacity to build relationships with cultural communities utilizing the resources and expertise that the NCR Department can provide.

Over the course of next few weeks, the NCR Department will solicit input from neighborhood staff and board members on how best neighborhood organizations can tap into the resources the Access & Outreach team provide.

The Access & Outreach team will be attending neighborhood meetings during the month of July. If you would like to invite them to attend your neighborhood's meeting, please contact your designated Neighborhood Specialist. To find out who your specialist is, please go to: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/programs/contact/index.htm> or call 612-673-3737.



Neighborhood Organizations Preparing CPP Proposals

Neighborhood organizations across Minneapolis are preparing their proposals for funding through the Community Participation Program. The program provides funding to recognized neighborhood organizations. The guidelines identify three program purposes: to identify and act on neighborhood priorities; to influence City decisions and priorities; and to increase involvement. Neighborhood organizations may use their funding allocations for their community engagement work, or to fund programs identified in neighborhood priority plans.

The guidelines spell out the program purposes; eligibility, standards and expectations for neighborhood organizations, eligible use of funds, how to apply for funds, and additional information including grievance procedures.

Approximately \$5.7 million is allocated to neighborhood organizations through the Community Participation Program for the period from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. You can find more information on our website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/programs/cpp/index.htm>.

The 2012-13 Community Participation Program
For Minneapolis Neighborhood Organizations

Neighborhood funding for 2012 and 2013 requires two types of documents, the Community Participation Plan and Neighborhood Priority Plan. The Community Participation Plan describes the process an organization will use to increase involvement of neighborhood stakeholders, and is required to receive funding (see Section 9 of below). The Neighborhood Priority Plan is similar to the usual submission neighborhood organizations file (provided in 2011). The Neighborhood Priority Plan is a more types of document that is developed with stakeholders (see Section 9 below). It defines the vision and goals for a neighborhood or a group of neighborhoods to work with the City and other partners to achieve defined goals. There is no submission process or template for creating a Neighborhood Priority Plan but you are encouraged to work with the NCR Department as you begin this process. The NCR Department has the experience and resources to help neighborhoods as they start this process.

Each neighborhood organization submits a single Community Participation Plan at the beginning of each funding cycle. A neighborhood organization will participate in developing one or more Neighborhood Priority Plans during each funding cycle, and may do so in partnership with other organizations.

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Community Participation Program Guidelines

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To Submit Your Neighborhood Proposal:

We will accept and review submissions starting Monday, April 16, 2012. Neighborhood organization submissions are due by Friday, June 15, 2012 for funding to start in July.

You may either email your submission to: ncr@minneapolismn.gov (preferred), or you may mail it to:
NCR
City of Minneapolis
211 Park Center, Room 230
100 2nd Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Checklist:

1. Your organization's name and contact information;
2. A narrative submission (see page 6);
3. A budget (see Appendix B). If you need help preparing a budget, please call NCR staff at (612) 673-3737;
4. A letter of approval of your leader's;
5. Date of board approval of proposal.

Two Minneapolis Neighborhoods Win Gold!

Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. The 2012 NUSA conference was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. For a second year in a row, the Lyndale Neighborhood Association and the Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association were awarded Gold in NUSA's newsletter competition.

The Newsletter competition featured three categories — neighborhood organizations, government entity and nonprofit organization or agency — with gold, silver and bronze level awards. A City of Minneapolis Council resolution will be presented to these neighborhoods at the City Council meeting on June 29th to acknowledge them on their good work and to congratulate them on bringing home the Gold, once again.





Minneapolis Celebrates American Indian Month!

American Indian Month Recap



Each year, Minneapolis takes part in American Indian Month, which is a celebration of the community during the month of May in Minnesota. American Indian organizations showcase programs and services that are available to support and enrich the community. Tuesday, May 1st kicked off a month of events in the area with a number of festivities taking place in the City of Minneapolis.

The day started bright and early with Sunrise Ceremonies offered in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Little Earth of United Tribes started their morning with a ground breaking ceremony for their homeownership initiative. This program provides opportunities for families to own their own homes. It is a great example of the many partnerships across the community between non-profits and government agencies.

The community gathered at Cedar Field prior to the Parade of Nations. Words of support, encouragement, and celebration were shared by elected officials, and community and spiritual leaders.



Photo by Gerry Auginash



The parade traveled through the Phillips neighborhood and along the American Indian Cultural Corridor, ending at the Indian Center on Franklin Avenue. Over 1,200 participants attended, many showing their pride by wearing traditional dance regalia, ribbon shirts and shawls. After the parade, a wellness fair was held at the Indian Center, in addition to 50 events that were held throughout the month of May in conjunction with American Indian Month.

With great thanks to the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP), this year was the first that the City had an official banner for employees to show their pride and support during the Kick Off festivities. Elected officials and city staff members were invited to walk with the banner in the parade. Many City departments were represented, such as the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, Health and Family Support, METP, Police Department and the Fire Department.



American Indian Memorandum of Understanding

On Thursday, June 14th The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and the Co-Chairs of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) will be presenting the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (AI MOU) to the City Council's Committee of the Whole. The AI MOU was re-established by the City Council and the MUID group in May of 2011. The AI MOU Workgroup was organized and began the work to implement the responsibilities associated with the document.

This work group consists of five members from the City of Minneapolis: Council Member Robert Lilligren; Assistant Chief of Police Janee Harteau; Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health; David Rubedor, Director Neighborhood and Community Relations; and Tom Streitz, Director of Housing Policy and Development.

The American Indian Community has five members represented in the work group as well, they are: Bill Zielger, Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors Co-Chair; Noya Woodrich, MUID Vice Chair; Clyde Bellecourt, American Indian Movement (AIM); Andy Hestness, Native American Community Development Institute; and Mike Goze, Director American Indian Community Development Corporation.



After the May 2011 City Council action, the MOU Workgroup began to identify and define its scope of work. Over the past year, the MOU Workgroup determined that it was important to focus on a vision and to establish the structure and support for the ongoing work. The AI MOU Workgroup has written a mission and vision to focus its work and has identified sub-committees around Health, Public Safety, Housing, Employment, Education, Economic Development, and Family Preservation. The MOU Workgroup has also engaged the community to provide input at a community meeting. Input has also been solicited by email and survey monkey.

The AI MOU workgroup committees have been reviewing the strategies for each goal and identified activities currently in place or in planning. This has allowed for strategies to be identified that have no current activities in place or in planning with which we can begin work on.

The Workgroup sees its role to enhance progress, not to redo work already undertaken. In 2012, the AI MOU Workgroup will prioritize the strategies, identify performance measures, set timelines, and assign tasks to the various partners.

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The City of Minneapolis invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event within our city. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or should you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting 612-673-3737.