



## Hawthorne Neighborhood Council

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### ***Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Priority Plan***

#### 2015/16 Hawthorne Neighborhood Council (HNC) Priority Plan

For the 2015/2016 Neighborhood Priority Plan, all priorities are based on our Phase 2 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan goal.

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#### **Process**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the HNC Board in partnership with the Bill & Penny George Family Foundation hosted a first community dialog designed to create a community definition of “wellbeing” for the 14 communities that make up North Minneapolis. Approximately 50 people attended, representing 6 different neighborhoods, Metro Transit, Minneapolis Public Schools, George Family Foundation, North Memorial Hospital, North Point, Asian Media Access, University of Minnesota – Center for Spirituality and Healing, county probation, and many community nonprofits and residents. This upcoming Priority Plan will focus on Hawthorne only.

The HNC Board has determined that for the upcoming Priority Plan, we would like to continue these conversations as they tie directly to all 6 of the Phase 2 Action Plan strategies as a way to further engage our residents, increase participation and assist in the completion of our Housing, Business, Crime Prevention, Community and Communication, Environment and Capacity Building strategies.

Approval of this Plan will be part of our September, 2015 Annual Meeting.

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## Neighborhood Priority Plan Second Round

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To that end, the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council, in partnership with the George Family Foundation, plans to embark on a series of community dialogues that will include representatives of the seven neighborhoods that make up Northside Minneapolis, businesses, North Memorial Medical Center, North Point Regional Center, the University of Minnesota Center for Spirituality and Healing, the Minneapolis Police Department, Hennepin County Sheriff's Department and County Attorney's Office, Metro Transit Police and many others, to begin the process of creating a community definition of "Health and Well-Being". The first event will be hosted at Farview Park. The remaining conversations will become part of the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Annual Meeting.

Following is the overall plan for the first conversation:

- Meet with representatives from the George Family Foundation as needed
- Create a Design Team from the interested parties
- Select a date and site for the convening
- Complete planning and issue invitations
- Host the event
- Report meeting outcomes to the community
- Begin the design of the second conversation

The anticipated outcomes are:

- Increased community engagement and dialogue on topic defined as important to the participants
- Community trust building
- Creation of a community created definition of "health and wellbeing"
- Greater collaboration between the seven Northside neighborhoods



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- Reinvigoration of the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council
- Community driven plan for moving forward

### OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING OUTREACH

- Culturally specific diabetes education classes (in partnership with Friends of North Regional library)
- Health and wellness classes presented at Farview Park
- Fire Prevention Awareness Month presentation at Farview Park (in partnership with Farview Park)
- Distribution of smoke detectors and "tot finder" patches to residents
- Stipends for volunteers

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