

Neighborhood Name: Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO)

Neighborhood Approval Date: May 10, 2016

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Multi-Family Housing: Through our participation with the Minneapolis Renter's Coalition we have helped to develop materials to better engage with renters in our neighborhood. The materials outline Minneapolis ordinances related to occupancy, repairs that are required of landlords by law and pest extermination policies. These materials were used in targeted door knocks at rental properties to encourage tenants to exercise their rights.

Community Benefits Agreement with Seward Co-Op: In 2015 we worked in conjunction with our neighbors at the Bryant Neighborhood Organization to negotiate a comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with the Seward Community Co-Op to ensure that their new Friendship grocery store would have a positive impact on the lives of neighborhood residents. Through a facilitated negotiation process the possibility of signing a CBA was explored extensively; although Seward ultimately rejected the comprehensive CBA, we are worked with Seward to address some of the issues outlined in the CBA. This work will continue into 2016, as we work with Seward to put the needs of our residents first.

Community Engagement: To expand awareness and attract a wider and more diverse base of supporters in the neighborhood we held monthly community engagement events. Through film and discussion groups, several family movie night events, working lunches with small and home-based business owners and support for neighborhood block club activities.

Fundraising: Fundraising to support ongoing initiatives will certainly be a priority for CANDO in 2016. We will be hosting small fundraising events throughout the neighborhood and pursuing grants related to our ongoing work.