

MARSHALL TERRACE MINUTES



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Marshall Terrace Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us **Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 PM** for the Marshall Terrace Neighborhood Organization (MTNO) Annual Meeting at RiverVillage Community Room, 2919 Randolph St. NE.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for residents to review our annual report, provide input about new neighborhood goals, and enjoy free refreshments with their neighbors.

We will also be nominating and electing MTNO board members for the coming year. MTNO board members meet monthly to promote the betterment of the neighborhood.

If you're interested in becoming an MTNO board member, we encourage you to attend this meeting and nominate yourself.

If you would like to be on the board but can't attend the meeting, email us at marshallterraceMPLS@gmail.com.

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City of Minneapolis Equal Rights Amendment Resolution

On March 1, 2019, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Equal Rights Amendment and calling on the Minnesota Senate and House to pass a bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to provide for gender equality under the law. The language of that proposed amendment is: "Equality under the law shall not be abridged or denied on account of gender." Minnesota was the 26th state to ratify the federal ERA in 1973. The Minnesota Constitution doesn't currently contain language guaranteeing sex or gender equality.

To read the City of Minneapolis resolution on this matter, visit

<http://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/2114/Equal%20Rights%20Amendment%20Honorary%20Resolution.pdf>

Minneapolis BOE Renews Contract with Superintendent Ed Graff

The Minneapolis Board of Education voted to extend for another three years the contract of Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent Ed Graff. Hired in 2016 after two unsuccessful superintendent searches, Graff has been a stabilizing force at MPS and set the district on a strong path forward. He received a favorable review when the Board evaluated his performance in October.

“We’ve seen a lot of progress over the last three years Under Superintendent Graff’s leadership,” said Board Chair Nelson Inz. “We look forward to continuing the important and necessary work happening at MPS under his stewardship.”

Since starting as superintendent, Graff identified four core priorities to improve outcomes for students: literacy, equity, social emotional learning, and student support systems; led the district through two successful referendums, oversaw the closing of multi-million-dollar budget deficits and creation of a structurally balanced budget; and aligned systems to better support students, staff, and families.

“I am happy to continue the great work we’ve started in Minneapolis Public Schools to better serve our students, families and staff,” said Graff. “We have seen success over the last three years, and with a strong team in place, better systems of accountability, and more stable finances we can focus even more intently on accelerating academic gains for all of our students.”

Moving forward, Graff hopes to improve academic achievement, increase enrollment and maintain a sustainable funding base—all of which are goals of MPS’s upcoming Comprehensive District Design. More information about the Comprehensive District Design, including opportunities for community feedback, will be released soon.

Learn more about Superintendent Ed Graff at mpls.k12.mn.us/mpssup.

View the contract approved by the Board at v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=44008092.



MPS Superintendent, Ed Graff

Neighborhoods 2020 Public Comment Ends March 31st

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) provides funding and support to 70 neighborhood organizations representing every residential neighborhood in Minneapolis. One of the main goals of NCR is to support inclusive, vibrant, and effective neighborhood organizations.

The City of Minneapolis has historically recognized that neighborhood organizations are an important link to the civic and community life of the City of Minneapolis. Neighborhood organizations are also in a unique position to identify local issues and opportunities in their communities and mobilize local resources. For three decades, neighborhood organizations have led resident-based planning efforts resulting in more than 130 Neighborhood Action Plans adopted by the City, directing the use of more than \$300 million of City funds.

The Neighborhoods 2020 process is an opportunity to look at how the City of Minneapolis serves and supports neighborhood organizations both internally and externally via staffing, organizational/advisory board oversight, and grant-funded programs. Each piece is important for equitable and high-quality services to residents. The lens that *Neighborhoods 2020* uses encompasses four important parts:

1. Consistent funding and programming for neighborhoods and other community-based programs such as One Minneapolis and the Community Innovation Fund
2. Proper sizing and oversight of these programs by an advisory body
3. A consistent Citywide Community Engagement policy for the City of Minneapolis that incorporates the Core Principles of Community Engagement
4. Evaluating the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department's service delivery model and making changes if necessary.

Since 2016, NCR has been meeting with community leaders, neighborhood organizations, and elected officials about the role that the neighborhood organization system and NCR should play in meeting the needs of our growing city after the year 2020. The policy document that outlines the recommendations from these meetings is called the **Neighborhoods 2020 Framework Recommendations** and is open for public comment through March 31, 2019.

The City of Minneapolis is seeking public comment on this issue and is encouraging residents to provide input.

To read the Neighborhoods 2020 Framework Recommendations document (*available in English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish*) and provide comment, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr.

Comment deadline is March 31st!

Upper Harbor Terminal Concept Plan

On March 1, 2019, the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor Frey approved an amended Concept Plan for redeveloping the 48-acre Upper Harbor Terminal (UHT) site along the riverfront in North Minneapolis. The first phase of this development will include affordable housing, mixed-use development, riverfront parkland, and an outdoor music performance venue.

Concept Plan approval comes after an extensive multi-year community engagement process that has guided a vision for the site, former home to a barging terminal that closed in 2014. The City owns this site and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will oversee future parkland. United Properties, THOR Companies and First Avenue Productions make up the development team working with the City, MPRB and the community on the redevelopment plan.

Highlights of community benefits:

- Housing development with 300 to 500 units, including 40 percent affordable units.
- One mile of public riverfront access and many acres of parkland overall (to be completed in multiple phases).
- Mixed-use development with space for 10 to 20 businesses focused on community-ownership models, office space and a hospitality component.
- An outdoor music venue with free community programming and extensive job training opportunities located next to the GAF Shingle and Asphalt Recycling Plant.

If you want to serve on the City's UHT-CPEC community committee, applications are currently being accepted until April 14th. Time commitment is 36 to 48 hours per year over 2 years.

The City application form can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/UHTCPEC and, when complete, submitted via email to openappointments@minneapolismn.gov.

To serve on MPRB's CAC committee, contact MPRB Project Manager Kate Lamers at 612-230-6486 or klamers@minneapolisparcs.org.

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