

## What's Happened

The first year of HPDL's organizational life presented lots of challenges and learning experiences. We took our first steps together in monthly meetings. At the election meeting last year, we selected 9 board members (2 from each neighborhood: Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake; and 3 "at-large"). Some of our meetings focused on a single issue like airport noise, the NRP process, or crime and personal safety. However, most meetings were general planning sessions with a more general focus.

One meeting featured a panel of *City Servants* (city and park police, a city engineer, park planner, a city council member, and others). They answered questions for several hours over a wide variety of topics. Discussions about traffic cruising around Lake Nokomis, teenagers loitering at the beach, and parties in the woods above the creek at 12th Ave. got people excited. A

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## HPDL Survey Efforts

What do you think about our neighborhood? What do you think about the quality of life in our neighborhood? How should transportation be improved? Give your ideas voice! HPDL wants to know. Along with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and the Minnesota Center for Survey Research, **HPDL will conduct a survey of area residents in September.**

The survey will ask residents questions regarding transportation, quality of life, crime, education and recreational needs, area business concerns and other topics. We want to know what concerns you about the neighborhood and what you see when you look towards the future for our area.

The target date for distributing the survey is September 26, 1992. On that day HPDL volunteers will hand deliver over 4400 sur-



*HPDL volunteers gave out tickets for free pop and ice cream bars at the information tent.*

veys to residents, businesses, and churches. You will be asked to complete the surveys and mail them to the Minnesota Center for Survey Research for compilation. As they have done with other Minneapolis neighborhoods, the Center is assisting HPDL to develop and format the survey.

**We need your help!** We need volunteers to distribute surveys to their neighbors. We ask each volunteer to contact the residents of two blocks. We will distribute packets and provide a short training session on Saturday morning, September 26th. If you would like to help, please call HPDL (824-7707) and leave your name, address and phone number. We will contact you prior to the survey distribution date with specific details.

After the survey, HPDL will hold a series of **Focus Groups**. Participants will discuss: education, 35W expansion, housing stability, airport noise, crime and cultural diver-

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*Picnic in the Park*

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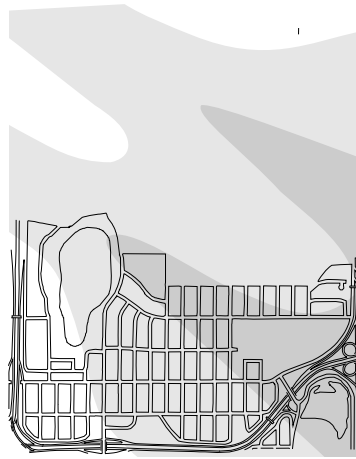
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sity. If you are interested in being involved in one of these focus groups, please call 824-7707. Come out and meet your neighbors to discuss the future of our area!

The NRP provided funds for the survey and information gathering process. The NRP wants HPDL to create a *Neighborhood Action Plan* that will help guide the allocation of public resources to our neighborhoods. We need your input to know which are the most important neighborhood projects to undertake.

We are looking forward to inspiring and creating renewed enthusiasm for neighborhood and community feeling in the Hale, Page and Diamond Lake neighborhoods. We will plan and work together to create a future for our city to maintain a strong and vital neighborhood and community of Minneapolis.

**Charles Peterson**  
NRP Steering Committee



## Waging War on 35W

On May 14, the Minnesota Department of Transportation held the **only** public hearing on its proposed \$1 billion expansion of 35W. The people of Minneapolis made that hearing the largest public hearing ever held in the State. Over 2,500 people attended the event, which turned out to be a rally for public transportation that lasted until 2:30 in the morning. The vast majority of speakers were citizens and elected officials from Minneapolis who demanded that light rail transit be provided in 35W and no more lanes. Those same views were expressed by 85% of the suburban citizens who testified, while the elected officials from the suburbs opposed LRT in favor of more lanes.

The public hearing was **very** effective. As a result, the highway promoters are trying to remove Bloomington and Burnsville from the environmental process so that they can at least expand the highway down there. We can't afford to let them do that. We can't allow expansion anywhere without having determined ahead of time what effects expansion would have on the environment, on energy consumption, on exurban sprawl, on employment downtown and for City residents, and on the public transportation system that many City residents depend on.

Thanks to our elected officials at the City, Hennepin County and the State Legislature, the highway planners' first attempt to remove Bloomington and Burnsville from the required environmental process failed. Their second attempt is now under way. Our elected officials are on top of the situation, and we have every reason to believe that the *good guys* will prevail again.

On July 13, at his request, the Neighborhood Transportation Network took Transportation Commissioner James Denn on a tour. We showed him that his staff is wrong when they tell him (as they've told us) that removing all this *deteriorated housing* in south Minneapolis would be doing us a favor. In the Diamond Lake neighborhood, we paused at the Puentes' home at 60th Street and Second Avenue to show the Commissioner the need for his Department to start exercising common decency to improve conditions for the highway's neighbors. The Puentes' home and two of their neighbors were left without a street when the Highway Department came through the last time.

We also visited the Nussbaums and their neighbors on Clinton Avenue so the Commissioner could experience some of the lake front homes that could be demolished to accommodate the increased environmental damage that highway expansion would bring. As a memento, we presented the Commissioner with books containing photographs of all of the 1,100 homes in the City that are under the threat of demolition for highway expansion. We included the names and addresses of the people who live there, to remind the Commissioner that the buildings his Department wants to demolish are homes where people live and raise their families and dream of a bright and healthy future for their children. They are homes in neighborhoods where people know their neighbors, work together and live in harmony.

Please call me at 825-9111 for more information or to volunteer your time or other resources. The people won in St. Paul, they won in north Minneapolis, they won in Kenwood. With enough public involvement, we'll win here too.

**S. Doré Mead**  
Chair, Neighborhood Transportation Network.



## HPDL Office Opens

HPDL Community Association is pleased to announce that we now have a new home at 5255 Chicago Avenue South. My name is Mary Ellen Godbe and I was on the Board of Directors for HPDL and will now be the new Communications Coordinator for HPDL.

We've all been working hard painting, carpeting and generally fixing up our new space and would like to invite all of our neighbors and friends to stop in for a cup of coffee or to discuss any issue important to you or our community.

Our goal is to be a resource center for the neighborhood so that when residents have a question about city services or have problems they would like to see solved, we'll be able to help.

The office hours are 10 am – 2 pm Monday through Friday and 7–9 pm on Wednesdays. If we can enlist volunteers to staff the office at other times, we will. If you are interested, please let me know. The office will also be available for community meetings (block clubs, etc.), if you call to reserve it. Our phone number is 824-7707.

Please stop by — I'm looking forward to *showing off* our new office to everyone!

## HPDL Elections will be held September 21

Positions up for re-election include: one from each of the three neighborhoods, and two "at-large" members who may be residents of the community, non-resident property owners or authorized representatives of community businesses. The positions are for two year terms.

If you wish to be considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors, contact the HPDL office or Karen Pritz (822-0369).

### HPDL Board:

Joe Barrett ..... 822-2515  
Tom Dial (Chair) ..... 825-6567  
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Laurie Frevert ..... 823-4504  
Scott Holdahl ..... 823-6395  
Heidi Johnston ..... 724-5640  
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Karen Pritz (V. Chair) .... 822-0369  
Chris Rice ..... 824-6073

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Heidi Johnston  
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Dan McGrane  
Charles Peterson  
Karen Pritz (Chair)

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Thanks to the many volunteers that delivered this newsletter.  
If you wish to comment on this or previous newsletters, or want to submit articles for future publication, contact us at the office.

## CCP/SAFE

A heart-felt thanks to our SAFE Officer Jeff Hoberg for his thoughtful dedication. He was always super to work with. He has taken a position with the police department's RECAP (Repeat Call Address Policing) unit. We wish you the best!

Our new officer, who will start this fall, is officer **Barry Nelson**. We look forward to working with you!

## Block Leader Training

Sept. 9 and 16 from 7-9 pm the 3rd Precinct will hold Block Leader training sessions. Child care is available upon request. Contact our Community Crime Prevention (CCP) Specialist, Lorenzo Lien at 673-2839.

