



# NEWSLETTER

Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association

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## Meet your Neighbors

**Charlie Petersen:** Charlie and his wife, Anna Korinko, live in the Diamond Lake neighborhood, just south of Our Lady of Peace church and school. They have been residents of this neighborhood for a relatively short time (2 years), but have already more than demonstrated a commitment to their desire to “give back to the community what it has provided to us”. They have been working on remodeling efforts in their home to “. . . create a place for our family for many years.” Anna is an attorney and Charlie is a Management Consultant with the State of Minnesota. Both have been involved in the NRP Steering Committee. Charlie has generously used his skills as an analyst, facilitator, and presenter many times over the months of our NRP process. His input was especially invaluable in developing the survey and the focus groups. He became involved in HPDL to get to know neighbors and help build a sense of community. Born and raised in Nebraska, he moved to Min-



nesota in 1989. Charlie and Anna take many long walks around the neighborhood as a result of an addition to their family in the spring of 1992 (it was a puppy!)

**Helen Merrill:** Since 1958 (35+ years), Helen and her husband George have lived in the Page neighborhood on 2nd avenue, bearing the brunt of the building of 35W, and seeing the resultant changes of that development as well as the airport



growth—“The airport as we now know it was not there when we moved in.”

They raised two children here and now have two grandchildren. She worked for many years as a Nurse and as a nursing educator, teaching at the University of Minnesota and at several Community Colleges.

Helen became active in HPDL to make the community a better place to live. She has delivered many HPDL newsletters and probably takes the prize as the most persistent survey distributor—going back four and five times to be able to hand deliver the survey. She often attends HPDL meetings in the company of daughter Susan, also an HPDL resident and member, and has brought her 90+ year old mother as well! She has always been active in various volunteer efforts, believing that “. . . the more you become involved the more you benefit yourself as well as the community.” She is strongly committed to the philosophy that people need to change their priorities—that they must put success in their career or

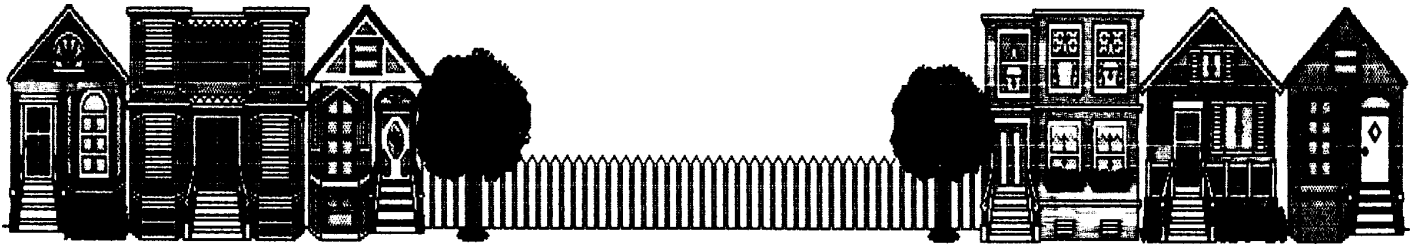
vocation after being a good person and a good citizen.

Since ceasing active Nursing she has been very active in volunteer efforts, most notably starting up a Disaster Nursing Team that responds to help individuals or families when disaster strikes locally. She has also been instrumental in getting this area involved in the National Disaster Medical System which recruits Disaster teams to help in the event of National Disasters, flying out to help after such events as Hurricane Andrew.

**Anne Ulseth:** Having 4 daughters under the age of 8 should keep Hale neighborhood residents Anne and Tom Ulseth busy enough, but they find time for many other volunteer activities. They have lived in their home just North of Hale School for the past 6 years. Anne has been very active at Hale School, most recently as PTA co-chair, and a member of the Leadership Team (the joint parent-teacher-staff site based management group). She is an independent Public Relations Consultant, working out of her home.

HPDL involvement came about because Anne believes that if you want to ensure that things improve, you must get involved in the community. Her interests in the schools and HPDL have come together as she has played an instrumental part in efforts to hold joint planning meetings to work on Action Plan items concerning Education. Anne enjoys reading enough to participate in a book club, and does volunteer P.R. advisory work for Project for Pride in Living. The thing she likes best about the HPDL neighborhood is the sense of community, that you run into your neighbors enough to say that it “. . . feels like I live in a small town.”





## ... from the chair

Here it is folks... We've mashed and crashed ideas together and have come up with the first version of our Neighborhood Action Plan! We are presenting it to you in outline form in this newsletter and will present it in more detail at the next General Membership meeting on June 21, 1993, at Pearl Park. We expect to hear many comments and much debate about the specifics of the plan, and will amend, alter, or edit as necessary. Please take the time to read the Action Plan, and plan to attend the meeting on the 21st. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please write down your comments and send them to the office, or call the office at 824-7707 and leave a message. The HPDL meeting in July will deal with changes and updates on the plan, and we hope to gain community ratification in August.

The one overriding feeling that came out of the survey, focus groups, workshops, and conversations over the last months has been that HPDL residents are hungry for an increased sense of community, for greater knowledge about one another, for chances to interact, for ways to support each other and for opportunities to share the message about the high quality of life available in the city. This became the guiding principle behind the development of the elements of the plan. Some of the items address this directly—annual community party, increased development of block

clubs, etc., other items address it indirectly—staying on top of the Airport Noise issue, supporting minimally invasive transportation options, etc.

The plan can not begin to cover every single idea that residents have had, nor does it reflect a "cast in stone" finality. It is a *first draft*. It is, however, a place to start, a way to categorize and group ideas, to give an idea of the direction we hope to pursue. To implement some of the ideas will require negotiation and funding from city, county, or private sources; to implement others will require no more than getting together with some of your neighbors with like interests and working together.

Some of the items are already being worked on—for instance, plans are underway for the second annual August Community Party. We hope that some area of the Plan interests *you*, and that you will indicate this with your support, by working on crafting a more precise action item or by getting involved in the action itself. It is exciting to finally be nearing the close of such a heavy emphasis on planning and be concentrating more completely on the *doing*.

The Action Plan is to be a *Living Document* to guide us to our vision of the future. Lots of people have worked hard to get to this point—let's use it as a springboard to better our community, keep our City vital and engender hope for the future!

## HPDL Minutes

**April**—At the general meeting we focused on 35W /Crosstown expansion plans. MnDOT provided current details of proposed expansion plans. Ken Stevens from the Hennepin County Railroad Authority provided us with a slide presentation of what light rail transit is and how it works. Elected officials shared concerns about what the different proposals will mean to people living in our neighborhood. Doré Mead with the Neighborhood Transportation Network offered concerned citizens an outlet to become involved in a grass roots effort to create a more efficient transit system that is more environmentally sound and won't trade our homes for more lanes.

**May**—This meeting included two presentations. The first speaker was Susan Young, Director of Minneapolis Public Works Solid Waste Division. She had an entertaining video about lawn care and she spoke about recycling and other trashy tidbits. Then Bob Miller, the Director of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, spoke. He informed us about C.A.R.E. (Community and Resource Exchange Program), its mission, function and history. HPDL is considering inviting C.A.R.E. into our community.

**June**—**IMPORTANT MEETING ON MONDAY JUNE 21st** - at Pearl Park, 7:00 P.M. Please read the Action Plan inside this newsletter and come with your comments.

**July**—NRP Action Plan follow-up.

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HPDL has an employment opportunity for a Communications Coordinator. Call our office or any Board member if you are interested. We will contact you with the details.

### Thank You Workshop Participants

HPDL sends a big "Thank You!" to all the workshop participants for their presence and input, and to Nokomis Community Center and Edgewater Emmanuel Methodist Church for providing the meeting places, and to Super America for providing the doughnuts.

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## **Adopt-A-Cop**

The Minneapolis Real Estate Advisory Board (REAB) has announced “Adopt-A-Cop.” The new neighborhood-based program will encourage Minneapolis Police Officers, Community Crime Prevention Specialists and other staff of the Police Department to buy homes in Minneapolis.

***Don't miss. . .***

**You make the call:**

Bus Ride Info . . . . . 827-7733  
Humane Society . . . . . 522-7130  
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