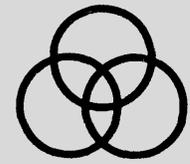


# NRP Link

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## Central Avenue celebration showcases NRP at work

One of the primary functions of the NRP is to increase collaboration between community stakeholders. In fact, some of the most far-reaching NRP-sponsored projects have resulted when neighborhoods, government and businesses have joined forces in developing and implementing plans aimed at benefiting entire communities.

Nothing exemplifies this better than the work that is now being done along Central Avenue in northeast Minneapolis. Residents and businesses in the area are so excited about the improvements that are being made to the thriving corridor that they came together for a block party celebration on August 29.

Perhaps the most visible of the new Central Avenue improvements are the 95 new low-level pedestrian scale street lights that span from 18th to 27th avenues NE. The lights create a safe, walkable environment as they wrap around each block to link Central to rear parking areas. In addition, a new Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program has also been launched. The program focuses on reducing crime by designing or redesigning the physical and natural environment along Central.

Four neighborhoods, Holland, Windom Park, Logan Park, and Audubon Park invested \$327,000 of NRP funds in the Central Avenue lighting project.



Northeast Artist Lauri Svedberg created the new Central Avenue identity logo (above). The logo is prominently displayed on banners along Central in NE Minneapolis.

## Grand opening for Elliot Park's East Village to be held September 13

A grand opening celebration for Elliot Park's East Village will be held on Thursday, September 13 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. near the corner of 11th Avenue and 8th Street South. The miniature city consists of 179 new housing units – 20 percent of which are affordable, a Dunn Brothers Coffee Shop, Mona's Market convenience store, and a space for a restaurant opening soon. Residents began moving into East Village in January 2001.

In addition to the NRP, East Village project partners include: Central Community Housing Trust (CCHT), Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (EPNI), the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), and Augustana Care Center. If you would like to attend the Grand Opening, please RSVP at 612-341-3148 extension 301. Tours will be held from 3:00-4:30 p.m.



### NRP Policy Board Report

Approved August 20, 2001

- Phase II Participation Agreement for Whittier Neighborhood

## 2002 NRP Policy Board candidate filing deadline October 5

Time is running out on people who are planning to run for a seat on the 2002 NRP Policy Board.

Candidate filing forms **MUST** be received at the office of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis no later than noon, Friday, October 5, 2001. The LWV office is located at 81 S. 9th Street, Suite 335.

Filing forms can be obtained at neighborhood organization offices, Minneapolis Public Libraries, and the Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, 304 City Hall. You can also receive filing forms by calling the LWV at 612-333-6319 or visiting the NRP web site at <http://nrp.isystems.net/phase2/election2001.html>. Candidates must be a resident of the appropriate neighborhood category (i.e. protection, revitalization,

redirection) for a minimum of 30 days prior to the election and be at least 21 years old when their term of office begins in January, 2002.

A neighborhood representative and alternate will be elected for each of the three neighborhood categories and the at-large category. Election proceedings including candidate forums will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2001.

### NRP Policy Board Election Schedule

- **October 5** Candidate filing deadline
- **Nov. 21** Elector registration deadline
- **Nov. 29** Election proceedings

## NRP offering three important training workshops on preparing for Phase II

The following workshops are designed for board members and staff of neighborhood associations who are responsible for managing NRP and MCDA activities.

**"Preparing for Phase II"**  
**Monday, October 1, 2001**  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Provides a basic introduction to Phase II of the NRP including how to enter into a Phase II participation agreement.

**"Evaluation I"**  
**Tuesday, October 2, 2001**  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

This session will help you understand what it takes to do a thorough administrative, financial, and programmatic evaluation of your neighborhood's Phase I activities.

**"Evaluation II"**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2001**  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

This session will help you identify, collect, and interpret key data for your Phase I evaluation.

To attend these upcoming trainings, please RSVP by phone to Robert Thompson at 612-673-5149 or by email at [rthompson@nrp.org](mailto:rthompson@nrp.org). Light refreshments will be provided at all workshops! All sessions will be held in MCDA Conference Room 3 at the Crown Roller Mill building, 105 5th Ave S., Suite 200.

## Applications now being accepted for Community Leadership Institute

The University of St. Thomas Center for Non-Profit Management is once again offering an exciting learning opportunity for community volunteers and staff members of neighborhood organizations beginning in October, 2001. Created in partnership with the NRP and the Metropolitan Alliance for Community Centers (MACC) and presented for the first time in Spring 2001, the Community Leadership Institute is a certificate program designed specifically for neighborhood people engaged in NRP activities.

Two blocks of sessions will be offered this fall. People registering for the first block can attend either the Tuesday or Wednesday evening sessions. The Tuesday sessions begin October 9 and the Wednesday sessions begin October 10. A second block of Monday evening classes beginning October 15 will be offered to people who completed block one in the spring. To obtain an application for the institute, call Barbara Ritter at the Center for Nonprofit Management at 651-962-4300 or call the NRP office at 612-673-5140. Space is limited so fill out your application today! Generous financial support for neighborhood volunteers is available.

# In Brief

## Training for Neighborhood Organizers

Neighborhood organizations are increasingly facing challenges that require having skilled organizers on staff. In order to assure that these organizers are equipped with the skills they need to do their jobs effectively, a special training program is now being offered by the Minneapolis Training Program for Neighborhood Organizers (MTPNO). This training program is geared toward assisting organizers with the complex problems facing their specific neighborhood organizations.

The program will combine comprehensive coverage of organizing basics, trainings tailored to the individual needs of each organizer and group, long-term follow-through, and group support from fellow neighborhood organizers. The training program will last up to six months, and is composed of the following parts:

**INITIAL INTENSIVE TRAINING** will concentrate on providing organizers with the nuts and bolts of organizing. The initial training will take eight hours a week over four weeks. Six hours a week will be spent in group trainings, and two hours a week will be spent in doing neighborhood outreach. Topics covered include:

- Leadership development
- Issues identification
- Grassroots and foundation fundraising
- Organizing under-represented groups
- Volunteer recruitment
- Running meetings and events
- Research
- Media and communication

**WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS** will be scheduled with each organizer to discuss and analyze the projects and challenges facing his/her neighborhood. These sessions can last up to one-and-a-half hours.

**MONTHLY GROUP MEETINGS** of the program's participating organizers will allow for the sharing of experiences. These meetings will last up to two hours.

The target starting date for the MTPNO training program is the week of September 18. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please call Jay Clark at 612-625-2513.

# Job Opportunities

## Stevens Square Community Organization seeks Executive Director

The Stevens Square Community Organization (SSCO) is currently seeking a qualified Executive Director to support the Board of Directors in leading the community building, programmatic, fundraising and administrative activities of the organization.

The ideal candidate will have a college diploma, a minimum of two years experience with a community or non-profit organization, knowledge of city processes and programs, fundraising experience, financial management experience and excellent written and oral communication skills. Compensation for this full time position is \$32,240 to \$35,360 to start, plus benefits, including full health and dental coverage and a 403(b) plan. To apply, please submit letter explaining why you are interested in the position, a résumé and three references by **4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 4th** to: Search Committee, SSCO, 110 East 18th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403. Please contact Cara Letofsky at SSCO at (612) 871-7307 or letofsky@tcfreenet.org if you have any questions about this position. A complete job description is available in the employment section of the NRP web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org).

## Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association seeks NRP Implementation Coordinator

The Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association (LBNA) is seeking a part-time independent contractor (approx 40 hours per month) to serve as its NRP Implementation Coordinator. The Coordinator will support the board in implementing the NRP plan over the next year, maintaining communication with the membership and acting as liaison with NRP and MCDA staff. LBNA does not have an association office and does not provide benefits such as health insurance or sick leave. To apply for this position, please send a résumé and cover letter indicating your qualifications for the position by **Monday, September 17, 2001**, to: Personnel Committee, LBNA, P.O. Box 29525, Minneapolis, MN 55429. The start date for this position is December, 2001. Compensation depends on qualifications. A complete job description is available in the employment section of the NRP web site at [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org).



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## Lake Hiawatha Park gets new playground



The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) celebrated the opening of a new playground at Lake Hiawatha Park on August 1. SENA invested \$295,000 of NRP funds to help the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board build the new playground.

## September 2001 Calendar of Events

### 3 Labor Day

City offices closed.

### 7 Community Leadership Institute

**application deadline** See page 2 or call Barbara Ritter at 651-962-4300.

### 8 NRP Training Series 2001: "Risk Management"

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Suite #200, Crown Roller Mill,  
 105 Fifth Ave. S. Call Robert Thompson  
 at 612-673-5149 for information.

### 11 Primary Election Day

For more information visit the City's web site at  
[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citywork/clerk/elections/index.html](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citywork/clerk/elections/index.html)

### 13 Management Review Team (MRT) meeting

4:30-6:30 p.m., 333 City Hall

### 13 Elliot Park East Village Grand Opening

3:00-6:00 p.m., 11th Ave. and 8th St. South  
 See front page for more information or call  
 612-341-3148 extension 301.

### 17 Target start date for organizer training

See page 3 or call Jay Clark at 612-625-2513  
 for more information.

### 24 NRP Policy Board meeting

4:30-6:30 p.m., Room C-2350 Hennepin  
 County Government Center.

### 24 October Link submission deadline

Call 612-673-5158, or fax your submission  
 to Brett at 612-673-5138.

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