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SMALL AREA PLAN

A VISION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The saying goes that “change is inevitable.” Well, that certainly seems to be the case here in the Saint Anthony West neighborhood; the area is humming with activity. There’s vitality with the many faces that greet you on the sidewalks, and the river and parklands continue to act as focal points. There are challenges, too, including traffic and parking, dense development projects being planned nearby, and an aging housing stock.

To lead the community through this era, STAWNO’s Board of Directors recently authorized preparation of a small area plan (SAP). A small area plan is a long-range vision of where the neighborhood wants to go. The plan also identifies the steps necessary to make that vision become a reality.

According to STAWNO Board Chair Dave Pascoe, this is an exciting time for Saint Anthony West. “We want to have the right tools in place so strategic decisions are made that reflect what is important to the neighborhood. The SAP is a long-term vision which



will guide the community for the next 20 years.”

The board is very committed to the small area planning process and has put together an approach that includes:

- Appointing a SAP steering committee
- Contracting with a local planning firm
- Sponsoring three community-wide meetings

Community Outreach for Small Area Plan

It’s going to be a busy summer as work starts on our small area plan’s outreach efforts to hear the public voices - we’re looking for ideas, issues, discussion, and a vision as the community plans for the next 20 years.

If you live, work, own property, or do business in Saint Anthony West, then you are part of this planning process. The outreach offerings make it easy to get involved: attend a community meeting, drop by one of the summer events at Dickman Park, take in a “walk along,” or participate at home by completing the upcoming survey.

The outreach events provide a great opportunity to welcome a new resident or visit with an old neighbor. Watch the mail for special postcard notices, and the *River Beacon* also will carry articles to keep you informed.

July-September Calendar

- July 9 Community Picnic at Dickman Park
- July 14 “Walk and Learn” - National Park Service

- July 23 Oromo dancing at Dickman Park
- July 28 “Walk and Learn” - University Avenue/ Superior Plating site
- July 30 SAP Community Meeting
- Aug. 6 Movie at Dickman Park
- Sept. 23 SAP Community Meeting

All of these events are free and begin at 6:30 p.m. (Movie begins at dusk.) Walks start at the Northeast Yacht Club, 8th Avenue NE and Marshall Street. The SAP Community Meeting locations have not been determined at this time.

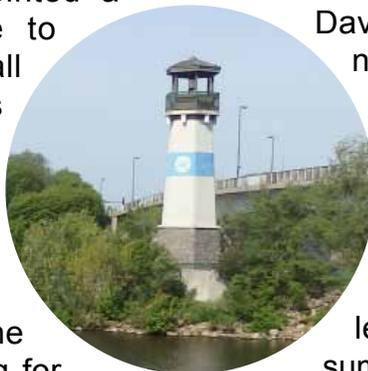
SAP Steering Committee

Early this year, the Board appointed a 13-member Steering Committee to oversee development of the small area plan. The committee members represent a cross-section of the community - they bring lots of knowledge, enthusiasm, and talent to the project.

In guiding the planning process, the Steering Committee will be looking for solutions that specifically meet the needs of the neighborhood. Another priority is bringing the community’s voices together in creating the vision. And yet another priority in the planning process is how to mix new with the historical character of Saint Anthony West.

The committee started meeting in March and its work continues until the City Council formally adopts the plan. City Council approval is expected in July 2016.

The SAP process is a lengthy one; community outreach and writing the plan take place this summer, followed by an additional six months for formal approvals. The formal approvals are necessary because the small area plan will become part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.



The estimated timeline for approval of the plan is:

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| • 45-day public comment | Dec.-Jan. 2016 |
| • City planning staff | March 2016 |
| • Planning Commission | April-June 2016 |
| • City Council | July 2016 |

Committee Volunteer Profile

Dave Blomquist joined the SAP Steering Committee to make sure there were opportunities for all types of people in Saint Anthony West - renters, homeowners, business owners, parishioners - to share their priorities and help shape the neighborhood.

Dave chose to live in the Saint Anthony West neighborhood because of the proximity to the river and the parks. “I also like the walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented nature of the neighborhood. I appreciate being able to go to restaurants, do my shopping and get downtown without having to drive.” A paddling enthusiast, Dave and his wife canoed the length of the Mississippi River a couple of summers ago.

Biko and Associates – Plan Experts

STAWNO has contracted with Biko and Associates to assist the neighborhood organization with developing the small area plan. The Steering Committee recommended Biko following a competitive bidding process.

The principal consultants, Bill Smith and Bill Weber, bring a tremendous amount of expertise to the project and will help with transportation, land use, and zoning issues. They have helped other neighborhoods prepare their plans. Biko and Associates will facilitate the community meetings and draft the plan based on STAWNO’s input.

THIRD AVENUE NE REVISITED

Ever wonder if community involvement really matters?

Well, Jeanette May never did. Many times, she stepped forward to lend support for a neighborhood effort. She was there when homes and businesses were razed for urban renewal and helped get Webster School replaced in the 1970s.

And then came project to build the I-335 corridor. The federal government, state, and city had spent millions of dollars to clear the land along Third Avenue NE for the interstate, but Jeanette and others united and worked for years to stop the project. In its place, the neighborhood developed a plan to rebuild the area.

Starting in the 1980s, hundreds of residences were built on the vacant land – a mix of new townhomes, apartments, senior housing, and condominiums in rehabbed buildings. It was a busy period with all the new construction and people coming to live in the neighborhood.

Special attention was paid too to the design of the street as it was to serve as a greenway to connect the neighborhood to the Mississippi River. The Third Avenue NE you see today includes a tree-lined parkway, bike and pedestrian paths, and parking bays.

Next time you stroll down the Avenue, take a minute to take it all in - community involvement did make a difference. By the way, the sledding hill in the park at Third Avenue/Fifth Street NE stands as a tribute to Jeanette's service to the community. Enjoy "May Mountain."

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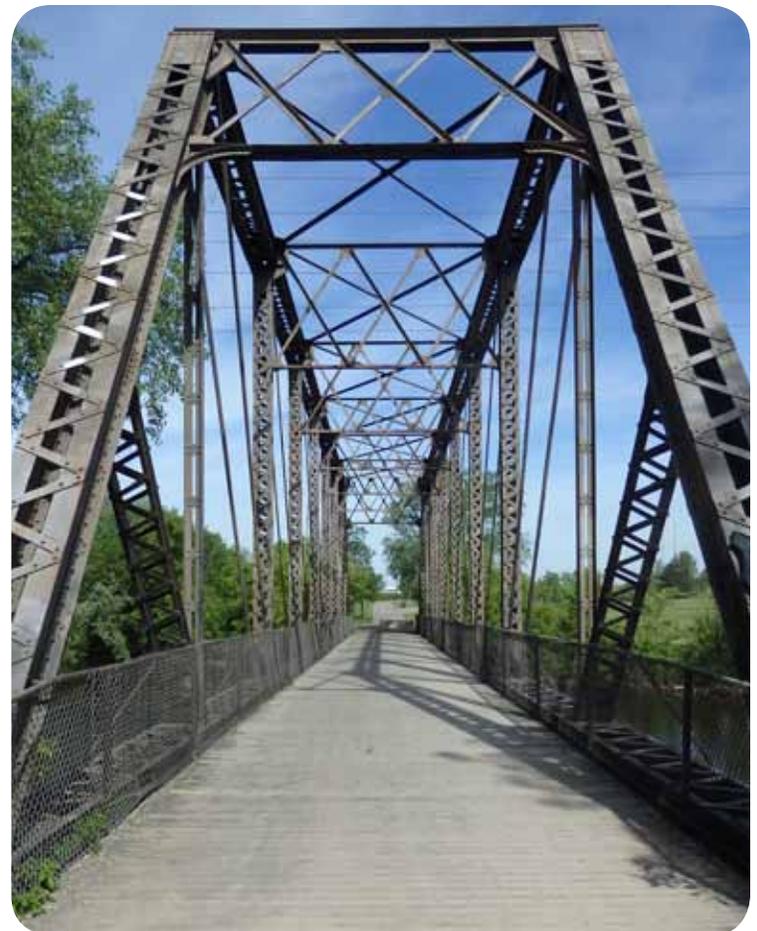


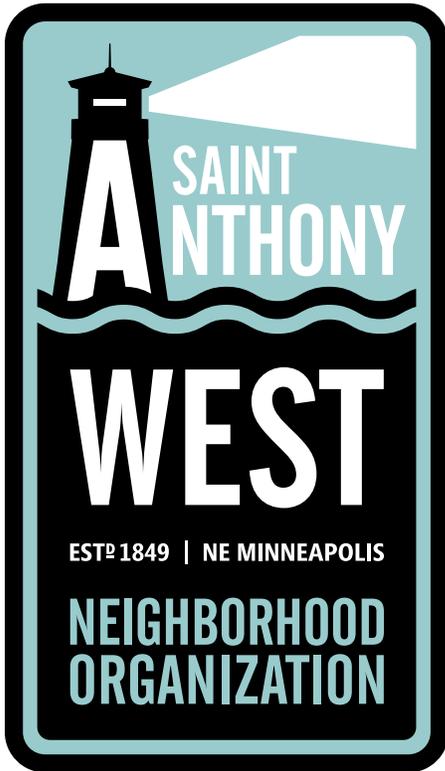
NE FARMERS MARKET CELEBRATES 16TH SEASON

Rain or shine, visit the Northeast Farmers Market here in the Saint Anthony West neighborhood. It's open every Saturday through October 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is located in the parking lot at 7th Avenue and University Avenue NE.

Great produce, fresh-cut flowers, baked goods, and children's activities are available. In 2015 the Farmers Market is celebrating its 16th season of operation.

To stay updated on special events, visit the market website at www.northeastmarket.org.





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ABOUT STAWNO

The Saint Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO) is located in northeast Minneapolis, the birthplace of our city. Our historic neighborhood was established in 1849 on the banks of the Mississippi River as the Village of St. Anthony Falls. Later, we were merged with the new city of Minneapolis in the late 1850s. Today, we are proud to be one of the city's oldest neighborhoods and pleased to be a part of the transformation taking place along the river in northeast Minneapolis. STAWNO is the designated citizen participation organization for this community. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and are open to the public. We welcome your comments, questions, and participation.

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RESOURCES

Use the following phone numbers and email addresses to find more information on the services you're looking for.

If you have a question or need assistance with contact information, please contact us.

- **Community Crime Prevention Specialist, 2nd Precinct** – Nick Juarez: 612-673-2797
- **City of Minneapolis Information Number:** 311
- **Third Ward Council Member Jacob Frey:** 612-673-2203 email: jacob.frey@minneapolismn.gov
- **Saint Anthony West Neighborhood Organization (STAWNO):** 612-378-8886 email: neighbors@stawno.org
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