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# BOTTINEAU GAZETTE

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## Meeting on Neighborhood Building Developments



On February 28, 2019, Bottineau Neighborhood Association held a special community meeting regarding two upcoming housing developments and one commercial development in the neighborhood.

Many attendees were dismayed with the Lander Group’s plan for 2301 California St NE (site of the old silos). Residents questioned the plan to build mostly one bedroom units with a few one bedroom plus units. The majority of the attendees defined a need for family-friendly housing that would have three plus bedroom units. The inclusion of a playground in the green space was confusing as there were no three plus units.

The Lander Group explained that 10% of the 24 townhomes, three units, would be affordable at the 80% AMI (Area Median Income) which, as of 2018, the Metropolitan Council defines as \$71,900 per year for a family of four. The town homes will be two bedroom units with unfinished space upgrade options. They are marketed

## Dog Day at the California Building

*Saturday, April 13  
11am – 4pm  
California Building  
2205 California St. NE*

Sociable dogs are welcome for the 4th Annual DOG DAY at the California Building! Wander the building for Second Saturday Open Studios, meet local artists, tour the building and discover amazing art. Plus, free coffee in the lobby and an Instagram photo contest with great prizes.

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at two plus bedrooms. The sale price of the affordable units would be about \$236,000. Market rate for a townhome is about \$380,000.

The California Street plan calls for 110 apartment units. 10% of those apartments, 11 units, will be affordable at the 60% AMI or 56,580 per year for a family of four. Rent for the one bedroom units (550 sq. ft.) will be approximately \$1062 per month. The one plus units (750 sq. ft.) will rent for about \$1273 per unit. The remaining units will rent at market rate which, for a new one bedroom, is \$1600.

The conversion of 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE

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# Phone

Police, Fire and Medical  
Emergency:  
911

Minneapolis City Info:  
311

Bottineau Neighborhood  
Association  
367-7262

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilmember  
Fletcher  
673-2203

Hennepin County  
Commissioner Higgins  
348-7882

Parks Commissioner  
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230-6443

Bottineau Park  
370-4958

Family Violence,  
Domestic Abuse, Child  
Abuse  
673-3072

Housing Inspections  
673-5858

East Side Neighborhood  
Services (ESNS)  
781-6011

Community Crime  
Prevention  
673-2797

Pierre Bottineau Library  
630-6890

Minneapolis Park Board  
230-6400

Minneapolis Solid Waste  
and Recycling  
673-2917

Traffic Enforcement  
673-3443

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was also concerning. Artists in the building use 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave for large truck deliveries at the building's loading dock. In 2018, fire trucks used the street to put out a big fire at the building.

The other housing development, Common Bond's "Gateway Northeast," was more favorably viewed by meeting participants. It has one, two and three bedroom apartments with 60% of the units renting at 60% AMI. Suggested improvements included adding public art since this is one gateway to the Northeast Arts District. Residents learned of a new Grand St NE alley that will direct all the complex traffic onto Grand ST NE. People suggested that the original plan, which called for an additional entrance off Lowry, would be a much better solution. Hopefully a traffic study will be done.

The final development discussed at the meeting was Bobbie and Steve's proposed north side impound lot at 1901 Grand St NE. This proposal would allow tow trucks to haul cars up and down Marshall ST NE to 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE which is in direct contradiction to the *Marshall Street for Everyone* plan approved by Hennepin County in 2018. Every neighborhood along Marshall St NE will be negatively affected by this tow truck traffic.

## 2020 Plan & Neighborhood Funding: What is the City's Plan?

In April 2018, as part of the Northeast Neighborhood Network (NENN), BNA's Board of Directors took a position opposing most of the 2020 Framework Plan that has been put forth by the City of Minneapolis. In a nutshell, BNA asked for a 50% increase in funding

so that our neighborhood group could more effectively reach out to under-represented people in the community by practical means, such as paying for childcare and refreshments at meetings, and being able to afford more interpreters for meetings. We also asked that unspent funds, in any given year, be automatically rolled over into the next year to be spent on projects that neighborhood residents choose, such as Homework Helper, Little Libraries, community clean-ups, Air and Water Pollution problems, Community Gardens or whatever else arises from increased community involvement.

On February 27, in a meeting announced by the City on short notice to the community, officials came to Bottineau and provided a formal presentation of the 2020 Plan at East Side Neighborhood Services. We learned that while the plan calls for spending more money overall, more than half of total funding will be directed away from neighborhood groups and toward city-wide organizations dedicated to cultural issues, bicycle issues, renter's issues and other identity-based issues.



Steve Gallagher of NCR addresses the room

While this plan is supposed to improve community engagement of underrepresented groups in the city's neighborhoods, it also cuts neighborhood residents out of a big chunk of the process. These city-wide groups will not be Bottineau residents. Will they be better able to represent the specific interests of

Bottineau renters, homeowners, businesses, artists, bicyclists, minorities or GLBTQ folk better than Bottineau residents? Is this what Democracy looks like?

The City is also asking neighborhood organizations like BNA to change their by-laws so that elections to neighborhood boards will occur on the same day as City Council elections. In addition, the oversight board, currently called the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), will no longer have any elected representatives from the community. Instead, the City Council and Mayor will appoint people to that board and its name will be changed to the Community Engagement Commission (CEC), dropping "Neighborhood" out of the equation entirely.

At 7pm on April 26 at BNA's regularly scheduled community meeting, the BNA Board will hold a discussion about the future of the Bottineau Neighborhood Association. As always, this will take place at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second St. NE). Please come to share your own ideas and to review suggestions from your elected board of directors. The full 2020 Plan can be viewed at the website of the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department of the City of Minneapolis.

## 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 from March 4 until April 14. Time commitment is 36 to 48 hours per year over 2 years. The City application form can be found at [tinyurl.com/y7evgy33](http://tinyurl.com/y7evgy33) and, when complete, submitted via email to [openappointments@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:openappointments@minneapolismn.gov). To serve on MPRB's CAC committee, contact MPRB Project Manager Kate Lamers at 612-230-6486 or [klamers@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:klamers@minneapolisparks.org)

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BNA's Facebook Page  
[tinyurl.com/zmgldlw](http://tinyurl.com/zmgldlw)

Minneapolis  
[www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ward  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward3)

Inspections  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/inspections)

Hennepin County  
[www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)

Park Board  
[minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org)

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Public Education NE  
[publicedne.blogspot.com](http://publicedne.blogspot.com)

Friends of the Mississippi  
[fmr.org](http://fmr.org)

NE Minneapolis Arts Association  
[nema.org](http://nema.org)

Northeast Investment Cooperative  
[neic.coop](http://neic.coop)

MN State Legislature  
[www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

Minneapolis Crime Alerts  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert)

Dislocated Worker Program  
[tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed](http://tinyurl.com/mn-gov-deed)

Neighborhood & Community Relations  
[www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr)

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## Mark Your Calendars



- 3/12 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2205 California St NE, Suite 107  
(Call 612-801-7834 if door is locked)
- 4/9 BNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4/26 BNA Community Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
ESNS (1700 Second St. NE)

## 2000 Watt Society Community Forum: Wednesday, March 27

The 2000-Watt Society is a grassroots movement working to fight climate change by eliminating wasteful and inefficient energy use while advocating for a global energy demand reduction to 2,000 watts per person. Here in Northeast, they'll be hosting a community forum on March 27 from 5:30-7:00pm to present their *Minneapolis Carbon Framework Plan* at the Firefighters Hall & Museum (664 22nd Avenue NE). For more info about this organization, visit [www.2000-watt-society.org/](http://www.2000-watt-society.org/)

**NOTE:** The public is welcome at all BNA meetings. All meetings are accessible and requests for special accommodations at BNA meetings may be made by contacting us no less than one week prior to the event. This publication can be made available in an alternative format. Please contact BNA with specific requests.