



# DISTRICT COUNCILS COLLABORATIVE

*of Saint Paul & Minneapolis*

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District 6  
North End-  
South Como

Date: February 2010

District 7  
Thomas-Dale

To: Central Corridor Community Members and Businesses

District 8  
Summit-University

From: Central Corridor Community Agreement(s) Nominating Committee

District 11  
Hamline-Midway

RE: Seeking Nominations for the Central Corridor Community Agreement(s)  
Coordinating Committee — **Deadline March 8, 2010**

District 12  
Saint Anthony Park

The Central Corridor light rail project represents an unparalleled community development opportunity for the neighborhoods surrounding the route in Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Over the past year, community members, businesses, organizations, and elected officials have come together in a variety of meetings to discuss how we can work together to ensure all neighborhoods and communities along the corridor benefit equitably from this investment and the development that follows.

District 13  
Union Park

District 14  
Macalester-  
Groveland

District 16  
Summit Hill

The outcome of these discussions was a decision to create a Central Corridor Community Agreement(s). The purpose of the agreement(s) is to:

- articulate a shared vision and set of development principles that draw from community process and planning work to date;
- formalize commitments to invest in that vision;
- serve as a basis for coordination, collaboration and communication; and
- hold partners accountable to their commitments.

Marcy-Holmes  
Neighborhood  
Association

It was further decided that a Coordinating Committee should be put in place to create and implement the agreements, sustain them over time, and to hold agreement partners accountable.

Prospect Park-  
East River Road  
Improvement  
Association

At the Community Assembly in August 2009, planners of the Central Corridor Community Summits were asked to form a nominating committee to create a slate of candidates for the Coordinating Committee. The District Councils Collaborative of Saint Paul and Minneapolis was asked to convene and support this process.

Southeast Como  
Improvement  
Association

University District  
Improvement  
Association

Through a series of meetings, the nominating committee has agreed on a proposal for the composition of the Coordinating Committee and a process for soliciting nominations and creating the slate of candidates. Details of the proposal and Nominating Committee work are found in our interim report. We have set the next **Community Assembly for Sunday, March 28, 2010, 2:00 PM** at the **Central Corridor Resource Center**, 1080 University Avenue W., Saint Paul. The March Assembly will be asked to vote on a slate of candidates and to set in motion the next phase of work on a Community Agreement(s). We are now seeking your help in soliciting nominations for the 20 community seats of the proposed 30-member Coordinating Committee.

West Bank  
Community  
Coalition

To be eligible to serve on the Coordinating committee you must live and/or work within the borders of a St. Paul district council or Minneapolis neighborhood association that directly borders on or surrounds the light rail line. The nominating committee expects those serving on the Coordinating Committee to:

- accept that the Central Corridor LRT project is being built;
- commit to equitable community benefits;
- commit to an inclusive process that is transparent and accountable to corridor stakeholders;
- bring a perspective, constituency, or resources (broadly defined) to the table; and
- although the exact time commitment involved is unknown, participate in monthly meetings and be available to communicate between meetings over e-mail or phone at a minimum.

If you are a member of an organization, we urge you to encourage your board to consider nominating someone to serve on the Coordinating Committee. If you would like to apply as an individual community member, self-nominations are welcome. **The deadline for submitting nominations/applications is March 8, 2010.** We anticipate announcing the slate of candidates on March 16, 2010.

Enclosed is a Nomination Form and additional information about the Central Corridor Community Agreement(s). Nominations should be sent to:

**District Councils Collaborative**  
**1080 University Avenue W.**  
**St. Paul, MN 55104**

You may download a nomination form going to [www.dcc-stpaul-mpls.org](http://www.dcc-stpaul-mpls.org) or by contacting Carol Swenson, District Councils Collaborative at 651-249-6877 or [carol@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org](mailto:carol@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org). Forms may be **e-mailed to: carol@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org**

Please help us get the word out about this important opportunity; feel free to copy the materials and distribute them widely. Also, please watch for an e-mail announcement, which can be forwarded to your e-lists. For more information, please contact Carol at the phone and/or email address above.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you to build momentum for a Central Corridor LRT project that is a catalyst for strengthening and enhancing existing and future communities along the line.

### **Nominating Committee Members**

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**Anne White**, *Chair, Central Corridor Community Agreement Nominating Committee; Union Park District Council, Saint Paul; Chair, District Councils Collaborative Governing Council*

**Phil Anderson**, *Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association and District Councils Collaborative Governing Council Member*

**Melvin Carter, III**, *Saint Paul Council Member*

**Toni Carter**, *Ramsey County Commissioner*

**Diane Dube**, *Wm Mitchell Law School, Community Development Clinic*

**Metric Giles**, *Community Stabilization Project*

**Cam Gordon**, *Minneapolis Council Member*

**Nancy Homans**, *Mayor Chris Coleman's Office*

**Mona Langston**, *Housing Preservation Project*

**Vic Rosenthal**, *Jewish Community Action*

**Hussein Samatar**, *African Development Center*

**John Slade**, *MICAH*

**Russ Stark**, *Saint Paul Council Member*