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Message from Council Member Kevin Reich

On Oct. 27, the Zoning & Planning Committee heard an appeal from the Salvation Army regarding the property at 63 St. Anthony Parkway in the Columbia Park neighborhood. Some background on that appeal: the Salvation Army had proposed locating their Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) at this site. ARC is a live work facility that incorporates warehousing, processing of goods, administrative functions, a chapel and housing. The property is currently zoned I2 (medium industrial) and is a designated Industrial Employment District (IED). The residential element of this proposal would require a rezoning to allow an Industrial Living Overlay District (ILOD). When the Planning Commission denied the zoning request, that decision was appealed to Z&P. A small majority of my colleagues and I voted to deny the appeal, upholding the Planning Commission's decision.

Because the Salvation Army proposal has roused strong and diverse opinion in our Ward, I feel it is important to explain and provide context for my vote. The issue before Zoning & Planning was specifically related to zoning. The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth outlines goals and objectives for protecting Industrial Employment Districts as an important aspect of Minneapolis' economic development strategy. The Plan specifically enjoins policymakers to "strongly discourage new residential uses in Industrial Employment Districts." This was balanced against the main points of the appeal, which demonstrated how the proposal advanced many identified and worthy goals in our City Plan.

My vote to deny the Salvation Army's appeal was made on the basis of the Plan and my priority of supporting economic development policy. That said, the Salvation Army has a good reputation overall for its work and their current facilities on Central Avenue in the First Ward have proven to be good neighbors to our community. In presenting their proposal, I felt that they engaged the community and worked to improve their design while listening to and responding to concerns. However, I remained unconvinced that the requested rezoning was consistent with the best planning and land use principles.

Route 11 Detour Adjustments

First Ward

Neighborhood Associations

[Audubon Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Columbia Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association \(HNIA\)](#)

[Logan Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace](#)

[Northeast Park Neighborhood Association](#)

[Southeast Como Improvement Association](#)

[Waite Park Community Council](#)

[Windom Park Citizens in Action](#)

Beginning Wed, Oct. 26, the Route 11 bus was placed on a long term detour due to weight restrictions on the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge. This detour will likely be in place for up to two years while funding is arranged for rehabilitation or replacement of this fracture-critical bridge.

Unfortunately, the current detour route will have an excessive impact on the residents of the Marshall Terrace neighborhood, 15% of who are seniors. Council Member Reich has joined many of you in contacting Metro Transit to ask that the detour route be adjusted to better accommodate Marshall Terrace residents. As a result, Metro Transit has reconsidered and be making further changes to the detour route to make it more accessible. Starting Nov. 14, all Route 11 trips will travel via Grand St, 29th Ave, California St and 27th Ave to University Avenue. The changes will be posted online and at all impacted stops.

New Interest & Opportunity at the Hollywood Theater

After sitting empty for decades, the Hollywood Theater in the Audubon neighborhood has suddenly become a hotbed of entertainment activity. Just a few short months after Theatre Pro Rata's "Waiting for Godot", the historic Hollywood Theater is once again host to a live stage production. **Savage Umbrella Theater Company** is currently presenting the premiere of "The Ravagers", a new play loosely based on Aeschylus' tragedy "The Suppliants".

Council Member Reich extended an initial invitation to Savage Umbrella, after encouraging Theatre Pro Rata's desire to utilize the theater, in hopes that increased publicity about the historic building would spur investment interest. This strategy has brought a good deal of media attention to the historic art-deco building and, in the wake of that attention, investors have been talking with the City about potential development opportunities. Savage Umbrella staff has also worked assiduously to foster the involvement and input of residents and business owners in the surrounding area. The renewed nightlife at the Hollywood has helped introduce many theater patrons to the shops and restaurants on Johnson Street.

"The Ravagers" runs through Nov. 19, on the following dates: Nov. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on a sliding scale: \$12-\$20. For further information, go to www.savageumbrella.org.





Need to report a broken street light? Is there a stray dog roaming your neighborhood? Do you just want a question about the City of Minneapolis answered? Minneapolis 311 is the most efficient option for taking care of these and many other issues.

311 operators are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. You will also find many 311 services and information sources online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311. In addition, the Ward One office staff is 311-trained, so you may always call our office at 612-673-2201 for assistance.

Eastside School News

The **Northeast School Showcase** is **Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, at the Edison High School Community Gym. Pop in for a one-stop look at how you can map out a K-12 journey in your local schools.

Representatives will be on hand from **Pillsbury (PK-5)**, **Waite Park (PK-5)**, **Northeast Middle (6-8)**, **Sheridan (PK-8)**, **Marcy (K-8)**, **Edison High (9-12)** and **Emerson (PK-5 Spanish Immersion)** to answer questions and offer information about programs and options. Free activities for parents and children will also be offered.

The **Edison High School Open House** is **Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 - 8 pm.** Discover how courses emphasize an international perspective and rigorous programming. Learn about the many college prep programs, scholarship opportunities, performing arts, athletics and club/activity offerings.

A Backstop Named Innovation

John Akre of MTN recently completed a documentary about the *Innovation Backstop* in the Holland neighborhood's Jackson Square Park. The piece follows this ambitious community art project from its earliest inception through its manufacture by artist James Brenner. Akre



interviewed a number of people for this work, including Holland residents, Edison staff, members of the Firefighters Hall, Council Member Reich and Public Art administrator Mary Altman. "A Backstop Named Innovation" provides an in depth look at this unique piece of public art and offers a fascinating glimpse into the connections the backstop has created between a community, a school, firefighters and history. Akre also does an outstanding job of showcasing the Holland neighborhood.

Upcoming showtimes for "A Backstop Named Innovation" on MTN's Channel 16 are as follows:

- Sun, 11/13 8:30 pm
- Thurs, 11/17 10 pm
- Mon, 11/21 8 pm



Many of us are trying to cut back on paper bag use by taking our own bags to the grocery store. If you find that that practice leaves you short of paper bags for separating your recycling, the City of Minneapolis has an alternative for you. You may use wastebaskets, pails or corrugated boxes for separated paper, plastic or cans. *These alternative containers should be 10 gallons or less and there must be a city recycling sticker on at least one side of the container.*

The Ward One office has a supply of recycling stickers, so if you need some, just give us a call at 612-673-2201. We would be happy to mail or drop them off for you.

Meet with your Council Member

If you would like to discuss an issue or concern with Kevin, he'd be happy to meet with you at either City Hall or a convenient location in Ward One. Please call the Ward One office at 612-673-2201 or email lisa.brock@minneapolismn.gov to schedule a date.

Public Art Audio Tours

The City of Minneapolis and Minnesota Public Radio just launched MPR's Sound Point™ tour of Minneapolis Public Art. This exciting program allows viewers to go to a Public Art location, call or text a phone number or scan a QR code with their smart phone and listen to the artist describe the artwork in detail. Viewers will also have the opportunity to leave a text or verbal message describing their own impressions of the work. Among the new public art works included in this program will be a bevy of works located in and around Jackson Square Park in the Holland neighborhood: *In Flux*, *Double Flux*, *Innovation Backstop* and the soon-to-be-installed artist-designed Edison School sign.

Save The Date:

Morris Park Players' "Hello Dolly" runs through Nov. 12, Edison High School, 700 22nd Ave NE. For further information, go to <http://www.morrisparkplayers.org/>.

Indoor Winter Market – Sat, Nov. 12, 11 am – 2 pm, Eastside Food Co-op, 2551 Central Ave NE.

Southeast Como Feast of Neighbors, Sun, Nov. 13, 2 – 5 pm, Van Cleve Park. Food and entertainment hosted by the U of M's Neighborhood Liaison Program and Van Cleve Park.

Northeast Middle School Fall Band & Choir Concert – Mon, Nov. 14, 6 pm, 2955 Hayes St. NE.

6th Annual NE Harvest Gathering – Mon, Nov. 21, 7 pm, Northeast Middle School Cafeteria, 2955 Hayes St NE.

Urban Stormwater Management Workshop – Wed, Nov. 30, 3:30 – 5:30 pm, St. Anthony Village City Hall, 3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony. Sponsored by Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO), Northland NEMO and University of Minnesota Extension. For more information, contact Jenny Winkelman at 612-465-8780 ext. 202 or jwinkelman@mwmoo.org.

Public Hearing on 2012 City Budget – Wed, Nov. 30, 6:05 pm, City Hall, 350 S. 5th St, Room 317.

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