



Quarterly Report

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Department of Community Planning & Economic Development—CPED

Our Mission: CPED works to grow a sustainable city.

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Detailed updates & performance measures for each of the departmental goals identified in our Business Plan.

Fourth Quarter Highlights

A “go” for Construction Projects— The City of Minneapolis received \$3,609,047 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Minnesota Shubert Center and the Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center are two of nine projects funded.

Minnesota Shubert Center—Ground was broken on November 19 for the Minnesota Shubert Center, 528 Hennepin. The project, bringing jobs and revitalization to Hennepin Avenue, received \$2 million in funding.



Minnesota Shubert Center Celebration

Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center—The ground breaking for the Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, formerly the Nokomis Theater, was held October 30 and brings an active arts use to the intersection. The project received \$275,000 in funding.



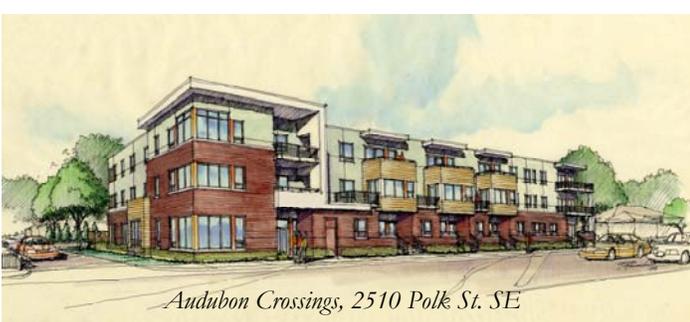
Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, 3749 Chicago Ave. S

Mill District City Apartments—Village Green, with support from the City of Minneapolis and local companies, broke ground for the Mill District City Apartments on October 27. The \$25 million project will create local jobs using area companies, complement downtown’s growth with 250 new residents for local businesses, and annually contribute \$350,000 of real estate taxes to the city.

Mill District City Apartments, 225 Portland Ave. S



Audubon Crossings—Audubon Crossings broke ground December 15, received \$1 million in stimulus funding from the Tax Credit Exchange Program. Minneapolis was the first city in the state to disburse stimulus funding through the Tax Credit Assistance Program. The project also received \$1.12 million in funding from the City, including \$525,000 from the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$706,000 in low income housing tax credits.



Audubon Crossings, 2510 Polk St. SE



Creekside Commons, 3700 Nicollet Ave. S

Other Affordable Housing Projects Funded with Stimulus Dollars—Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation is the developer of two affordable housing projects underway: *Creekside Commons*, located at 103 54th Street, includes \$5,483,560 in stimulus funding, creating an estimated 138 jobs in the construction field, and *Nicollet Square*, located at 3700 Nicollet Avenue, includes \$5,486,922 in stimulus funding, creating an estimated 143 jobs in the construction field.

Five-Points Brings Revitalization along West Broadway—A celebration at the historic Delisi’s building on West Broadway was held October 22 to mark the revitalization of that property. Catalyst Community Partners’ development will include an office space for KMOJ FM and other commercial uses.



Five-Points, Penn Ave. N and West Broadway, will include a public plaza



The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth—The City’s Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council on October 2. *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth* is a deliberate title for this update to the 2000 plan, indicating that as Minneapolis grows, its growth will be achieved in ways that promote economic development, strengthen the social and cultural fabric of the city, and value our natural environment and livability while creating conditions for economic opportunity for future generations. The adoption kicked off a month-long celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Redevelopment of Ripley Gardens Honored by The Home Depot Foundation—The Home Depot Foundation recognized the City of Minneapolis and the nonprofit developer, Aeon with the [Award of Excellence for Sustainable Community Development](#) for Ripley Gardens. The project was selected for comprehensive and environmental sustainability and green infrastructure as well as how the needs of the community are met while maintaining affordability for the residents.



Southside Workforce Center event

Stimulus Boost for Laid-Off Workers—A press event was held October 20 at the Southside Workforce Center to highlight the work the Center is doing to help the unemployed find work. More than 24,000 people were helped by the Workforce Centers from April-September and graduated 1,000 people through their innovative and unique two-week “Employment Ready U” workshops. Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has helped create 600 new jobs in Minneapolis and 450 people get the training they need to get back to work.

The 2010 Census is coming! — CPED has been coordinating the City’s efforts to help get the word on about the upcoming 2010 Census. Forms will begin arriving in the mail mid-March. It is vital that all Minneapolis residents return the form as soon as possible. [Learn more](#) about efforts being made in Minneapolis to ensure everyone is counted. [Sign up](#) to receive weekly updates about local Census activities.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Census jobs are still available — The U. S. Census Bureau is in the process of hiring thousands of people in the Twin Cities Metro Area. These are good paying, temporary jobs for the field positions of Recruiters, Crew Leaders, Field Supervisors, Census Takers and Census Clerks. Amount of pay depends on position and location. Work related mileage is reimbursed. There may be some opportunities for advancement. Positions are available in every community. Bilingual workers are in high demand. The U. S. Census Bureau encourages interested persons to apply for these jobs by calling the Toll Free Jobs Line at 1-866-861-2010.

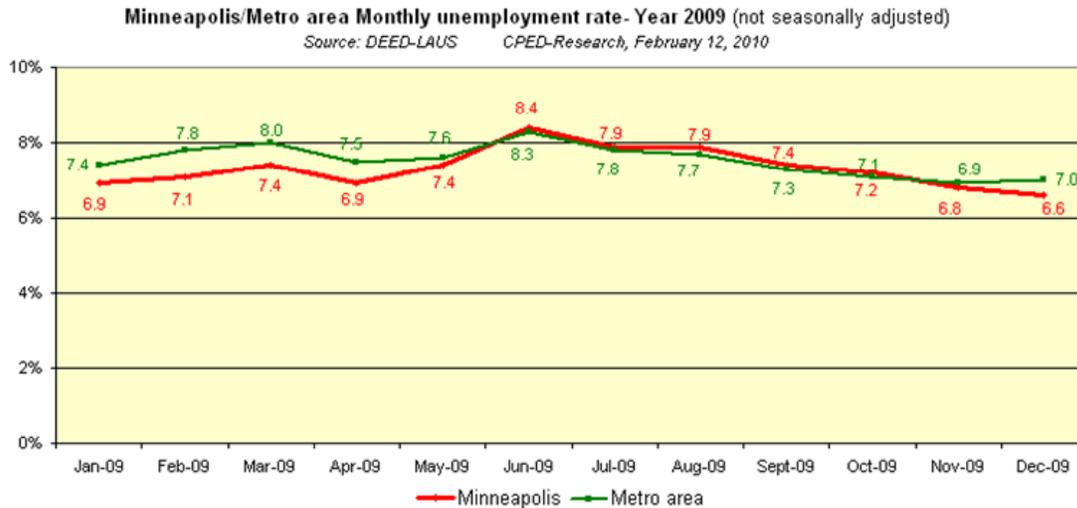
CPED Trend Busters – February 12, 2010

Minneapolis Aims to Buck National Economic Slowdown

Minneapolis works to grow its diverse business economy and quality workforce.

➤ Minneapolis unemployment is below national trend.

- At the end of 2009, the unemployment rate for Minneapolis was 7.3%, below the metro rate of 7.5%, the state at 7.9% and the nation at 9.3%.



➤ Minneapolis Promise is preparing more youth for productive careers.

- 2,270 youth were employed in jobs through the City's employment programs were employed during summer 2009; 1,282 teens were employed through the STEP-UP summer jobs program.
- 1,193 Minneapolis youth have been enrolled in college, for free, since 2006 under the Minneapolis Promise, through the Power of You scholarship program (MCTC, Saint Paul College, Metropolitan State University) and Founders Free Tuition Program (University of Minnesota).

➤ Construction and remodel permitting increase.

- The value of permitted construction and remodeling work in Minneapolis, January – December 2009, is \$761.6 million. This includes Target Field, the Twins Ballpark (new construction permit of \$257.3 million) and Children's Hospital (remodeling/addition permit of \$76.4 million).
- Fourth quarter saw a 49% increase, compared to third quarter, in residential building renovation values, and 50% more in non-residential remodel values for projects costing \$50,000 or more.

Minneapolis Models Comprehensive Foreclosure Response

Minneapolis and its partners mobilized quickly to and comprehensively to address foreclosures.

➤ Federal funds help stabilize communities.

- The City of Minneapolis has received \$14 million through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties. The funds help implement the City's strategy to stabilize neighborhoods and rebuild a healthy housing market.

Progress Towards Achieving Sustainability and Complete Communities

Minneapolis guides growth and development through its updated Comprehensive Plan.

➤ The City Council completed final adoption of its updated Comprehensive Plan, *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*, in October.

➤ Transit planning and updates include:

- The Northstar Commuter Rail started passenger service in November.
- Construction continued on LRT stations along the Hiawatha Corridor. These projects, conducted in partnership with Hennepin County, will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to LRT stations, increase rider capacity on the Hiawatha line, and advance the City's goal of achieving sustainable, connected communities.
- The Kenilworth Alignment was formally recommended as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Southwest Transitway to the Metropolitan Council, who will soon amend the 2030 Transportation Policy plan and move towards preliminary engineering for the line; work on the draft EIS is underway.
- The City and County secured a \$60,000 grant from the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative to develop a strategic public improvements investment plan for the West Bank Central Corridor LRT Station area.
- Work was completed on the reconstruction of Marquette and 2nd avenues downtown as part of the primary transit network with complete street streetscape features.
- Work was completed on the conversion of Hennepin and 1st Avenue north from one way to two way streets with the additional of bike lanes on Hennepin Ave.