ANNUAL MEETING
AT SITE OF OLD CEPRO GRAIN ELEVATORS
With music by Adam Levy of the Bunny Clogs/ Honey Dogs

By Shirley Heyer, Board Member of Midtown Phillips and
Theresa Nelson, Greenspace and Art Programs Manager

Come hear the history and help chart the future of an important new public greenspace on the Midtown Greenway at 10th Avenue. This new wheelchair-accessible Greenway entrance ramp and greenspace at the site of the old Cepro Grain Elevators is the result of community involvement and vision, and Hennepin County responsiveness. The ramp provides a much-needed link between the Greenway and the Midtown Global Market, Powderhorn Park, and Midtown Phillips and surrounding neighborhoods.

Our meeting site is currently open land and it could be enhanced to serve as a vibrant public gathering space and beautiful gateway for the neighborhood and Greenway users.

The Midtown Greenway Coalition will partner with the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association as the lead agency to involve the community in conceptualizing and advocating for universal design enhancements to this green space and how it influences three upcoming projects: (1) full accessibility and recreational features; (2) sustainable landscaping; and (3) public art.

The Annual Meeting will include food, live entertainment, social time, a feedback opportunity on possible site enhancements, a summary of recent accomplishments and the year ahead, and Greenway Coalition board elections.

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You could help plan the Greenway Water Feature
Do you have knowledge, skills, and experience in one or more of these areas?

• Stormwater runoff management.
• Landscape design, especially ecological design for stormwater.
• Public space sculpture/art, especially designing with water.
• Water feature (such as water fall, or fountain) engineering and design.
• Urban design and planning, especially green infrastructure, low impact development.

Water Feature Advisory Committee
If you do, please consider applying for one of 4 to 8 volunteer positions on the Water Feature Advisory Committee we are assembling to propose criteria and select a site on the Midtown Greenway for a water/art feature that harvests stormwater as a resource. Other tasks will be determined when the group convenes. The commitment will be for a year of monthly meetings (fewer if possible) and email communication in between meetings. To express interest, please contact Theresa Nelson at Theresa@midtowngreenway.org or 612-879-0103 and include a resume or description of your experience.

Water Feature Project Description
The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization awarded a grant to the MGC to plan this public space, water feature project that incorporates one or more stormwater best management practices (BMPs) and public art. The feature could be used for both educational purposes (seeing how it works, monitoring) as well as enjoyment. We anticipate that the water feature can serve as a model for stormwater management for property owners, business and institutions near the Greenway.

As we go to press the event is still coming together. If the 2009 event shapes up like the 2008 event, there will be discounts for bicyclists at various merchants, funky bikes on display, live music, short bike films, activities for children and families, a “Baiku” poetry contest, and information tables and demonstrations.

You can get there easily by bike on the Midtown Greenway. Just exit the Greenway using the Cepro site ramp at 10th Avenue where you’ll see Midtown Greenway Coalition volunteers and an out of the ordinary scene. Or park your bike at the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center, cross the skyway and have fun!

The Midtown Global Market is an internationally-themed public market with nearly 50 independent vendors offering produce, meats, delicacies, prepared foods, grocery items and unique gifts and services from around the world, seven days a week.

COALITION T-SHIRTS ON SALE!
Show your love for the Midtown Greenway Coalition by wearing our new and improved Coalition T-shirts! Black, short sleeve, 100% Cotton and US Made T-shirts featuring our new love heart logo in bright green available in Men’s and Women’s sizes. Stumped for a birthday gift idea? Buy ‘em a T-shirt. These t-shirts move seamlessly from a ride on the Greenway to dinner at the Midtown Global Market. Represent the Coalition and help support the Coalition’s work with all proceeds going back to our programs. T-shirts will be available at the Midtown Freewheel Bike Center in mid April 2009.
XCEL UPDATE

By Eric Hart, Longfellow rep., Chair of Land Use and Transportation Committee

In early spring, Xcel Energy is expected to submit an application to the Public Utilities Commission for the Hiawatha Project. This project will have a major impact on the Midtown Greenway with a high voltage power line running along its rim between two substations on the Greenway, one just east of Hiawatha Avenue and another at Oakland Avenue. Many groups have come out in opposition to the project as proposed by Xcel, including the Midtown Greenway Coalition, the Minneapolis City Council, and the Midtown Community Works Partnership.

In an attempt to avoid the Hiawatha Project, we are floating the idea with Xcel Energy and three local nonprofit groups for an aggressive conservation and renewable energy campaign in the Project’s service area (roughly all of south Minneapolis). Also, elected officials at the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County are doing work of their own to protect the Midtown Greenway as an important transportation corridor and a spine for future development. Finally, we will attempt to impact the project by getting involved in its permitting process at the Public Utilities Commission, and so can you. Visit midtowngreenway.org to learn more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE 9TH ANNUAL ARBOR DAY
ALONG THE MIDTOWN GREENWAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009
RAIN OR SHINE OR SNOW!

❤️ 9:00 a.m. Kickoff ceremony on the Greenway on the east side of Hiawatha, near the new Sabo Bridge

❤️ 9:30 a.m. Begin planting

Tree Trust staff, Master Gardeners and Tree Care Advisors will provide education on tree and shrub planting. Snacks, coffee, water and shovels will be provided. Don't forget your gloves!

Please ride your bike if you can! Bicycle parking will be available on site. Automobile parking will be available at The Green Institute.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Theresa Nelson, at theresa@midtowngreenway.org.

This Arbor Day event is possible through the generous support of many funders and contributors, including: Midtown Community Works Partnership, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Allina Hospitals and Clinics/Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Target Corporation, Midtown Greenway Coalition, Longfellow Community Council, Tree Trust, City of Minneapolis, The Green Institute, and Peace Coffee
MISSION
We empower communities to develop, improve, protect, and enjoy the Midtown Greenway as a green urban pathway to improve people’s lives.

We nosotros habilitamos a las comunidades a desarrollar, mejorar, proteger y disfrutar del sendero urbano Midtown Greenway para mejorar la vida de la gente.

Thank you to our winter 2008/2009 donors and volunteers!

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The Coalition is grateful for all the donations made in memory of Jack Hanson. Jack was a lifelong resident of Minneapolis. When the Greenway opened, he relished using the less-crowded paths for exercise and for scrounging artifacts or photo opportunities that might one day be used in an artwork. Each of the past 8 years, he tracked his bicycle mileage; 2008 was a record year, with over 1700 miles logged on his odometer. Jack was an inspiring art teacher, avid collector, prolific artist and most of all, a treasured husband, father, brother, uncle, neighbor and friend.

All donations made in his honor will be directed towards the safety and greenspace programs of the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

Thank you to all who donated in Jack Hanson’s memory

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Before introducing the Midtown Greenway Coalition’s Safety Program, I’d like to introduce myself. I am an intern working with the Coalition on making the greenway a safe place to bike, walk and enjoy the outdoors at all times of day and night. As a year-round rider and someone who works on the trail, I am really looking forward to working with fellow trail users and the surrounding communities to make the greenway an even more amazing place. See you on the trails!

No muggings or attempted robberies have been reported along the Greenway since December 4, 2008...knock on wood. The cessation of this crime rash is attributed to the really dang cold weather this winter, cyclists being alert and buddy-up after dark, volunteer patrols organized via www.trailwatch.mplsbike.com and some extra police surveillance.

**ANNUAL MEETING**
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This event is free and open to the public. In case of rain, the event will be in the Freewheel Midtown Bike Center, 2834 10th Avenue South, on the Greenway between 10th and Chicago Avenues.

Please come and bring your neighbors!

**MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION BOARD MEMBERS**
The Coalition board of directors consists of one seat for each of the 17 neighborhoods along the Lake Street-Midtown Greenway Corridor, and four at-large seats.

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With the onset of our Safety Program, we hope to greatly decrease the harassing and sometimes violent behavior present on the Greenway. We are addressing these issues with continuing cooperative work with police, especially implementing after-dark bicycle police patrols, buddy-up stations at safe locations along the trail and hopefully, a web-based bike pool program. The most important aspect of the Safety Program, however, is our volunteer base.

As of now, we have about 40 volunteers (and need about double that) ready to participate in weekly trail watch rides and we have finally worked out the insurance issues that hindered these rides in the past. These rides will likely be in two hour shifts after sundown and with a small group of volunteers. Watch riders will be recognizable to the public; wearing things such as armbands and creative reflective stripes. This important work is a fun way to spend a couple hours each week and meet new people and we’re working on feeding you for your trouble.

If you want to help, but cannot commit to a weekly or bi-weekly scheduled ride, we’re also searching for informal trail watchers. This involves riding the Greenway whenever you happen to do so, but making sure you’re carrying cell phone and wearing an armband. Informal watchers would be trained on who to call and how to report suspicious or inappropriate behaviors in the Greenway. The presence of a few hundred informal Greenway watchers will significantly improve the safety and security of the trail for everyone. Anyone interested in taking back the safety of the Greenway, please contact Kristin Lammi at Kristin@midtowngreenway.org.

**REUNIÓN ANUAL**
(continuado de la página 1)

La Coalición Midtown Greenway colaborará con la Asociación Vecinal Midtown Phillips, para tratar de involucrar a la comunidad en el concepto y en el diseño global de las mejoras de este espacio verde y de cómo influenciar tres proyectos: (1) acceso completo y elementos recreativos; (2) jardinería sostenible; y (3) arte público.

En esta reunión anual se ofrecerá comida y entretenimiento gratis, socializar con los vecinos, una oportunidad para comentar sobre las mejoras posibles del sitio, un resumen de los logros recientes y el plan para el resto del año, y las elecciones de miembros de la junta de la Coalición Greenway.

Esta actividad es gratis y abierta al público. En caso de lluvia, se realizará en el Centro Freewheel Midtown Bike, 2834 10th Avenue South, en el sendero Greenway entre las avenidas 10 y Chicago.

Los esperamos en la reunión y por favor vengan acompañados de sus amigos y vecinos.
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Calendar of Events

Arbor Day Planting Event
Saturday, May 2nd
9:00 a.m., east side of Hiawatha near Sabo Bridge (see p. 3)

Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 28th
6:30–8:30 p.m.
On the north edge of the Midtown Greenway between
10th and 11th Avenues (see cover article)

Global Bike Day
Saturday, June 20, 2009
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the Midtown Global Market and nearby in the Greenway
920 East Lake Street

Greenspace Committee
Join the Mississippi Watershed Advisory Committee
(see p. 2)

Land Use and Transportation Committee
Second Mondays, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
April 13, May 11, and June 15.

Board of Directors
Fourth Thursdays 6:00–8:00 p.m.
except in May, Annual Meeting in lieu of board meeting
April 23 and June 25

All meetings, unless indicated otherwise, are at the
Coalition office (2834 10th Avenue South, Greenway Level,
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