

Report to SECIA, 5-2-06

Items:

- I. Central Corridor DEIS
- II. Sustainability Indicators
- III. Wind Turbines
- IV. Industrial Land Use study
- V. Mayor's Tour
- VI. Manning's Outdoor Seating
- VII. Crime and Safety forum 5-23-06

- I. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Central Corridor LRT line is available to view. It can be viewed online at www.centralcorridor.com – click on the “links and documents” link. It can also be viewed in person at any St. Paul public library. There will be a public hearing about the DEIS on Monday, May 22nd, 6:30 PM, at the Radisson Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave SE.
- II. In March, the Council approved amended Sustainability Indicators and targets. These offer the potential to help drive City decisions and activities in a positive direction. They are available here: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/environment/Sustainability-Initiatives.asp
- III. I have introduced a change to the zoning code to broaden and expand the allowable uses of electricity-generating wind turbines in Minneapolis. I believe that the solution to our energy problems is not just to increase the amount of renewable energy we use, but to increase the amount we generate in the urban environment.
- IV. The Industrial Land Use study has come out with a new Draft Summary and Redevelopment Analysis. SEMI and Mid-City are among the areas the study focuses on. Both documents can be viewed here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning/industrial-landuse.asp>.
- V. My office helped get Mayor Rybak to agree to come on a tour of Southeast Como on April 23rd. I will be working with the Mayor's office to address the concerns raised on the tour and schedule a broader community meeting about the challenges facing Southeast Como.
- VI. Manning's will be coming before the PS&RS committee tomorrow for authorization to establish outdoor seating. I hope that the business and the community can come to a compromise acceptable to all sides.

VII. As part of my ongoing series of community forums on issues important to the Second Ward, I'm hosting a forum on crime and safety. We will discuss neighborhood crime concerns, the Community Policing Initiative, the search for a new Chief, Restorative Justice and more May 23rd, 7:00-9:00pm Van Cleve Community Center.