Greetings!

Welcome to In the District: news from the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. You are receiving this email because of your interest in stories from the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District.

Creative Sustainability for Northeast Minneapolis: What are the Questions? What are the Answers?

A Chance to Speak Your Mind on June 6.

The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District is hosting a public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016 (6:00-9:00 PM) to receive testimony focusing on the state of creative sustainability and the arts within The Arts District and throughout Northeast Minneapolis. Creatives who reside and/or work within this area are representative of the many professions and businesses that contribute to the vibrant socio-economic life of our community.

What has been the impact of arts-related businesses on our community? What are the challenges? What are the skills, knowledge, and practical tools needed to ensure that the creative economy in the Arts District and Northeast Minneapolis can continue to thrive and grow?

The public is invited to identify key areas of focus and is encouraged to create working groups to develop solutions and recommendations. The Arts District Board of Directors will review recommendations and formulate a plan of action.

Date: Monday, June 6, 2016
Time: 6:00-9:00 PM
Location: Solar Arts by Chowgirls, Solar Arts Building, 711
Handicap Accessible

Artist: Ann Wood

Public testimony 6:00-7:00pm. Speakers will each have five minutes to present. PLEASE NOTE: This is a first-come, first-serve opportunity. We cannot guarantee that everyone will have a chance to speak during the public testimony portion of the meeting.

We encourage you to forward your presentation in writing by June 1 to: Herman Milligan, Jr., Ph.D./Board of Directors, Program Committee hmilligan@thefultongroup.com (612) 272-8491

21st Annual Art-A-Whirl

The biggest art event in NE Minneapolis is just around the corner. Check out this award winning film by FlyAway Films, a NE Minneapolis film company.

Art-A-Whirl Overview

2016 Dates and Hours:
Friday, May 20 - 5:00-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21 - Noon-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 22 - Noon-5:00 p.m.
Northeast P.E.E.P.s
(People, Events, Exhibits, Places)

Saying Goodbye to Prince
By Josh Blanc

As a young teen growing up in Vermont, this wild musician from Minnesota opened a window to the world of creative opportunities for me. Apparently I was not alone. Prince's music inspired me and a generation of kids to push beyond the limits and dare to be ourselves.

The outpouring of love seen throughout the world for Prince's music, his many talents, and his image is a testament that art can touch us deeply. Prince put Minneapolis on the map and drew many creative people to our city. The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District owes its very existence to his legacy. There is not an artist I have ever met who does not hold the desire to impact people's lives. Prince did with his work, both on and off stage. He embodies the superstar in all of us. We will miss him greatly.

Three Main Goals of Arts District Planning

1. Continue to discuss who we are as a community.
2. Continue to define the vision of the next 10 to 15 years, in order to drive the decision making.
3. Start a framework on how we can finance the goals of the district. This goal is only possible to discuss if the other two goals can be met.

Recent studies to consider reading:
1. The Creative Vitality Index 2014 Update. Click to read.
2. Arts Districts & Economic Development study. Click to read.
3. The Minneapolis Creative Index 2013 Report. Click to read.
5. Take the survey for the CREATIVE MINNESOTA ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF MINNESOTA'S ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS http://creativemn.org
The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District & the Arts District Committee is an outcome of the Arts Action Plan.

"The Northeast Minneapolis Arts District Committee is comprised of interested volunteer community members, and is fiscally managed by the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC). Additional support has been provided by Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association (NEMAA), Clay Squared to Infinity."

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