

# Newsletter

COMMUNITY WORKS

## Framework DRAFT Ready for Review

The Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works Strategic Development Framework is available in DRAFT form. The report may be reviewed online at [www.minnehaha-hiawatha.com](http://www.minnehaha-hiawatha.com), or in printed form at the East Lake and Roosevelt Libraries and at offices of the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Longfellow Community Council, and Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association.

The Framework identifies 47 projects to improve the vitality and quality of life for people living, working, and visiting the corridor area. These projects emerged from two years of community involvement informed by past planning and policy studies and technical analysis.

Your feedback will ensure the projects that emerge as priorities best match the needs and aspirations of the community. Through the fall, the project team will take comments on the draft document. You can comment via e-mail, phone, mail (see contact information below), or in person at an upcoming neighborhood event (see “Upcoming Activities” at upper right for more information).

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## Upcoming Activities

Join us at the following events to learn more about the Framework:

- Sibley Park Corn Feed  
Friday, July 30, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Longfellow Corn Feed  
Thursday, August 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Midtown Farmers Market  
Saturday, August 28, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Neighborhood-organization meetings  
October (dates to be determined)

Check the project web page to keep up to date on future events.

## Framework Development

The Strategic Development Framework resulted from a two-year process to identify opportunities to improve the vitality and quality of life in the Minnehaha-Hiawatha corridor. This Framework will guide county, city, and other efforts to revitalize the corridor area.

A Community Advisory Committee, made up of area residents and business owners, guided the community engagement process so the Framework would reflect community concerns, interests, and hopes. Technical advice came from consultants and government staff with expertise in cultural resources, economic development and market analysis, planning, sustainability, transportation, and urban design.

The final Framework is expected by the end of the year. Next, an implementation team will be created to begin prioritizing these initiatives and aligning the projects to leverage federal, state, and local resources.

# The Strategic Development Framework

## The Framework Document - In Summary

The Framework has five chapters:

**Chapter 1** gives a historical background and context of the corridor.

**Chapter 2** defines livability elements, values, long-term strategies, project evaluation criteria, and measurements for neighborhood livability.

**Chapter 3** presents the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Diagonal concept and the basis for three districts

centered on connections to LRT stations at Lake, 38th and 46th Streets.

**Chapter 4** identifies key planning, redevelopment and infrastructure projects with links to corridor issues and metrics.

**Chapter 5** outlines an approach for coordinated project implementation and identifies priority projects.

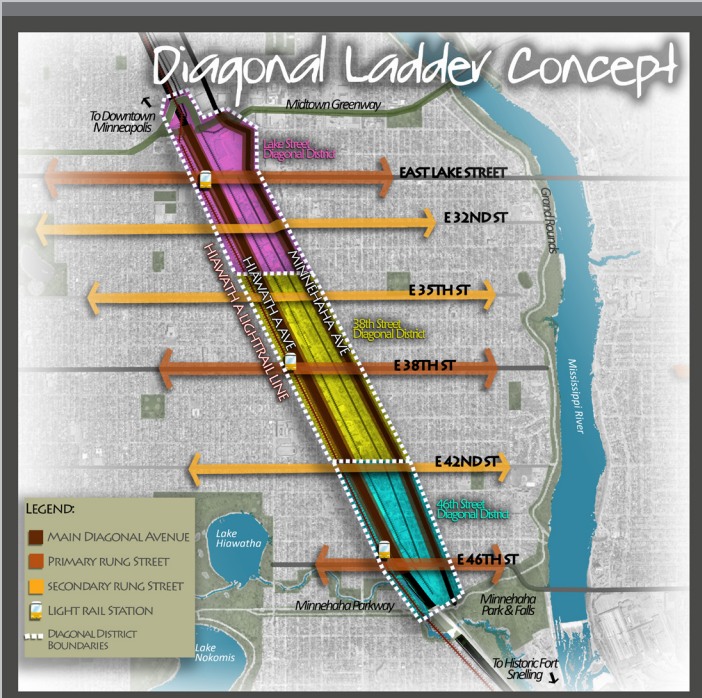
## Case Study in Action - 46th Street Lighting Pilot Project

What are your thoughts on the new street lights on 46th Street?

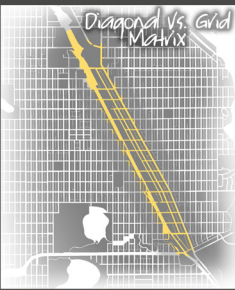
This past winter Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis installed new, energy efficient lights along 46th Street between 34th and 46th Avenues. The project is one of the largest tests of LED (light-emitting diode) and induction lighting technologies in the state if not the nation. These two technologies show promise of reducing energy and maintenance costs while benefiting the environment.

This project grew out of the public process and technical analysis conducted for the Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works Project. The project aims to improve mobility within the corridor by enhancing pedestrian and street-level lighting to improve connections from neighborhoods to the LRT Station.

Check out 46th Street and let us know what you think. Take an on-line survey at the project website ([www.minnehaha-hiawatha.com](http://www.minnehaha-hiawatha.com)) or use the contact information on the reverse side.



A map of the corridor lends itself easily to the metaphor of a ladder: two major parallel routes crossed at similar intervals by local streets enabling access to, from and within the corridor.



## Community Advisory Committee Members and appointing entity

- Jamie Buss, Council Member Schiff
- Judy Corrao, Council Member Colvin Roy
- Steve Krause, Longfellow Business Association
- Marcea Mariani, Longfellow Community Council
- Lisa Middag, Commissioner McLaughlin
- Sam Newberg, Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood
- Karl Stoerzinger, Corcoran Neighborhood Assoc.
- Dan Swenson, Longfellow Business Association
- Greg Toltzman, Longfellow Community Council