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## The 'rotten apples' theory



BY TONY BOUZA

Throughout my involvement in policing—since 1953—I've been periodically reminded that every police department harbors a few rotten apples and, if we can only excise them, the entire barrel can be rescued.

An attractive notion, but flawed.

Those apples are the alpha males that set the tone and create the dominant culture. They are the thumpers. Bemadalled and protected by police unions who've bought legislative and political support.

Study any ugly incident and the thumpers surface—albeit that they've managed to cloak their records of complaints and judgments (paid by you) in secrecy.

Some bad apples, huh?

The thumpers are in charge. The others graze and stand by and look vaguely distracted. The hope that they'll intervene is hopelessly naïve.

The role of police

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## Eliminate the police?

BY DAVID TILSEN

In response to the groundswell of action, grief and political pressure, the Minneapolis City Council has finally decided that it must do something about the Minneapolis Police.

The City Council has proposed two things.

First, the council has committed to do a deep community engagement on what public safety should look like in the future. What role should licensed police officers play? What roles can be played by other professionals? What kind of oversight and supervision is needed? Minneapolis' public safety budget is almost \$200 million a year, and that does not include grants, settlements and court awards. If the whole city can be engaged for the next year, from youth to elders, from immigrants to non-English speakers, homeowners to renters, and all of the racial and ethnic communities, this could be an exciting historic achievement.

Second, the council has proposed that the City Charter be changed to eliminate the requirement that the city have a police force and at a specific strength based on the population. The elimination of this requirement does not eliminate the police. It gives the council and the mayor the power to eliminate the police or to reduce its size, but the change would be permissive, not proscriptive.

And the Charter Amendment would create a new Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. This department will have a director and will "have responsibility for public safety services, prioritizing a holistic and public health-oriented approach."

There are no other details in the charter change. The stated council position is that the details of how many police to have, what else to have, etc., will be worked out by the deep community engagement process.

There is no agreement in the city on this. There is no agreement on the City Council. There is no agreement among the many organizations that have been working for police accountability, nor among the many civic organizations.

Both the Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) and Justice for Jamar Clark, some of the organizations that have been working on this for a long time, argue, "We have no reason to trust the City Council." They say they have been proposing changes and reforms for decades and the council has

## Say their names

BY ED FELIEN

**Terrance Franklin**  
**Jamar Clark**  
**Thurman Blevins**  
**Travis Jordan**

TerranceFranklin:

The city just agreed to pay \$795,000 to the surviving family of Terrance Franklin rather than contest the wrongful death suit against MPD Officer Lucas

Peterson. Peterson claimed in his police report that Terrance Franklin had taken control of Officer Durand's MP5 automatic and was firing it, and he wounded Officers Muro and Meath, and, in order to save his fellow officers, Peterson ran into the line of fire wearing his bullet-proof vest and shot him. There are so many lies and improbabilities in this fairy tale, that the city

thought better of trying to defend it in open court.

So, what did happen in that basement on 27th and Bryant on May 10, 2013?

It seems more likely that when Meath pulled Franklin out from the cubbyhole under the stairs and threw him into the room, Durand opened fire, killing Franklin and wounding the two officers.

But, we don't know.

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**Summer on Cedar Ave.**  
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# Governor Walz, you can do this!

BY ED FELIEN

I know you've got a lot on your plate, but there are some concrete things you can do to help end homelessness and take some of the pressure off the encampment at the Powderhorn Sanctuary.

Hennepin County is buying hotels for the homeless. You can do that, too. Last winter you got generous contributions from Ecolab, Securion, Andersen Corp. and Wells Fargo, and now is the time for all good Minnesota companies to once again come to the aid of our homeless, and your office could coordinate that.

There is a wonderful hotel for sale in Chisago City, just 40 miles from the Twin Cities. It's got 51 rooms, a conference room, a small café and a large swimming pool.

Here's the description by the

broker:

"Marcus & Millichap is proud to be the Exclusive Representative for the sale of the Comfort Inn and Suites Chisago City. Positioned less than 40 miles from the MSP metro the hotel greatly benefits with its visibility off of Highway 8. This Comfort Inn and Suites is the ONLY Choice product in a 25-mile radius from its location and one of three in a 50-mile radius. It also is only one of two hotels in Chisago City. The property gains demand from the numerous surrounding lakes bringing tourists from all around the Midwest. Additionally, the hotel is only 1.4 miles from the Winehaven Winery bringing guests and wedding parties often. This limited-service 3 story, 51 room property was built in 2012 originally as a GrandStay. Guests can enjoy the extended-stay suite style rooms. There are 14 extended-stay

suites in the hotel. The property is priced at a 2.8 Room Revenue Multiplier and offers investors an opportunity to acquire a fully stabilized, limited-service asset, in the extended metro area. The Comfort Inn and Suites Chisago City is located just off Highway 8 that sees over 20,000 cars a day. It is the complete market leader and benefits from the local demand there with a healthy mix of leisure and business travelers. Main employers in Chisago County are Plastics Products with almost 1,000 employees, Premier Marine, LEI Packaging, and Rosenbauer Minnesota LLC. The city also draws visitors in for the dense amount of lakes, national parks, and the Winehaven Winery Vineyard. The property features 51 guestrooms with a heated indoor pool, whirlpool, 14 extended-stay suites, and business center for guests. Each guestroom is equipped with a microwave, refrigerator, flat screen TV with premium



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channels, and coffee maker. The property also offers high-speed WiFi, complimentary hot breakfast, and 1 meeting room."

<https://www.cityfeet.com/cont/listing/hotels-for-sale/29579-sportsman-dr-chisago-city-mn-55013/csi8683266?sk=f07c69450f704e11bb-1bca90935c5b61>

They're asking \$3.3 million, but it was on the market before COVID wiped out the hospitality industry, so they would probably take much less. You might need 20% for a down payment. If the price went down to \$3 million (and it should go down much further than that), the down payment would be \$600,000. You should be able to find that much cash just lying around, and you could finance the rest by selling bonds. It would be a great investment for the state, and it would be a great contribution to fighting homelessness. The cost would work out to about \$60,000 per unit, which is an excellent value.

The 14 extended-stay suites would be suitable for families with children. There should be a shuttle twice a day to the Twin Cities. There should be on-site job counseling, mental health screening and methadone treatment and chemical dependency counseling.

This would be transitional housing. People would check in for one month of free housing. After that, they would pay 30% of their monthly income for rent, and they could stay in the hotel until they find permanent housing.

Buying the Comfort Inn will not end homelessness in Minnesota. It may bring with it a lot of problems. And, in the end, it might not work out. But, even then, we would learn something from the experiment. This may not be the best option available. But the worst option would be doing nothing.



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- ★ Raising the statewide minimum wage to \$15, universal sick/safe and family leave
- ★ Workers' rights and building a robust labor movement
- ★ Safeguarding the rights of women, immigrants, BIPOC and all LGBTQIA+ Minnesotans.

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# Meeting our new neighbors

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Since early June, we have new neighbors in Powderhorn Park. The media called it “the tent encampment,” described then as over 100 (and growing) homeless people living in tents, some evicted from the local Sheraton Hotel where they were being temporarily housed, post protests/riots and the associated destruction. The current population is at least 300, I’ve heard.

Living a half block off the park, I’ve met a few of my new neighbors. Closest to my house is a family of three in two tents: Johnny, his mother, Mae, and his wife, Julia (not their real names). They are white. They have been looking for a new home, having started out in Denver. Mae has ties in Minneapolis so they thought they’d try a new start here. They did not come until after the protests/riots. Johnny has no use for the government or police. He prides himself on self-sufficiency and has rigged up a makeshift shower under a tree. He believes in defending oneself. They had not been staying at the Sheraton. They like Minneapolis—“It’s friendly and people seem to care”—thanks to the Minneapolis Sanctuary Movement and other socially-minded organizations. Johnny has done time for drug dealing but really just wants an opportunity to work and support his mom and wife and live in an apartment “like normal people.” He has skills working with cement. He and his wife took a bus to Brooklyn Center to apply for warehouse jobs at Amazon.

While talking to them, a young Native American woman approaches with a shopping cart full of stuff, including a tent. I learn that the city is providing tents. Wanda seems con-



(Photo/Nathan House)

fused and declares that she’s never set up or even slept in a tent. She wanted to stay on the northwest side of the park because “over there (east side) I have some enemies and I don’t want to be around needles.” Johnny and Julia helped Wanda erect her tent in a shady spot. By now Johnny and Julia know the shady from the sunny.

I walked farther into the park. I see that there are now five port-a-potties. Yesterday there were only two. As I walked farther south, I saw that another area of the park, the east side, is growing in tents. I’m told that that is the area for families with children because it is near the playground.

When I wander the park, I bring supplies: water, bread I baked, canteens of coffee, TP, etc. People seem very appreciative.

As I leave, Johnny invites me to come back this evening: “Mom will be up by then.” I guess he figures I am closer to his mom’s age than his and that we might have things in common.

Wednesday night, June 24,

the Powderhorn Community Outreach meeting in the park drew a good-sized crowd; about 100 people. Janet Collins from the Minneapolis Conflict Resolution Center did a nice job of equalizing the meeting, laying down ground rules and allowing anyone to speak, encouraging listening and withholding of judgment. There were neighborhood residents and “tenters” in attendance. There was a mixture of feelings expressed (ranging from compassion to anger), concerns, perspectives and ideas. Neighborhood residents expressed concerns about safety, garbage, foul language and drug usage in the park. Tenters of course want solutions, mainly jobs and affordable housing; until this can be achieved, peace with their resident neighbors. Perhaps greater understanding was gained, but no concrete solutions.

The east side encampment of Powderhorn Park is growing: a sea of tents on the hill, with an impressive teepee in the center. People are sitting on lawn chairs, lying on mattresses,

playing music, smoking cigarettes, visiting, holding babies, attending to tents, bicycles, water supplies, etc. There is a charging station for those lucky enough to have cell phones, a mental health tent, a donation center with a blackboard listing items “needed and accepted.” Amongst the needed are items such as shorts, Gatorade, water, ice, cigarettes and towels. Amongst the accepted: pillows, tarps, brooms. One tent was selling clothing and various items such as blankets, chips and soda pop, flashlights and batteries. The tent that captured my attention most was the “Kids Tent.” It is a square tent with a low ceiling and vented sides so that you can see into it. There are little child-size chairs, a table with pretty flowers in a vase and a big box of toys. The sign out front gave the hours of operation and encouraged people to call if they needed child care outside of these hours.

The guards, who wear bright neon vests, are volunteers.

They work very long hours. Ron (not his real name) is an unemployed former military man. He lost his civilian job due to the recent riots. I ask Ron what the challenges are in the park. He says “I will not sugarcoat it, ma’am.” He continues, “Some of these people are bad news—thieves, drug users, very inconsiderate; you have to keep your cell phone concealed or it will disappear.” I learn that there are 14 families in this particular encampment, with more than 20 children. Ron says they take care of the families first, making sure they have food, water, diapers, sleeping arrangements, protection as they sleep. Ron adds, “Some of these folks had jobs a month ago, before everything burned down.”

I ask the guards if they’ve heard of any plans for longer term housing. They’ve heard rumors, but nothing concrete. They point out that as far as they know, no one from the city, county or state has visited the encampment. “They don’t care. It’s all about money.”

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done very little. Further, this charter change gives the council a blank check and commits them to nothing. The CUAPB and Justice for Jamar Clark say it is not acceptable.

The Urban League, and other more established civil rights organizations and leaders, criticize the elimination of the current structure. They believe that Chief Arradondo has not been given a chance to lead, and he should not have the rug pulled out from under him.

The mayor complains that putting this new agency under the oversight of the entire City Council, instead of just the mayor, as the police are now, would weaken oversight and make the process too political.

Others worry that public safety will suffer, and that “holistic,” “public-health” and other granola-crunching ideas are just too crazy and all they want is safety—911 answered and criminals apprehended. Do some reforms, but don’t overreact, don’t fix what ain’t broke.

Cam Gordon strongly advocates the charter change, as he says it will give the council the flexibility to respond to the consensus coming out of the year-long process.

I venture to say that there are about 200,000 distinct opinions about what is needed.

I believe we should do the process.

It is not assured that the charter change will make it to the ballot by November. The

Charter Commission is going to have public hearings before it votes, and the timeline is short. I believe we should pass it. It makes no immediate change, and I am persuaded by Council Member Gordon’s statement.

I also agree, we should not blindly trust the City Council. The more of us who get involved in this process, the larger the constituency will be for the change we want, and the more likely it is that the council will respond. If not, we have the ballot box, or the threat of the ballot box, every two years.

We have a chance to make history here. Let’s start by talking and listening to each other.

Local businesses: open, closed, restricted ... ?

[Look for the \* on the name of an organization that is a POC-owned or immigrant-owned business or POC- or immigrant-oriented and/or led. If we got **anything** wrong, please email [deborama@gmail.com](mailto:deborama@gmail.com) with your corrections.]

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**Bagu Sushi & Thai\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Uber Eats. Patio. Restricted hours.

**Bill’s Chinese Garden**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash, GrubHub & Seamless, or pickup. Usual hours.

**Birchwood cafe**. Open with restrictions. Online or phone orders delivered by Toast with curbside pickup. Patio. Usual menu and hours.

**Bull’s Horn**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside, counter pickup, patio dining. New hours.

**Dragon Wok\* (38th & Chicago)**. Open with restrictions. Delivery by Bite Squad, GrubHub. Hours may fluctuate.

**French Meadow**. Open with restrictions. Phone for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub, Uber Eats. Patio. Usual hours.

**Hamburguesas El Gordo\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Uber Eats. Usual hours.

**Heather’s**. Open with restrictions. Phone for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad. Usual hours.

**Himalayan\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Patio. Usual hours.

**Hot Indian Foods at MGM\***. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Chow Now, DoorDash. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Infused Life Plant-based Eatery at MGM**. Closed to public. Phone orders only. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. New restaurant!

**Jakeeno’s at MGM**. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Mama Sheila’s\***. Open with restrictions. NEW - patio. Takeout available. Delivery by Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

**Manny’s Tortas at MGM\***. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & GrubHub. Curbside Pickup. Restricted hours.

**Maria’s Café**. Open with restrictions. No online ordering. No delivery. Patio. Usual hours.

**Merlins Rest**. Open with restrictions. Call for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad. Patio. Restricted hours except for takeout.

**Mi Casa Tacos y Tamales\***. Open with

restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Uber Eats. Grab and go. Usual hours. Brand new restaurant!!

**Modern Times Cafe**. Temporarily closed.

**Northbound Smokehouse Brewpub**. Open with restrictions. Call for reservations or pickup. Patio. Usual hours.

**Parkway Pizza**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business or thru Bite Squad. Patio. Usual hours.

**Pizza Luce Seward**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. Usual hours. Full menu!

**Prieto Taqueria Bar\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business, DoorDash, Uber Eats. Restricted hours. New restaurant!

**Quang\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash. Usual hours.

**Reverie**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Patio. Restricted hours. Beer and wine available. Pay-it-forward, \$2.50 per meal to homeless sanctuary.

**Smoke in the Pit\***. Open with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. No curbside pickup. Pre-order grab and go.

**Soberfish\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by

Bite Squad & DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order grab and go.

**Standish Café**. Open with restrictions. No delivery. Patio. Restricted hours.

**The Howe**. Open with restrictions. Delivery by Bite Squad & Uber Eats. Patio. Usual hours.

**Tiny Diner**. Open with restrictions. Curbside takeout or patio dining with reservations only. No alcohol for takeout. Delivery by DoorDash, Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

**Trio Plant-based\***. Open with restrictions. Full menu. Usual hours.

Bakery/Coffee/Deli

**A Baker’s Wife**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**Butter Bakery**. Open with restrictions. Online order and delivery by Chow Now. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**C. McGee’s**. Open to public. Call for information. Delivery by DoorDash. Usual hours.

**Café Meow**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Cat lounge experience by reservation. Still fostering cats—visit cats by video.

**Duck Duck Coffee**. Closed to public. New walk-up to-go window open.

Online ordering of some merch with delivery by USPS. Restricted hours.

**Five Watt Coffee**. Open with restrictions. Call for information. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**Key West Bistro**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Door Dash, GrubHub & Uber Eats. Patio. Usual hours.

**Mel-O-Glaze**. Open with restrictions. Call for information about delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Grab and go.

**Riverview Café**. Open with restrictions. No online or phone orders. No delivery, no curbside. Patio. Usual hours.

**Sisters’ Sludge**. Open with restrictions. No online or phone orders. Grab and go. Patio. Usual hours.

**Sovereign Grounds\***. Open with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Groceries

**Cub Foods (46<sup>th</sup> and Hiawatha)**. Open with restrictions. Delivery available thru Instacart. Restricted hours.

**Kowalski’s (Chicago Ave & 55th Street)**. Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Shipt. No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

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Their Names, from page 1

There has never been a full public inquiry into the killing of Terrance Franklin.

Shouldn’t this be a matter for the City Council Public Safety Committee to investigate?

R. T. Rybak is volunteering the Minneapolis Foundation to help heal police-community relations. He was mayor and in charge of the police in 2013 when Franklin was killed. He could start the healing by reading the 200-page police report and then reading the medical examiner’s report, and then he could tell us what he thinks his MPD did to Terrance Franklin and whether his officers observed proper MPD protocol and were truthful in their reports.

And then we could begin to have accountability.

And then we could begin to have justice for Terrance Franklin.

Jamar Clark:

He went to a rowdy birthday party Sunday night, Nov. 15, 2015. Two women got into a fight. Somehow Jamar Clark and his girlfriend, RayAnn, got into that fight, and RayAnn ended up with a busted lip and a bruised ankle. Someone called 911. RayAnn told the paramedics that Clark was the one who hit her. The paramedics told the EMS supervisor, and the supervisor told Officers Schwarze and Ringgen-

berg. Clark had been tapping on the back door of the ambulance to try to talk to RayAnn. He was walking away with his hands at his sides when Ringgenberg came up from behind, put a hammerlock on him and dragged him to the ground. They fought on the ground. Ringgenberg says they continued to struggle and that Clark somehow got control of his gun. He then told Schwarze to open fire. Schwarze did. He shot Clark and Clark died. Some eyewitnesses said Clark was not resisting arrest, and some said he was in handcuffs. But there is no clear videotape of the incident.

Did Officers Schwarze and Ringgenberg follow protocol in confronting Clark? Did Officer Ringgenberg make sure his weapon was secure at all times? Was there an internal review of the officers’ actions? Shouldn’t that internal review become public, and shouldn’t the Public Safety Committee of the City Council hold a public hearing to receive that review?

The people of Minneapolis deserve closure on the killing of Jamar Clark.

Jamar Clark deserves justice.

Thurman Blevins:

He was drunk and disorderly, drinking Amsterdam Vodka straight from the bottle and flashing a gun, walking with his girlfriend while she was pushing their baby in a buggy. He sat down on a curb in North

Minneapolis on June 23, 2018, and started talking to a dog. A neighbor had heard shots earlier and complained to 911. Officers Schmidt and Kelly pulled up in front of Blevins, jumped out of the car with guns drawn. Schmidt yelled, “Put your hands up. I will f—kin’ shoot you.” Blevins started running away, trying to get as much distance as possible between the police and his girlfriend and his baby. [Interesting parallels in the three cases: Franklin ditches the car so he doesn’t endanger his girlfriend and her two small children in a car chase, and Clark walks away from the ambulance to avoid involving his girlfriend in the confrontation with the police.] The officers chase Blevins down a block and into an alley. He’s shouting, “I didn’t do nothing bro. Please don’t shoot. Leave me alone.” The officers fire 14 times and hit Blevins four times and kill him.

Did the officers observe protocol? Shouldn’t there be a public review of the officers’ actions by the Public Safety Committee? Isn’t there a better way to de-escalate this kind of confrontation?

There’s a group of young Black men in North Minneapolis who call themselves the Minnesota Freedom Riders. They protected barber shops and small businesses during the riots, and they acted as security for Juneteenth celebrations. Wouldn’t it be a lot

better for everyone if when the 911 operator gets a call, they called neighborhood people as the first responders. Yes, if guns are involved then you have to call the police, but shouldn’t we try to get people from the community to try to talk down the trouble before it gets out of hand?

The City Council says it wants to do away with the police. This is a great opportunity for them to put their money where their mouth is. Council Members Ellison and Cunningham should find the money to support the Minnesota Freedom Riders as one of many strategies to protect and serve our beloved communities, and the money and consequent supervision should come from the City of Minneapolis Department of Public Health, not from the MPD. Block clubs are an essential part of a community awareness, safety and security. Block club organizers should be paid by the city to talk to their neighbors about food and housing, education and vocational opportunities. They should be nosy aunts and uncles, worrying if the kids are being fed. And these block club organizers, these Welcome Wagon Comforters, would bring all sorts of information about social programs, educational opportunities and jobs. And they must be supervised and paid by the Department of Health, not by the MPD. Travis Jordan:

On Nov. 9, 2018, at 1:58 p.m., his girlfriend called 911 to report Travis Jordan was depressed and threatening suicide. Officers Keyes and Walsh went to the house, banged on all the doors, and tried to confront him. He came out of the house with a kitchen knife. He was suicidal. He charged the officers and they shot and killed him.

He didn’t have to end like that. Travis Jordan didn’t have to die, even though he may have thought that was his only alternative that day. When 911 got the call, they should have sent out someone qualified to deal with suicidal depression. If there was a need for armed backup, then that should be immediately available, but the control agent of the situation must be the person trained to deal with depression and mental illness.

Terrance Franklin, Jamar Clark, Thurman Blevins, Travis Jordan: young Black men killed by our Minneapolis Police Department.

Justice demands a full accounting of how they died.

Justice demands those officers be disciplined if their actions violated protocol.

Justice must be blind, but she cannot be deaf.

Say their names:  
Terrance Franklin  
Jamar Clark  
Thurman Blevins  
Travis Jordan



# The Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan Survey

BY KATHRYN KELLY

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board published the results of their survey for the Hiawatha Golf Course preferred plan. The responses have been compiled to try and quantify the results. This assessment is a best effort considering the vast variety of responses. The top 11 responses were:

- 157 people want to retain the 18-hole golf course
- 85 people like or are OK with the new plan
- 25 people worry that the homes will not be protected from flooding
- 25 people like proposed winter activities
- 16 people say that the proposal duplicates amenities that are nearby
- 16 people like the snow-making proposal
- 14 people want to get rid of the golf course
- 13 people want the project postponed due to COVID and economic problems
- 11 people say the proposed financials are suspect
- 10 people like paths around the lake
- 10 people ask to explore other ways to mitigate the water coming into the lake

It became very clear that a large majority of the respondents who stated a preference want the Park Board to retain the 18-hole golf course (61%). On the other hand, about half as many are accepting of the compromise (33%), and 14 people (6%) wanted to get rid of the golf course.

There was much concern that the Park Board has not adequately proven that the plan will protect the neighborhood homes from flooding. In particular, concerns were expressed that the new plan will reduce the floodplain storage by filling part of the flood plain to elevate the new golf course. The Park Board earlier stated that they could not do this without providing compensatory storage. No compensatory storage is defined in the new plan. SaveHiawatha18 has submitted a list of questions and concerns to the DNR regarding this issue and other homeowner concerns.

Improved and new winter activities were well received, including a proposal for snow-making. But, people need to be aware that snow-making will not necessarily reduce the DNR pumping permit volumes, especially if the water comes from the private well on the

property as is done at Theodore Wirth. In fact, the allowed permit volumes may need to be increased. Also, under the new plan, the cross-country ski space will be cut in half, with half of the current golf course converted to water. These winter activities can be accommodated on the 18-hole golf course, which would provide more acreage.

Twenty-five people questioned why this project duplicates amenities that already exist nearby.

There was considerable concern expressed about the proposed financing of the project, especially in this time frame of COVID and economic distress. Many people felt this project should be postponed. Other people thought the \$42 million price tag was unrealistically low. Also, in the current fiscal climate, people wondered where the Park Board would find the money.

Some people liked the path around the lake on the berm, but others were concerned that the berm would not be stable enough to support this path with water on both sides. And, some people want more research into alternative ways of handling the water on the property.

Is it finally time for the Park Board to bow to the majority of the survey respondents and quit wasting money on this plan? Instead, maintain

the 18-hole golf course while incorporating many of the desired amenities and fixes into the current property?



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# Things are different now, at 38th and Chicago Avenue

BY STEPHANIE FOX

A little more than two months ago, the corner of Chicago Avenue and 38th Street was a small business hub for many who lived in the Powderhorn neighborhood of South Minneapolis. But when a member of the Minneapolis Police Department kept

risers out of a garden of flowers at the center of the intersection. Here, people leave offerings to remember not only George Floyd, but the attitude of racial injustice that caused his death. Even on a Sunday morning, people come to see and to pay their respects. Some see it as their sacred duty to maintain the area.



his knee on the neck of George Floyd for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, executing him in front of a crowd of people, the corner and much of the world changed forever.

Some of the longtime businesses on the corner—Cup Foods and the local Speedway Gas station, as well as many others, remain boarded up and dark. The corner church, Worldwide Outreach for Christ, continues to hold services—outside and using social distancing. Chicago Avenue has been closed to through traffic, and rerouted traffic speeding through the nearby neighborhood streets is now slowed by city traffic bumps.

The intersection remains a shrine to the memory of George Floyd and what he now represents. A 15-foot-tall raised fist

Neighbors come to maintain the shrine. A medical tent, where nurse Cary Wong and others are there to help, is ready to treat minor to major medical situations. During the heat wave, most come in with heat exhaustion and other heat-related problems, Wong said. He volunteers to support his city. “I’m a nurse. Minneapolis is my city. It would be weird if I didn’t help out where I could.”

Janille Austin, who lives in the area, comes each day to help maintain the memorial. On this morning, she is helping to take some of the dying flowers to compost. “This memorial is sacred space,” she said. “George Floyd was killed here and it is important to tend it.” She keeps a photo journal so she will always remember. “This is an his-

toric time. I have the time and I put my camera away to help clean,” she said.

“I would like this to again just be a corner, but a man has died unjustly. Once there is justice, we can talk about the space,” she said. “There are different layers to justice. There is the systemic racism that put him in this situation. Police culture came out of the slave patrols. We’re talking about a culture, not about individual police officers. Our tax

dollars are going to fund the police and they get sent on calls they don’t know how to handle. We need to reimagine the police so people can live and thrive as a community. It’s the community that needs to help keep us safe.”

There are still frequent demonstrations, but at this crossroad, they are peaceful. On July 5, the 10K Foundation’s New American March from the Mall of America ended at Chicago and 38th with signs and songs,

despite temperatures in the 90° range and a brief thunderstorm.

For now, there are no plans about the long-term fate of the area. Discussions on local social media talk about closing the intersection permanently. Others are suggesting making it a roundabout. But for now, there are no plans to make changes and people continue to come, to visit, to reflect and remember.

## Generative chaos

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

I have never appreciated having a garden more than I have this year. In 2020 my garden is a sort of destination in our new socially distant reality, therapy in turbulent times, and supplements groceries from the store, allowing me to stretch out shopping trips a little more. I am still a novice. I’m still learning how to properly space out plants and the differences between cold weather and warm weather crops. My garden is a bit of a mess, just like me. I tend to be pretty sloppy about my weeding. The upshot of this is that I have unwittingly ended up with patches of milkweed and sunflowers in my vegetable patch. The sunflowers by some magical happenstance are growing in the patch that I planted my lettuces in, providing shade and hopefully some cooling. I think I will attempt the combination again in the future. Many people probably look at my garden and think it’s a chaotic mess, but I find it beautiful.

There is a kind of beauty that

only arises out of chaos. An organic, messy beauty that was not the result of a master plan, one mind, one voice. This is the beauty seen at the site of the George Floyd Memorial at 38th and Chicago. This chaotic beauty is part of what makes the space resonate as sacred, it is a coming together of many voices, many hearts, connected and yearning for a common goal. I am glad that there is discussion of preserving this space somehow, but I am concerned with what the result will be in our city, which is so entrenched in top-down approaches.

Look at the city’s response to the protests, organizing, uprising after George Floyd’s murder. The city has turned police reform and accountability over to the Minneapolis Foundation, headed by former Mayor R.T. Rybak. Not only did Rybak have the chance to enact police reform as mayor and failed, the idea that one organization or one individual can adequately tackle the issues with policing in Minneapolis is fantasy. Solving the problems with how we police, what

and who we police will take many perspectives. Many voices. We have those voices. Established activists like Nekima Levy Armstrong, Michelle Gross and Jaylani Hussein. We also have amazing young activists who have shone in the recent protests through organizations like Reclaim the Block and Black Visions Collective. Not only should these voices be at the table, they should be leading the conversation about how to best move forward toward a future that truly ensures liberty and justice for all.

I understand why the city is wary of this path. It invites chaos, it eliminates top-down control, it allows for outcomes we can’t even fathom at this moment. But anything less is bowing in complicity to business as usual. Many prefer the mediocrity of the knowable. It’s comfortable and feels safe. But this moment calls for chaos. Only the chaos of a truly democratic process will build the beautiful future we all deserve.

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unions is to protect the meat eaters. They did it so slickly in the Damond case you’re not even aware of it—but you will shell out.

And you’re in—in my myopic view—for another treat in the Floyd case. Can the fired officers stay fired? Will they be convicted? Will there be a settlement? How come the mayor and police chief in the Damond case are no longer around? And, while I’m at it, where is Giuliani? The Witness Protection Program? Searching for a vaccine Trump can claim inventing?

The rotten apples theory posits the comfort that—were we to identify and remove these few malefactors—the body would be cleansed and all would be well.

Dream on.

Crises force democracies into

painful solutions. The Serpico scandal pressed the NYC Mayor Lindsay to appoint a reformer, Pat Murphy, my hero. He lasted 30 months. He’s widely considered a pariah. Let me assure you, he performed miracles of reform and left an agency that coasted on his achievements for a decade.

Were the City Council to reduce the police budget 25 percent and insist on all one-person patrols: 8-hour days, 40-hour week rotating charts—the creation of decoys—the use of stings and some stakeouts; the elimination of horse patrols, press information officers and other boondoggles, it would be a much more smoothly functioning entity. In fact, reducing any P. D.’s budget by 25 percent would deliver miracles of efficiency across the land.

The MPD has about 150 more cops than in 1985 when there

was a lot more crime and violence. It now has four deputy chiefs (three in the ’80s) and a heap of waste. No need to defund, just reduce the duplication, featherbedding and waste.

During my tenure, the MPD went through nine years of no promotions and emerged stronger for it. Overtime was cut sharply. Morale was never lower. Yet no one quit.

The responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of the mayor—but he’s not interested.

Inside the MPD, control could be asserted through an internal affairs unit reporting directly to the chief, guided by openness of records and led by an executive who can be demoted by the stroke of a pen.

Don’t hold your breath.

Cider, anyone?



# SUMMER 2020 ON CEDAR AVE.

## Cedar Avenue and environs during the 2020 weirds

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

I encountered the above description of this time of this year and I ... couldn't really do better, so I'm "borrowing" it. Actually, things look a lot more normal on Cedar Avenue than most places in South Minneapolis, although nowhere is immune to the changes. Which may or may not be the warning tremors of the coming quake that will actually be the actual end of actual civilization as we know it.

Meanwhile—Sandcastle is open! Their patio is only for waiting, not eating. The main beach at Nokomis is open, though, and you can eat in the park, or take it home of course. I guess the owners—chef Doug Flicker, spouse Amy Greeley (who also own the Bull's Horn) and business partner Chele Payer—decided they were restaurateurs more than they were webmasters, so they have not updated their pre-order site with the takeout-only, slightly restricted menu. It makes sense, being only walk-up ordering and takeout service. Using a sandwich

board is more flexible too. Yes, times are demanding, hard, sometimes traumatic, but still you gotta eat, right? Sandcastle is located on West Nokomis Parkway, but it's a short walk across the park from Cedar and 50th Street.

If you go 10 blocks farther south on Cedar, but taking "Old Cedar" where it turns into a true highway, due to the twistiness around Lake Nokomis and the Crosstown, you can actually take a left onto a strip of Bloomington Avenue. This becomes Richfield Parkway and carries you past (or to) a strip mall with a fairly large Target and Home Depot. This is handy to know about, as these stores have become rather thin on the ground. There is a CVS Pharmacy in Target, and the usual other small spots clustered about, such as Chipotle and Noodles and Co.

Or we could continue struggling with home delivery for our big box purchases, and instead head north from 50th Street on Cedar and see what's up. The construction where Bergan's—the last of the South Minneapolis



Duck Duck Coffee takeout window

Super Valus—used to be, proceeds apace. The surrounding businesses appear to have all survived the COVID shutdowns, more or less, and a couple of new ones have

appeared since last summer.

There are Grand Old Creamery and Caribou (with a drive-thru) on the east side, which share a patio. Also on the east side of the

avenue, Carbone's, which also delivers via Uber Eats, appears to be takeout only. Next door is Cork Dork Wine Shop, which also sells craft beers and spirits. They close two hours earlier (at 8 p.m. Monday -Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday) and only allow four customers in the store at a time, since it's a tiny (but carefully curated) shop.

Across the road, the Italian Eatery i.e. has been there almost long enough now to be considered an old-timer in the volatile restaurant world. Patio dining was a big thing with them and now that's back, as well as highly restricted indoor dining. Here is the page that explains all the conditions and caveats and where you can make the mandatory reservations: <https://www.italianeatery.com/reservations>. This is a very popular restaurant, including with the critics, and they seem to have put a lot of thought into their safety plan.

Nearby, in this little cluster, you will find a Starbucks drive-thru, which also supports delivery through Uber Eats. There is also a popcorn shop (Tom's, 4708), which is all takeout and which is open as normal. And here you will find the two new businesses—Nailish (4706) and Jenny in the City (4704.) Nailish opened in the spring of 2019. They re-opened in June with reservation-only, 50% capacity, heightened sanitation practices, mandatory masks. They offer a complete menu of mani- and pedicures, and limited waxing.

Jenny in the City is a small but elegantly casual women's clothing store. Featuring the modern vibe of subdued colors and little pattern, natural fabrics and generous fit, they sell tops, bottoms, shapewear, lounging clothes, accessories, casual, sun- and T-dresses in sizes S through 2X. Also a few shoes and booties. They have a rotating social causes T-shirt that donates 10 percent of sales to a rotating charity. All merch is available to order online with delivery at low rates, free for orders over \$35. Besides Facebook and Instagram and an opt-in email letter, they have a website at [shopjennyinthecity.com/](http://shopjennyinthecity.com/). At the corner of 42nd Street and Cedar, Groovy's—a popular vintage junk, record and retro

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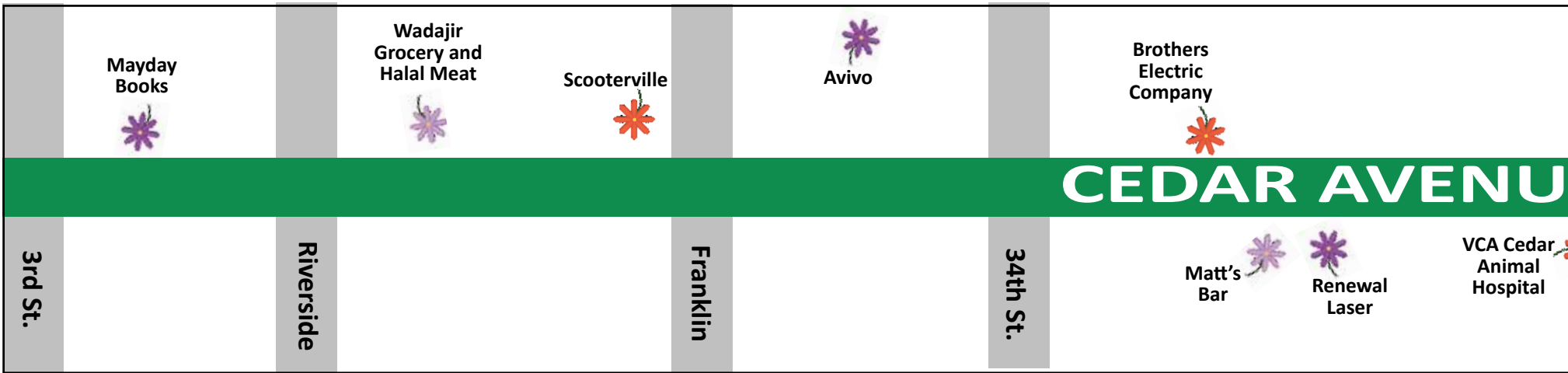
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clothing store we have reviewed previously—was one of the first small retail establishments to re-open last month. I still have not managed to get by there, probably because I’m supposed to be downsizing, but I mean to. However, the nearby Southside Vintage and Quality Goods is one I have patronized, back when I was still in acquisition mode. They have a well-curated selection of small furnishings, patio

furniture, accessories, kitchen gadgets and tchotchkes, including toys and games. This corner is dominated by 4200 Cedar Avenue, which houses many activist groups, including Communities United Against Police Brutality, and it suffered no damages that I know of in the rioting. 4200 Cedar is still not available for mass meetings as they cannot be done safely yet. Diagonally across the road on the northeast corner are two

great casual dining spots—Hamburguesas El Gordo and the Cedar Inn. Hamburguesas has obviously Mexican-style hamburgers. Also, Mexican-style hot dogs, tacos of all kinds including vegan, chips and guac, burritos, quesadillas, and the most excellent elote. They also have desserts and Mexican Coke and Jarritos, and a new offering—the Beyond vegan hot dog. They can be ordered through Bite Squad for delivery. The Cedar Inn was sold to new owners in 2019 and their grand opening plans were disrupted by COVID-19. They are open now, and are also available through Bite Squad, but only food and soft drinks. However, they are a dive bar, and the bar is open with health restrictions. They have a nice patio which is very popular by the looks of it.

Moving northward along Cedar, we come to the normally busy corner of East 38th Street and Cedar. I can’t figure out what’s going on at some of these businesses, to tell the truth. It looks like Lucy’s, a very nice grocery-cum-deli-takeout run by a lovely Ethiopian woman (not named Lucy—the store is named



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### Businesses, from page 4

**Longfellow Market.** Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Oxendale's Market (Minneapolis).** Open with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. 7 to 8 a.m. shopping for at-risk customers.

**Seward Co-op / Friendship.** Open with restrictions. No phone orders. No delivery. Check website for online ordering with curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op.** Open with restrictions. No phone orders. Order thru Instacart for delivery. New - curbside pickup available! Usual hours.

### Specialty/Convenience

**Coastal Seafoods.** Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Usual hours.

**Everett's Foods.** Open to public. No online or phone orders. No delivery or curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**La Alborada\*.** Open to public. No on-

line and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Produce Exchange at MGM.** Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Tare Market.** Open with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. Bring your shopping bag—zero packaging.

### Delivery Services for Groceries, etc.

**Instacart.** Aldi, Costco, Cub Foods, CVS, Lakewinds Co-op, Lunds&Byerlys, Petco, Staples, Target, Wedge Co-op

**Mercato.** Coastal Seafoods, Eastside Food Co-op, Produce Exchange @ MGM

**Shipt.** CVS, Fresh Thyme, Kowalski's, Office Max, Petco

**Uber.** A Baker's Wife, Lunds&Byerlys Deli, Vegan East

### Farmers Markets

**Kingfield Farmers Market.** Sunday.

Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Midtown Farmers Market.** Saturday and Tuesday. Open with restrictions. Online ordering available. No delivery. Possible curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Mill City Indoor Saturday.** Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Minneapolis Farmers Market Summer season.** Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

### Pharmacy

**CVS (Target - Richfield).** Open to public. Usual hours.

**Present Moment\*.** Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Ritual Aromatherapy at MGM.** Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Call to order.

**Walgreens (Nicollet Mall).** Open to public. Usual hours.

**Walgreens (Hiawatha & 46th).** Mobile pharmacy open in parking lot.

**Walgreens (Hub - Richfield).** Open to public. Usual hours.

### Retail

**Dreamhaven Books.** Closed to public.

Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

**Eastlake Craft Brewery at MGM.** Open to public. Online and phone orders. Call about delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Electric Fetus.** Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery USPS available. Restricted hours.

**Elevated Beer Wine & Spirits.** Open with restrictions. Call about ordering and delivery. Restricted hours.

**Groovy's.** Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Habitat for Humanity--ReStore.** Open with restrictions. Both donating and shopping. Usual hours. Read safety rules on website.

**Irreverent Bookworm.** Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Check website for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. BUYING BOOKS now—see website.

**Mother Earth Gardens.** Open with restrictions. Online ordering. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**McDonald's Liquor and Wine.** Open with restrictions. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Moon Palace Books.** Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call about curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

**Nokomis Shoe Shop.** Open to public. Online orders. Delivery by USPS—free for orders over \$100. Slightly restricted hours.

**Once Upon A Crime.** Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery by USPS available. Restricted hours. See website for more.

### Service

**Cedar Ave Repair.** Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

**Clyde's Service Auto Repair.** Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

**K9 & Kitty Kutters (Bloomington Ave).** Open by appointment. Waiting list. Slightly restricted hours.

**Laundromat (37th & Chicago).** Open to public. Usual hours.

**Nailish.** Open with restrictions. Online appointments. Usual hours.

**Pedego.** Open with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery available. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Open for all services but call first.

**Riverstone Salon and Wellness Center.** Open with restrictions by appointment. Usual hours.

**The Beauty Room.** Open with restrictions by appointment. Usual hours.

### Health Care

**CUHCC & CUHCC Dental.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**East Lake Animal Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**HCMC Whittier Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours. COVID-19 testing available.

**Minnehaha Animal Hospital.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**Nokomis Pet Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**People's Center.** Open with restrictions. Wellness Hub closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available.

**People's Center Dental Clinic (Minnehaha).** Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Pet Doctor (Franklin Ave).** By appointment. Usual hours.

**Spinal Frontier.** By appointment. Phone orders. Restricted hours. Chiro care and wellness products.

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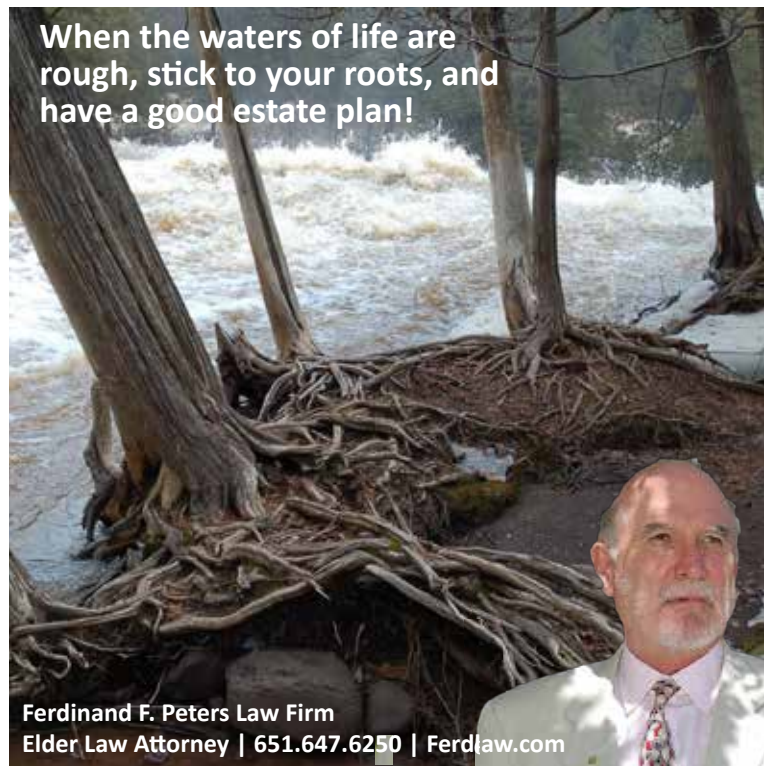
**Blaisdell YMCA.** Open by reservation with restrictions. See website for rules and reservation process. Online fitness classes still available.

**Midtown YWCA.** Open by reservation with restrictions. See website for rules and reservation process. Online fitness classes and personal training still available.

**The Fix Studio and Café.** Open for outdoor workouts, running, and biking. Call about other services. Restricted hours.

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**Briva Health.** Open with restrictions. Health care navigation by phone or appointment. Usual hours.

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** Open with restrictions. Restricted hours. Call for more information. Only open for food distribution.

**People and Pets Together.** Open with restrictions. No delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Pet food shelf - 1 client at a time.

**Sabbathani Food Shelf.** Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Only open for food distribution.

**Simpson Food Pantry.** Open to public. Restricted hours. Outdoors, weather permitting.

**Soup for You Café at Bethany Lutheran Church (Franklin).** Closed to public. Distributing bag lunches at the side door Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. until gone.

**Walker Church.** Open with restrictions. Hot meals, bagged groceries. Email [office@walkerchurch.org](mailto:office@walkerchurch.org) or [message Facebook page](#) for information. Tuesdays only. Only open for food distribution.

**Walk-in Counseling.** Closed to public. Call for Phone or Zoom counseling. Usual hours.

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**612 MASH (Medics at Chicago & 38th).** Need ice, bottled water. Use link above to find current needs.

**Baha'i Center.** Medical and hygiene supplies needed urgently. Use link above to find current needs.

**Blaisdell YMCA.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Café Racer Kitchen.** Not in link above. Breaking Bread free lunches. Daily updates on Facebook page. To donate see their website.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Kenwood Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Lyndale Farmstead Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Mercado El Colegio.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Modern Times Cafe.** For July: temporarily closed.

**Powderhorn Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Seward Café.** Distribution of groceries. Volunteers needed. Check Facebook page and the link above for current needs.

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Minnesota Council of Churches  
122 W. Franklin Ave. Ste. 100  
Mpls. 55404  
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to register, see [www.churchnext.tv/library/by/category/social-justice/](http://www.churchnext.tv/library/by/category/social-justice/).

#### Bahá'í Center of Minneapolis

3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
Socially distanced devotions, Sundays, 10 to 11 a.m. Please visit the Bahá'í community of Minneapolis website at [www.minneapolisbahai.org/](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org/). Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

#### Catholic Church of the Holy Name

3637 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
Please check our website for updates on Mass times. Visit [www.churchoftheholyname.org/](http://www.churchoftheholyname.org/) for Archdiocesan links to Mass online, on TV, and other Mass/prayer resources.

#### Catholic Church of St. Albert the Great

E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls.  
In-person Masses with limited seating on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and noon. Please see our website at [www.saintalbert-thegreat.org/](http://www.saintalbert-thegreat.org/) for more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass also streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StAlbertTheGreatMpls/](http://www.facebook.com/StAlbertTheGreatMpls/).

#### Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.  
[www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org)  
Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who are over 65, have pre-existing conditions, or live in proximity to at-risk demographics are encouraged to remain home. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can't join us yet on YouTube and Facebook [www.facebook.com/felcmpls/](http://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/). Sunday morning Bible class 10 a.m.; midweek Bible class Wednesdays 10 a.m.; masks and social spacing required for worship and Bible class. NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. and Fridays 7 p.m.

#### First Free Church

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#### Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS

1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.  
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Sunday Worship recordings online at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org). Scroll to mid-page on the homepage to see recordings and bulletins to follow along. Bible Study via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. (see calendar for info).

#### Hope Lutheran Church

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#### Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church

4101 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
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#### Minnehaha United Methodist Church

3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
Our building is closed, so we moved online. Join us! Visit our website at [www.minnehaha.org/](http://www.minnehaha.org/) for links to online Sunday worship and Taizé services, bulletins and newsletters, and weekly songs and stories for kids. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, where services are close-captioned.

#### Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.

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#### New Creation Baptist Church

1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.  
Watch and interact with our livestream prerecorded services on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch/](http://www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch/) and visit our website at <https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>.

#### Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.  
[www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org)  
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#### Plymouth Congregational Church

1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.  
All Plymouth meetings and in-church Sunday services canceled until further notice. Please visit our website at [www.plymouth.org/](http://www.plymouth.org/) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Plymouth-CongregationalChurch/](http://www.facebook.com/Plymouth-CongregationalChurch/) to access our virtual offerings of Sunday services, contemplative prayer, daily meditations, musical moments, and more.

#### St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community

4537 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
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#### St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.  
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Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel  
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[www.trinitylutherancongregation.org](http://www.trinitylutherancongregation.org)  
Online worship available anytime on our YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Congregation

#### Walker Community United Methodist Church

3104 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
Until further notice, Walker Church will be closed for all non-essential operations. Services will continue online via Zoom and Facebook Live at 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Visit our website at [www.walkerchurch.org/](http://www.walkerchurch.org/)

or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/walkerumc/](http://www.facebook.com/walkerumc/) for more information.

### SHARING FOOD

#### Bethany Lutheran Church

2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls.  
612-332-2397  
Soup for You! UPDATE: We are still spreading the love! The Soup for You! Café will be closed to normal dining, but we plan to distribute bag lunches at the regular entrance to the Café, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. [www.bethanyinseward.org/](http://www.bethanyinseward.org/)

#### Calvary Lutheran Church

3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
612-827-2504, ext. 205  
The Calvary Emergency Food Shelf is available for area residents on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. We will hand out pre-packaged bags of food with a Walk-Up table on 39<sup>th</sup> St. and Drive-Thru model at the parking lot entrance. Please stay in your car, and we'll bring the food to you! Volunteers will be available outside to help you. There are eligibility requirements. On our website, [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org), click on the "Food Shelf" link in the "Outreach" tab, or call the food shelf office at 612-827-2504, ext. 205.

#### Food Hub

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#### Groveland Emergency Food Shelf

1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
612-871-0277  
Monday – Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Entrance on Groveland Ave. between Nicollet and Lasalle. <http://grovelandfoodshelf.org/>

#### Minnehaha United Methodist Church

3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.  
612-721-6231  
Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, as of April 9, 2020, the Minnehaha Food Shelf will still be open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have moved our operations outdoors, meter the flow of clients to help ensure social distancing, periodically clean our surfaces, and wear face masks. Should we have foul weather, we plan to move the distribution indoors, though still meter clients and encourage distancing. [www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/](http://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/)

#### New Creation Baptist Church

1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.  
612-825-6933  
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3104 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
office@walkerchurch.org  
Tuesday Meals: Our regular Tuesday meals will be suspended until shelter-in-place orders end. We will still have groceries available for pickup on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. [www.walkerchurch.org/](http://www.walkerchurch.org/)

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Each week we video services, viewable anytime, please join us!

### ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

[www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com), 4537 Third Ave.  
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# Defund the police: a letter to the City Council

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

I support the City Council in its intention to defund the police. I'm assuming, though, this doesn't mean there will be no public safety mechanism in place in the future. I'm hoping this means starting over from scratch, as I understand they did in Camden, N.J., redefining what it means to have a police force. Another city to look at, where massive reforms took place, is Athens, Ga. A friend of mine, Karin, has lived there since 1969 and says there was a man, Chief Joseph Lumpkin, Sr., who took over the department and reformed it. One of the results is that now all police officers live in the community. The department is significantly more humane. Chief Lumpkin has won numerous awards, if you look him up.

My three recommendations for the new public safety department are:

## 1) Trauma healing.

Since police officers (peacekeepers) obviously experience trauma and abnormal levels of fear, they should have some kind of trauma healing programs in place—or maybe the opportunity to do Alternative to Violence Project (AVP) workshops, which are exactly about that: alternatives. I guess many police forces in Africa have done these workshops with great success. AVP doesn't work with racism per se, but leads participants through a path to greater humanity and creativity. It eradicates the "them and us."

## 2) No military weapons.

No military mentality. I'm all for conservation, I hate to see things go to waste as much as the next person, but finding a use for unused military weapons in the police forces of the nation is not a good plan and serves no one. I don't know if the military mentality comes along with the weapons or if that has always been there.

It seems as though the police demonize everyone. Everyone who is not the police is considered "the enemy" and must be controlled and conquered, especially black and brown people. I'm opposed to that mentality.

## 3) Officers (peacekeepers) need to monitor the behavior of other peacekeepers.

EPIC (Ethical Policing is Courageous) is one system that has worked well in New Orleans, apparently. Michael W. Quinn, retired Minneapolis police officer, in his book "Walking with the Devil: The Police Code of Silence: The promise of Peer Intervention" (2005, latest edition 2017), writes about EPIC as well as the general theme of ethics and integrity in policing.

Ed Felien at Southside Pride newspaper wrote these five essential steps three years ago, which definitely should be incorporated into the NEW form of peacekeeping:

"Here are five actions that must be taken to restore confidence in the MPD:

"1) The actions of the MPD must be subject to review by the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission. Every other employee in Minneapolis, every other citizen or visitor to Minneapolis is subject to the civil rights ordinances of Minneapolis. The MPD are exempt. This tells them they are above the law. This can be changed by an action of the City Council.

"2) There must be a full review of the police reports of the Jamar Clark and Terrance Franklin killings by the Minnesota attorney general and the Minnesota Civil Rights Commission. This must be requested by the mayor and City Council. Even a superficial reading of the reports reveals obvious examples of police misconduct. Officers responsible for misconduct must be held account-

able.

"3) There must be a public review of the training of MPD officers. The training films of the discredited Lewinsky that encourage a 'Shoot first, ask questions later' must be stopped and repudiated.

"4) We need a much greater reliance on block clubs to maintain public order. In especially troubled neighborhoods, the city should pay block club captains to act as welcome wagon hosts for new residents, telling them about government services, educational and employment opportunities.

"5) There must be a residency requirement for all city employees. The MPD must 'Protect and Serve' all the people who live in this city. They are not an occupying army."

Recently, my friend Karin's daughter, who also lives in Athens, Ga., had to call the police because a friend and neighbor of hers, whom she has known for 20 years, suddenly had a psychotic episode. He was throwing rocks through her windows and threatening to kill her. Krysia, my friend's daughter, knew the policemen who came. On the phone already she had told them that her threatening neighbor, Oliver, was not a criminal and was having a mental breakdown. They came to protect her, and called the mental health unit to care for Oliver and take him to the hospital. Maybe they listened to her because they were acquainted. (I don't know if race and class figured into the positive result of this interaction. Karin says most of the South is more racially mixed than Minnesota and the Athens police department reflects the

mixture. Krysia and Oliver are white and are both artists.)

The police, here in Minneapolis, anyway, have a sense of being persecuted. The more persecuted they feel, the more abusive they become. One time, a young man came to my house to look at the water meter. I was upstairs playing the piano. When he came up from the basement, he said something about music and we had a conversation. It turned out he was in training to become a police officer. He was worried about the bad reputation of the police, though. Then he said what I'm sure he had heard in his training, that positive public attitudes toward the police come and go and right now we were in a stretch in which the public didn't like the police very much. It appeared he thought it had to do with trends, and had nothing to do with how the police conduct themselves.

The relationship between the community and the police force is crucial. My friend Marilyn, who is BIPOC, was at the mall one Xmas. There was a multi-racial group of rowdy teens in the hallways who were yelling and swearing at customers minding their own business and trying to get their Xmas shopping done. Finally, a white police officer, about 40, in full gear, with guns and all, who had been working in one of the stores, came out and said to the kids in a forceful, authoritative tone, "Hey, have some respect, please." She said the kids settled down, got quiet and walked away. She went up to him and said, "I just wanted to say thank you for your service. I saw what you did and

I appreciate it." She said his eyes watered up. "You know," he said, "It's hard. I feel like I'm losing my humanity and my faith in humans [at this job]." He said a little bit more but then pulled back, as though he had said too much. She assured him she knew what he was talking about, based on her years working as a nurse in the county emergency department in Houston. A jolly old police officer she knew in Houston told her as he was about to retire, "If you were my daughter, I'd never let you date a policeman. They become assholes. They have to."

I don't hate the police. Yet, even though they don't have a reputation for harassing old white ladies, I am still quite afraid of them. I recognize that they deal with danger and trauma and maybe boredom. They see the worst that humanity has to offer, they see people at their worst, when they are weakest, making bad decisions, struggling with their own traumas, etc. And, of course, they want to go home at night, that's a perfectly legitimate desire. (We wish when they went home at night, they didn't have so far to go.)

I heard that one of the changes made in Camden, N.J., was that the focus became not just on making sure the police made it home alive, but on making sure the police officer, the victim and the perpetrator ALL got out alive.

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# Cry

BY AMY BLUMENSHINE

Cry, the Beloved Community. It's really different watching breaking news when it's your own neighborhood and your own heart that's breaking. The Southside and my neighborhood, Powderhorn Park, in particular, have been full of heartbreak in recent weeks. We feel in the center of an erupting maelstrom of

societal ills.

The callous, terrorizing police killing of George Floyd on Memorial Day set in motion a cascade of protests. Tens of thousands of locals—many trying to keep pandemic protocol—marched in outrage and peaceful solidarity the night after Floyd was killed. Yet another virus—violence—spread quickly and suspiciously under the skirts of rage. Acrid smoke

and embers plagued our homes as major fires consumed buildings. Hundreds of enterprises, large and small, that employ and serve our community were damaged or destroyed. Over the next five days, we were all terrorized by serious threats to safety, but we'd also gotten organized. At Powderhorn Park the Saturday and Sunday after the murder, organizing rallies were held, each with nearly a thousand observing pandemic protocol. We recognized that we were under attack by forces multiple and serious. We needed to organize to protect ourselves since we could not count on uniformed professionals to respond to our needs. Block residents quickly planned to support the protests while protecting each other nonviolently with various strategies, including posting vigils through the nights of curfew for the next week. We even put out twinkling lights and signs to welcome protesters. And every morning, neighbors showed up with brooms and buckets to clean up the mess.

After a week of curfew and vigils, Powderhorn Park was then the site for the remarkable and historic declaration of a majority of the City Council that the police force would be redesigned into a community safety system in which all in the community could trust.

Then, after hardly three nights of non-vigil sleep, a new emergency arrived in Powderhorn Park. People evicted from the sanctuary hotel debacle (formerly known as Sheraton) began tenting in the park. A very sad set of perpetually traumatized people were in need of every basic service in our backyard. Neighbors responded with compassion, but we were divided about the wisdom of the encampment in the park. Soon a multitude came to tent in the park for a variety of reasons and the number of tents grows every day.

It's fitting that a disaster relief group set up their equipment in the park since this is a disaster unfolding. It's comparable to a refugee camp but below international standards. Here are folks who have fallen out of being able to "make it" on the very demanding terms we've established in our "winner take all" system. The long-festered ills of our society—housing and health care as financial commodities, family breakdown and anomie, widespread distrust of social institutions, untreated mental illness, alcohol and drug addictions, dispossessed communities exploited in illicit trafficking instead of cooperating in community safety—are on display in our backyard. Some have learned to deal with life by being cons, some by being provocateurs. Anger tends to spill out not at its cause but undifferentiated, at whomever is nearby. Much is painful, triggering and threatening to witness.

Also called to the park are an incredible set of "volunteers" leaning into best outcomes for



the poor, or at least for getting through this day without harm. Most of them identify with those in need and use radical love and empathy to de-escalate emotions and help people live in community. They attempt to have a community meeting every evening for self-governance. (Look up the Minneapolis Sanctuary Movement for how to help.) All of our best practices, however, for treating mental illness and addiction require trust and hope and are helped by a sense of community—conditions that would be served better by boundaries and limits on the encampment.

Of course, all of this is unfolding during a pandemic that threatens both sudden death and widespread economic upheaval. For the first time in history, the whole world is experiencing the same thing and is able to communicate about it. And all of this while time is running out to make radical changes to prevent climate catastrophe. It's all very breath-taking.

Meanwhile, in the aftermath of the callous breath-taking of George Floyd, some religious people are claiming that an outpouring of holiness is occurring in the area. George Washington Carver himself, years ago, declared that Minneapolis would be the site of a grand spiritual revival. Some claim it's happening now.

On the national level, the Poor Peoples Campaign for a New Moral Revival is calling for a "revolution of values to save the soul and heart of our democracy." In their words: "The political and economic systems in the U.S. are plagued by the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, militarism and a war economy, ecological devastation and a distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. Somebody's hurting our people. It's gone on far too long, and we won't be silent anymore."

How do people get so callous to the needs of others? Some of it is the mindset that violence is necessary. As George Floyd begged for breath, the officers mocked him. The domination system requires violence and humiliation—which leaves a wake of trauma. And it tends to corrupt the character of all concerned. Now the Southside—and our nation—must make a grand evolutionary leap. May we move from trauma to transformation, from uprising to up-wising, moving from a culture of killing to a culture of caring.

June 18, 2020

## Statement in Support of Police Reform and Chief Arradondo

The death of George Floyd was a chapter in a story that is as old as our nation and is, sadly, still being written in communities across the country. Philando Castile, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks... These names serve stark notice that policing across the United States needs transformational reform.

The problems with policing are deeply rooted in the structural racism that permeates our society and its institutions. The current rallying cries around "defunding," "dismantling," or "abolishing" the police are grounded in a basic truth that sweeping and visionary reforms are needed.

The answer is not to simply defund or dismantle the police. We need to address societal racism and rebuild our infrastructure so that we can reduce our reliance on policing. Minneapolis receives more than 400,000 calls for police services every year. Housing, education, health care, mental health and the environment are key fronts for enhancing safety.

Without a doubt, the Minneapolis Police Department needs transformational reform but we oppose the current proposal to amend the Minneapolis City Charter to remove the police department. This Charter amendment will not advance the transformational reform that is needed. In fact, it is a distraction from the necessary work at hand.

We believe we have a leader in place who can bring about the much needed change in the police department if he has adequate support. Chief Medaria Arradondo is an ethical, professional and compassionate leader. He knows our city and loves its people. He has a reform agenda, but has experienced opposition from the Police Union and has lacked support from the City Council. We call on our citizens to support Chief Arradondo in his effort to transform our police department.

We have an opportunity brought about by tragedy but it is an opportunity we can't waste. Minneapolis can become a model for the nation by rethinking the mission of policing. Only then can Minneapolis fulfill this moment and develop a new, bold model for a safe, inclusive community.

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