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* Kay Anderson, Northeast Senior Services
	+ Organization serves seniors (75+) in NE, Saint Anthony, Fridley, and Columbia Heights (rides, contractors, snow removal, counselling, services)
		- Small, volunteer-supported organization
		- Started in 1973
		- Funded by NRP and grants
		- For residents >75 yrs ol
		- Volunteer drivers
	+ Neighborhood change
		- 60s/70s: NE predominantly white, but ethnically diverse
		- 70s/80s/90s: decline; changing population; more multifamily
		- 90s/2000s: neighborhood renaissance; NRP Phase 1 (stabilization, block clubs, empowerment)
	+ In response to neighborhood change, some seniors feel isolated/not safe
	+ Northeast is an attractive area for seniors because of concentration of services
	+ Senior Needs/Concerns
		- Rising rents/costs
		- Just afew senior housing options ( Holland Hi Rise, Catholic ElderCare, 1010 main St)
		- Limited options for seniors who want to transition to smaller-scale facilities (e.g. townhouses on Washington; minimal services)
			* Transitional care – Catholic Elder Care is adding
			* Major need for small scale semi-independent living.
		- Continued access to services as life expectancy increases
		- The increase in bicycling has added a new element to how Seniors use the community
			* Element of surprise
			* Less convenient parking, etc.
			* Conflicts between drivers/bicyclists and walkers/bicyclists
			* Need more education/awareness for all users
		- Neighborhood meetings should be scheduled during the afternoon (not evenings) when seniors are more able to attend
		- The park is valued, but it does not accommodate seniors as well as it could
			* Needs more walking paths, benches and gardens
	+ Senior housing in NE
		- Holland Hi Rise (162 units)
			* Section 8
		- 101 Main Street
			* Market rate
		- \_\_\_ Broadway
			* Section 42
* Erika Sass, Assistant Director, Northeast College Prep Charter School
	+ School is in its 2nd year (currently K-4, K-8 at full enrollment);
	+ School is outgrowing current space (at Lowry and Taylor); looking for site for new school facility (35-40k SF; residentially zoned); wants to co-locate with MN Literacy Council
	+ School had found a 1.7 acre lot in Holland, but Neighborhood Plan did not support/accommodate a school in that location
	+ Is there a way for the LP neighborhood plan to provide flexibility for a school to locate in the area in the future?
* Neighborhood should serve both ends of the age spectrum: kids and seniors
	+ Park Board working on programming/support for seniors (e.g. walking groups in Bottineau Park)
	+ Year-round/week-long activity
	+ Social places (e.g. restaurants)
	+ Need to raise awareness of park programming and services (currently published in brochure and on website)

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