

Phalen Corridor Tour

On Tuesday, October 12, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) toured the Phalen Corridor with Curt Milburn, Director of the Phalen Corridor Initiative; Duane Ostlund, Wells Fargo Chair of Phalen Corridor Steering Committee; Valerie Neisius, Chair of East Side Business Association, and Chuck Repke, Community Organizer for St. Paul District 2 Community Council.

"The Phalen Corridor Initiative is helping drive a stronger East Side through job creation, new housing and connected communities. The entire city of Saint Paul benefits from this community effort," said Congresswoman McCollum.

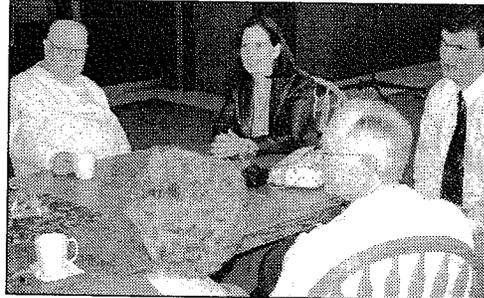
McCollum visited the East Side YMCA, which has a partnership with the John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary School, sharing a building that will meet the needs of children, youth, teens and families in this unique part of the city.

The school recently won a national competition by the KnowledgeWorks Foundation for the best example of a school that is the center of its community. The school also won the Richard W. Riley Award for Excellence - named for the former Clinton Education Secretary - for its community-based design.

"I commend Principal Frank Feinberg and all the faculty and staff of John A. Johnson Elementary for their hard work in making the school a center of our community. Their work at creating a caring and supporting community is giving the opportunity for every child to succeed," said McCollum.

In addition, McCollum toured the new construction at Williams Hill, as well as the Ames Lake neighborhood and Real Life Senior Cooperative.

The next phase of Phalen Boulevard from Payne to Arcade Avenue is set to open on November 5th.



Talk and Tour: Residents of Real Life Senior Cooperative meet with Curt Milburn, director of the Phalen Corridor Initiative, and Congresswoman Betty McCollum during Tuesday's tour of Phalen Corridor.



Emily Renner, director of the East Side YMCA, directs a portion of the Phalen Corridor Tour, which included the building shared between the Y and John A. Johnson Elementary School.