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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR REPRESENTATIVE MARION GREENE

Craig Wilson interviews State Representative Marion Greene about what type of car she would be, her favorite ice cream flavor and what she's up to at the Minnesota State Capitol.

Would you please briefly summarize your life for readers unfamiliar with your background? I'm the child of retired U.S. Foreign Service officers, and I saw all



Representative Greene

through my childhood the positive difference government can play in people's lives. By the time I was 16 we had lived in India, Morocco, Brazil and Pakistan. After 12 years of working in the private sector and serving as an active volunteer for a variety of organizations, I decided it was time for me to contribute in another way.

I was at the car show this weekend at the convention center and have cars on my mind. What make, model and year of car would you be and why? I am (and I drive) a 2002 Toyota Prius. I'm a nice balance of new technology and classic quality, with some "Grrrr" in the engine available when needed.

With all your experience living in other parts of the world, especially North Africa, do you have any insight into the recent uprisings? My excitement about the changes in Tunisia, and Egypt, for example, is tempered by concern about Libya's situation. I hope that the

## SPRING WILL BE A LITTLE LATE THIS YEAR...BUT SOME WON'T MIND.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

A lone skier graces the snow at Lake of the Isles for one last round of skiing before the first day of spring arrives and a thaw that is sure to follow.

U.S. uses this time of change to reach out to the young people of that area who have been excluded from open discourse and the governing process. This is a time to capture their hearts and imaginations, and emphasize the friendly face of democratic principles. Democracies around the world have an opportunity to engage the future leaders of these countries. If readers are interested in learning more about US diplomatic efforts and how to

meet with emerging leaders from across the world, I recommend checking out the Minnesota International Center, in Minneapolis, which creates opportunities to engage around these issues.

Social media has become such an important part of our lives and the uprisings; to what extent do you think social media played a role in the revolutions? My understanding is that social media provided a place for people to realize that they were not alone, and that that emboldened them to connect and protest.

What is a typical day like for you? A typical day starts with coffee with a constituent. Then I head to the Capitol where I participate in committee meetings, attend issue briefings, and advocate for my bills and the issues I care about. In the evening I often attend community events or participate in panels.

How is your family adjusting to your new role as State Representative for 60A? My family has been wonderful. My husband (Bart Cannon) has been very supportive. We have made a few adjustments - we are now more deliberate planners, with a family meeting every Sunday to look at our calendars and make sure that we have dinner together at home at least once during the work week. My stepdaughters have shared in the excitement too. This weekend I'm taking them on an informal tour of the

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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR	BLT	
1770 Bryant S #119	\$ 139,900		330	\$ 57,500	C	1/1	756	\$ 136,450	\$ 1,992	1968		
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2612 Emerson S *	144,900		5	175,000	H	4/3	2,200	286,500	4,132	1908		
1945 Fremont S #5	159,900		114	146,000	C	2/1	1,300	262,000	3,689	1913		
3131 Excelsior Blvd #807	154,350		554	108,000	C	1/1	810	207,500	3,023	1987		
2606 Humboldt #4	200,000	5,000	462	160,000	C	2/1	760	186,000	2,518	1912		
2519 Humboldt S #107	350,000		390	275,000	C	2/1	1,502	351,000	5,071	1922		
2517 Humboldt S #203	354,900		187	275,000	C	2/1	1,476	341,400	4,988	1922		
2408 Girard S *	419,900		13	442,500	H	4/3	3,266	535,000	8,029	1903		
2705 France S	439,900		70	400,000	H	3/2	2,168	450,000	6,556	1938		
1812 Mount Curve #1	499,900	5,000	586	375,000	C	3/3	2,316	495,000	7,166	1954		
2108 Oliver S	689,000	10,000	1	690,000	H	4/4	3,223	750,000	11,721	1916		
2701 W 28th St	825,000	4,000	58	454,000	H	3/4	3,569	916,000	14,667	1928		
2437 Humboldt S	925,000		252	760,000	H	4/4	3,997	1,016,500	16,494	1901		
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2305 Newton S	1,375,000		239	1,160,000	H	4/4	4,124	1,039,500	16,859	1999		
2374 W Lake of Isles	1,400,000		62	1,300,000	H	5/4	4,560	1,475,000	25,059	1916		
1805 W Lake St #301	1,499,000		539	709,000	C	2/2	2,163	1,350,000	22,369	2005		
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Sources: Harvey Ettinger - Steve Havig					Condo							
Broker Reciprocity Websites / Hennepin County					Home							
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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE: 13 COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA

For the week ending February 26, home purchase activity in the Twin Cities diverged further away from last year's tax-credit-inspired market. There were 606 purchase agreements signed during the week, which made for a 30.2 percent decline from year-ago levels. On average, over the past three months, Twin Citizens made a less-distorted 9.5 percent fewer home purchases than they did during the same three-month period in 2010. On the supply side, sellers brought 1,238 new homes onto the market, or 27.8 percent fewer than the same

week last year. The three month average pace of listing activity was 16.1 percent slower than it was last year. Both the 2011 and 2010 inventory levels have begun to climb at this time of year, which is normal. Sellers were more likely to list their home at this time last year knowing that credit-motivated buyers were more determined to purchase. It seems as though sellers wanted to ensure their property appeared in preliminary MLS queries while buyers continued to shop around for the best value up until the deadline.

Source: Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS® (MAAR) 3/7/2011

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## CALENDAR & EVENTS

### The Woman's Club of Minneapolis opens its door to the public for the month of March

Have you always been curious about The Woman's Club of Minneapolis? What is their mission? How old is the building? What do they do at the Club? What is their Dining Room like?

The Woman's Club will be showcasing the Clubhouse to the public through March 31. For the first time ever, The Woman's Club Dining Room will be open to the public for breakfast, lunch or dinner, Wednesday through Saturday and Sunday Brunch from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please make dining reservations by calling 612-813-5300 or emailing [Frontdesk@womansclub.org](mailto:Frontdesk@womansclub.org)

The Woman's Club of Minneapolis has maintained a tradition of community philanthropy since 1907. In 2007, the Woman's Club donated more than \$100,000 to local social agencies serving women and children. The 1928 Clubhouse, designed by Leon Arnal, is an historic site and city landmark. The popular event site offers breathtaking views of Loring Park and downtown Minneapolis.

### Arthur Phillips (former Hill & Lake Press area resident) reads from his latest "THE TRAGEDY OF ARTHUR"

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### PULITZER-PRIZE WINNING POET GARY SNYDER, APRIL 18, 7PM AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Prize-winning poet Gary Snyder will read at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis Monday, April 18, 7p.m. Part of Plymouth's Literary Witnesses series, the event is free with plenty of free parking. For more information, visit [www.plymouth.org/calendar/calendar.php](http://www.plymouth.org/calendar/calendar.php), or [www.loft.org](http://www.loft.org), or call 612-871-7400.

Red Eye Theater Loring Park has been an essential member of the Twin Cities arts community since 1983. Red Eye recently successfully held its annual Soirée. Red Eye is proud to have been awarded a Target Volunteer Event Grant which is providing over 500 volunteer hours and \$1,600 of supplies. Unfortunately they have limited funds to purchase all of materials on their wish list and are asking for your sponsorship. Red Eye is a 501(c)3, your donation is deductible! Immediate needs are:

Ladies restroom light fixture from Ikea - \$39.99; Men's restroom light fixture from Home Depot - \$42.00; Primary - Entry Art Deco style light fixture from Creative Lighting - \$249.00; Secondary entry light fixture from Home Depot (dim-able black track light) - \$48.00; 4 bathroom faucets from Home Depot - \$48.00 each; 1 bathroom sink from Home Depot; Gray Industrial Carpet Squares for moat 550 sq ft.

We will help by providing a link to items and you can go on line to purchase and ship to Red Eye. If you need help with ordering, pick-up and delivery to the Theater, please contact Doug Kress at [kressds0@yahoo.com](mailto:kressds0@yahoo.com)

Thursday, March 24 @ 7pm Birchbark Books and Kenwood Cafe Hearty soup and salad served 6-7pm. Eric Gansworth's novel Extra Indians makes a wild road trip. The next reading will feature poets Su Smallen and Jim Moore, April 13, 2011 at 7 pm. The Kenwood Cafe will be open prior to the reading.

### One woman show for Neighborhood Artist Joyce Murphy



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Neighborhood, and former Hill and Lake Press artist shown here at a one woman show of her work in the Theater in the Round Intermission Gallery in February. The show ran from February 11, 2011 to March 6, 2011. She has retired from the newspaper and now is exploring new fields and venues for her talent and work.

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### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

March 23 6pm Burglary Prevention Workshop  
Temple Israel

March 24, Birchbark Books reading

April 9 10-4pm Walker Library book sale

April 9 9-4pm Woman's Club estate sale

April 12 Energy Workshop

April 13 Birchbark Books reading

April 16 Earth Day

April 18 7pm Poet Gary Snyder at Plymouth Church

April 26 7pm Arthur Phillips reads at Coffman Union

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 1st Tuesday at Grace-Trinity Church

KIAA: 1st Monday at Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA: 1st Tuesday at Kenwood Rec Center

### Lunch with Lisa March 23, 2011

Join council Member Lisa Goodman for lunch and conversation.

Topic: Minneapolis 2010 census data and presentation by Jeff Schneider, CPED.

St. Thomas University-Minneapolis Opus Hall 202  
\$10 Lunch is offered. Come early to get your lunch and a good seat. Discussion starts promptly at noon.

## News from Kenwood School



Kenwood School parents enjoy "Emerald City" event held at Kenwood Gymnastics Center

Photo by Courtney Cushing Kiernat

## All Things Green at Kenwood School

By Cecilia Michel

Green means many things to many people, especially at this time of year when yearning for spring is a common experience. Recently at Kenwood Elementary School, green means environmental learning and awareness as well as fundraising. Students are eagerly preparing for a fifth grade trip to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center as well as participating in local recycling efforts. In addition, parents enjoyed an entertaining evening at the successful "Emerald City" fundraiser last month.

For the first time, Kenwood fifth grade students will have the opportunity to study in-residence for four days in April at Eagle Bluff near Lanesboro, Minnesota. Eagle Bluff is an accredited, non-profit educational and environmental organization with a mission to foster environmental awareness, responsibility and literacy. Students will participate in 6 hours of daily classwork involving environmental science, outdoor skills and cultural activities.

Evenings will be filled with a selection from 27 different naturalist programs including STARLAB (an inflatable planetarium), raptor presentations and night hikes. This residency experience complements the fifth graders' local scientific study of trees in and around Kenwood Park and Lake of the Isles, as well as study of biomes and Native American culture in the classroom and on their visits to Richardson Nature Center.

"Needless to say, the fifth graders are more than excited to have this opportunity to go to Eagle Bluff," according to Kenwood parent Michelle Smith. Ms. Smith is helping to coordinate fundraising opportunities for scholarships to assist in defraying costs for the trip. Families and friends have participated in a plant sale as well as Noodles & Company and Ben & Jerry's fundraising events in early March. Students and teachers appreciate the support from the local business community and families. Look for

upcoming details for a student run car wash this spring to help the fundraising effort.

All Kenwood students are able to participate in another green activity - Kenwood's recycling effort to collect plastic lids. The school's Green Team is spearheading an effort to collect and recycle the plastic lids that accompany many products from milk cartons to pop and water bottles. Municipal residential recycling efforts do not include the lids. As such, many are tossed in the trash or worse yet, left on items which can be recycled. When this happens, the entire item is thrown away and not put in the recycling stream, as municipal efforts do not staff personnel to separate the plastic lids from material which can be recycled. In an effort to stop this from happening, students are collecting the plastic lids in a container in the school's entry. The lids are being delivered to the local Aveda store for recycling. In this small way, Kenwood students hope to contribute to the future well-being of the community. Interested neighbors can deposit lids in the collection bin in the Atrium.

Kenwood parents saw more than green as they entered "Emerald City" at the end of the yellow brick road near the towering hot air balloon of the Wizard Oz on February 12. Sponsored by the Kenwood PTA, this year's successful silent and live auction was held at the spacious Kenwood Gymnastics Center, thanks to the generosity of Lowry Hill residents and business owners Brian and Barb Meeker. The \$47,000 net profit was a record breaking \$7,000 more than last year. The fundraiser was well attended with guests including Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and both witches, the Wicked and the Good. Spectacular decorations featured the trappings of Emerald City where guests generously bid on many items as they remembered, "There's no place like Kenwood." Proceeds from the auction support the many arts and academic activities offered at Kenwood as well as opportunities for students to attend arts-related performances and institutions in the community throughout the school year.

If you would like to learn more about these green events and future activities at Kenwood, you can check the website at [www.knwood.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://www.knwood.mpls.k12.mn.us).



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## MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

**"Steve Kotvis has written the 'Minneapolis Minds' column each month since January 2008. He's taking this month off, but he'll be back again in April."**



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We would like to congratulate Officers Adam Chard and Rob Illetschko of the 5th Precinct for being the Officers of the Year for 2010!

Officers Chard and Illetschko both volunteered to work the night Uptown Neighborhood beat. They take their beat area very seriously and have spent a great deal of time getting to know the business owners, employees, and Uptown Association members. Both voluntarily worked their beats during the summer months on bikes purchased for them by the Uptown Association. Officers Chard and Illetschko made almost 140 arrests within their assigned beat area in 2010.

We are so lucky to have these two stellar officers working to keep the Uptown area a safe place to live and enjoy! Please help us in congratulating Officers Chard and Illetschko for their outstanding service to our community!

### Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Mustaches for LHENA will be taking place from March 14th to April 20th, 2011. The entire \$25 tax-deductible contest donation supports LHENA programs and services. Prizes to winners! Anyone can participate, including mustache growers or wearers who live outside of LHENA! Enter the contest and learn more about the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood on the LHENA webpage.

### Play a Role in Minneapolis' Redistricting!

In 2010, Minneapolis voters transferred authority for developing new boundaries for the City's thirteen wards and the Park Board's six districts to a Redistricting Group made up of the Charter Commission and an appointed Advisory Group. The Charter Commission is now seeking applicants who will bring diversity to the Redistricting Group, are active citizens, have knowledge of the many communities within the city, and will serve on a nonpartisan basis. Please note that while Advisory Group members are expected to participate in a nonpartisan manner, cur-

rent or past involvement in political party activities does not disqualify an applicant from service.

You can find the job description and application form on the Charter Commission's webpage.

All applications should be submitted by the March 25, 2011 deadline. Interviews will be conducted in April 2011. If your group is interested in a presentation or if you have any questions, please call the Commission Coordinator, Peggy Menshek, at 612-673-2287 or at [peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:peggy.menshek@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

### Burglary Prevention Workshop

The Fifth Precinct Crime Prevention Specialists will be hosting a presentation on Burglary Prevention in March. This presentation includes a short video with an interview of a career burglar, and recommendations related to landscaping, lighting, and how to secure your home.

Burglary Prevention Workshop Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Av S) - Minda Hall

For questions, please contact Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist of the MPD 5th Precinct at [chelsea.adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:chelsea.adams@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

### 35W Access Project Advisory Committee

Are you interested in the design of the 35W connection to Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway? A Project Advisory Committee has been formed to identify the location of a connection between the Midtown Greenway and Lake Street. The purpose of the connection is to provide intermodal connections between vehicles, buses, bicyclists, pedestrians, fixed rail transit and future streetcars. Meg will make one appointment to this Project Advisory Committee. If you are interested, please contact Breanna at [Breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or 612-673-2210.

### Changes at the Midtown Greenway Coalition

The Midtown Greenway Coalition has announced that Tim Springer, founder and Executive Director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC), will retire on June 3rd of this year. Tim has been leading the MGC for over 18 years. Thank you Tim for all your hard work! The MGC has begun a search for a new Executive Director. Please check out the MGC Job Description on their website if you are interested and would like more information.

### Lease Minneapolis owned vacant lots for community gardens

The City of Minneapolis has 13 vacant lots available for qualifying groups to lease for community gardens. These City-owned lots were selected because they are not appropriate for development. This means that they will

remain available for years of gardening even as the economy changes and redevelopment picks up.

### Meet with Meg!

Join us for Meet with Meg for lunch on Tuesday, April 12th from 12 pm to 1 pm at the 5th Precinct's Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). Meet with Meg is a time for you to talk with her, ask questions, and voice concerns. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Tuesday of every month. We want to hear from you! We are looking for your input on who you would like to see/hear from at Meet with Meg for Lunch. We would like to start inviting local and city officials to Meet with Meg in the new year and we need your help! If you have any ideas of whom you would like to hear from or of a topic that is of interest to you, please email 10th ward associate Breanna Patsch at [breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us).

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Come take a Community Education class at Jefferson Elementary School! (1200 W 26th St.) Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Enrichment program offers a wide variety of affordable courses on topics such as Photography, Music, Computers and Technology, Languages, Health and Wellness and much more. Our spring session begins the week of April 11th. Check out our classes and register online at [www.mplscommunityed.com](http://www.mplscommunityed.com), by phone: 612.668.2740, or by mail. Unemployment, senior and U Care discounts are available. Sign up Today!

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## A Universal Better

By Beth St. John

It is amazing, really, how two people who have no desire to travel the world, can get married and have a child that seems to be a bit gypsy with a bunch of Ferdinand Magellan sprinkled on top.

We never went on any family vacations. My dad seemed happy to just go to work every day and then come home, and my mom seemed perfectly content to cart us all around to various activities and clean the house.

I, on the other hand, like to go places. I leave for Buenos Aires in three and a half days (a trip I cannot really afford but, am taking anyway) and it dawned on me just last night that I had no idea where my passport was. That's what happens when you move. You go about finding things one by one as you need them throughout your life . . . and the rest of it all remains in a box in the garage until the next time you move . . . and then you throw it out.

Luckily, this time, I found what I was looking for in about 42 seconds. That is definitely a first for me. All of them, in fact, were neatly filed away exactly where you'd think they might be. And let me tell you, not having to search throughout the entire house for three days in a frantic state, worried that I would not be able to make it to my friend's wedding, is absolutely an improvement for me. I'm living and learning, I guess.

In light of this looming Buenos Aires trip, my mom sent me an article. She is the queen of clipping articles out of actual printed newspapers, going to make photocopies, scribbling little notes in the margins, putting them in envelopes with actual stamps and mailing them to me through the United States Post Office. . . which kind of reminds me of The Unabomber for some reason. I guess because everything is going along just fine and then, a bomb gets dropped on you in the form of a letter in the mail from your mother.

This particular article was about United States travel alerts on various countries. One that was included, of course, along with Iraq and Libya, was Argentina . . . Buenos Aires to be specific. And, of course, her baby daughter would soon be traveling down there all by herself to celebrate her friend Humberto's wedding. Her daughter would probably be staying in some God forsaken ramshackle hotel on the wrong side of the tracks where criminals will be waiting for her so they can steal her luggage and her passport, or possibly even kidnap her for some exorbitant amount of ransom money that nobody in my family would be able to pull together, and then there would be a video she would have to watch of her daughter

reading a prepared speech by her kidnappers . . . and her daughter would end up on CNN like Lisa Ling's sister . . . Or, quite possibly, her daughter would be absolutely fine and simply take the article on labor unions striking in Buenos Aires, which caused the airport to close down, to be fair warning that she should probably pack a few extra outfits just in case . . . maybe even a bathing suit, God forbid, she should end up getting stuck in Buenos Aires as a result of some labor unions being on strike, and not have her bathing suit.

God forbid, I tell you, being stuck in Buenos Aires — Oh the horror! Buenos Aires, where they throw wedding receptions that have actual end times noted on the invitation of 4 a.m. Oh my goodness, what will she do if she is stranded in Buenos Aires where Humberto will be leading a walking tour of the city especially focusing on Evita Peron's amazing life? How will she survive all alone in Buenos Aires where the grooms themselves have organized an extended tour of the Argentinian wine country — that she decided to skip because she was already feeling too guilty for planning to be away from the kids for a mere four and a half days?

Uprisings and protests. Gotta love 'em. I love the tame nonviolent ones from right up close and I respect from afar the scary violent ones where people are willing to fight to the death for their freedom, or democracy, or to not have their family members tortured.

What I am thinking, at this moment, is that this paper could use a psychic or an astrologer to help us understand what exactly is going on the world nowadays — Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Wisconsin and even the crazy Tea Party movement. I would like to understand the cosmic occurrences that may be contributing to this Year of the Protest that we are currently experiencing. Because, honestly, I am too tired to consult various news sources, and sift through everyone's opinions about all of this.

And Facebook is not helping me. A "friend" posted the following comment "Wondering if the new Middle East will be better or worse." All of his "friends" were posting comments about gas prices, etc. But I thought . . . "Better for whom?"

I wish with my entire being that there was a universal "better" that we could all enjoy. And, secretly, I'm also hoping that there is some sort of tame, nonviolent uprising that will strand me in Buenos Aires for a few extra weeks. Woe is me. I'm stuck in Buenos Aires.

*Don't cry for me . . . I'm in Argentina.*



## Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

By Barbara Fogel and Barry Lazarus.

Greetings everyone. Had enough winter yet? Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is planning events for this Spring and Summer. Barbara Fogel recently met with Peter S. Sussman, AIA, an architect and historian with extensive knowledge about Thomas Lowry Park. Friends will be asking him to write an article about the Park for a future issue. As you recall, Barbara thought it would be nice to move the Thomas Lowry statue to Thomas Lowry Park. Mr. Sussman disagrees. This important monument should remain intact in his opinion. He also stated that the Park is not big enough, given current plantings, to become the new home for the monument. Friends agrees.

On April 29 at 2:00pm Barbara Fogel and Barry Lazarus will present a program at The Kenwood about the history of the park. Mr. Sussman will be a speaker at this presentation. If anyone wishes to attend, please first call The Kenwood 612-374-8100 and ask for Ms. Anna Streich to seek consent to attend.

In late Spring or early Summer, Friends plans to hold a "Welcome to Summer and Dog Beauty Pageant". Look for more details in the ensuing months. Friends will not set the date until Friends can confirm there will be a summer. Prizes will be awarded. Do not be surprised if

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## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 9, 2011

The March Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board Members in attendance: President Art Higinbotham, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, and Gail Lee.

President Art Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### Announcements

The Waite Park Community Council did not attend tonight's meeting regarding NCEC selection. Instead, there will be a citywide meeting on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. – noon. Gail Lee volunteered to be CIDNA's representative at the meeting.

Art Higinbotham announced that CIDNA is looking for additional board members.

#### Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman's Report

Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis Campus. Lisa will be out of town. The topic: Minneapolis 2010 Census data featuring a presentation by Jeff Schneider, CPED.

Council Member Goodman shared copies of the 7th Ward E-News. Contact Lisa's office if you would like to be added to the distribution list.

Lisa reminded everyone that the Earth Day Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 16.

Lisa announced an opportunity for small business owners to apply for a free mini-MBA program sponsored by the Small Business Association. There are 20 spaces available for this 8-month course. Small business owners in Minneapolis can contact Council Member Goodman's

office to learn more about the requirements and the application process.

A question was asked regarding the schedule for the installation of the gate at the railroad crossing on Cedar Lake Road. Lisa will check on the status and report back to Art.

#### Nominating Committee for 2011-2012 for CIDNA Board Members

Art Higinbotham would like to form a nominating committee for the election of new officers. Please let Art know if you would like to help with the process.

#### NRP Report

The NRP Committee worked on the application for the NCR funding. The application was sent to all board members last week for their review prior to this evening's meeting. The Board unanimously approved the application for submission to NCR.

Community Energy Services (CES). Gail Lee attended a workshop and highly recommends the program to Cedar-Isles-Dean residents. The CIDNA workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison. Board members were giving fliers and asked to help spread the word to neighbors. 1-4 unit owner occupied homes (including town homes) are eligible for this program. By attending the workshop, residents are eligible to receive a home energy visit complete with a blow-door test and installation of materials for a \$30 co-pay. CIDNA NRP will reimburse the co-pay for the first 100 household that receive a home visit.

The NRP Committee is exploring ideas for a gardening group to help support sustainable solutions for Park Siding.

The committee is helping to promote the Earth Day clean up with the goal of increased participation in this community-building event.

Minneapolis neighborhoods are considering two resolutions regarding the freezing of Phase II funds by the City Council. The first resolution is to support a legislative effort and the second resolution is regarding legal action. At this time, the legislative effort is being pursued. Legal action will be considered if the legislative effort fails. The Board unanimously supports the legislative action. Monica Smith will send the following resolution to Bob Miller, NRP: "Be it resolved that the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association supports the efforts of the NRP Chair and the NRP Director to develop and pursue passage of legislation that will preserve and protect all NRP funds that have been appropriated to NRP in accordance with state statutes and present City ordinances for now and in the future and urges them to take all steps necessary to secure passage of any such legislation."

Art brought a concern from an East Isles resident regarding trash at the soccer fields at the south end of Lake of the Isles. The Board is not aware of any problems.

Ryan Fox asked about broken signage at Cedar Lake beach. Ryan will contact the City or Park Board regarding the repair schedule.

#### Hopkins Forced Main Improvement Status Report

Ryan Fox reported on a letter dated January 14, 2011, stating that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has approved the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Negative Declaration on the need

for an Environmental Impact Statement of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Hopkins Pump Station and MSB-7026 Forcemain Improvement Project.

Comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet were received from Minnesota Department of Health, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the City of St. Louis Park by MPCA. The complete document can be found at the MPCA site: <http://bit.ly/es5Zdi>. Construction will begin in Uptown and continue west. They are expecting to work on Sunset Boulevard in 2012.

#### Southwest LRT Report

Art Higinbotham, Ed Ferlauto and Steve Goltry attended a meeting featuring a presentation by four University of Minnesota Civil Engineering students. The students are conducting a traffic study in the area near the proposed Southwest LRT Lake Street station. The students reported that 25,000 cars per day flow through the area around Lake Street, Excelsior Blvd, Dean Parkway and W. Calhoun Parkway. The current traffic patterns are less than adequate during the morning rush hour and the Lake and Excelsior intersection was rated a F (on a A-F rating scale) during the evening rush hour. The study highlights existing problems (prior to adding traffic generated by LRT).

The students noted that making any adjustments to the timing of the lights is very complicated and can have ramifications on traffic at other intersections.

The students will continue the traffic study throughout the semester and will present their findings at CIDNA's annual meeting on Wednesday, May 11. West Calhoun residents will be invited to attend our annual meeting to listen to the traffic study presentation. The study results will be published in Hill and Lake Press.

Art Higinbotham attended a meeting regarding the freight rail relocation. Concerns were raised that they have been no cost figures given for relocation of freight rail and no timetable given for making the decision. Representatives from St. Louis Park and Edina will hold a meeting next week to discuss the implications of freight being rerouted through St. Louis Park and its effect on Edina and points farther south.

#### CIDNA Board meeting minutes

The minutes from the February 2011 CIDNA Board Meeting were electronically approved last month to meet the publication date of the February issue of the Hill and Lake Press.

#### Treasurer's Report

Ed Bell, Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting so there was no treasurer's report.

#### May 11 Annual Meeting

Agenda items will include:

- Traffic study from U of M students
- Elected officials
- Treasurer's report
- NRP report
- Forcemain project
- Board volunteers

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the CIDNA Board will be Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

### Attn: Cedar-Isles-Dean Residents



#### Attend a Free Energy Workshop

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.\*

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**JANUARY 2011 KIAA MEETING MINUTES**

By Amy Lucas

**KIAA Board met March 7, 2011 at Kenwood Rec Center.**

Chair Sam Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present: Chair Sam Murphy, Jeanette Colby, Amy Lucas, Kathy Low, Larry Moran, Ed Pluimer, Pat Scott, Eric Sjoding, Kathy Williams and Roy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal; and Maggie Mercil, Kenwood Rec Center.

**City Council 7th Ward Update – Lisa Goodman**

Call 311 to report potholes.

Jeff Schneider employee of City of Minneapolis/CPED will discuss the Census Results at the March 23 “Lunch with Lisa.”

The City has not posted an specific position on co-location of the LRT and Freight rail, but unofficially opposes co-location of the two lines along within the Kenilworth Corridor. The FTA does not support co-location of freight and LRT lines.

**Kenwood Park Update – Maggie Mercil, Kenwood Rec Center Director**

The Minneapolis park system has been divided into CSAs (Community Support Areas); Kenwood’s supervisor is officed at Whittier Park.

The Youth Sports Dept has been dissolved and the individual rec centers are responsible for organizing the sports programs including hiring of umpires, planning and scheduling.

Kenwood Rec Center operating budget has been cut about 25% from last year’s funding.

Maggie will prepare a budget and request funds from KIAA for summer programming, to be discussed at April KIAA meeting.

**SW LRT/Freight Rail Relocation – Larry Moran**

Larry will further investigate the issues of co-location or relocation of freight along the Kenilworth trail and report back to the KIAA Board.

**Spring Newsletter – Kathy Williams**

Articles are due March 18. KIAA approved payment to Bruce Camp to design the next three newsletters (Spring & Fall 2011 & Spring 2012) at \$150 each.

**KIAA Website – Kathy Williams**

Kathy Williams will continue working with Bruce

Camp to update the KIAA website each month and to re-design the main page.

**Report on Community Participation Program (CPP) Funding Application – Pat Scott**

KIAA approved the CPP application to the Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) department for 2011 fund request of \$9278. Funds would be used for newsletters, Park programs, festivals, etc.

Pat Scott will represent KIAA at the upcoming NCR/NCEC (Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission) citywide election discussion meetings.

**Treasurer’s Report – Roy Williams**

\$96 expense for annual post office box.

**Updates**

KIAA Annual Meeting will be Monday, May 2 at the Kenwood Café. Ashley Robertson, enthusiastic speaker from the Center for Energy and the Environment, will give an appetite-whetting preview of the homeowner energy-saving/money-saving program slated to target Kenwood households this coming fall. The Café will offer a delicious soup/salad/bread combo for \$10, beginning at 6 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, April 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.**

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Friends does not ask participants, fans, the crowd, passers-by and the dogs for a donation. Speaking of donations, please save the date of SEPTEMBER 10, 2011. Friends plans to host a fancy schmancy fund raiser in one or more of the Lowry Hill neighborhood homes. There will be fine wine and elegant fare.

For those wishing to exercise their green thumb, the second Saturday of each month beginning in April, if weather permits, from 10am to noon, volunteers are needed to start the Spring cleanup in the Park. Coffee and treats are usually provided. To get a jump on warm weather, send a donation to Friends c/o Sara Peterman, 1801 Irving Ave So, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

### Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors Meeting March 1, 2011 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Jane Schommer (President), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Helen Ackerman, Sue Durfee, Harvey Ettinger, Tina Frontera, and Michael T'Kach.

East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

EIRA President Jane Schommer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### Announcements

Jane Schommer made the following announcements:

The EIRA Board held an interim meeting on Monday February 7 to approve proposed changes to the bylaws. The changes will be sent to EIRA members and will be voted on by the members at the annual meeting in April.

Tina Frontera resigned her position as EIRA Secretary effective February 9 but will remain on the board in a non-officer capacity.

The roles of Vice President and Secretary are vacant. Jane asked for help from board members to fill these duties until the April elections.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate door prizes and refreshments for the annual meeting. Please let Jane know if you can help.

#### Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Councilmember, City of Minneapolis

Councilmember Meg Tuthill reported that Track 29 is moving forward (on the Greenway between Bryant and Aldrich). The Midtown Lofts are appealing the project.

The City of Minneapolis has begun filling potholes. Please report any areas in need of attention by calling 311.

Last week, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring liquor stores to be 300 feet from schools as measured from lot line to lot line (the previous ordinance was between main doors). Mayor Rybak signed the ordinance.

Meg is working on an ordinance that will clarify occupancy issues for restaurants with outdoor patios located in neighborhoods. A public meeting is being planned.

#### Kim Bartmann, Barbette

Barbette is working on plans for Bastille Day Block Party (Sunday, July 17). Each year, the restaurant offers activities for kids. This year, Kim would like to organize an

event that would begin at Triangle Park and include a kids' parade to Barbette. Irving would be blocked off between Triangle Park and Lake Street for up to one hour for the parade. One possible complication is that Triangle Park is scheduled for renovation this summer (construction dates have not been set). A suggestion was made to use The Mall vs. Triangle Park. The board was generally supportive of the idea of an event and invited Kim to return to the board in May with more information.

#### Daniel and Pierre Kerkinni, Uptown Wine and Spirits

Pierre Kerkinni presented a business plan for Uptown Wine and Spirits. The plan was based on opening a store at 2546 Hennepin Avenue. The liquor ordinance that recently passed City Council will not allow a liquor store at that location because of the proximity to Jefferson School. Pierre and Daniel wanted to share their business idea with the board in hopes that another location will become available in the neighborhood.

The proposed store would specialize in craft beers, a wide selection of wine and distilled spirits. They are targeting a higher end customer. Safety would be a priority with a store policy of carding everyone and having drivers license scanners at every register to detect fake IDs. The business plan includes ideas on how the store will give back to the community by sponsoring events, being active in neighborhood associations and helping schools through charity drives.

The board thanked Daniel and Pierre for presenting their plan and asked them to return if they find a workable location in the neighborhood.

#### Michael McLaughlin, Executive Director, South Hennepin Business Association

Michael McLaughlin is the Executive Director of the South Hennepin Business Association which has 40 members with businesses along Hennepin Avenue between the Greenway and Douglas.

The association has been working on a rebranding effort for the past 18 months. They started with a comprehensive survey to 150 business and property owners in the area and received a 30% response rate. The results told them that people didn't think there was a common identity. The association worked with Shea (a design firm spe-

cializing in retail) to rebrand the area as Lowry Hill District. The association will be hanging permanent banners with the new logo on 150 light poles along Hennepin Avenue this spring. A media launch event will be held in April or May. They are also working on a new website that will include a comprehensive business listing.

#### Amy Sanborn, Chair EIRA's Social Committee

Amy reported that the Ice Skating Social was a success with over 150 people attending on a cold Sunday in January. Amy thanked Isles Bun for generously donating 12 dozen puppy dog tails and providing hot chocolate at a discounted price.

Amy has been the only member of the social committee and she is looking for more volunteers. Please let Amy know if you are interested.

Amy mentioned that the construction at Triangle Park this summer could affect the Ice Cream Social. Details for Palio need to be worked out with other participating neighborhoods for that event to continue.

#### NRP report, Monica Smith, East Isles NRP Coordinator

##### Community Energy Services

The Community Energy Service workshop will be held Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church. As of today, fewer than 20 residents are registered for the event. If you can't attend the meeting on March 10th, other dates are available in surrounding neighborhoods.

Monica passed out fliers and asked the board members to help spread the word. Other outreach efforts included an email to all current EIRA members, ads in the Hill and Lake Press and a postcard mailing to all eligible households in the neighborhood.

If attending the workshop, please remember to bring your calendar so you can schedule your home visit and your checkbook for the \$30 home visit co-pay.

Michael T'Kach volunteered to help at the workshop registration desk.

##### NRP Phase II plan

Monica reported that the NRP Steering Committee has been hard at work writing the Phase II plan. The full

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## Vote on East Isles NRP Phase II Action Plan East Isles Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at Grace-Trinity Community Church

### Proposed East Isles NRP Phase II Action Plan Summary • Total Allocation: \$387,253

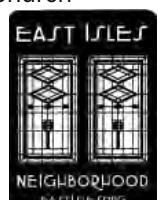
Housing \$262,000 <sup>1</sup>	Crime and Safety \$23,000	Community Building & Services continued	Public Land continued
<p><b>Goal:</b> Increase the sense of pride in our community by improving and maintaining the housing stock in East Isles.</p> <p><b>1. HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: \$110,000</b> Provide below-market interest rate home improvement loans for energy efficiency upgrades and projects that rehabilitate and/or upgrade the exterior of existing residential structure in East Isles.<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>2. HOME SECURITY: \$15,000</b> Subsidize the purchase and installation of exterior lighting for residential properties to increase safety.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Assist in increasing affordable housing within the City of Minneapolis and support non-profit housing projects in East Isles.</p> <p><b>1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOANS: \$110,000</b> Support affordable housing within Minneapolis by providing loans for housing development and construction.<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>2. THE BRIDGE FOR YOUTH: \$27,000</b> Support additional capital improvements at the Bridge.<sup>3</sup></p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Increase safety and prevent crime in East Isles.</p> <p><b>1. HOME SECURITY:</b> See Housing for details and budget.</p> <p><b>2. SAFETY FOR WALKING/BICYCLING: \$20,000</b> Support the installation of light fixtures and traffic safety on the Greenway and/or in other public spaces within East Isles</p> <p><b>3. CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES: \$3,000</b> Increase participation in crime prevention activities.</p>	<p><b>Goal:</b> Provide services to assist seniors and residents in need.</p> <p><b>1. SERVICES FOR SENIORS: \$4,000</b> Provide support for agencies that offer services to East Isles seniors and residents in need to maintain independent living.</p>	<p><b>2. THE MALL/GREENWAY: \$21,000</b> Create a reforestation plan to replace evergreens with canopy trees to improve sight lines and safety. Replace park benches.</p> <p><b>3. TRIANGLE PARK: TBD<sup>4</sup></b> Triangle Park is scheduled for renovation by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. If needed, NRP funds will supplement Park Board funding.</p> <p><b>4. LAKE OF ISLES: TBD<sup>4</sup></b> Identify areas within public land that need improvements and partner with other organizations on implementation.</p>
	<p><b>Community Building &amp; Services \$17,800</b></p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Increase community building within the East Isles neighborhood.</p> <p><b>1. COMMUNICATION: \$10,800</b> Increase communicate with residents through local media, Internet-based applications and U.S. mail.</p> <p><b>2. SOCIAL EVENTS: \$3,000</b> Provide opportunities for residents to gather in social settings to encourage relationship building.</p> <p><i>Community Building &amp; Services continues</i></p>	<p><b>Environment \$10,000</b></p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the quality of the environment in East Isles.</p> <p><b>1. EAST ISLES GREEN TEAM: TBD<sup>4</sup></b> Build an East Isles Green Team to initiate and coordinate sustainability efforts in our community.</p> <p><b>2. SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: \$10,000</b> Help East Isles residents to embrace sustainable practices that safeguard the health of our human family and larger living world.</p>	<p><b>Implementation \$36,453</b></p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Plan and implement the East Isles Phase II plan in an efficient manner.</p> <p><b>1. ADMINISTRATION: \$36,453</b> Provide staff and administrative support for planning and implementation of the East Isles Phase II plan.</p>
		<p><b>Public Land \$38,000</b></p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Improve the quality of public land in East Isles.</p> <p><b>1. NATURAL LANDSCAPE: \$17,000</b> Expedite the replacement of diseased or threatened trees along residential streets and parkways.</p> <p><i>Public Land continues</i></p>	<p><b>VOTE ON THE NRP PHASE II PLAN</b> at the East Isles Annual Meeting <b>Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.</b> Grace-Trinity Community Church 1430 W. 28th Street Read the whole plan at <a href="http://www.eastisles.org">www.eastisles.org</a> or contact Monica Smith at 612-821-0131 with questions or to request a copy of the plan.</p>

<sup>1</sup> 70% of allocation required to be housing.

<sup>2</sup> When loans are repaid, the revenue will be reinvested in East Isles NRP initiatives.

<sup>3</sup> In 2005, EIRA supported a \$500,000 Affordable Housing Reserve Fund grant for the Bridge (money did not come out of East Isles NRP allocation).

<sup>4</sup> Budget to be determined





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plan was sent to all board members for review in advance of the meeting. Monica noted that the NRP and City departments are reviewing the plan and they may have slight edits to the final document.

In December, the City Council voted to limit unspent Phase II funds to 50% of allocation. There is a possibility of a lawsuit against the City for this action. Until the issue is completely resolved, NRP has advised the Steering Committee to develop our plan based on the full allocation. If necessary, the Steering Committee will reevaluate the priorities for funding.

East Isles has about \$24,000 remaining in Phase I funds which are not affected by the budget cuts from the City.

Monica presented the plan to the board.  
 Total East Isles Phase II Allocation: \$387,253  
 Housing \$262,000  
 Housing initiatives are required to be 70% of allocation.

**Goal 1: Improve the housing stock in East Isles.**  
 Home improvement loans \$110,000  
 Provide below-market interest rate home improvement loans for energy efficiency upgrades and projects that rehabilitate and/or upgrade the exterior of existing residential structure in East Isles. 1-4 unit homes will be eligible to apply for loans ranging from \$2,500-10,000. When loans are repaid, the revenue generated may be reinvested in East Isles NRP initiatives.

Improve home security \$15,000  
 Subsidize the purchase and installation of exterior lighting for residential properties to increase safety by providing grants up to \$250.

**Goal 2: Assist in increasing affordable housing within the City of Minneapolis and support non-profit housing projects in East Isles.**

Affordable housing loans \$110,000  
 Work with non-profit agency to provide loans for affordable housing development and construction. East Isles can select the projects and set the terms for the loans.

When loans are repaid, the revenue generated may be reinvested in East Isles NRP initiatives.

Support capital improvements at The Bridge for Youth \$27,000

Support additional capital improvements at the Bridge.  
 Special note: A line item needs to appear in our plan that in 2005, EIRA supported the Bridge in its application for a \$500,000 Affordable Housing Reserve Fund grant. The \$500,000 does not come out of the East Isles allocation.

**Crime and Safety \$23,000**

Goal: Increase safety and prevent crime in East Isles.  
 Improve the security of residential property.  
 See housing for details and budget.

Improve safety for walking/bicycling \$20,000  
 Support the installation of light fixtures and traffic safety on the Greenway. There are currently no lights on the Greenway between Irving and James.

Implementing Crime prevention strategies \$3,000  
 Increase participation in crime prevention activities.  
 Community Building and Services \$17,800

Goal 1: Increase community building within the East Isles neighborhood.

Communication \$10,800  
 Increase communication with residents through local media, Web-based applications and U.S. mail (for three years).

Social events \$3,000  
 Support social events such as the Ice Cream Social. NRP will not pay for food; however, promotion and other expenses will be allowed.

Goal 2: Provide services to assist seniors and residents in need.

Services \$4,000  
 Provide support for agencies who offer services to East Isles seniors and residents in need to maintain independent living.

Environment \$10,000  
 Goal: Improve the quality of the environment in East Isles.

Green Team, Budget to be determined  
 Build an East Isles Green Team to initiate and coordinate sustainability efforts in our community. No direct costs anticipated this time.

Sustainable practices \$10,000  
 Help East Isles residents to embrace sustainable practices (recycling, air and water quality, transportation and more) through workshops and community events. Also,

offer matching grants for implementing sustainable practices such as rain gardens.

Public Land \$38,000  
 Goal: Improve the quality of public land in the East Isles neighborhood.

Natural landscape \$17,000  
 Expedite the replacement of diseased or threatened trees along residential streets. The Park Board may receive a federal grant that would help fund this program.

Improvements to The Mall \$21,000  
 Create a reforestation plan to replace evergreens with canopy trees to improve sight lines and safety. Also plant new trees where trees were previously removed on The Mall. Work to obtain matching funds to replace park benches.

Triangle Park, Budget to be determined  
 The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is planning a renovation of Triangle Park. MPRB feels they have sufficient budget for the project. This category is a placeholder in case we need to supplement where MPRB's budget may fall short.

Lake of Isles, Budget to be determined  
 No specific plans to date but the Steering Committee wanted to include this in the plan in a need arises in the next few years. Money can be shifted to this strategy if necessary.

Implementation Plan \$36,453  
 Goal: Plan and implement the East Isles Phase II plan in a timely and efficient manner.

Administration \$36,453  
 Provide staff and administrative support for planning and implementation of the East Isles Phase II plan. East Isles currently has a contract for \$25,000 for Phase II planning which includes expenses such as the survey, ads and staff. If the neighborhood no longer requires staff support, this funding can be moved to other strategies.

The EIRA Board voted unanimously to accept the Phase II plan and to present the plan for a neighborhood vote at the annual meeting in April.

The plan will be promoted in the Hill and Lake Press, via email communication to our distribution list and posted on our website.

**Email distribution list**

Monica started an e-newsletter using Constant Contact. We are hoping to build the distribution list. Please contact Monica if you would like to be added to the list.

**NCR funding application**

Monica reminded the board that the funding from NCR is guaranteed for 2011. Future years are not yet certain. The application for funding is for this year only. The purpose of the funding is "to encourage and support citizen participation" and to support the organization, not to pay for programs such as trees, parkland etc. When writing the application, we were realistic about what the organization can take on based on its current level of volunteer support. The City will be flexible with shifting fund-

ing among budget areas as needed. Expenses back to January 2011 are allowable. Unspent funds can roll over to 2012.

Last week, Monica sent the application and budget to board members to review prior to the meeting. One correction was noted: the donation listed as "donation for meeting space" is actually a donation for Palio. This correction will be made. The City will not allow us to make a donation to a church for meeting space. If the Board feels

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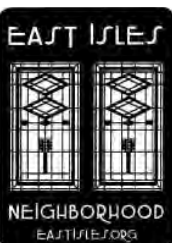
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**Please join us** to learn more about the East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) and its many activities.

**Agenda includes:**

- Vote on East Isles NRP Phase II plan
- Vote to approve bylaws changes
- Hear from elected officials
- Annual election of EIRA Board and officers\*

*For more information, please contact EIRA President, Jane Schommer at [president@eastisles.org](mailto:president@eastisles.org) or 612-804-1197.*



EIRA has an exciting year planned and we invite you to be part of it!

**\*WANTED:** East Isles residents interested in joining the EIRA Board. Contact Linda Schutz at 612-374-9266 for details.

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## Letter to the Editor:

Consider this a love note to Hal and Peggy Galvin and their hundreds of volunteers from their five thousand annual friends, for the glowing accomplishment of the Luminaria Loppet on Lake of the Isles. When Susan and I first came across the luminaria a few years ago, the glow of ice candles ringing Lake of the Isles, we thought we were hallucinating. In fact they were real, and have grown every year not only into towers and pyramids and icehenge but a community celebration of the purest joy. Now we add the date to our annual calendars and plan the occasion with friends new and old, i.e. make a celebratory evening of it. The Galvins have created one of the signature events of the Twin Cities, one we tell our children and grandchildren about as reason enough to move back here from their less luminous West Coast lives. We invite friends from all over the country to stroll this magic evening with us as well. Thank you, Galvins, for the remarkable glow you have added to this community out of your creative spark and boundless stores of generous energy.

James P. Lenfestey, Lowry Hill

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this is an appropriate expense, it can come out of Board fund (such wine tasting revenue).

The EIRA Board unanimously voted to approved the application and budget for submission by the March 4th deadline.

### Website hosting

The EIRA Board unanimously approved to pay for the renewal of the website hosting service.

### Board Votes

The Board voted unanimously on the following motions:

To hold the annual members meeting on the first Tuesday in April (April 5th).

To approve electronic voting of this evening's meeting minutes to meet the publication deadline of the Hill and Lake Press.

To form a nominating committee for EIRA Board elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## LOWRY HILL SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving and beautifying the neighborhood north of 22nd St. and south of Mt. Curve. Bounded on the west by Kenwood Park and on the east by Hennepin Avenue, the neighborhood includes approximately 4000 households. The nonprofit neighborhood association includes fifteen board members who meet monthly to represent neighborhood interests. Board members track crime statistics, monitor requests for building variances, plan and host social events, and work on beautification projects. Board members meet regularly with city council, park board, and other city leaders on neighborhood issues.

New board members are needed for the 2011-2012. If you live in the neighborhood, you are qualified to be a board member! New projects will include developing a planting project on Hennepin Avenue, evaluation of conservation districts to preserve neighborhood history, expansion of block clubs, and a few social events.

For information, please contact Board Secretary Janis Clay at [jmarieclay@hotmail.com](mailto:jmarieclay@hotmail.com) or drop in at the Board's next meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at 7PM at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Additional information can be found at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org)



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## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay

LHNA Board Minutes Tuesday, March 1, 2011, Kenwood Recreation Center

Attendees: Janet Hallaway, President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Jimmy Fogel; Maggie Thurer; David Schelzel; Mark Brauer; Kathy Byrn; David Weinstein

Guests: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner District 4; Ruth Shields; Stephanie Shimp, Blue Plate Restaurant Company; Barbara Fogel; Gary Arntsen; Mark Hines, Executive Director, Lyndale Neighborhood Association

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Janet Hallaway, noting a quorum was present.

**Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman.**

Lisa invited everyone to attend the monthly Lunch with Lisa. The topic will be the census. She discussed openings available on City Boards and Commissions and passed around copies of her monthly newsletter. She also discussed a possible upcoming horse event, Cavalia, along the lines of Cirque du Soleil.

### Introductions and Community Announcements:

Board members and guests introduced themselves.

### Distribution/Approval of Minutes/Agenda:

Jimmy Fogel moved and Mark Brauer seconded a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the Tuesday, February 1, 2011, Board Meeting. Motion passed.

### Neighborhood Organizations Selection Process for NCEC Commissioners:

Gary Arntsen discussed the process developed by and endorsed by a number of neighborhoods for selection of Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commissioners. He distributed a handout describing process. Jimmy Fogel moved and Kathy Byrn seconded a motion to support the process Gary presented. Motion passed.

### Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner Anita Tabb:

Anita Tabb discussed plans to address milfoil this summer and distributed maps of proposed harvest sites. Planned repair of Parade Road made it through the budget process. A Citizens Advisory Committee is working on improvements to Brownie Lake. Renovations are also in the works for Joanne Levin Triangle Park. Community meetings will be scheduled. A Citizen's Advisory Committee continues to meet regarding Wirth Park updates, including the Pavilion building. Anita also discussed the winning team in the Minneapolis Riverfront Design Competition and passed out a handout, "The Next Generation of Parks: Minneapolis Riverfront." Redevelopment of the riverfront is a long term project.

### Stephanie Shimp, Blue Plate Restaurant Company:

Stephanie Shimp described her company's plans to develop a restaurant in the vacant Hollywood Video site,

which she hopes will be completed and open by July. Mark Brauer made a motion, which Jimmy Fogel seconded, that we write a letter of support regarding their liquor license and patio.

### Committee Reports:

**Environment:** Janet Hallaway discussed the Kenwood Park landscape plan approved at a recent meeting, and presented a landscape drawing for spring planting.

**Planning & Zoning:** David Weinstein gave an update on the Hennepin Greening Project. Janet and David met with the MDOT representative, who will get back to us with plans and a budget for the Hennepin Ave. Douglas median.

**Mark Hines, District 6 Representative on the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission:**

Mark Hines gave a presentation on recent action by the Mayor and City Council to take control of NRP funds that have been committed to neighborhoods but are not yet spent. Mark believes this would be highly damaging to community engagement, and urged Board members to communicate with their Council members and the Mayor.

### Crime & Safety:

Maggie Thurer mentioned a presentation on avoiding identity theft at Temple Israel and an upcoming one on burglary.

### New Business:

Plans were discussed for the upcoming Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at the Walker. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

**LHNA's next board meeting will be held Tuesday April 5, 2011, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**

## Where we are Now By Jean Deatruck, Editor

Snow is melting and soon winter parking rules will be removed. And when that happens, I will call 311 when I see cars parked in our parking restricted neighborhood. All winter long cars without parking permit stickers have parked on our street. I have been reluctant to call 311 because I sympathize with the many people who have nowhere to park but on the street. According to Council Member Goodman, the City doesn't have the resources to hire enough traffic agents to monitor the areas with restricted parking. I fear, however, that people have gotten into the habit of lengthy parking wherever there is a space, even in front of retail shops. Yesterday four cars without stickers were parked all day outside my house. Cars have parked overnight in the no parking space all winter long. But watch out! When winter parking rules are lifted, you will get a ticket. If I have to pay for a parking permit, so do you.



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# State of Potholes

By Madeleine Lowry

'Minnesota, Land of 10,000 Lakes' is getting a bit shopworn. Isn't it time for something more current, something more memorable? How about playing up some of our more unique features? Potholes, for example.

Now that the City has run out of funds to provide temporary patches for pot-sized holes in the roadways, it's time to explore their positive attributes. We should cultivate our appreciation of potholes since they're going to be part of our landscape for a while.

Potholes aren't all bad. (Say what?) Really. Some communities love their potholes because they function as a cheap traffic-calming device. I've sat in enough Lowry Hill Neighborhood Board meetings where funds for traffic-calming methods were sought. Try potholes.

Potholes make you smarter. Their locations and depths change almost daily, keeping your mind sharp as you constantly rebuild your mental map. Potholes are what a zookeeper might call "environmental enrichment" for homo sapien drivers. The level of mental stimulation is probably on par with doing the Monday New York Times crossword puzzle.

Potholes are entertaining. A trip around town is less predictable, less monotonous thanks to potholes. A pothole here, a pothole there, traffic swerving everywhere. Oh, the thrills and chills! Your daily commute made as exciting as a trip to Valley Fair.

Potholes encourage mindfulness, something we could all benefit from. If you are distracted while driving, you could lose the front end of your car. If you wish to arrive at your destination with your vehicle intact, put down the cell phone and indulge in a bit of zen practice as you go



Madeleine Lowry

about your errands. Om, pothole, om! (Repeat.)

Potholes add pizzazz. When I switched from a stick-shift to an automatic I thought all the fun of driving was over. Not so with potholes. They'll keep you on your toes. Make you feel more alive. Test your driving skill. For example, that car-eating pothole on Irving (you know, the one with the gaping maw that just might extend to the center of the earth)—with nerves of steel, the delicate touch of a surgeon, and a wide undercarriage you can sail right over it, centered between your tires. Alternatively, you can veer into oncoming traffic and take your chances—a new kind of Russian roulette.

Potholes are useful. Ancient Indian tribes stored wild rice in deep holes reminiscent of potholes. Small potholes could serve as nut holds for squirrels, storage for recyclables or temporary homes for small animals. Large ones could be used as bomb shelters. A collection of potholes, such as the one by Parade Ice Center, could function as a simulation for driving on the surface of the moon.

Potholes have the potential to inspire community spirit. (Oh yes, yes, they could!) They could be artfully amended and turned into community art projects. (I can see it now: Adopt a pothole!)

Potholes could lift Minnesota's status from fly-over land to something really quirky and unique. Just, think of the possibilities: we could have our own reality TV show for starters— "Survivor Special Edition, Minnesota Pothole Challenge."

## Neighbor from page one

Capitol.

It seems like the only thing happening in St. Paul these days is budget cutting. Do you have a solution for our budgetary woes? I wish there was an easier fix to our budget woes. I am working toward a balance of cuts in spending and fair revenue. In broad brush strokes, I like what Governor Dayton has proposed – making our tax system more progressive, "holding harmless" our kids and schools, also shielding local government aid (LGA). In previous years, cuts to LGA have been a big driver of our mounting property taxes. State aid payments to Minneapolis have been cut by \$54 million since 2008 and right now, the majority wants to eliminate them altogether by 2014. I also remain very concerned, even in his budget, about cuts to some of our most vulnerable neighbors, via reduced funding for healthcare and long term care.

What are your top priorities? My top priority this session is to see us take a balanced approach to the budget, while safeguarding some of our most important investments. While the budget discussion roars on, the bills I have introduced (or am about to introduce) focus on supporting early childhood education, funding for all-day kindergarten, and retaining successful healthcare models that serve our neediest neighbors. I am also excited to be working on legislation that addresses teen dating violence.

What committees are you serving on and how do they shape the topics you work on? I serve on three committees: Government Operations and Elections, State Government Finance, and the Legacy Fund. The first two committees having me working particularly closely with election law, for example voter I.D., and what percentage of votes should trigger a recount. The Legacy Fund committee is what I like to call my happy committee, as it is the only committee that has dedicated funds to invest. I love learning more about the ways in which we are protecting our Minnesota legacy via the arts, history, parks and the wild outdoors.

Could what happened in Madison happen in St. Paul? What happened in Madison will fortunately not happen in St. Paul. With the legislature and executive branch controlled by the two major parties, one serves as the balance to the other. I also want to echo Governor Dayton when he said, "This is not Wisconsin." I am proud to support him and others who respect the rights of workers to organize and bargain.

How do you unwind? This winter Bart and I have gotten a big kick out of the arts scene in Minneapolis. Just this weekend I enjoyed the Illusion Theater, the Jungle Theater, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Other recent favorites are Huge Theater (a new improv place on Lyndale at Lake), and any hip hop production coming out of Fifth Element/Rhymesayers at 24th and Hennepin. And of course, a shout out to the Kenwood students who

are sharing their art with us in the Burch Pharmacy windows.

Do you have a favorite ice cream flavor from Sebastian Joe's? Sebastian Joe's Oreo ice cream defies classification it is so good.

How can people get in touch? I'd like to thank all of you who have called, written, emailed or visited since session started – keep it coming! It is powerful to hear from constituents, and wonderful to be reminded of our community's engagement in issues. I can be reached via telephone at 651-296-0171, or via email at rep.marion.greene@house.mn. I also welcome mail at 175 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155. And, speaking of the power of social media, follow me on Facebook ("Marion Greene") and Twitter (@MarionGreene).

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# sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Experts agree that the best type of computer for your individual needs is the one that comes on the market about two days after you actually purchase some other computer.

—Dave Barry

Don't anthropomorphize computers—they hate that.

—Anonymous

I have seen the future and it is middle-aged bald men and a shiny post-personal computer iPad that weighs 1.3 pounds. I watched a number of friends, acquaintances, and, scarily, fellow motorists, captivated by the initial iPad. I dismissed it as merely a game-playing portable Internet device or a very large iPod. Much the way I was reluctant to swap my vinyl records for audio cassettes a thousand years ago, I have held rigidly to the notion of sitting at a computer work station to write a column, draft e-mails, or surf the web. Now my eyes have been opened. As a spontaneous action-guy I want to be able to take my fun with me, possibly as far as the back yard!

By chance and curiosity I clicked on the one-hour-plus video of the Apple iPad 2 launch event on March 2 in San Francisco. Steve Jobs, returning temporarily from a medical leave, remains an amazing visionary. He and his creative team demonstrated the wonders of the iPad 2. I felt like a rube who had snuck under the circus tent. I am not sure what I saw, but I need to own one.

Admittedly my experience is very limited, but Apple stores have an energy and an organizational hum that their mall neighbors lack. The shoe store, the bakery, the art supply shop are lifeless. The Bed Bath and Beyond smells of desperation, middle-aged women folding sheets. Even approaching the Apple store is arduous. It is Studio 54 with Hush Puppies. I am politely accosted by a purposely bald young clerk wielding a space age clipboard. "Do you have an appointment?" The answer that I just want to loiter and touch stuff, while true, does not seem to be the one he is look-

ing for. Still he effortlessly guides me to an associate skilled at handling tire-kicking old duffers who like to mosey around and hold computers up to their ear to hear the engine.

There is an ever widening gap between what computers can do and the amount of energy and imagination I can call up to put the machine through its paces. There may be an app for anything I can imagine, but I spent most of my creativity on the Jimmy Carter reelection campaign in 1980. The iPad 2 is a race car. I do not want to drive 35 mph in second gear getting only forwarded e-mails of baby ducks and kittens napping together, reading the Minneapolis Star Tribune online, and listening to inane sports podcasts.

If I buy an iPad 2, and I do not think I can stop myself, I must vow to make my little one-pound friend proud of me. I will create awesome heavy new wave songs with gnarly overdubbing and forward them to hip young friends in the blogosphere. I'll take plenty of slow-motion videos of my dogs through a kaleidoscope lens, and rip original Afro-Cuban-Zydeco music tracks. I can see taking thermal pictures of my friends that look like weekend at Chernobyl, or making my own iMovie of hang gliding in Hawaii if I ever get there.

The iPad and its 65,000 apps have so much potential, it is daunting. I feel like I am back in high school and all the cool kids know how to fast dance. What if I buy the accessories and 64GB and I am still a dud? The two-way camera Facetime/Photo Booth allows live action video chats with old friends, emphasis on the old. What if I get trapped into boring video reminiscences with a bunch of old codgers who show me HD pictures of their liver spots and their grandchildren. The only way to salvage it would be an app that allows you to pass beer through the screen.

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There is another line forming just a few miles from the Apple store. The Dollar Tree is opening a new store. Hiring began for 50 minimum wage jobs. There

were more than 125 people in line.

Tom H. Cook remains in exile, hiding from Republican Congress members from Wisconsin. He is in search of an app that will write his column.



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