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Walking and driving will be safer and easier in the Neighborhood

The Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods are fortunate to have dedicated and expert leaders who can make changes that benefit all of us. Most of us are aware of the danger that existed from the lack of a sidewalk along Kenwood Park and Franklin Avenue. Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) funded the installation of the sidewalk with NRP funds. The need for the sidewalk was identified by Lowry Hill residents walking to Kenwood School and Kenwood Park. In the absence of a sidewalk in the park, pedestrians had to cross Franklin at a dangerous s-curve in the road. The new sidewalk improves safety for residents. New trees and bushes will be planted adjacent to the sidewalk to improve the walking experience. Janet Hallaway, president of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, successfully led the effort to get a sidewalk installed on the north side of Franklin Avenue in Kenwood Park. She and LHNA deserve our thanks.

And Parks Commissioner Anita Tabb announced that the street that runs between the Parade Ice Garden and Parade stadium is going to be resurfaced. This street has long been a treacherous drive filled with ruts and potholes and we applaud Anita's success in getting the street repair scheduled. Thank you, Anita.

CRIME ALERT

The 5th Police Precinct has issued an alert concerning a number of aggravated assaults and robberies in the 10th Ward. This is an unusual trend for the precinct and especially for this area.

In most cases: the victim is assaulted from behind; suspect descriptions vary but seem to include groups of multiple suspects; the incidents are occurring late at night, typically between 11 pm and 2 am; in one incident, an assault may have included brass knuckles

Please remember that crime can occur anywhere and is not reflective of the area. There are preventative steps that can be taken to help decrease the opportunity for crimes and increase the chances that any crimes that do occur result in an identification or arrest.

Call 911 on suspicious activity! Pay attention to your surroundings and trust your instincts. Walk in groups if possible. Stay in well-lighted areas.

Any information about the suspect(s) and vehicle(s) is very important. Try to provide this information to the responding officers and the 911 operator.

Be aware of your ability to focus. If you have information on an incident, call the MPD Tips Line at (612) 692-8477.

Please watch for a list of Spring Safety Tips in our upcoming May newsletter. If you would like to sign up for our newsletter, please email Breanna, 10th Ward Associate, at breanna.patsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us. Please include what neighborhood you live in.

Spring and summer are finally here – let's get outdoors, have fun, but be alert and be safe.

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Photos by Dorothy Childers

The new sidewalk running along the south side of Kenwood Park.

ROBERT BLY READING AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



ROBERT BLY

By James P. Lenfestey

Six hundred or so listeners thrilled to the performance of Minnesota Poet Laureate Robert Bly reading from his newest book, "Talking into the Ear of A Donkey" at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis on May 9. Bly was accompanied by his musical companions of the past thirty-seven years, David Whetstone on sitar and Marcus Wise on tabla. Both live in Minneapolis and are world-renowned on their instruments. Bly, 84, was visibly buoyed by the music as he read and recited with joy, old and new poems. He insisted on opening with readings from poets he considered his mentors. He recited a Yeats poem by heart, and read poems by the ancient Indian poets Kabir and Mirabai, and the Persian master Hafez. His own new poems demonstrated his mastery of his famous adaptations of the Persian ghazal form, to his invented form, the ramage, which delights the ear with the play of sound. The evening opened and closed with standing

ovations for one of the nation's premier literary and cultural figures, who happens to be our neighbor in Lowery Hill. One of Bly's new poems asks the question, "Robert, you've wasted so much of your life/Sitting indoors to write poems. Would you/Do that again? I would, a thousand times." The audience agreed, a thousand times.

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

The East Calhoun Community Organization (ECCO) is sponsoring their 39th annual super sale. Over 60 garage and yard sales will be held on June 4, 9 am to 4 pm. ECCO is bordered by Lake Street to 36th St., and Hennepin Ave to East Calhoun Parkway. Look for yard signs and maps at each sale location.

Super Sale: Joyce Uptown Food Shelf and CARAG neighborhood. At the church, 1219 W 31st St, May 21, 8 am to 4 pm. clothes, miscellaneous, and toys.

FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

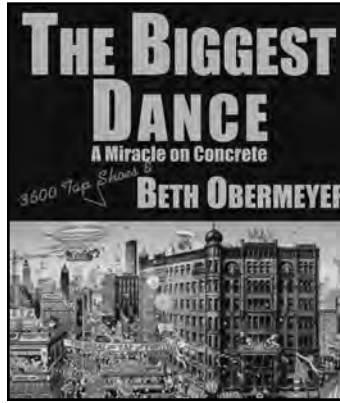
Hello Everyone. Welcome to the new season of Spring-er-the season between winter and spring. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, with the help of Pete Engelen and his crew, the MPRB, and Tangletown Gardens have TLP in beautiful condition for Spring's enjoyment. Notice how the urn has been "dressed" by Tangletown Gardens in post winter finery. As many of you know, Barb and Jim Fogel and Suzanne and Bill Payne have devoted in years past, many, many hours doing TLP maintenance, plantings, pruning, weeding, and trimming. This is hard work and, all too often, lonely work. Without more regular volunteers, the workload is now too much for the Fogels and the Paynes because of their respective schedules and senioritis. Friends is grateful Pete Englen and his crew will jump in to help on occasion. Nonetheless, if you want to exercise your green thumb and help beautify TLP, please coordinate with Barb by calling or emailing (bfogel@comcast.net) her.

Friends is pleased that TLP has evolved since Friends' creation four years ago. Friends takes pride in the major accomplishments to date: the urn and its seasonal changes with the help of LHNA and Tangletown Gardens; completing the irrigation of the entire TLP with the help of Craig Wilson, LHNA, and Commissioner Anita Tabb; the plantings of new beds with the help of Tangletown Gardens and the MPRB; the planting of 15 new trees; and the overall improvement of the maintenance and appearance of TLP. Friends needs your support and contributions. Each of the four directors of Friends donates annually a sizeable amount but their contributions can't meet all the needs of TLP. Please take a moment to send a generous, tax deductible donation to Friends of TLP, c/o Sara Peterman, 1801 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Architect Peter Sussman spoke on the history of Lowry Hill and Thomas Lowry at The Kenwood on April 29 along with Jimmy and Barb Fogel and Barry Lazarus. Jimmy asked the audience to make a donation to Friends after Barb and Barry related what Friends is

The story of the 1,801 Guinness Record-Breaking Tap-Dancers Gets Told, Three Decades Later

Kenwood Author Beth Obermeyer at Birchbark Books, June 16, 7 p.m. The Biggest Dance; A Miracle on Concrete. The uprising of 1801 tap dancers to open Minneapolis' downtown Hennepin Center for the Arts over three decades ago, the first flash mob long before the internet. It's a little-engine-that-could story, the news of which flew around the world.



serigraph, Hiromichi Yamagata, The Great Tap Festival, done after the event, 1980.



Beth Obermeyer; Loyce Houlton, artistic director Minnesota Dance Theatre; Edward Holmberg, MDT Board, October 15, 1979 Philip Prowse photo

doing for TLP. Friends thanks The Kenwood for the venue and the residents for donating several hundred dollars. Friends also thanks Peter Sussman for his wonderful program.

Barb's daughter, Dr. Jen Holm, DVM, a Boston resident and CMO of the prestigious Angell Memorial Hospital, is writing an article for Friends about toxic plants and food which affect animals. Dr. Holm will be Friends' first guest columnist. The article is scheduled for the June issue of the Hill & Lake Press. Also in June's article, Tangletown Gardens will provide details of the perennial plants used in Phases I and II of TLP.

Friends also thanks L. Paul Bird, Esq., formerly a Lake of the Isles resident now residing at The Kenwood, for providing Friends with historical material about Lowry Hill and TLP. Barry is reviewing this information and will include interesting tidbits in future columns. That's all folks. Have a great May.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- May 21, 8 to 4pm Joyce/CARAG Supersale
- May 21, 9am Park Siding Park Cleanup
- May 24, 6:30pm CIDNA burglary prevention work shop, Jones Harrison
- May 25, noon Lunch with Lisa, St. Thomas, Mpls
- June 4, 9 to 4pm. ECCO Supersale
- June 5, 2pm, Isles Ensemble, LOI Lutheran
- June 6, 6:30pm Levin Triangle meeting Rec Center
- June 9, 7pm Bill Moyers at Plymouth Church
- June 16, 7pm Beth Obermeyer at Birchbark Books
- June 16, 6pm block leader social Kenwood Park

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

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR JOE HAGEDORN

Craig Wilson interviews artist Joe Hagedorn about being a classical guitarist, owning a 120 year old Hill Lake home and an upcoming Isles Ensemble concert where he will be performing with his wife, violinist Leslie Shank. The concert is Sunday, June 5th, 2:00 pm at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church.

You and your talented and beautiful wife, violinist Leslie Shank, will be performing together at an upcoming Isles Ensemble concert. What will you be performing? Leslie and I will perform three "Tango Etudes" by Argentine composer Astor Piazzolla. These pieces were originally composed for unaccompanied flute or violin and the composers Sergio Assad and his daughter Clarisse Assad recently composed guitar accompaniments for them. Sergio Assad has been a life-long proponent of Piazzolla's music and probably knows the style as well as anyone. The "Tango Etudes" are beautiful examples of Piazzolla's very recognizable and famous modern tango style. (He lived from 1921 until 1992). The rest of the program includes the Sixth string quartet of Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence" for sextet. These other pieces are also fantastic!

Do you often perform together? Performing together is a special treat for us because we don't do it very often. As a member of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Leslie is kept quite busy throughout the season with weekly concerts around the Twin Cities and occasional touring. However, over the past twenty-plus years we've performed as a duo in several states and Mexico and released a CD. Much of the music we've performed over the years is music written for us by various composer friends or music that I've arranged for us from pieces originally composed for other instruments.

When did you begin playing guitar? I first started guitar at age seven by learning to play chords from my Aunt. My earliest guitar playing was accompanying my relatives singing Peter, Paul and Mary and



Joe Hagedorn

John Denver songs. I come from a big family and think I must have played at more than a dozen weddings before I finished high school. Starting at about age eight, I had private lessons with two different teachers, but after my second teacher moved away, my mother called the local college for

lessons. She was told there were two teachers available and one taught classical and one taught country western. She didn't know what classical guitar was, but she was definitely not a fan of country music so that was why I started classical guitar!

In addition to being a college instructor, you give private lessons, do solo performances and perform with the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet. Where can Hill Lake residents see you perform? I perform most frequently with the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet (MGQ), but most of our performances happen out of town. I've been a part of this group for twenty five years and we've given concerts and classes all over the country. In fact, I've been in the MGQ for so long now, that I'm the only original member still playing in the group! Within the Twin Cities area, we usually perform just once or twice per season. Our web site is easy to find and we keep our schedule listed there. It's been about five years since my last solo concert, but I still practice solo music all the time and I'm hoping to get a full concert program ready again in the near future.

You grew up in Iowa. What brought you to Minneapolis? I came to Minnesota for the weather - just kidding! The part of Iowa I grew up in (NE) has about the same climate. I actually came to Minneapolis

to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota where I finished my Master of Music degree. By the time I finished that program, I had fallen in love with this place.

How did you and Leslie meet? Leslie and I met more than twenty years ago through other musician friends. I guess you could say we were set up! We met by going out with a group of friends after a concert that Leslie performed in and we hit it off right from the start. We put on our first concert together before we were married; I think that first concert was a good test for our relationship and we really enjoyed working together. We have very similar attitudes and tastes when it comes to performing and practicing music so we can very easily understand each other's professional responsibilities.

You own a beautiful 120 year old Victorian home. What are some of your past and present home improvement projects? Most of our "home improvement projects" would probably have to be more accurately described as the necessary effort required to keep the house from falling apart! Even so, it's wonderful to have such a nice home with so much history. One of the previous owners was a U of MN professor with a real love for music and it turns out that some of our current friends had been to music and after-concert parties in this same house years before we bought it. Our most notable home improvement of late was to get a wonderful new oven to replace our 1947 Tappan!

Your home is constantly filled with music and activity, what is life like when musical instruments are put away in their cases? Our everyday non-musical activities are probably no different from those of many other people. We love going to movies, theater and restaurants and our neighborhood can't be beat when it comes to pursuing these interests. We have a 12-year old daughter, Olivia, who is attending Jefferson Community School and we especially enjoy all of our time spent with her and her friends.



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MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

Can't really help but think about it. This week I belong to a new age cohort. You know, those bar graphs where it shows age distribution. Yep. With the flip of a calendar page I've edged to the right of the graph, a member of bar 12, the one labeled 55-59 years. For me, there are just six of a total 18 bars remaining on the graph. As much as I might try, looking to the final bar on the graph just doesn't appear like some kind of a finish line. It feels more like a fading edge, especially with that plus sign added to the year 85.

As I view the bar graph and contemplate my own mortality, I find myself more transfixed on the bars to the left, those of our younger, emerging populations. What will be their future? More immediate and relevant to public education, how are discussions going on today



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at our legislature in St. Paul going to affect them and our future society?

This past week's K-12 Education conference committee discussions has me joining a lot of people who are seriously concerned about that. The GOP majority reached agreement on legislative priorities that reflect how we plan to raise future generations. Those funding priorities by a GOP majority say it loud and clear, at least to me, "Don't support children who don't look like us."

While I'm apt to resist making (or even listening to) brash and incendiary statements, the actions at the Capitol with regard to K-12 education funding has me searching for a more reasonable conclusion. K-12 education funding for urban school districts, that include just three of the state's some 648 public school districts, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, have been targeted for massive cuts. MPS and SPP account for one-tenth (9%) of the state's total public school student enrollment, but one fourth (24%) of the state's minority students. Cuts are proposed to the funding sources that serve children who live in poverty, who are non-white, and who enter our schools each day in greatest need. State Rep. Davnie who sits on education committee reported that the proposed cuts will reduce funding for all students attending MPS by an estimated \$100 to \$200 per student.

There are those who point to one of the funding sources, Integration aid, as a reduction of waste or a source of corruption. While there has been some uneasiness with Integration aid by some, that's not the district's doing. Each year, MPS complied and implemented to meet or exceed the State's objectives, criteria, and standards for the funds. If the purpose of the funds is to be debated, that's one thing. But to eliminate it as a funding source and divert those funds elsewhere

feels mean and retaliatory.

What is most telling for me is that in this sanctimonious context of our State legislature calling for savings and efficiencies, I understand that the proposed funding priorities accomplish neither. They don't save money but rather they shift funds to populations to non-urban and smaller (under 1,000 district enrollment) exurban school districts throughout the state and to Charter schools. This ignores the findings that have found student academic success at Charter Schools all too often no better and in many cases actually worse than the MPS schools the kids left. Is it really a stretch to acknowledge the connection? Resources are to be extracted from urban school districts who serve poor non-white urban students and are to be redistributed to those considered more worthy, children who look much like most of our majority legislators.

U.S. Census figures released just this past week indicate that our city's population is shifting. Our total urban youth population growth is relatively stable with some slight declines. But within that context, we're experiencing a rise in an immigrant population. It's been said before, but it's worth repeating. Some 100-plus languages are spoken in the homes of students who attend Minneapolis Public Schools. These kids don't look like our aging population, much less the legislators who we have making decisions about how much we value these children and their futures, and all of our futures. As I become a member of a new age cohort, it makes me question to whom our society's future belongs.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident, serves on a number of boards and committees relative to public education and offers a monthly perspective in the Hill & Lake Press "Minneapolis Minds" column. He can be reached at stevek@elemenop.us.

PBS JOURNALIST BILL MOYERS AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9 AT 7PM

by James P. Lenfestey

Public television commentator Bill Moyers, one of the most influential public affairs journalists of his generation, will discuss his latest collection of conversations, Bill Moyers Journal: The Conversation Continues, on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. S. He will be introduced by Minneapolis author Louise Erdrich, who participated in a particularly memorable conversation with Moyers recounted in this book. The free event is co-sponsored by Plymouth's Literary Witnesses series and the Loft Literary Center. Birchbark Books, which arranged this reading, will sell books at the event.

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Mill City Commons: Meeting the lifelong health and lifestyle needs of its members

By Sonia Cairns and Pat Hoven



Photo courtesy of Sonia Cairns

Left to right; Suzanne Joyce, Marcia Townley - chair of MCC, Pat Hoven, Ellen Breyer, and Sonia and John Cairns.

Have you ever fantasized about an organization that could help you stay in your home as you age? Have you already begun to wonder what it would take to continue to live here in the 'hood? Would you be interested in learning more about an organization that already exists to support your current lifestyle into the future?

Mill City Commons, founded in 2008, is part of the Village Movement which is gaining momentum around the country. Mill City Commons is designed to build community and connect its members to the resources they need to maintain active and independent lifestyles in their homes. Several of your current and former neighbors have invested in their futures by joining Mill City Commons. MCC provides a broad array of services, including:

A rich assortment of unique cultural, educational, and social activities that take advantage of nearby institutions such as the Guthrie Theatre, the University of Minnesota, and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

A member to member volunteer network that provides support that you need and many opportunities to assist other members.

Health and wellness programs that include programs such as Yoga, weekly hikes, discussions about end of life decisions.

In-home preferred vendor lists of reasonably priced, most reliable contractors and services.

Community service opportunities to volunteer ones skills and resources when special community needs are identified by other neighbors.

Here are examples of recent programs to give you just a sense of MCC programming. First, a series of Legacy programs has enlisted experts to lead discussions on such critical matters as decluttering vital records so they're more accessible to yourself and others, another on end-of-life decision making, and, finally, one on the radical transformation of current Alzheimer care.

Second, a Great Decisions discussion group exists to enhance understanding of how U.S. foreign policy decisions are made. Based on briefing materials by the Foreign Policy Association, a recent program featured former neighbor and Mill City Commons member, Roger Hale, who led a discussion on Sanctions and Nuclear Nonproliferation.

Third, for just plain fun, several members participated in a play reading at the Guthrie Theatre of "Arsenic and Old Lace." Play readings are held throughout the year. There's no more exciting way to enhance ones enthusiasm for seeing a play than reading it with friends in advance.

Some history: A small group of us who live in neighborhoods around the lakes learned of the successful start up of Mill City Commons and wanted to explore if we could start a like program to help us stay in our homes, to "age in place". Late in 2009, we met with MCC and learned how their program works in the downtown neighborhoods near the Mississippi. After several meetings, we and MCC decided it would be mutually beneficial for the lakes neighborhoods to join forces with them, rather than starting our own organization. We did and now several couples and individuals from the Lakes neighborhood have joined and are enjoying the benefits of Mill City Commons.

After reading about Mill City Commons, we hope you are so intrigued and interested that you will want to learn more. We hope to encourage your interest in potentially joining this organization that has repeatedly proved its value to each of us through its support for our lifelong health and lifestyle needs. We are including a reference to our website for you to learn more for yourself - www.millcitycommons.org - as well as our names and contact information so you can contact us with questions or comments. Each of us would be happy to make dates for coffee or even a telephone call.

Above all, we'd like to share the experience of Mill City Common with you and your neighbors.

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Meeting and Greeting our new Representative, Marion Greene

By Joyce Murphy

On April 30, 2011, a rainy Saturday afternoon, a group of us who live on the west side of Minneapolis and come from a variety of neighborhoods gathered at the Kenwood Cafe to meet with Representative Marion Greene, our state legislature representative in District 60 A. We met to address and talk over issues affecting this area. The topics and problems covered ranged from local neighborhoods, to citywide, to statewide.

One non-political question that was asked of Representative Greene was how she balanced the myriad duties of her job with her family life? Her answer was she saved time for her private/family life as a sanity saver and emotional balance away from the public aspects of her life. She also said that she had gotten up early like the rest of us including yours truly to watch the royal wedding on Friday.

One of the many issues that were discussed at this Marion Greene to page 10



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Representative Marion Greene, third person from the right, met with constituents at Kenwood Cafe to discuss their concerns and questions. More meetings are being planned for the future.

Kenwood School



Kenwood School 3rd, 4th and 5th graders performed Pinocchio, the annual school musical, for the Kenwood community. Parents, parent alums and teachers donated their time and expertise to make costumes, score original music and tutor young singers. An amazing performance by all!

Photos by Courtney Cushing Kiernat.

Kenwood 4th graders spent a warm, sunny afternoon tending to the Kenwood garden on the south side of the school. Bulbs have started to bloom and the students planted a few herbs to start their gardening season. Kenwood students will continue to learn and practice composting and water conservation at school as they work in the Kenwood garden through the school year. Kenwood families will tend the garden during the summer months. All community members are welcome to stop by and see Kenwood's garden.



Neighborhood Spring Egg Hunt at Kenwood Park

Bright and early on Saturday, April 23rd, 130 neighborhood kids showed up for the 4th annual Spring Egg Hunt. The event was coordinated and sponsored by neighborhood realtors, Stacy Sullivan and Jen Kyllonen of Edina Realty.

Despite the soggy weather, the egg hunt was outdoors this year. Over 600 eggs were hidden in our beautiful neighborhood park. And, it was a sight to see! The kids had a blast!

Inside the REC Center, as parents mingled and drank coffee (generously donated by Kenwood Deli), kids enjoyed playing hop scotch with the Easter Bunny, face painting, MIA and ARTrageous art projects, puppy dog tails and balloons galore! Kid's received gift bags from SULLIVAN & KYLLONEN and fun balls and piggy banks from Uptown's neighborhood Central Bank.

A big thanks to Nancy Hope Design for all the design work and to the fun crew at the Kenwood Recreation Center. What an amazing community we have!



Neighborhood kids, Alex Roseblade and Henry Paton.



Lila and Levi Kyllonen helped kids make tissue paper flowers

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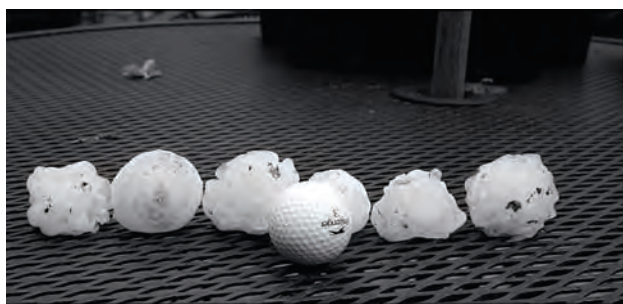


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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA's Board Meeting
May 3, 2011 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Jane Schommer (Outgoing President), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Ginna Portman Amis, Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Harvey Ettinger, Tina Frontera, Linda Schutz, and Joe Sinnott. Rosita Acosta (Alternate) was also present. East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

EIRA President Jane Schommer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by introductions of each attendee.

Election of New Officers

Jane Schommer stated that she would not be seeking re-election as President of the EIRA Board. Open positions include President, Vice-President and Secretary. Jane asked for volunteers for these positions, there were none. Candidates nominated for Treasurer were Al Rodriguez and Ramon Ramirez Quintero. Al confirmed that he would like to continue as Treasurer. It was unclear if Ramon is interested in the position (he was not in attendance). Al Rodriguez was unanimously re-elected as EIRA Treasurer.

Meg Tuthill, Ward 10 Councilmember Meg Tuthill provided the following report:

Amore Victoria's expansion of business to include a rooftop patio was approved by the City Council on April 29 (10-3 vote). The approval came with an amendment that includes adding a screen to the west side of the patio and having the deck cleared by 10 p.m. on weeknights and 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Meg opposed the

rooftop patio because of the proximity to residential property.

The Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct Open House will be held Thursday, May 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at 3101 Nicollet Ave.

Yard waste collection has begun for the season (collected on garbage day).

The Bryant Bike Boulevard contractor has been selected. Approval by City Council is scheduled for May 13.

The Greenway will be open during bridge construction.

The next Meet with Meg is Tuesday, May 10.

Phyllis Kahn has a bill in the Minnesota House to reinstate NRP funding.

The state legislature passed a bill clarifying when variances associated with hardship can be granted. Meg will bring more details to next month's EIRA meeting.

Meg is working on strengthening the outdoor patio ordinance (music and capacity).

Linda Schutz asked two questions: 1. Updated status of a proposed restaurant slated for the Hollywood Video site (2112 Hennepin Ave So). Meg suggested the Zoning Committees of the East Isles and Lowry Hill neighborhoods work together to address it, since it's located in Councilmember Goodman's ward. Linda noted that the restaurant owner separately met with the LHENA neighborhood on the east side of Hennepin and the same courtesy should be extended toward East Isles on the south side. EIRA Zoning Co-Chair Steve Havig reported plans and drawings for the restaurant were requested from the proposer but were never delivered and much was already decided regarding it. Linda urged the EIRA Zoning Committee to schedule an informational presentation for the benefit of residents, especially those living on the north end of East Isles, to learn more as no information was forthcoming from either CM Goodman's office nor Lowry Hill neighborhood despite prior requests. 2. Linda asked for an update beyond a brief description from an April 2011 Star Tribune article about plans for a Casino on Block E. Meg said that nothing has been presented to the City to date.

Michael Cronin, Holiday Station

Michael Cronin came to the EIRA Board in June 2010 with a proposal for electronic signs at the Holiday Station at 2448 Hennepin. Since that time, the City Council adopted new standards for dynamic signs (including where they are allowed and how they operate). Holiday would like to install a dynamic sign to draw more people into the store (vs. just paying at the pump). Holiday meets the new guidelines and will be applying for a conditional use permit to install the new sign. The EIRA Board unanimously voted in support of the dynamic sign at Holiday.

The Midtown Greenway Coalition asked East Isles to consider a resolution regarding the new Walker Library and its connection to the Midtown Greenway. Lowry Hill East, CARAG, and ECCO have all passed similar resolutions. The Zoning and Land Use Committee reviewed the resolution at their April meeting and is proposing a revised resolution for consideration by the EIRA Board. Linda Schutz asked the Board to consider strengthening the language regarding adequate mitigation for possible motorized vehicles along the Greenway corridor. The Board

decided to take the next month to review mitigation research. Linda Schutz will invite Commissioners Dorfman and Tabb and a representative from the library design team to the June EIRA Board meeting.

Carla Rohwedder of 1521 27th Street W. purchased her property in 1969 as a four-plex. In December 2010, Carla was notified she was out of compliance because her property is zoned as a duplex. Carla was seeking a Nonconforming Use Certificate to continue to operate her property as four-plex. The City denied her request and advised that she should apply for a zoning change (from R2 to R3). Carla attended the April meeting of the Zoning and Land Use Committee to address concerns. On April 26, Zoning and Land Use Committee Co-chairs Harvey Ettinger and Steve Havig sent a letter to the City's planning department stating opposition to the R3 rezoning and supporting Carla Rohwedder in reapplying for a Nonconforming Use Certificate. On May 3, Harvey Ettinger received an email from Carla Rohwedder stating that she plans to withdraw her application for re-zoning to R-3 and will re-submit the application for Nonconforming Use. The EIRA Board unanimously voted to support Carla Rohwedder's request for Nonconforming Use. The Board further voted to authorize the Zoning Co-chairs to send a letter to the City reflecting Carla's intention to re-submit the application for Nonconforming Use and the Board's support of that decision.

The Zoning and Land Use Committee is reviewing a request from Mesa Pizza, a possible new business on Lake Street (between Kinko's and Lunds). The Uptown location would be the third restaurant for this company. They serve pizza, salad and soda (no alcohol). They are seeking a zoning change to stay open until 3:00 a.m., daily (current zoning is 1:00 a.m., daily). The committee will meet with Mesa Pizza in June and report back to the EIRA Board in July.

Bylaws Committee

Tina Frontera, Chair of the Bylaws Committee reported that the Bylaws changes were approved at the April Annual Meeting. Clerical corrections have been made and EIRA President Jane Schommer signed the document. The EIRA Board voted to disband the Bylaws committee (unanimous).

Board Training Opportunities

Linda Schutz spoke with Robert Thompson, NCR staff about conducting training for the EIRA Board. There is no cost for the training and a variety of topics are available. Linda asked board members to review the topics and let her know which topics would be most helpful.

Al Rodriguez, Treasurer and Chair of Crime and Safety passed out a Treasurer's Report. The Crime and Safety Committee has organized Block Leader training for June 16th at Kenwood, 6:00 p.m.

Amy Sanborn is forming a Social Committee (including Sue Durfee). Additional members are welcome. The committee will begin planning for the Ice Cream Social. Amy asked for approval to select a date (either Thursday, August 18 or Thursday, August 25) and a budget of \$2,000. The Board approved the request (unanimous).

The Social Committee will be scheduling volunteers to staff the pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair. Please let Amy know if you can help. Discussions have begun

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Agenda includes: Update on the new Walker Library and possible street car station along the Greenway (near Hennepin Avenue/The Mall).

Guest speakers: Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County Commissioner and Lois Lenroot-Ernt, Hennepin County Library Capital Projects Office.

For more information, please contact EIRA Chair Pro Tem, Linda Schutz at or 612-374-9266 or kitchizibi@yahoo.com.



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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Amy Lucas

May 2011 KIAA Annual Meeting Minutes

KIAA Annual Meeting was held May 2, 2011 at Kenwood Cafe.

Vice-Chair Pat Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., following a socializing period with a delicious supper provided by the Café from 6 to 7 p.m.

Board Members present: Vice-Chair Pat Scott, Mike Bono, Terry Campbell, Jeanette Colby, Amy Lucas, Larry Moran, Ed Pluimer, Eric Sjoding, Kathy Williams and Roy Williams.

Others present: Lisa Goodman, City Council 7th Ward; State Representative Marion Greene, MN State Legislature District 60A; Ashley Robertson, Center for Energy and Environment; and 12 neighborhood residents.

2010-2011 KIAA fiscal year update – Roy Williams

KIAA fiscal year runs June 1-May 31

Main source of income is membership donations

KIAA yearly expenses include: print/mail newsletters; support Hill and Lake Press, Palio, Rec Center movies in the park; Ice Skating Party; candidates' forum; and supports keeping Rec Center toilets accessible during summer weekends.

Board Election – Pat Scott

Pat Scott, vice-chair, explained KIAA board profile and thanked retiring board member Terry Campbell for her service to KIAA board. Current KIAA members introduced themselves. 2011-2012 KIAA Board includes: Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Amy Lucas, Kathy Low, Larry Moran, Sam Murphy, Ed Pluimer, Eric Sjoding, Pat Scott, Kathy Williams and Roy Williams.

SW LRT Update – Jeanette Colby and Larry Moran

Jeanette explained recent KIAA comments for Station Area Planning Committee and draft "Joint Goals for SW LRT Design and Mitigation" agreed upon by KIAA and CIDNA. All are waiting for public release of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on SW LRT, expected the summer

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about a Wine Tasting fundraiser in 2011. Amy needs someone to take over the coordination of East Isles commitment, which includes attending one meeting and coordinating ticket sales/volunteers for the event.

Board Decisions

In the absence of a president, vice president and secretary Linda Schutz will send an email to Board members asking for volunteers to rotate as Chair pro tem for the next few meetings. Linda offered to take this role for the June meeting. Someone will need to monitor the president@eastisles.org email address and the mailbox at the UPS Store.

The Board unanimously approved the following:

Pay Monica Smith \$467.50 for work completed outside of the scope of NRP from January – April 2011.

Pay Monica Smith to attend Zoning and Land Use Committee meetings and prepare minutes.

The EIRA Board thanked Jane Schommer for her service as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CEDAR ISLES DEAN ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

Note: Below are abbreviated meeting minutes from CIDNA's April and May meetings. The complete minutes can be found at www.cidna.org.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 13, 2011

Board Chair Art Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Craig Westgate was unanimously approved as a CIDNA Board member.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 with refreshments at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Ward 10 Council Member Meg Tuthill's Report

Council Member Tuthill distributed fliers about: the City's closed pension; the City's budget; Local Government Aid and taxes; and permits/licenses for construction projects.

The City has allocated \$1 million dollars to fix potholes. \$2.7 million of the frozen NRP Phase II funds will be returned to NRP. Mobile food vendors have been approved for Uptown. The Urban Agriculture plan was approved. Contact Meg's with concerns. She holds a meeting the second Tuesday of each month, from noon-1 p.m. at the 5th Precinct.

Steve Bonello introduced Clothes Mentor, a franchise women's clothing resale business in Calhoun Village.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Bell

The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report.

NRP Report

The State legislature is considering bills that would rein-

Larry Moran reported on activities in St. Louis Park regarding proposed relocation of the freight line that currently operates in the Kenilworth rail corridor.

Guest Speaker – Ashley Robertson, Center for Energy and Environment

The non-profit, Center for Energy and Environment, will offer its new pilot program, Community Energy Services (CES) in our neighborhood this fall. Staff of the CES program perform energy audits. Attend a free energy educational workshop and Community Energy Services will schedule a customized home energy visit for \$30 that includes: blower door test and installation of energy savings measures (fluorescent light bulbs, high-efficiency shower heads, pipe wrap, programmable thermostats).

Call Ashley Robertson at (612) 335-5869 to place your name on a workshop waiting list or visit www.mnces.org to learn more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, June 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

state remaining NRP funds to neighborhoods.

CIDNA's Community Energy Services (CES) workshop received high praise from board members. Residents can attend a workshop in another neighborhood. The \$30 co-pay will be reimbursed to resident.

The NRP Committee is investigating: Options for the watering system at Park Siding Park; The affordable housing loan strategy.

Southwest LRT Report

The next meeting of the SW LRT CAC is June 22nd. The DEIS is expected some time in May. St. Louis Park and Edina oppose the relocation of freight rail.

Announcements

Art Higinbotham will remain on the CIDNA Board but will not continue as Chair after the Annual Meeting.

The Park Board is conducting a survey of ideas for Theodore Wirth Park.

Earth Day clean up will be Saturday, April 16 at Cedar Lake and 25th.

Glenna Case thanked the NRP Committee meeting for their work, particularly for bringing CES to the neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, May 11, 2011

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

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman's Report

The next Lunch with Lisa is May 25 at the University of St. Thomas.

The state legislature is considering drastic cuts in Local Government Aid (LGA). Minneapolis is working with the legislature to shift the closed pension funds to the state.

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The results of the recent resident satisfaction survey can be found on the City's website.

University of Minnesota Capstone Project

Four U of M Civil Engineering students presented their traffic assessment of Lake St. and Excelsior Blvd. and adjacent intersections. They analyzed existing data, conducted extensive traffic counts and took digital video of the area.

Problems identified were high levels of traffic during peak hours; high crash rates; and the need for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Short-term solutions: repaint pavement markings; install pedestrian countdown timers on signals; eliminate pedestrian crossing at Lake and Excelsior; optimize traffic signal timing; improve signage; and install emergency vehicle sensors at all intersections

The short-term suggestions are encouraged for their effectiveness and low costs.

Long-term solutions included an underpass at Lake and Excelsior and a bike/pedestrian bridge across Lake Street.

Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman

Commissioner Dorfman addressed concerns about Southwest Light Rail Transit. The Kenilworth route for LRT was approved by six cities, the Hennepin County Board and the Met Council based on the assumption that freight would be relocated. St. Louis Park is fighting the relocation.

The release date for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has not been set. Once the document is released, there will be a 45-day comment period.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved the Central Corridor. The Southwest LRT is the next Minnesota project in line for FTA approval.

The County is building a new Walker Library next year.

Jeremy Hanson, Chief of Staff for Mayor R.T. Rybak

Top priorities are jobs and economic development.

The increase in property taxes this year is due to a closed pension fund. Sen. Dibble authored legislation to merge the City's closed pension fund into the state's fund. The mayor feels that legislation to reverse the City's decision regarding NRP funding violates local control.

The mayor believes that a world-class city needs world-class amenities (including pro sports teams).

State Representative Marion Greene

Minneapolis is feeling under attack at the legislature with cuts to education and health care. Drastic cut in LGA are expected. One bright spot is Early Childhood Education. Rep. Greene voted against the bill to reinstate funding to NRP in committee. She feels that the City needs to manage its own budget without the state being involved. She is opposed to public financing for a new stadium.

BUSINESS MEETING PORTION OF AGENDA

The minutes from last year's annual meeting were unanimously approved.

Election of Board Members

Glenna Case will not be seeking re-election. Art Higinbotham recommended that the following board members be approved to continue their service on the Board: Ed Bell, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Art Higinbotham, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Gail Lee, David Shirley and Craig Westgate. A motion was made, seconded and approved. Chair Higinbotham asked for nominations from the floor for new board members. There were none. The officers will be elected at the next board meeting. Art Higinbotham will not continue as Chair.

Treasure Ed Bell reported the following:

- Remaining NRP Phase I funds: \$88,000
- \$15,143 in checking account
- \$261,000 is full allocation of NRP funds (if restricted to 50%: \$130,500)

Metropolitan Council: Forcemain Sewer Project

Adam Gordon from the Met Council presented plans for improvements to the regional sewers system. They are installing redundant forcemain in suspect areas and relining the remaining sections. The Met Council will also be doing the street restoration. The schedule is: Oct 2011-Jun 2012: Dean Pkwy to E. Calhoun Pkwy; Apr-Oct 2012: France Ave to Dean Pkwy; and 2013: E. Isles section. Ryan Fox is CIDNA's liaison for this project. Contact him with questions or concerns.

NRP Report, Gail Lee

Gail Lee provided an overview of the work of the NRP Committee: Phase II planning began more than one year ago with monthly meetings. The plan has gone through the necessary approval process. Bills to return frozen funds to



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Our April issue included a front page article about the Cedar Lake Trail written by Dr. Keith Prussing. Neil Trembley also contributed significantly to the article.

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meeting was the photo ID requirement for voting that will be on the ballot in the next election. Another question that was asked and answered was that old "bugaboo" problem of high property taxes and how they affected the financial situation of those who live here in these neighborhoods. The distribution of the Legacy funds was another topic pertinent to the arts was also questioned. The state constitutional amendment of the marriage act was discussed. One of the persons in the audience commented and questioned as to whether those in power had any legal background information concerning constitutional amendments and what they were about.

The input of ideas from those in attendance was lively and intelligent with most of us given the opportunity to speak and Representative Green acknowledging and answering our concerns.

At last when we all had our say, with a round of applause we bid a most fond adieu to Marion and each other and went home knowing we had been heard. It was a most successful meeting. There will be more of these meetings in the future with information available in the Hill and Lake Press, or by calling 651-296-0171. rep.marion.greene@house.mn

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On April 16, 2011, Third Grade Girl Scouts, from Troop #13407, Carondelet School, came to help clean Lake of the Isles as their Earth Day Service Project. Girl Scout Leader Ann McGarry, and parent, Andrea Strom, were there to lend a hand.
Photo by Dorothy Childers

NRP have passed committees in the House and Senate. Floor vote is expected soon. CIDNA has \$88,000 in Phase I funds remaining and \$261,000 for Phase II (if restricted to 50%: \$130,500).

Gail provided updates on the following initiatives.

Housing: Provide a loan through Non-Profits Assistance Fund for affordable housing project. Once repaid, the funds can be used for other CIDNA projects.

Gail introduced Monica Smith, the new Coordinator for the neighborhood to talk about Community Energy Services (CES). CES begins with a workshop followed by a home energy visit (co-pay of \$30). CIDNA is refunding the co-pay for the first 100 households. Residents can still participate. Grants up to \$5,000 are offered to the neighborhoods with the highest participation rates.

Community Building: Gail spoke about communication efforts (new e-newsletter) and social events: Earth Day, the Fall Festival and the Wine Tasting. Safety: Contact board member Ryan Fox with concerns about a new sidewalk on Sunset.

A burglary prevention workshop will be held at Jones-Harrison on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. A block leader social will be held at Kenwood Park on Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Environmental: The committee hopes to make improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach but the Park Board wants to wait to see how LRT may impact this area.

Cher Simer spoke about the volunteer group that maintains the gardens at Park Siding Park. Volunteers are needed to help with the weeding and watering throughout the summer as well as for the spring garden clean up on Saturday, May 21 starting at 9 a.m.

Implementation: Monica Smith has been hired to help implement Phase II.

Gail also gave an update on the City's NCR department. CIDNA's 2011 funding allocation is \$14,000 (to be used for administration and community engagement).

The NRP Committee welcomes volunteers. They meet the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

LRT Report

Ed Ferlauto reported on the Transportation Committee activities regarding LRT: The charrette conducted by the Cedar Lake Park Association suggest building a trench under Cedar Lake Pkwy. Board resolutions regarding the CIDNA to page 12

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Ready, Set, Camp!

We are nearing the end of the frenetic period known as Camp Selection season. In my experience, the season starts alarmingly early, sometime after New Year's.

I have a sister-in-law who always startles me when she announces (around Valentine's Day) that she has my niece fully-booked into camps for the whole summer. Yikes! In February I am still thinking about ice melter and lost mittens. Do camps even take registrations that early?

**MADELEINE
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By March, I have one brain cell that is tasked with thoughts of camp, but it still being overridden by more persistent thoughts of swim practice, band concerts, soccer, French tutors, and Face-to-Face math chats (don't ask). There are financials to gather, tax forms to fill, and my husband still has 47 rehearsals for his next VocalEssence Concert.

Who can think about camp?

April arrives and my husband is asking, "What are the kids going to do this summer?" Before I can answer, the kids chime in with, "You're not going to sign us up for any camps we hate again this year, are you?" and I can see that it is time to get down to brass tacks.

Camp these days is nothing like what I remember as a kid. Back in the day it was a sort of prison sentence. My mother would enroll me for a week, or maybe (gulp) two of some state-subsidized camp for inner-city kids where we played dodge ball for eight hours straight and baked on hot concrete while our counselors sat on benches in the shade chatting. For a craft we glued broken shards of tile into the lids of jars with old chewing gum.

Now, there is a virtual smorgasbord of camps to choose from for every kind of kid and every kind of interest. There are camps for artists, for athletes, for kids that can't get enough of school. There are camps for dancers, for dinosaur-lovers, for kids of deployed parents. There are camps for naturalists, scientists, and

linguists. There are camps for inventors, climbers, and sailors.

When it is time for the Great Camp Roundup, I start sorting the offerings based on well-honed selection criteria. I like camps that are close to home (more eco-friendly, less time in the car). I like camps that don't require taking out a second mortgage on the house. I like camps that take kindergarteners as well as junior high school kids, so that I don't have to spend my days driving around to three different places.

My kids have their own criteria. They like the camps that their friends attend. They don't like camps that require them to sizzle on an outdoor court on hot summer afternoons. (Such softies!) They like leisurely half-days of camp that will leave them with plenty of time to hang around at home, bickering and driving their mother completely bats.

By mid-April the listing from Southwest's Super Summer Program arrives in the mail and summer planning begins in earnest. My kids pore over the catalog. They drool over camps with names like Cake Decorating, Hair-Styling, Nails and Makeovers, Chinese Cuisine, How to Be a Private Detective, Fort-building, Bubbles, Bubbles and Silly Goo, Woodscrap Sculpture and Wacky Inventions and Sneaky Stuff.

Funny, there are certain topics that never seem to make it into any of the camp catalogs. For instance, How to Win Friends and Influence People with Excellent Telephone Manners. Or perhaps, How to Amaze and Impress Your Parents by Picking Up Your Room Semiannually. Or how about - How to Successfully Negotiate with your Siblings without Parental Involvement or Trips to the ER. (That one I would definitely pay for.)

By May the camp schedule is locked and loaded. It all looks good on paper, but I can see the potential for disaster. What happens when my youngest decides that Tumbling Tumbleweeds is too hard on his head? Or when he refuses to board the bus to Camp Christmas Tree as it dawns on him that it will take him away from home and all electronic devices for a full 8 1/2 hours? (Just think of the projects I can get done in that time!)

I think fondly of my friend Evie who, when her chil-

dren were young, told me, "My kids didn't want to do any camps this summer, so I hired a nanny for them and enrolled myself in tennis, painting and French!"

Mommy Camp! By golly!

I think she was really onto something.

Letter to the Editor

Hello Jean,

I've been hesitating to write you on this topic, but have decided to do so.

I believe that 'marriage' should be between a man and woman. Because of that, your popular writer Beth St. John considers me (one of your readers) "narrow minded, self-righteous, prejudiced, or hateful". "Or all these things".

Wow. I'll leave it at that.

Doug Daggett, CIDNA

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By Tom H. Cook

Isn't it irritating when a vapid acquaintance breathlessly and with great flourish presents as new information you have been aware of for quite some time? It may be a shortcut through town, a new Bulgarian restaurant, or a television show you have been watching for years. They expect you to share their zeal and congratulate them on being "with it" and ahead of the curve.

On another topic, how 'bout them iPad apps? In my defense, I knew there was something going on with iPhones more than a year ago. Friends were forecasting the weather, checking their e-mail, and going on-line. I never saw the benefit of shooting aliens or watching a full length feature film on a 2"x3" device. Put simply, I missed yet another technology revolution. I also sat out Apple iPad1.

Suddenly this past March the Apple ads for iPad2 unleashed something in me and millions of other lemmings. I could barely contain myself waiting for launch day, catapulting from oblivious to obsessed without stopping at rational or reasonable. I had never really seen the iPad or had a very clear idea what I would do with it, but I needed to acquire one immediately.

My fanaticism was poorly timed. The first days after the release, demand for the iPad2 far exceeded supply. I naively thought if I went a bit early someone would take my money. I arrived three hours before the Apple store open. This got me nothing but scorn from the hundred-plus faithful already in line. I slunk away, consoled that while others may be more tech savvy, they could not out-crazy me. The next "day" (4:30 AM) I was eighth in line. Five hours later I was clutching my purchase and comprehending almost nothing of the mini-orientation the "Apple Genius" was patiently walking me through.

I am not interested in taking infrared pictures of the

dogs, playing guitar, skyping someone, or making a movie on my iPad. But I have become fascinated by all the free or 99 cent apps (short for applications) available for download. Because I missed the iPhone boat, the world of apps caught me off guard, and you might say I am making up for lost time.

Put another way, I am hooked. A day without rooting out 2 or 3 new apps to add to my growing (175 app) collection is strangely incomplete. There are between 65,000 and 250,000 iPhone/iPad, Apple sanctioned, and rogue apps. Too many of my waking hours are spent strategizing on how to procure interesting apps. Alas this leaves little time to enjoy my new little friends as hundreds of new apps are being minted every day.

Staying away from the superb but well known apps (Netflix, Kobo, iBooks, Pandora, Wikipanion, Kindle, Movies by Flixer) here are a few of my new favorites:

Crackle (free movies and TV), History of Jazz, Politico, Pocket Hipster (way cool music), The Hill HD (inside the Beltway politics), Pulse (news and videos), 60 Minutes (huge archive of full shows), The Young Turks (politics/lifestyle), Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, TuneIn Radio (50,000 stations), The Daily Show (Jon Stewart), 3D Brain, The Huffington Post (politics/culture), Bloomberg (business), Slate (news/culture), Taptu (news), ESPN (sports in many incarnations), Zite (news and personalities), Hitpad (News/sports/politics), Fotopedia (25,000 striking photos), Newseum (front pages around the world), Hunter (hip music), Qwiki (3,000,000 reference topics), Brainshark (business), Yardbarker (sports gossip), Wattpad, (cutting edge literature), Free Books (23,649 books), Engadget (technology), Zinio (magazines round the world), and TED (education/future trends).

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Station Area Planning Document: Noise and vibration concerns in the area of the track closest to housing. Better pedestrian access to the station from the west and the north; Insist that freight be relocated from the corridor; A stakeholders group sponsored the Capstone Project traffic study. The CIDNA Board approved a joint resolution from the four neighborhoods surrounding the Kenilworth route.

It will be important to study the DEIS and to submit comments within the 45-day period.

The SW LRT is projected to open in 2017 and operate

20 hours a day/7 days a week.


Chair Higinbotham gave a special thanks to Cher Simer and the Park Siding gardeners and to Judy Berge for her work with the Fall Festival. Glenna Case also thanked Ed Bell, Steve Goltry, Gail Lee and Claire Ruebeck for their work on the NRP Committee. Ed Bell presented a thank you gift to Art Higinbotham for his service as Board Chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next meeting The next meeting of the CIDNA Board will be Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Tom H. Cook is a whimsical obsessive. He is finally collecting something that does not take up space!

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Cedar Lake

New Listing- Great end unit townhome with 2-car attached garage, 2br +den/office walkout with screened porch! Backs up to woods, lots of privacy, open main floor layout with fireplace and deck, formal dining. Updated with remodeled skylit kitchen, newer appliances, roll out shelving and newer mechanicals. 3445 Saint Louis Avenue, list price \$319,000.



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