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NEW WALKER LIBRARY ON SCHEDULE



The iconic stainless-steel LIBRARY letters will be reinstalled on the wall bordering the service drive on the west side of the new Walker Library building.

(Illustration courtesy Hennepin County Library.)



The reading area at the north end of the new Walker will overlook landscaped parkland and the busy streetscape of Hennepin Avenue through walls of glass – a welcome change from the below-ground 1981 library building it replaces.

(Illustration courtesy Hennepin County Library.)

New Walker Library On Schedule to Open in Spring 2014

By Michael Wilson

Lois Lenroot-Ernt has a one-word answer for the hundreds of Hill and Lake residents who are wondering when we'll get our Walker Library back: "Soon."

Although it seems like much longer, the Walker closed exactly one year ago, on September 22, 2012, with a day-long celebration of the 101-year history of two Walker Library buildings at the corner of Lagoon and Hennepin



The new Walker Library (above, top) on the corner of Hennepin and Lagoon Avenues, on track to open next spring, will be "a one-story building with a two-story presence." Note the six "light monitors" on the roof which will illuminate the interior during the day and glow after dark with light from below. Above: curtain wall construction is well underway and the building is expected to be completely glassed-in by the end of September.

(Illustration courtesy Hennepin County Library. Photo: Dorothy Childers.)

Avenues and eager anticipation of the new, third home of the Walker. Hennepin County Library Director Lois Thompson introduced architects from VJAA who presented project highlights, and Gail Dorfman, our Third District Hennepin County commissioner, led a family storytime.

Now, one year later as summer slides into fall, the contours of our new Walker Library are becoming clear. Lenroot-Ernt, coordinating librarian for HCL's Capital Projects Office, reports that the project is on track for a Spring 2014 grand opening. The roofing is almost complete and construction of the curtain wall is underway. She expects the building to be entirely glassed in by the end of September at which point, Lenroot-Ernt says, "It'll be sealed and dry inside. It'll look like a real building."

Once the curtain wall is complete and the vertical brown metal panels are affixed to the upper half of the outer walls, the concrete barriers which have occupied a traffic lane on both Hennepin and Lagoon can be

removed and new sidewalks can be constructed. Plans call for street trees to be planted on Hennepin and Lagoon, equally spaced on both sides.

With a total project cost of \$12 million, the new library will be "a one-story building with a two-story presence," in the words of Minneapolis-based Vincent James Associate Architects (VJAA), designers of the new building. According to Dorfman, "With glass exterior walls, the new Walker will fill with natural light during the day, welcome people passing by, and be a strong 'wow' presence on Hennepin day and night."

Dorfman observes that while the Walker serves a wide geographic area, it's the only public institution in Uptown. The vision of the Walker Community Advisory Committee, she says, was for a new library that would fit well within the surrounding neighborhood and be a public place for people to congregate and meet. Dorfman believes that the architects have achieved that vision, creating a Walker Library that will be a beautiful and vibrant

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LUNCH WITH LISA SEPT. 25

The next Lunch with Lisa is September 25, at noon at the University of St. Thomas downtown. The topic is the Plain Language Charter Amendment that will be on the November 2013 ballot.

Minneapolis Uptown Rotary

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Music for Medicine

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Tickets & Information: 612-746-8543 or event website

Music at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

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Saturday, September 28th @ 2-3pm
Birchbark Books

Author Brian Lucas will be in store signing copies of his new book *Here Comes the Sun: A Young Family's Journey Through Cancer*, a clear and honest look at what happens when an illness throws life off track, and how a combination of science, love, and serendipity can help put things right. Lucas writes, "This book is not just about cancer. At its heart, this is a love story."

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) Fall Festival and Grand Reopening of Park Siding Park

Sunday, October 13, 2013, 1:00-4:00 P.M., Park Siding Park

Join your neighbors and CIDNA board members for the 17th annual CIDNA Fall Festival at Park Siding Park (two blocks west of Dean Parkway on W. 28th Street). This free event features a moon walk, face painting, art projects, a scavenger hunt and a drawing for prizes for the children as well as a chance for the adults to discuss important neighborhood issues (like proposed light rail alternatives) with CIDNA board members and local officials.

Enjoy free coffee, soda, snacks from local restaurants and hot dogs on the grill, and have a chance to see the beautiful playground renovation at Park Siding Park.

Rain or shine, we hope to see you there! For more information, see www.cidna.org.

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SEPT. 25 NOON LUNCH WITH LISA AT ST. THOMAS
SEPT. 28 2-3PM BIRCHBARK READING SERIES
SEPT. 28 3-5PM EAST ISLES RAINGARDEN RECEPTION AT 2871 HUMBOLDT S
SEPTEMBER 29, N.I.P. MUSIC FOR MEDICINE
SEPT. 29, 5PM JANE AUSTEN EVENSONG, ST MARK'S
OCTOBER 5, 7PM TRES JOLIE EVENT
OCTOBER 9, 7PM JHUMP LAHIRI AT ST. PAUL'S
OCTOBER 11, 1PM AUDUBON SOCIETY
OCTOBER 13, 1-4PM CIDNA FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 26, DEAN PARKWAY PLANTING EVENT
OCTOBER 29 6:30 EIRA FALL MEMBERS MEETING
OCTOBER 30 WINETASTING FUNDRAISER

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm. The Bridge for Youth
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Saturday, October 26th 4pm-8pm

Kenwood Park Halloween Party at Kenwood Rec Center Thursday, October 31st

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Meet Your Neighbor, Council Member Lisa Goodman

Craig Wilson interviews our Ward 7 Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman about her passion for service, her important but lesser known work at the City, and her hope for the new Council and Mayor.

You have been consistently reelected to office with high approval ratings—and this election you are running unopposed. What keeps you so popular?

I have been a dedicated advocate for the residents of the 7th ward because being your representative on the City Council is not about my agenda—it is about yours! Municipal government is about working with residents to improve neighborhood livability and provide access to government when needed to solve problems. As I stated in my very first campaign, I will listen first, then I will lead. I've done my best to honor that pledge. As your City Council Member I make it a priority to see that phone calls, e-mails, and letters are answered in a timely fashion. When a resident reaches out for assistance or with a question, we challenge staff to get the answer needed quickly. When folks call with an opinion, I listen first before making a decision and when I get a call wanting to know where I stand on an issue I am honest, straightforward and glad to be asked.

What are a few of the things you are most proud to have accomplished?

Perhaps one of the most significant but unnoticed things I have been working on is reforming our economic development program to eliminate the use of eminent domain prior to the state and federal prohibition for economic development purposes and drastically reduce the amount of money provided to developers as tax increment financing (TIF). This is an important achievement for the City because the smaller the tax base, the more everyone else needs to pay; the bigger the tax base, the less everyone else pays. When I came in as Chair of the Community Development Committee, 16% of the tax base was tied up in TIF districts, today it is under 7%. A second less publicized project was the work I have done to reduce debt in the City by working to sell eight of the city owned parking ramps, which allowed us to pay down \$86 million in parking fund debt. This reduced the amount of debt in this fund by a third. Reduction in the city debt



Lisa Goodman

load freed up funding to better fund basic services as an alternative to raising property taxes. Ultimately we expect a high level of basic services in Minneapolis—we just needed a better way to fund them.

What is an issue that you are working on that occupies much of your time and that your constituents may not know about?

This past year I have spent many hours each day working on SW LRT but most people know that! In terms of work my constituents might not see...I am one of the most involved and active policy makers working on affordable housing issues at the City. Specifically I have collaborated on dozens of affordable housing projects citywide as an expert on development finance tools like low income housing tax credits, the affordable housing trust fund and revenue bond financing.

You have been very supportive of the neighbors living along the proposed Southwest LRT (SW LRT) corridor. Why have you taken this stance?

I strongly believe that when government officials—as

elected and appointed leaders representing constituents—make a promise, such as was made in this case that fright rail would be relocated, that it is the job of those running government entities to live up to those promises, not figure out how to explain why they have gone back on the promise. So many people do not have faith in government and this kind of action, marginalizing those who are concerned about various problems with this project and the environmental impacts of colocation, reinforce the idea that government is unresponsive. Well that's not my philosophy of governing. I stand by my constituents and the promises made to them.

On a personal note, you were a downtown resident for two decades and have transitioned to married life in the quiet and leafy Bryn Mawr neighborhood. What has the transition been like for you?

It's been a real transition filled with mainly good and a little bit of sad. It's was hard to leave a home of 20 years, I loved every minute of living on Hennepin Avenue and the perspective it gave me for the work I do on density, transit and greening downtown. After almost eight years of working to get a grocery store downtown, I never got to enjoy the new Lunds store as a neighbor next door. I had not lived in a single-family home since I was a child and this is a big, joyful change—the stillness at night, watching the trees change color out my window, and seeing my dog so happy without needing to walk three blocks to get to a blade of grass!

What are the top five things that City Council should accomplish in the next term?

Broadly speaking, the main issues I see us collectively needing to address are: a focusing on keeping our city safe; growing our tax base; holding the line on property taxes by continuing to reduce our debt obligations; investing in infrastructure; and better collaborating on early childhood preparation and senior issues.

What type of mayor would be best for Minneapolis?

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Coffee Talk with School Board Member Josh Reimnitz MINNEAPOLIS MINDS

By Steve Kotvis

It was last November, 10 months ago, when I wrote about the election results and Josh Reimnitz becoming our "District 4" School Board representative. (As a reminder, District 4 includes an area that stretches east to west from the Downtown East and Downtown West neighborhoods across to Bryn Mawr to the northwest and Cedar Isles Dean and ECCO neighborhoods to the southwest.) With the start of the school year, it seemed a good time to sit down with Josh to chat about what's happened in the quickly approaching past year, and what he sees going forward.

As a freshman on the board, he's seen himself being a voice. Not yet as a leader, but as a unique voice on what he sees as a very diverse Board. He's admittedly young, single, and without (as in never had) children, making him unique among other Board members. As member of the Policy, Finance, and Superintendent Performance committees, he's been conscious of giving voice to students and to members of the community.

Josh believes the Board has improved engagement with the community by reducing business Board meetings to once per month, replacing them with more community meetings. Reducing Board meetings to once, versus twice per month, allows staff to be more productive, spending less time preparing for the next Board meeting and more time doing. It's also reduced significant costs of broadcasting each Board meeting and allowed the Board to conduct Board Retreats

Having attended a number of Board Retreats as a community observer, I can attest that these day-long sessions tend to be very productive. Without formal protocol and with good facilitation, Retreats often yield very insightful conversations and build collaborative relationships among Board members. (Mind you, my experiences with "retreats" make it clear that we should not confuse these get-togethers as luxury and wasteful boondoggle getaways. They are typically conducted in the city's community centers, on folding chairs, with lunch featuring sub sandwiches). Josh indicated that their last Board Retreat yielded four board goals, including: 1. Focus on student academic outcomes; 2. Develop an equity framework to assess schools to achieve great schools in every community; 3. Improve Board process by establishing and refining; and 4. Strategic Plan beyond 2014.

I asked Josh what may have surprised him, if anything, in his first months of his role. He said he wasn't so much surprised but was very much impressed with the level of community engagement in the school budgeting process. The Board passed a structurally balanced budget and that meant some tough conversations

with community members about what was realistically available for their schools. Community members had a sincere desire to understand and while advocating for their individual schools expressed a real interest in working towards overall success. Josh referenced his appreciation of the district's "Shift" campaign, a transition greater decision-making and with it accountability from the central office to school sites. Having greater transparency of process and allowing involvement earlier in the process, Josh believes, will result in more and better school-based decisions with an interest in overall district success.

Going forward, issues of equity and finance will become more a part of the agenda. And with it may come some tough discussions. But he believes, as representative of District 4, he will work to balance the benefits of the local sub-district schools within the context of the whole District. And to that end, he will visit all the schools in District 4 in the coming months, and then work to visit as many other schools throughout the city.

Finally, a note about the passing of School Board member Hussein Samatar. I attended Hussein's funeral and there was an outpouring of support in numbers and sympathy for this community leader who passed due to a bout with cancer. He will be missed. The District will follow their customary process that will be formally published after this piece goes to press.

Steve Kotvis, a Kenwood resident who is an active volunteer in community and education issues, has written Minneapolis Minds about public education since January 2008. Please feel free to share your comments, opinions or insights with him at stevek@f-go.us.

Ranked Choice Voting

In 2006 Minneapolis voters approved a charter amendment implementing the use of Ranked Choice Voting for municipal elections. RCV was first used in the November 2009 elections, but with several competitive races on the ballot this year, it is essential all voters have access to basic information about the election and how to participate. In partnership with the Elections Department and FairVote Minnesota, we are recruiting and training volunteers city-wide to assist in education efforts as Voter Ambassadors. Trainings opportunities for volunteers to become Voter Ambassadors are being scheduled throughout the month of September, and interested residents are encouraged to sign up now at <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov>

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Apply your passion for recycling, waste reduction or composting by joining fellow waste reduction enthusiasts and become an advocate for the three Rs in your community as a Hennepin County Master Recycler/Composter. After completing training, participants commit to volunteer 30 hours on projects that reduce waste generation and increase public awareness of recycling and composting opportunities.

Register now to join our next training course, which will be held Tuesday evenings, October 1 through November 5 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Three Rivers Park District Administrative Center, 3000 Xenium Lane North in Plymouth. Visit www.hennepin.us/masterrecyclers for more information and to register.

SW LRT Update: Waiting and Watching

By Michael Wilson

After nearly four months of rapid-fire developments in the planning for Southwest LRT, citizens following the process currently find themselves taking a two-week breather. Some might describe it as watchful waiting. Others may see it as the calm before the storm.

Much work continues to go on behind the scenes, of course. Here are a few of the highlights of the past several weeks plus alerts of what is soon to come.

The Southwest Transitway project was initially projected to cost \$1.25 billion, the largest public works project in state history. Funding is coming from the Federal Transportation Administration (50%); the Counties Transportation Improvement Board (30%); the State of Minnesota (10%); and Hennepin County (10%). Minneapolis and other cities along the route are not funding partners in the project.

The project's most contentious issue, most would probably agree, involves the future location of the track carrying the Twin Cities & Western (TC&W) freight trains. Should it remain in the Kenilworth Corridor, along with the LRT tracks ("co-location")? Or should the freight trains be rerouted through St. Louis Park ("relocation")?

At the end of May the Southwest Project Office released eight design options to be studied, two involving relocation and six involving co-location. Two Open Houses were held on June 13, drawing large crowds, to explain the options and gather public input.

The two co-location options which quickly drew the most attention involved either a deep-bore, subway-type tunnel for LRT through the length of the Kenilworth Corridor, or a shallow cut-and-cover tunnel which would probably need to come back to ground level in order to cross over the Kenilworth Channel.

Preliminary cost estimates for the eight options were released by the Project Office at two packed Open Houses on July 17 and 18. Observers were startled by the projected cost of the deep-bore tunnel, which project engineers estimated would raise the total SWLRT cost to \$1.8 billion.

Citizens weren't alone in being startled. The Counties Transportation Board (CTIB) members – two commissioners and an alternate from each of the five participating metro counties (Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, and Washington) – expressed concern that the ballooning cost of SWLRT would curtail or prevent transit projects in other parts of the metro region. (CTIB funds come from a quarter-cent sales tax in the five participating counties.)

At their meeting on August 21 the CTIB members were in "open revolt at [the] price for [the] Southwest light-rail line," as a StarTribune headline writer put it. Elected officials and others throughout the metro area called upon the Metropolitan Council to delay its planned co-location/relocation decision timetable, initially set for late August, to allow more time to thoroughly consider all the options. That Met Council vote is now planned for October 9.

The Corridor Management Committee (CMC), an influential advisory group consisting of three Hennepin County commissioners plus mayors, council members, and other officials from the five cities along the route in addition to Edina, has ramped up its meeting schedule and now meets almost weekly. At their September 4 meeting CMC members voted unanimously to cease any further consideration of the deep-tunnel option.

On September 3 the Met Council agreed to the request by Hennepin County commissioners to hire Transportation Technology Center Inc. of Pueblo, CO, to take a fresh look at the freight routing issue. "Our view, in asking for this group of experts to come in, was really to make sure that we're not ruling something out prematurely," Commissioner Gail Dorfman told the StarTribune. "[We want] to make sure we're getting the best engineering advice on this. We don't have a viable

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reroute option on the table right now. We just wanted a second look.”

According to its website TTCI is “a wholly owned subsidiary of the Association of American Railroads. TTCI is a world-class transportation research and testing organization, providing emerging technology solutions for the railway industry throughout North America and the world.” Many were immediately skeptical that TTCI would have a built-in bias towards the position of the railroads, but engineers, County commissioners, and other officials have indicated that TTCI’s work is held in the highest esteem — “the best in the business.”

The respect accorded TTCI’s work is critical because of the role which the Surface Transportation Board (STB) will play in the freight route decision, particularly if that decision calls for moving freight out of (essentially, abandoning) the Kenilworth Corridor. According to its website, the STB “has jurisdiction over railroad rate and service issues and rail restructuring transactions (mergers, line sales, line construction, and line abandonments).” It is “decisionally independent, although it is administratively affiliated with the Department of Transportation.”

Project officials indicated at the September 11 CMC meeting that they hoped to have a contract drawn up with TTCI during the week of September 23 covering the scope of the TTCI study. The CMC cancelled its September 18 meeting but plans to meet again on Wednesday, September 25, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesday, October 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Both meetings will be held in the second floor Banquet Room at the St. Louis Park Rec Center (south end of Beltline Blvd., two blocks from Byerly’s and Target). Attendance is highly recommended for everyone interested in the SWLRT project.

The CMC will presumably make its freight routing recommendation before the October 9 Metropolitan Council meeting, at which Met Council commissioners are currently scheduled to make their decision. But that’s three weeks away – and as recent history has shown, a lot can happen in three weeks.

The SWLRT planning, engineering, and decision-making process has acquired manifold layers of complexity. Feelings run high on all sides of the co-location/relocation issue. Hill and Lake residents who want to learn more can go to the project’s website <swlrt.org>. To read the articles that have appeared in the StarTribune, go to <startribune.com> and type “Pat Doyle” in the search bar. And a wealth of information is available on the website of the volunteer advocacy group LRT Done Right (<lrtdoneight.org>).”

Madeline Island Summer Houses: An Intimate Journey

The new book by architecture writer and Kenwood resident Linda Mack is available September, 2013.

Madeline Island Summer Houses: An Intimate Journey by architecture writer Linda Mack takes you on an armchair tour of beloved summer places.

“I hope reading Madeline Island Summer Houses: An Intimate Journey will feel like dropping in on friends and hearing the stories of the places they cherish,” said Mack, longtime Minneapolis Star Tribune architecture columnist. The “not-quite-coffee-table” book—it’s hefty but not so big that you can’t read it in bed—will be available in early September.

Mack’s daughter Leslie, who lives on Madeline Island year-round, suggested she write the book. Mack teamed with her other daughter, Kendra, a photographer and book designer, to create it. They spent two summers plying the roads of Madeline Island, the

largest of the Apostle Islands near Bayfield, Wisconsin, to capture in words and 200 stunning photos the stories of twenty-seven island retreats.

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space that will serve the community well into the future.

Immediately to the north of the library lies the upper end of The Mall, a broad swath of parkland stretching from the Calhoun-Isles Lagoon to Hennepin Avenue. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), which owns The Mall, has allowed HCL to use this square of parkland as a construction staging area. Next spring the area will be re-landscaped. Hennepin County and the Park Board hope to identify funding sources at some point in the future to transform the space into an inviting public plaza closely tied to the new library – an “outdoor room” for the library.

The old Walker Library, predominantly underground with a plaza and parking deck on the surface, was a child of its times. Opened in 1981 following the energy crises of the 1970s, the below-ground design was employed to maximize space and energy efficiency. This unusual design, however, led to serious structural problems with the building and parking deck. Walker's first renovation in 1995 addressed leaking problems and improved the public service area and plaza at a cost of \$1.1 million.

In 2004 several proposals for a new library were received, most incorporating retail, apartments or condos, parking, and in one instance even a hotel, into a mixed-use development for this prominent and extremely busy corner. The revenue-producing aspects of the proposals had a certain appeal for the cash-strapped Minneapolis Public Library system, but none were moved forward, partly for budget reasons and partly because a merger between the Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems was gaining serious consideration.

In January, 2008, the merger was completed of the much newer Hennepin County Library system and our proud old Minneapolis Public Library system, originally founded in 1860 as a publicly traded, private library called the Minneapolis Athenæum and re-established in 1885 as a free public library by lumber baron, art collector, and philanthropist Thomas Barlow Walker. Planning for a new Walker Library then commenced in earnest in 2009.

According to the website placegeography.org, a project developed and maintained by the Minnesota Historical Society, Walker wrote in the Minneapolis Public Library Board 1910 annual report that the city needed more branch libraries and reading rooms not only to provide a path for citizenship and education but also “to offset these temptations and demoralizing influences which to an ever-increasing extent afflict society.” In an effort to compete with the city's saloons, the Walker Branch was first envisioned in 1909, when Walker donated two lots at 29th and Hennepin worth \$42,700 to the Library Board. When the Library Board's Building Committee determined the two lots were not large enough to build the branch library, Walker donated an additional 30 feet along Hennepin Avenue.

The original Walker Library building opened in 1911 and was named after its benefactor. It still stands on the east side of Hennepin Avenue, a lovely example of Classical Revival/Beaux Arts architecture that was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in May, 2000. A portrait of T.B. Walker hung in the 1981 library and, one hopes, will be reinstalled in the new Walker Library.



The 1911 Walker Library, seen in an undated mid-century photograph, was built on land donated by Thomas Barlow Walker, lumber baron, art collector, philanthropist, and the driving force behind the founding of the Minneapolis Public Library system. (Photo: www.placeography.org)

The Uptown area developed apace following the Walker's 1911 opening. The Carling Hotel operated for fifty years, from the 1920s into the 1970s, in the building adjacent to the Walker on the south. (William's Pub currently occupies the ground floor.) According to placeography.org, in September 1940 the café at the Carling Hotel was raided for selling hard liquor (it only had a license for beer). Walker Head Librarian Marion Crosby hoped, “If they fold up and fade from the scene we shall not have so many bottles to clear off our lawn in the mornings.”

In 1948 the Teen-Age Book Club was formed by teens in the Walker Library area, meeting on Thursday mornings in the summer. Donna TerLouw, aged 14, was the president. The girls read books such as “Roommates” by Laura Cooper Rendenna, “Seventeenth Summer” by Maureen Daly, and “One Crowded Hour” by Jenane Patterson Binder. The boys liked books such as “All-Conference Tackle” by C. Paul Jackson and “Touchdown Twins” by Phillip Harkins. Both boys and girls enjoyed Dostoevsky's “Crime and Punishment” and Sinclair Lewis' “Kingsblood Royal.” It was the second teen book club in the city, following the one formed at Sumner Library a few years earlier.

The community soon outgrew the original Walker and the building became obsolete. The Walker heated up in the summer days, especially in August. After the new Central Library opened, the Walker's head librarian, Mary Cracraft, noted in August 5, 1963, “I have never heard so many people say, as have this month, that they have gone to the Main Library more, and I can't blame them. Our little bailiwick has been damned hot compared with the wonderful air conditioning of Main.”

A 1973 article in the Wedge neighborhood newspaper pointed towards the new Southdale library as a model for a new community oriented library for the Uptown neighborhood that would have a more dynamic role in the educational and information needs of the surrounding community. After much debate over a site for a new library

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the land at Lagoon and Hennepin was purchased in October, 1978, for \$310,600. The new Walker Community Library opened in 1981, built out of concrete and earth at a cost of \$2.3 million.

The 1981 library covered 19,300 gross square feet spread over three levels, but due to the inefficiencies of the building configuration, public and staff usable space was about 10,900 square feet. The new Walker will cover about 15,000 gross square feet, not including the below-ground parking garage. The new Walker will have 34 public-use computer terminals, up from 18 terminals at the previous library. Another welcome feature of the new Walker for Hill and Lake residents will be a wider variety of community gathering spaces than the 1981 building had.

The Walker's collection includes about 57,000 books and audio-visual items (CDs and DVDs), according to Lenroot-Ernt. The collection has continued to grow even while being stored off-site, she notes, with new books and AV materials continuously being added. The Walker is heavily used, with a visit count of 76,884 in 2011. Circulation at the previous Walker increased steadily, from 292,193 items checked out in 2008 to 341,000 items in 2011. These figures will no doubt increase markedly with the attractiveness of the new Walker and the significant population growth in Uptown.

The iconic stainless-steel “L I B R A R Y” letters which for 30 years proclaimed the Walker's presence (and which, many Hill and Lake residents observed, were about the only thing that proclaimed the library's presence) will be brought from storage and installed along the service drive on the west side of the new building.

Strategies for making buildings energy-efficient have improved greatly since 1981, when the subterranean Walker opened. According to VJAA documents the new building is designed to reduce baseline energy consumption from 104 kBTUs to 55 kBTUs per square foot per year and to reduce baseline CO2 emissions from 289 metric tons to 165 metric tons per year. The architects say that emphasis is being placed on more passive environmental strategies over less economical “high-tech” environmental solutions.

According to VJAA there will be high-quality glazing systems and additional insulation in the building envelope. Under-floor air distribution will increase ventilation efficiency and improve indoor air quality. There will be advanced lighting controls and “harvesting” of daylight. The building will have high-efficiency heating and cooling systems with built-in energy recovery. The architects note that recycled, local, renewable, and sustainable materials have been used in constructing the new building.

During the Community Advisory Committee planning and input process for the new Walker's design, bicycle enthusiasts expressed disappointment that provision was being made for only 15 bicycle-parking spots. In light of the explosive growth in Uptown's population, they noted, increased biking and walking must replace driving for short trips, and that depends on making it easy and convenient for patrons to lock their bikes before going in to the library.

The only subterranean feature of the new Walker will be 24 metered parking spaces. Current plans call for the enclosed parking garage to be open during library hours only.

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Thank You Contributors to National Night

By Diane Woelm

August 6, 2013 marked the third year in a row that National Night Out in the Loring Park Neighborhood was held in the parking lot of The Woman's Club on 410 Oak Grove, a sponsor Of National Night Out along with Citizens For A Loring Park Community.

The Neighborhood Block Party from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. featured live music with the DL Cajun Band and '53 Swingbillies, face painting, burgers and brats, cotton candy, popcorn, prizes and ice cream sandwiches.

The following contributors helped make it a success:
Summit Homes Condominiums, Stuart Management, Basilica of Saint Mary, Park Apartments, World Mission Prayer League, Haza & 19 Bar Charters, Inc., Copenhagen Apartments, 180 Degrees, Sentinel Properties, Loring Kitchen and Bar, 301 Oak Grove Condominiums, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Architectural Alliance, Bell Mortgage, 1500 LaSalle Partnership...Lisa Siegel, The Cathedral Church of Saint Mark's, Dunwoody, Citizens For A Loring Park Community, and The Woman's Club of Minneapolis

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It was a fun evening with police in attendance and table displays from The Cathedral Church of Saint Mark's, Hennepin Methodist, Jeremiah Program, Hennepin Cty Attys, MCTC, 180 degrees, Mn. Energy Options, MN Fair Vote – Jeanne, Restorative Justice – Brad, St. Stephen's Street Outreach – Joseph, and Friends of Loring Park. There were the wonder weavers, live music, and balloons. And then the rain came, but everyone was fed, and the prizes and gift certificates were drawn. I recognized two

neighbors from Sentinel properties who volunteered to help: The Manager, Marsha Lidgerding from 215 Oak Grove Towers, and the Concierge, Angelica, and Susan Cadorette from Park Terrace. We appreciated your help. Thank you to the members of the Woman's Club who volunteered, and to the maintenance staff.

Thank you everyone – Patti Weber, President of The Woman's Club, Jana Metge, Coordinator for Citizens For A Loring Park Community, Pam Lehan General Manager of The Woman's Club, and to Woman's Club Chef Frederic and his assistants who made the brats, burgers and hotdogs, and to U.S. Foods who contributed them. Thank you to everyone who showed up to meet your neighbors. You made National Night Out a success.

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Kenwood Crawl

By Chris Madden



A beautiful morning and a great crowd made this year's 17th Annual Kenwood Elementary School Crawl another success. Close to 500 students, teachers, and family members gathered on Saturday morning,

CIDNA Resident Exhibits Work



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Carolyn Light Bell was featured in an exhibition at Sabes Jewish Community Center, along with 17 other artists, in a show entitled Text/Context/Subtext. Focusing on hands as a metaphor, Bell created a collage entitled "The Work of Our Hands." with her photographic images. There will be a closing presentation on Sunday, September 22, from 5 to 7 PM. For additional information: www.sabesjcc.org.

September 7th in support of the school to walk (or "crawl") around Kenwood Park. Kenwood Kids walked by grade level with their teachers & parents and were cheered on by Kenwood alumni students manning each corner. This event is an important fundraiser for the school and students obtain pledges for walking. The funds from this beloved event help to support Kenwood School's arts residencies, field-trip transporta-

tion and other community-building events throughout the school year.

As they "crawled" around the park, our Kenwood kids collected nearly 200 pounds of acorns in support of Great River Greening's Acorn Challenge. This year's seeds will be grown to saplings at Bailey Nursery and planted in fall 2014, or spring 2015, near the St. Croix River.

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Developers of 1800 Lake in East Isles Face September 27 Deadline to Find Solution for Groundwater Discharge

By Michael Wilson

A September 27 deadline is looming for developers Nick Walton and Daniel Oberpriller to submit a plan to the city for fixing the severe groundwater discharge problem at their two-year-old mixed-use apartment building at the corner of West Lake Street and Knox Avenue S. in the East Isles neighborhood.

During excavation for the underground parking garage for the building in 2011 contractors built into the

water table, according to Lisa Cerney, director of Surface Water and Sewers for the city's Department of Public Works. Since that time groundwater has gushed forth at a rate of 204 gallons per minute, totaling 107 million gallons per year.

City officials, working with the Minneapolis Park Board and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), have demanded that Walton and Oberpriller submit a solution that meets city criteria and satisfies city, Park Board, and DNR concerns by 12 noon on September 27 or face the prospect of a lawsuit.

Tenth Ward City Councilmember Meg Tuthill

expresses the frustration of Uptown and Hill and Lake residents that the problem still hasn't been fixed despite two years of urging the developers to find a solution. The water flows into the Lagoon between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun where it inhibits ice formation during the winter, endangering skiers and skaters who use the popular waterway connection between the two lakes. Last winter the groundwater discharge caused patches of open water on the Lagoon. One cross-country skier fell into the water as a result.

The city hired Barr Engineering in April to evaluate possible solutions, including an injection well which would pump the groundwater back into the aquifer

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Tenth Ward City Councilmember Meg Tuthill explains to CIDNA resident Scott Abbott how groundwater discharge from the apartment building at 1800 Lake pours 107 million gallons of water yearly into the Calhoun-Isles Lagoon, pictured behind them. The city has given the developers until noon on September 27 to submit plans for a solution or face the possibility of a lawsuit by the city.

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Happy Fall Greetings from Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

By Suzanne Payne

For neighbors new to the Hill and Lake Press area, this historic park located at the intersection of Mount Curve, Douglas, and Colfax in Lowry Hill, boasts one of the most beautiful pergolas and unique water features in the Minneapolis park system.

Currently, the park is lush with blooms for all to enjoy, and has been especially popular this past month with weddings, special events, and many neighbors' outings and activities. An unexpected visitor to the park was encountered on Sept. 3—a small gray fox was perched at the top of the falls near the pergola. While my grand-dog and I were startled, the fox seemed calm and relaxed in the beautiful setting.



THANK YOU to Dr. Eric Schned who served on the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board for several years and volunteered time working in the park and researching future projects. Eric has submitted his resignation due to an impending move from the Lowry Hill neighborhood.

THANK YOU to Barry Lazarus who has written monthly informative articles about the park, with humor and care these past few years.

THANK YOU to several readers who made donations over the summer to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park to help pay for urn plantings, repairs to irrigation, supplies for maintaining the flowers, spring and fall cleanup assistance, and replacement of plants lost over the season. Tax-deductible donations in any amount are needed and appreciated to keep the park healthy and attractive.

THANK YOU to Bill Payne for another summer of volunteer labor in the park and co-ordination of park maintenance concerns with the MPRB and Sunnyside Gardens.

For more information about Thomas Lowry Park or Friends, please call Barb Fogel at 612.377.5555 or Suzanne Payne at 612.374.2931.

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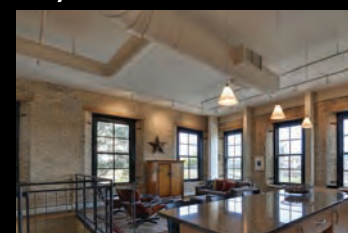
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Resolution 2013-282 Stating the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's Position on Project Design Alternatives Recently Developed in the Preliminary Engineering Phase of Southwest Light Rail Transitway Planning

Offered by Commissioner Scott Vreeland.
Seconded by Commissioner Anita Tabb.

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in April 1883 and has the authority to manage and operate park lands;

Whereas, A prominent asset of the region owned, operated and maintained by the MPRB is the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, which experienced over 5.8 million park visits in 2012;

Whereas, The Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park includes Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles, and the Kenilworth Channel, which are adjacent to and/or intersect with the Kenilworth Corridor proposed as the alignment for the Southwest Light Rail Transitway (SWLRT);

Whereas, The Minneapolis Chain of Lakes is designated under federal law a National Scenic Byway and is a portion of the Minneapolis Grand Rounds deemed eligible by the U.S. Department of the Interior under the Historic Preservation Act for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places;

Whereas, The MPRB has collaborated for over two decades with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, City of Minneapolis, and the general public in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Kenilworth Regional Trail, which coexists in a naturalized and peaceful setting with freight rail in the Kenilworth Corridor;

Whereas, The Kenilworth Regional Trail generated over 550,000 user visits in 2012 made up of commuter and recreational bikers, skaters, runners, and walkers;

Whereas, The MPRB has also collaborated for over two decades with Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, City of Minneapolis, and the general public in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Cedar Lake Regional Trail, which connects to the Kenilworth Regional Trail;

Whereas, The Cedar Lake Regional Trail generated over 850,000 user visits in 2012;

Whereas, These two trail corridors provide a park experience and trail connectivity of immense value to the region;

Whereas, Through 2012, the MPRB convened a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to study issues associated with adding light rail to the Kenilworth Corridor and develop responses to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project;

Whereas, Recommendations of the CAC were approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 5, 2012, and submitted to Hennepin County;

Whereas, Comments submitted by the MPRB include opposition to co-locating freight rail and light rail within the Kenilworth Corridor and as such, support for relocating freight rail out of the corridor as part of the SWLRT project;

Whereas, In the past several months, the Metropolitan Council has proposed new design alternatives for SWLRT that would keep freight rail in the corridor and place light rail in either a shallow or deep tunnel under the trail system;

Whereas, The shallow tunnel option proposes that light rail would return to grade in order to cross the Kenilworth Channel, a bucolic Waterway connecting Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles that is immensely popular for recreational canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing;

Whereas, The at-grade crossing of the Kenilworth Channel creates a co-location scenario of the SWLRT with freight rail within the Kenilworth Corridor;

Whereas, The shallow tunnel option would be constructed by open trenching, essentially removing all existing vegetation within the current trail corridor;

Whereas, MPRB, SWLRT Project Office, and City of Minneapolis staff have recently had significant conversations about the shallow tunnel option and specifically about the crossing of the Kenilworth Channel and vegetation removal;

Whereas, The shallow tunnel option would construct a significant amount of infrastructure directly adjacent to and over the Kenilworth Channel including concrete portals, safety fencing or walls, and widened bridge decks as necessary to bring the light rail back to grade and over the Channel;

Whereas, After deliberating on the SWLRT options, the MPRB believes the shallow tunnel option as currently proposed will permanently damage the recreational, cultural, and aesthetic experience of MPRB parklands and assets at a particularly fragile and critical location that would be overwhelmed by the proposed co-location of light rail and freight rail infrastructure;

Whereas, The Board believes that short of dropping the light rail into a tunnel under the Kenilworth Channel, the mitigation measures that have been discussed by staff to bring the light rail to grade and over the channel will, themselves, have damaging impacts to MPRB parklands, assets and the surrounding landscape;

Whereas, Section 4(f)(1) of the Federal Transportation Act requires a finding of no feasible or prudent alternatives to the use of parks and historic sites before the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) can approve the use of such property for transportation purposes and the attendant expenditure of federal transportation funds;

Whereas, Section 4(f)(2) of the Federal Transportation Act imposes a duty on the Secretary to utilize all possible planning at the earliest stages to minimize harms to parks and historic sites before the Secretary can approve a route;

Whereas, The Metropolitan Council is in the process of determining final locations;

Whereas, The current Kenilworth Corridor SWLRT alternatives are a recent occurrence and the impacts of which have not been fully evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement;

Whereas, 23 CFR 771.35 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that any use of the lands from Section 4(f) property shall be evaluated early in the development of action when alternatives to the proposed action are under study;

Whereas, in 1997, the Minnesota Legislature enacted Minnesota Statutes §383B.81, the Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund, to help in part alleviate the problem created by the construction of Hiawatha Avenue/Highway 55 which severed existing east-west rail traffic for Twin City Western Railroad and necessi-

tated the use of existing Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority tracks in the Kenilworth Corridor;

Whereas, Minn. Stat. §383B.81, subdivision 6, provided for the cleanup of the Golden Site property in St. Louis Park, then an EPA Superfund site;

Whereas, At the time of legislative funding, Hennepin County and local affected units of government understood that the cleanup of the Golden Site would be used to facilitate an alternative route for the Twin City Western Railroad northerly through St. Louis Park to accommodate future light rail through the Kenilworth Corridor; and

Whereas, Hennepin County kept its commitment to St. Louis Park to clean up the Golden Site and for nearly two decades, it has been contemplated that freight traffic would be relocated out of the Kenilworth Corridor in conjunction with SWLRT construction;

RESOLVED, That the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board of Commissioners approve this resolution stating its position on project design alternatives recently developed in the preliminary engineering phase of Southwest Light Rail Transitway planning;

RESOLVED, That the Board states its position against co-location of LRT and Freight and for a preferred alternative, along with mitigation measures stated in MPRB's DEIS comments, as the relocation of freight traffic out of the Kenilworth Corridor to a corridor in St. Louis Park as originally contemplated when the Legislature and Hennepin County created the Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund;

RESOLVED, The Board would also support the current option described as the "deep tunnel" option that would keep SWLRT deep underground from the West Lake Station to roughly the Penn Station;

RESOLVED, That the Board opposes the option described as the "shallow tunnel" option.

RESOLVED, That the Board direct its attorneys and staff to use all options under the 4(f) provisions in the Federal Transportation Act to raise its objections and oppose SWLRT options except as described in this Resolution and exercise all rights the MPRB has under Federal laws to prevent a project of that nature from proceeding;

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board transmit a copy of this resolution to the Metropolitan Council, Governor Mark Dayton, Minneapolis Legislators, Hennepin County Commissioners, the Minneapolis Mayor and City Council, and other officials with interests in the SWLRT; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Voting in favor: Commissioners Erwin, Kummer, Tabb, Vreeland, Wielinski, Young.

Voting opposed: Commissioner Fine.

Abstaining: Commissioner Bourn.

Absent: Commissioner Olson.

(Editor's note: the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee voted on September 4 to remove the "deep tunnel" option from further consideration.)

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA) MEETING MINUTES, September 11, 2013

The September meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Ray Greco, Art Higinbotham, Roger Klimek, and David Lissauer. Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick, NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee and other residents were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements

KIAA decided against sponsoring a mayoral debate. The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is being planned for Wednesday, October 30th. CIDNA Board members will be selling tickets and CIDNA keeps 100% of the proceeds from its tickets sales.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Re LRT: The Met Council has been holding one-on-one meetings with Minneapolis City Council members (Lisa will meet with them on September 13). Lisa remains firm that the shallow tunnel is a form of co-location and she believes that the City Council will oppose the shallow tunnel. Sen. Dibble and Rep. Hornstein have stated serious concerns about the freight rail option and will advocate for proper mitigation.

Election judges are needed. Contact Lisa's office if you are interested.

The next Lunch with Lisa is September 25, noon at the University of St. Thomas. The topic is the Plain Language Charter Amendment that will be on the November 2013 ballot.

Minneapolis is offering \$25 trees to homeowners who lost trees during the June 21st storm. Order period: September 9-20 (while supplies last). For details, go to www.treetrust.org.

The City Council is considering zoning changes related to density for high-density residential districts (R5 and R6), commercial (C1, C2, C3) and Office/Residential (OR). Low- and medium-density districts are not affected (R1-R4). The changes would allow developers to have flexibility on the number of units in a building (allowing for an increase in the number of smaller units). A building with a higher number of units will also require a higher number of off-street parking spaces. The size and height restrictions will not change.

NRP/CPP Report

Gail Lee reported on the following:

CIDNA has been allocated \$67,000 for the next three-year cycle of Community Participation Program (CPP) funding. The NRP Committee will draft the application paperwork to present to the CIDNA Board in advance of the November 15th deadline. Some funding will be reserved for a Neighborhood Priority Plan.

The funding for staff in the current CPP budget has been depleted. Additional staff expenses for the remainder of the year will be paid from the NRP Phase I funds as planned.

Park Siding Park: The playground construction will be completed by October 4 (in time for the October 13th Fall Festival).

The NRP Committee is preparing a comment card to solicit feedback for neighborhood priorities at the Fall Festival (and likely via SurveyMonkey).

LRT Done Right requested funding to help with expenses of lawn signs, etc. The City Attorney's Office stated that this is not an eligible use of NRP funds because it "does not support an eligible NRP purpose or program."

Brownie Lake Trail Improvements: The goal is to pour pedestrian bridge piers by the end of October (weather permitting).

Dean Parkway trails and the trails at Point Beach construction are expected to be completed by October 31 (key intersections will be completed prior to the Twin Cities Marathon, October 6).

Land Use and Development Committee

Bob Corrick will attend the September 12th community meeting at Bryant Square Park about the proposed zoning changes related to density.

Two residential fences that encroach on public land on Sunset Blvd are obstructing the sidewalk construction and will be removed.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 13, 1-4 pm at Park Siding Park featuring all the usual fun and festivities. The grand reopening of the park will be commemorated with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Elaine May is soliciting donations from local businesses for the event. The Southwest LRT project office will be invited to staff an information table. Invitation postcards will be mailed the week of September 23. Volunteers are needed. Contact info@cidna.org to sign up for a short shift.

Sewer Construction Update

Restoration of Xerxes Ave continues. Extended construction hours are needed to properly prepare the concrete. After hours concrete cutting will be required as the project progresses down Sunset. Residents will be notified.

Transportation Committee

Chair Ed Ferlauto reviewed CIDNA's mission and position as it relates to LRT and referenced the freight relocation agreement from April 1998 stating that freight would be relocated to St Louis Park.

The Met Council and Hennepin County are hiring a consulting firm, CCTI of Pueblo, CO, to study freight options in St Louis Park.

Art Higinbotham outlined a number of weaknesses of the shallow tunnel.

Concerns about access to the West Lake station from CIDNA were identified (current plans require walking over the Lake Street bridge to access the station).

Mike Wilson and Ed Ferlauto will draft another letter to the Met Council reiterating the CIDNA Board's position against co-location and addressing the station access concerns. Individual board members and residents are urged to send personal letters as well.

The Met Council is expected to make a final decision on the LRT route on October 9th.

Dean Parkway Reforestation

Don Willeke, co-founder of CIDNA and long time resident, has been planting trees on Dean Parkway since 1975. Many trees were lost in the June 2013 storms. The Park Board and the University of Minnesota have been working to find tree varieties that are well suited to Twin Cities urban environments. A number of these trees will be available for planting on Dean Parkway. A planting event is being organized for October 26th. More information will be available in the coming weeks. The CIDNA Board approved a motion to express appreciation to Don Willeke for enriching the urban forest environment.

Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

The Progressive Dinner on the Greenway is September 15.

We are still waiting for CIDNA's Adopt-a-Greenway

sign to be installed.

New business

Craig Westgate, Gail Lee, and Monica Smith reported on the Neighborhoods USA conference that they attended in Minneapolis (May 2013).

Board members electronically approve CIDNA Board meeting minutes so we can meet publishing deadlines for the Hill and Lake Press.

Rosanne Halloran and Gail Lee have been trained as Voter Ambassadors. They will share information with the board at the October 9th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, October 9 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

—Submitted by Monica Smith



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Update from MPD on the May 10th Uptown Shooting

In an effort to keep the public informed, Police Chief Janeé Harteau was notified on August 14th by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office that the officer involved shooting that occurred on May 10th, 2013 will go before the Grand Jury sometime in September 2013. After the Grand Jury reaches a decision, Chief Harteau plans to discuss the case in full detail. I am committed to holding a community meeting once the full details of this case are disclosed.

Energy Municipalization

On August 16th, the City Council passed a resolution adopting a framework for reaching the City's energy goals. Read a copy of the resolution here. This November, there will not be a question on the ballot asking if Minneapolis should explore establishing a municipal utility.

Plastics Bag Ban

For the past six months, I have been researching and working on a potential ban on plastic bags in Minneapolis. With help from my summer intern, my office put together a best practices list of other U.S. cities that have similar bans in place. This was used during talks with representatives from the City's Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC), Environment Minnesota, the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Independent Business Association and Target. I will continue to reach out to the business community and

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17th Annual

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting September 10, 2013

Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Antone Melton-Meaux (Secretary), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Renee Gust, Donna Jansen, and Linda Schutz. Alternate Bill Elwood and other East Isles residents and guests were also present.

EIRA President Dan McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Leslie Foreman, Policy Aide to Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

The One Minneapolis One Read book is "A Choice of Weapons" by Gordon Parks.

A community meeting will be held on September 12, 7-8 pm at Bryant Square Park, 3100 Bryant Ave S to discuss proposed zoning changes related to density for high-density residential districts (R5 and R6), commercial (C1, C2 C3) and Office/Residential (OR). Low- and medium-density districts are not affected (R1-R4). The changes would allow developers to have flexibility on the number of units in a building (allowing for an increase in the number of smaller units). A building with a higher number of units will also require a higher number of off-street parking spaces. The size and height restrictions will not change. Contact CM Tuthill with feedback about the proposed changes.

A public hearing will be held on September 11 regarding a proposed ordinance for feral cats in the City.

The City is finishing retiming the traffic signals for better traffic flow.

There are 71 opening on City boards and commissions. For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings.

The next Meet with Meg is September 16, 6 pm at Bryant Square Park featuring Velma Korbel, Civil Rights Director for the City of Minneapolis.

The City has given the developers of 1800 Lake (Lake & Knox) until September 27 to provide a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon.

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner, District 4

Stump removal (from trees that fell during the June 21st storm) should be completed in 30 days. Once the stumps are removed, the City will repair the damaged

sidewalks.

Anita Tabb and Jennifer Ringold from the Park Board met with EIRA representatives and a landscape design student to discuss Smith Triangle (24th and Hennepin). The student will present a proposal (with a scope of services, site analysis, and programming ideas) to EIRA's Parks Committee in mid-October. The goal is to begin making improvements to the park next summer.

Work continues on Lake of the Isles issues. Crews are working on vegetation and aerating the turf to reduce soil compaction.

The Parade Pkwy ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 am on September 19 (corner of Parade Pkwy and Kenwood Pkwy).

Repairs continue at Parade Ice Arena. The north rink will reopen October 1st; renovations will begin on the other rinks next spring.

Open Forum

An East Isles resident is interested in pursuing a farmers market in the neighborhood. He will be invited to the October 8th EIRA Board meeting to discuss the idea.

REPORTS

Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Ice Cream Social was a great success with over 300 people in attendance.

EIRA raised \$435 from the Uptown Art Fair pop booth. Special thanks to the 36 volunteers who staffed the booth.

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Wednesday, October 30. EIRA Board members will be selling tickets and EIRA keeps 100% of the proceeds from its tickets sales. Volunteers are needed. Contact Amy at events@eastisles.org to help or purchase tickets.

Jill Waite, Zoning Committee

The August 20th Zoning Committee meeting included a presentation for a variance request to reduce the front yard setback to allow for a new balcony over the existing open front porch at 2681 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy. The homeowner stated that the immediate neighbors were consulted and had no objections to the plans. The committee recommended that the variance request be approved. The EIRA Board voted to adopt the recommendation.

The meeting also included a presentation by Alex

Victoria (owner of Amore Victoria) and Tim Ross for an authentic Mexican restaurant at 2516 Hennepin (formerly Birdhouse Restaurant). No action was required. The restaurant opened last week.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 5 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

Dan McLaughlin asked the committee to discuss ideas to work with property owners of empty storefronts in the neighborhood.

Candace Dow, Transportation Committee

Committee members conducted a survey at the Ice Cream Social.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis: the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) continues to seek answers to questions about project costs, ridership projections and travel times. The next meeting of the CAC is in November.

The committee has changed their regular meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church. The next meeting is October 15.

Betsy Allis, Green Team

The Super Sale (neighborhood-wide garage sale) on September 7th was a big success with 46 households participating.

Upcoming events include: Uptown Green Team meeting on September 11, 7 pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church featuring a solar presentation; green film and discussion about edible gardens on September 16, 7 pm at Grace; and one-year anniversary celebration of the demonstration raingarden on September 28, 3-5 pm at 2871 Humboldt Ave S.

The Green Team is gathering information and learning more about opportunities for community solar in East Isles.

CPP Funding

EIRA will receive \$77,000 in Community Participation Program (CPP) funding for the next three-year cycle (a 3% increase over the current cycle). Dan McLaughlin and Monica Smith will draft the application paperwork to present to the EIRA Board in advance of the November 15th deadline.

Board Review

Ordinance change for density (see comments under Leslie Foreman's presentation). It was noted that East Isles has a long history of preserving low density near the lake and in the interior of the neighborhood.

The Fall Members Meeting is Tuesday, October 22* at Grace-Trinity Community Church. The evening will begin with refreshments and social time at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7 pm. Committee chairs will be invited to give brief reports followed by a presentations about the new Walker Library and the Lake St/Greenway transit study (Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis). The EIRA Board approved a budget of \$50 for refreshments. An ad to promote the meeting will be placed in the Hill and Lake Press.

Monica Smith and Ramon Ramirez Quintero are working on the 501(c)(4) application.

EIRA will begin filing an annual report with the Charities division of Attorney General. The report will be submitted to the EIRA Board for approval at the October or November meeting.

Membership update: 95 membership forms have been received from the recent membership mailing. Online registration is available on the new website: www.eastisles.org.

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

Next EIRA Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

*Addendum: The Fall Members meeting has been changed to October 29 at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

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- Get an overview of **EIRA projects and activities** from committee chairs



Tuesday, October 29

All East Isles residents welcome!
Enjoy refreshments & socializing at 6:30 pm
Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm
Grace-Trinity Community Church
1430 W. 28th St.
Questions? Contact Monica Smith at

www.eastisles.org 612-821-0131 or nrp@eastisles.org.

Rain Garden Celebration & Reception

Celebrate

the first anniversary of the East Isles demonstration rain garden. Check out why this thriving and beautiful garden is becoming a favorite stopping point in East Isles. Enjoy light refreshments with neighbors and a few persons of note!

**Saturday,
September 28, 3-5 pm**
2871 Humboldt Ave S



KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

September 2013 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met September 9, 2013 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Jack Levi, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Ed Pluimer and Bob Tennesen.

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman; Police Inspector Tony Diaz; Ryan French, Director of Marketing at Walker Art Museum; Sonja Elias, Lowry Hill resident and Kenwood School Parent.

7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

The next "Lunch with Lisa" will be Sept. 25 and will discuss clarity issues regarding the charter amendment on the upcoming ballot.

Minneapolis is calling for election volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering as an Election Judges and/or "Voter Ambassadors" please visit: www.vote.minneapolismn.gov.

There are a number of open seats on Mpls boards and commissions. For more info visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/boards.

Mpls Park Board trail improvements (predominately bike and ped paths) are ongoing around Cedar Lake, Brownie Lake, and Lake Calhoun throughout this summer.

Downtown Mpls signal lights have been retimed for better efficiency.

Van White Boulevard has officially opened.

Update from Mpls Police-Inspector Tony Diaz

Inspector Diaz visited Kenwood on National Night Out and met KIAA Crime and Safety Chair, Mark Johnson, who asked Inspector Diaz to speak at the Sept. KIAA meeting.

Crimes in 5th Precinct-Kenwood crime comparison: 26 burglaries in period of Jan-July, 2012 vs 17 burglaries Jan-July, 2013. Theft from autos parked on streets is up slightly from last year.

On July 7 Mpls Police caught two repeat Kenwood burglars with a 10-year arrest history. The public was asked to provide "community impact statements" on these suspects to be read at their hearings.

'Bike Theft' is one of the biggest issues in Kenwood and the only way to recover your bike is through serial number registry at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles or visit 311 website.

Inspector Diaz highlighted the need to call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

Walker Art Museum Update-Director of Marketing, Ryan French

Exterior brick repair will be completed by the end of this summer.

"Rock the Garden" has an impact on the community and the Walker is open to community comments and concerns. Walker is looking at adding a second day to the summer concert event; probably a Saturday and Sunday night.

"Rock the Garden" is an important fundraiser for the museum and helps underwrite the museum's programs.

Ryan French will be meeting with Lowry Hill and other neighborhoods to hear their concerns as well.

Parking Proposal-Sonja Elias 612-374-3566 Kenwood school parent

Sonja Elias, Lowry Hill resident and Kenwood School parent, has safety concerns around Kenwood School dismissal. She would like KIAA support to create a "loading zone" along Oliver Avenue South (park side of street only).

The "loading zone" would only occur in the afternoons approximately "2:00 to 3:00 p.m." and/or according to school dismissal times.

KIAA will mail a letter/notice asking for comments from the surrounding residents along Oliver Avenue South from Franklin to Douglas avenues. KIAA will discuss letters/emails from neighbors at the upcoming October 7 KIAA meeting.

SWLRT Update

Decision on freight location is expected at end of October

Letters of concerns regarding co-location and/or SWLRT should be sent to Mpls City Council members, Mayor Rybak and Gov. Dayton.

KIAA Communication Ideas

KIAA will provide a job description for staff hire to provide email updates, manage website, organize KIAA records, prepare/mail newsletters.

Updates

KIAA received the KIAA Aug-Sept 2013 balance sheets from Ed Pluimer, treasurer.

KIAA received a public hearing notice on Sept. 1 for 2504 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway. The Mpls Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on Sept. 26 to review the variance to reduce side yard setback from 5 ft to 1 ft for roof over an ADA chair lift. Surrounding neighbors have voiced support for the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be held on October 7 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

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the residents of the 10th Ward as I move forward with this initiative.

Smoke Testing

Beginning the week of August 12th, the City will be conducting smoke tests of the sanitary sewer system. Smoke testing helps the City to find cracks, leaks or faulty connections that allow rainwater into the sanitary sewer system. These rainwater connections can overwhelm the sewer system during larger storm events and can cause Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) to the Mississippi River.

Smoke testing will be done in much of the 10th ward. Each smoke test will last approximately 30 minutes. Traffic impact should be minor. Public Works anticipates that there will be short-term lane closures and some parking restrictions.

Ranked Choice Voting

The city wide election on November 5th will again use the Ranked Choice Voting system. Voters will be asked to pick their top 3 choice for each office. The lines may be long so remember to get there early. For more information on how Ranked Choice Voting works, watch this informative YouTube video (featuring my summer intern)!

You can find your polling place at the State's Pollfinder webpage. Visit the City's Voter Registration page for more information on how and where to register to vote.

Trail Improvements at Dean Parkway and Lake Calhoun

The off-street trails along Dean Parkway and Lake Calhoun will be reconstructed this fall. Dean Parkway from Lake Street north to West Lake of the Isles will be reconstructed from September 3rd to October 4th, 2013. Lake Calhoun trail will be reconstructed after Labor Day, though no dates have officially been determined. Work on Lake Calhoun trail will take about a week. It is especially important for commuters—both cyclists and motorists—to plan ahead in order to avoid delays and accidents in this high-traffic section of the Grand Rounds. During the three-month construction period, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) encourages pedestrians, recreational and commuter cyclists, as well as motorists to be aware of the upcoming trail closures and detours and to plan their routes accordingly. See the Project Map for all the reconstruction locations in the lakes area.

Detours and Alternate Routes: Recreational and commuting bicyclists are encouraged to use regional trails in the area to avoid the construction zone. These trails include Midtown Greenway, Kenilworth Trail, and the Cedar Lake Regional Trail. New Website for Minneapolis Animal Care and Control

Minneapolis Animal Care and Control has a new Website! New features include providing pictures of lost pets as well as adoptable animals, easy access to license your pet and a link to quickly report an animal problem. Check out these and other new features at Animal Care and Control's city webpage.

Meet with Meg

Meet with Meg is held the third Monday of every month from 6-7pm at Bryant Square Park (3101 Bryant Ave S).



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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Jimmy Fogel; Phil Hallaway; Ruth Shields; Tom Huppert; Michael Cockson; Ann Seltman.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Ryan French, Director, Marketing and Public Relations, Walker Art Center.

President Maureen Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

Community Announcements - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman: Lunch with Lisa will take place September 25th and October 23rd in room 201, Opus Hall at the University of St. Thomas. The upcoming election will include a ballot referendum on the plain language charter amendment. There is a great need for volunteers to serve as election ambassadors and election judges, particularly due to the new use of ranked choice voting. There are numerous open positions on Minneapolis Boards and Commissions. These are listed on the City's website. A lot of construction is occurring in the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood, including a two-year sewer project and the Brownie Lake/Cedar Lake bike trail project. Driving is a challenge. The traffic light system has undergone a complete overhaul in the downtown area, which has improved drive times. This overhaul will continue citywide. The City recently celebrated completion of Van White Memorial Boulevard. The newly completed roadway links the Harrison and Bryn Mar neighborhoods to Interstate 394 and to neighborhoods to the south.

Rock the Garden: Ryan French, Director, Marketing and Public Relations, Walker Art Center, discussed the possibility of expanding the annual Rock the Garden event from one to two days, Saturday and Sunday on the third weekend of June. The event is the

Walker's second largest fundraiser after their annual Gala. Last year, they secured additional parking lot space, which seemed to improve the parking burden on the neighborhood. Maureen Sheehan will reach out to some of the nearby neighbors for input. We will vote on whether to endorse this proposal at our October meeting.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Ann Seltman moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the June 4, 2013, minutes. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson reported that we have received about \$4000 in contributions since our Annual Meeting in May. We made a \$1000 contribution to the Hill & Lake Press. Dan Aronson and Maureen Sheehan met with Robert Thompson, Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, to prepare our 2012-2013 submission for funding from the Community Participation Program. We also have funds remaining from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. These funds represent a valuable opportunity for our neighborhood. We need to formulate some worthwhile ideas to use these funds, as well as reach out to neighborhood residents to determine neighborhood priorities, perhaps through a survey. Dan Aronson moved, and Michael Cockson seconded approval of the 2012-2013 Community Participation program submission, subject to minor editorial changes. All approved. Another requirement for participation in this program is an ADA Policy and an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Maureen distributed sample policies, which the Board will review and vote on at a future meeting.

Committee Reports: Michael Cockson will work with Marty Broan on the Lake of the Isles Citizens Review Committee.

Zoning and Planning Committee: The parking situation at Hennepin and Franklin continues to be an issue, due to the high demand for parking at Burch Steak.

Crime and Safety: We will continue our "Leave a light on" campaign. Graffiti and other crime continue to be a problem. People who see graffiti should notify the City by calling 311.

Events: The annual Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social was a success. Tom Huppert moved, seconded by Jimmy Fogel, that we allocate up to \$300.00 for an ad in the Hill & Lake Press thanking Sebastian Joe's, The Lowry, and Rye for their generous donations. All approved. Phil Hallaway will look into the status of the Calhoun Square wine tasting.

New Business. The Board discussed whether airplane noise has increased recently.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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through a 60-foot conduit. The Barr report cautioned that the groundwater would have to be monitored closely for contaminants and said that a bypass system for the injection well would be needed in case of contamination. The report estimated the cost of the injection well solution at between \$1 million and \$2 million.

Tuthill and Park Board 4th District Commissioner Anita Tabb are adamant that groundwater cannot be pumped into the city's lakes and streams. Tuthill sees the 1800 Lake situation as a precedent-setter. "If you let one developer pump water into our lakes, how can you say 'no' to the next developer?" Tuthill asks. "We have to draw the line, and the situation at 1800 Lake is the place to do it. Standing by while the building continues to pump 107 million gallons of groundwater into the Calhoun-Isles Lagoon is unacceptable."

Tuthill says that the city's experience with the developers of 1800 Lake has heightened awareness at City Hall about the review process for development projects that have the potential to impact the water table. Cerney concurs, stating that people in Public Works and in the zoning and planning departments are increasing their communication about such projects both internally and with the developers.

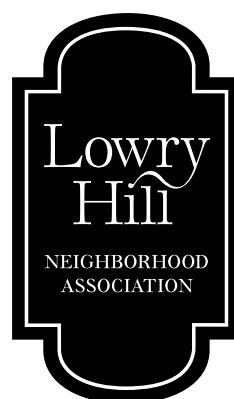
Tuthill and Tabb both emphasize that the city and Park Board have worked together closely and collaboratively on the 1800 Lake situation.

The dewatering issue at 1800 Lake has drawn the attention of Hill and Lake residents concerned about Southwest LRT co-location options that propose putting LRT in a tunnel. Southwest LRT project engineers state that they are continuing to analyze the issue carefully, and a recent report from a consulting firm hired by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District does not foresee any significant groundwater flow issues. City and Park Board officials as well as concerned Hill and Lake residents remain unconvinced, however, and are asking for rigorous, independent further assessments.

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By Tom H. Cook

Some people think football is a matter of life and death. I assure you, it is much more serious than that.

—Bill Shankly

Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.

—Joe Theismann (former quarterback)

Football is a mistake. It combines the two worst elements of American life. Violence and committee meetings.

—George F. Will

I take no solace in reading that some hulking, swaggering, high school hot shots and big men on college campuses that used to stuff people like me into lockers are now suffering from football related injuries. Many of these men who succeeded in the professional ranks were my childhood heroes and it saddens me they have such a high rate of dementia, physical afflictions, and premature death. It sounds hollow, like claiming to read "Playboy" for the articles, but I never enjoyed the "big hits" and violence of the sport.

Some four thousand retired professionals recently settled a lawsuit against the National Football League claiming that the full ramifications of head injuries was known by the owners but not shared with the players. Much like the suits against "Big Tobacco" a generation ago, there was intuition that slamming your head into a crazed 300 pound opponent running full speed, and inhaling smoke were both bad for you.

Tobacco companies secretly manipulated the amounts of addictive nicotine and the risk of cancer. NFL coaches, general managers, and owners (from their plush sky boxes) questioned the courage of any concussed player who just had their "bell rung" and displayed no obvious broken bones. The crux of the players' argument was that while exhorting them on and relying on their loyalty to each other (like soldiers in an unpopular war), team honchos knew more than they disclosed of the long term hazards to their

charges. That a former player shot himself in the heart, leaving a directive that his brain be used for medical research, is sobering.

In my youth the strategy, artistry, and pure athleticism of football on a perfect autumn afternoon captivated me. A running back juking past three defenders leaving them grasping at air. A sixty yard touchdown pass that perfectly leads a streaking receiver. A stout band of brothers of all races, shoulder to shoulder, bloody but unbowed in a desperate goal line defense on fourth down, bunched up, unwilling to grant the invaders even an inch of ground. These are the elements of football that I miss.

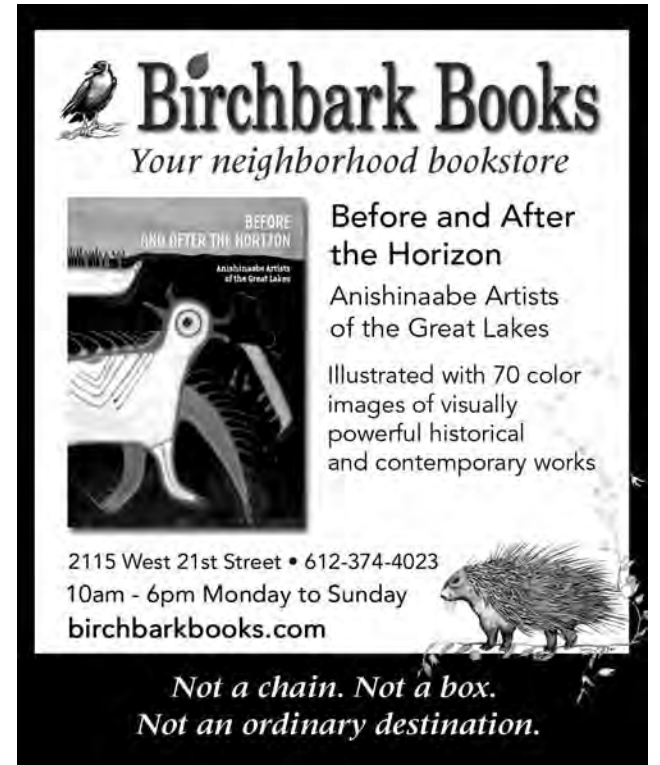
I was never big or talented enough to make even the junior varsity, mighty mite midget, pee wee, Pop Warner traveling squad. Growing up, I watched the Philadelphia Eagles with my father, wrote a sports column ("Cook's Corner") for my high school paper, and went to the University of Michigan (Go Blue). Is my exile, going on twenty years, just a case of sour grapes? I do not believe so. I was a fan. I wasted thousands of hours on beautiful fall days watching Nichols State get trounced by North Carolina A&T, or the Phoenix Cardinals handle the St. Louis Rams.

Every year there are rookies who are bigger, stronger, faster... until they are not. They are blithely discarded for the next new thing. We are a consumer culture not only of products, but human lives. The only match for our thirst for violence is the greed of the owners. Between product licensing, alcohol sales, television revenue, and gate receipts, the NFL brand is a billionaires' club. It still amazes me that I once cared so deeply about the sport.

Re-watch "The Magnificent Seven." The Seven arrive as saviors, to defend a village from ruthless invaders (from Green Bay)? The farmers welcome them but wisely hide their women. The children idolize the gladiators whose lives appear more glamorous than

the back-breaking labor of their parents. Yul Brynner, the leader of the hired guns, realizes that he and his cohorts risk their lives, but in the end has nothing. Then consider this: Three quarters of professional football players are bankrupt within five years of their retirement.

Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer wondering who is advocating for the high school and college players who have suffered post career concussion symptoms. He is delighted that the Gophers have given up plans to field a serious football team.



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Q: “I know that our days of enjoying fish tacos on the shores of Lake Calhoun are winding down. When does Tin Fish close for the season? When do they reopen in the spring?” – Deb Kermeen, East Isles

Sheff Priest, co-owner of Tin Fish, responds:

“Our official closing date is Sunday, October 6th. The Park Board turns off the water around the 15th to the 18th, and we need several days after closing to get everything cleaned up and ready for winter. Our hours from now until Oct. 6 are noon to 7:30, seven days a week. If the weather gets unseasonably cold, though, we may close for a few hours in mid-afternoon and then reopen over the dinner hours.

“We generally reopen the last Friday in April, weather permitting. It takes us about ten days to get set up after the Park Board turns the water back on. Next year will be the third year of our current three-year contract with the Park Board.”

Q: “I frequently encounter Segway riders on the Greenway and other bike-walk paths. Aren't these paths reserved for non-motorized vehicles only? Most riders are courteous, but some ride two or even three abreast, often making it dangerous for bikers to pass them. Are riders told about pathway rules and safety before leaving the rental shop?” – David Zitarelli, CIDNA

Dorian Grilley, executive director of the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (<bikemn.org>), responds:

“Several kinds of wheeled conveyances in addition to traditional bicycles are allowed on recreational trails, including those with signs indicating they are reserved for ‘non-motorized vehicles only.’ Here are some examples:

“MN Statute 122.011, Subd. 26, defines an ‘electric personal assistive mobility device’ as ‘a self-balancing device with two nontandem wheels, designed to transport not more than one person, and operated by an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to 15 miles per hour.’ Segways fall under this definition and are allowed on recreational trails.

“Statute 122.011, Subd. 4, defines a bicycle as meaning ‘every device capable of being propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels. Bicycle includes an electric-assisted bicycle, as defined in subdivision 27. [The definition] does not include scooters, motorized foot scooters, or similar devices.

“Statute 122.011, Subd. 27, defines an ‘electric-assisted bicycle’ as a ‘bicycle with two or three wheels that has a saddle and fully operable pedals for human propulsion ... and has an electric motor that (i) has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts, (ii) is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, (iii) is incapable of further increasing the speed of the device when human power alone is used to propel the vehicle at a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, and (iv) disengages or ceases to function when the vehicle’s brakes are applied.”

Brad Benyas, owner of Segway Evolve (St. Louis Park), responds:

“Segways are just one type of many uses allowed on our recreational trails, in addition to walking, running, rollerblading, skating – and yes, biking. Although bikers are usually the most numerous trail users, I encourage them and everyone to remember that our trails are intended for multiple uses, not just one.

“At Segway Evolve we are passionate about alternative, non-polluting forms of transportation. We want to help decrease reliance on internal combustion engines for short trips. Segways and our wide selection of electric-assisted bicycles are excellent options for recreation, sightseeing, and short trips.

“Before our Segway riders set out we put them through a thorough training session in rider etiquette, rules for trail use, and common sense safety practices. If you see Segway

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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrck, Editor

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Hill and Lake Press receives a great deal of help and encouragement from contributors who receive no financial reward except for my gratitude and I hope yours.

I was delighted to once again publish an article from Steve Kotvis. Steve has written about education over the years and has kept us informed about the school board and Minneapolis Public Schools. Craig Wilson continues to write a neighbor column each month. This month he interviewed our popular City Council Member Lisa Goodman. We know her well, but I am sure all of us enjoy reading her words.

And Michael Wilson has been truly astonishing. Since last winter he has written regularly about the SW LRT issue. He uses his extensive knowledge and research for many articles. This month's information about the Walker Library is truly interesting. Thank you Mike, Craig, and Steve for your many contributions. And thank you to all who send in articles and photos.

Without Dorothy Childers we could not go to press. She is the first person at every event and sends her well

edited photos on a timely basis. Thank you Dorothy.

And please patronize Birchbark Books and of course, our other loyal advertisers. As I have said many times, there would be no Hill and Lake Press without our advertisers.

Linda Mack wrote about architecture for the Star Tribune for many years. She lives in our neighborhood with her husband Warren. She read this week from her new book *Summer Homes of Madeline Island*, which she wrote along with with her daughter Kendra, a photographer. The reading occurred too late for coverage by Hill and Lake Press, but you can buy the book at Birchbark Books where every book you ever wanted to read is stocked or can be ordered. We have a home in Bayfield...not on Madeline Island, but we love to take the ferry over to enjoy wandering around beautiful Madeline Island.

And on October 9 we can hear Jhumpa Lahiri at St. Paul's Church along with Louise Erdrich. Lahiri will read from her new book, which is receiving wide acclaim. Learn details of her upcoming event on page 10 and plan to attend. And of course, our own Louise Erdrich! I couldn't go to bed at night without knowing that all her many wonderful novels and stories are tucked into my bookshelf. She is a gift to our community and everywhere.

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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	SELLER CONTRIBUTION	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED	BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT
2716 Humboldt S #204	129,900	0	16	125,000	C	1/1	620	114,000	2,447	1926	
1425 W 28th St #609	249,900	0	10	237,500	C	2/2	1,200	188,500	3,063	1986	
2950 Dean Pkwy #1405	349,000	9,150	446	305,000	C	2/2	1,460	325,000	5,954	1977	
2950 Dean Pkwy #1502	365,000	0	43	360,000	C	2/2	1,625	359,500	6,000	1978	
2820 W Lake of the Isles	499,700	0	723	485,000	H	3/2	1,536	412,500	7,403	1957	
2825 Benton Blvd	699,000	0	158	602,500	H	4/5	3,302	740,500	14,603	1924	
3516 Basswood rd	659,000	0	3	659,000	H	6/3	3,676	705,000	13,767	1956	
3441 Saint Paul Ave	749,900	0	135	709,800	H	5/4	3,174	590,500	11,464	1999	
2401 Humboldt Ave S	769,900	0	28	745,000	H	5/4	3,624	525,000	9,552	1902	
2432 Humboldt Ave S	829,000	0	88	770,000	H	5/4	3,375	619,000	12,326	1900	
2770 Dean Pkwy	799,900	0	38	748,500	H	3/3	2,329	645,000	12,147	1927	
2800 Irving Ave S	919,000	0	562	823,000	H	3/3	3,695	818,000	16,615	1920	
2540 Humboldt Ave S	885,000	3,000	52	820,000	H	5/5	4,640	767,000	14,867	1907	
1722 Oliver Ave S	897,000	0	38	895,000	H	3/3	2,756	592,500	10,997	1955	
2617 28th St West	1,145,000	3,662	607	935,000	H	5/4	3,685	894,000	17,597	1923	
2420 Humboldt Ave S	1,275,000	0	40	1,120,000	H	5/5	4,031	880,000	17,748	1913	
2721 W 28th St	1,700,000	0	282	1,240,000	H	3/4	4,750	1,104,500	22,204	1955	
2659 E Lake of the Isles	1,395,000	0	3	1,400,000	H	5/5	4,346	1,237,000	25,105	1909	
1832 Kenwood Pkwy	1,395,000	0	153	1,335,000	H	5/5	5,095	1,025,000	20,341	1891	
1821 Logan Ave S	1,600,000	0	351	1,450,000	C	2/4	5,561	1,379,000	30,503	1914	
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riders operating in an unsafe fashion, please let us know. But by the same token, our Segway riders frequently report back to us about discourteous and unsafe behavior towards them on the part of bikers, particularly the speedsters who are riding at speeds far in excess of what is legally permissible on the trails.

“If you have questions or want to learn more about Segways and other electric-assisted devices I encourage you to visit our website at <segwayofminnesota.com> or our showroom/demo center at 5500 W 36th Street in St. Louis Park (952-224-0897).”

Letter to the Editor

Hunters Oppose the Wolf Hunt

I used to be a member of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA), the largest deer hunting advocacy group in the state. I started deer hunting as an adult as a way to humanely harvest meat for my families' consumption. To be clear I had gotten into deer hunting because I believed that if I was going to be eating animals then I should also be getting my hands dirty in the process. I was never into trophy hunting, someone had told me once that serial killers are after trophies, hunters are after food... that made sense to me.

After becoming a hunter I went to several training sessions to enhance my skills and knowledge. I also joined the MHDA group as a way to meet other hunters and get information so that I would be successful in the fall.

Not long after joining MHDA they started sending emails promoting wolf killing. I also noticed that on their website there was a lot of talk about supporting the upcoming wolf season. That really bothered me, what's next promoting coyote shoots? I had given them a membership due so that I could learn more about deer hunting and support deer hunting and here I find out the MDHA is lobbying heavily for a recreational wolf season!

I have always had great pride in the Minnesota's grey wolf population; wolves make the wilderness alive and healthy. I felt like I had betrayed myself by giving money to a group that was anti-science and anti-biodiversity. If any readers are seeing this and don't understand what I mean by anti-biodiversity you need to watch Lords of Nature. Wolves and other predators serve a critical role in the health of an ecosystem and without them we can expect to see fewer and fewer species and degraded landscapes. As a matter of fact this was such a problem for Yellowstone that they had to reintroduce wolves to the landscape to create a balance.

I went on the official MDHA Facebook and started replying to the posts promoting wolf killing and said I didn't agree with that stance. There were several people that agreed MHDA was wrong pushing the wolf season. However there were many people angry with me and the others who didn't go along with the groups' position. I ended up trying to convince people on several occasions only to be met with resistance, ignorance and on one occasion threats of violence.

I left MDHA and have serious concerns for wolves in Minnesota. Our hunters need education around ecology and they need to let go of old hatreds for any animal that 'competes' for deer with them. Wolves only have one choice, they need to hunt for food... they can't go to a grocery store.

This misuse and abuse of wildlife should be unacceptable to the people of Minnesota. Please join the conversation with Howling for Wolves as we work to end the recreational wolf killing season in 2013/14.

Matt Johnson, Lyndale

BIRDING 101

by Madeleine Lowry

Did you know that birding is the second most popular pastime in the U.S. after gardening? And Minnesota is one of the top states for birding: an estimated 33% of residents are birders compared with a national average of 21%.



This summer my family and I had a chance to spend a week with a professional ornithologist. We learned a lot about the lives of our feathered friends.

Joanna, a bird educator from the Audubon Society, spoke on bird identification skills, the anatomy of birds, the trade-offs that enable flight, and the mysteries of bird migration. She taught us a few of the songs of common birds in our area and distinguished between a bird's song, their calls, and the incessant sounds of juveniles nagging their parents for food. She instructed us in how to create a bird-feeding oasis in your yard, how to make buildings bird friendly, and much more.

Did you know that the Chain of Lakes area and Theodore Wirth Park have been designated Important Birding Areas (IBA) by the Audubon Society? The IBA program is an effort to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity. So, we are in a great location for studying bird activity.

More than 80% of birders are backyard birders, while just over 40% take trips to see birds. Backyard birding is a great way to get your kids involved. We were advised to start by setting up a cluster of bird feeders just outside a window that you view often. Pick an area protected from cat traffic. You'll want a tube seed feeder, maybe an open tray feeder for peanuts, and a suet feeder or a hummingbird feeder.

We were incredulous that we could attract hummingbirds in the city, but Joanna assured us that they were migrating through our area from July until early October and would be seeking sources of nectar. She estimated that within twenty-four hours of setting up our feeder we'd be visited by a hummingbird. And she was right!

You'll also want a source of water nearby like a bird bath or a fountain. A brush pile is suggested as a place for birds to hang out. Once you've created your own little bird haven, you'll want to keep a bird identification guide by the window to learn about the species that

visit.

Looking for more ways for families to get involved? Enroll in a bird census program such as the Christmas Bird Count or the Great Backyard Bird Count. The Christmas Bird Count is an annual event that runs from December 14 to January 5. The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event held in February. Volunteers of all ages count birds for at least fifteen minutes on one of the days and log their results on a website. The data collected by these counts helps researchers assess the health of bird populations.

For those interested in birding walks and field trips led by naturalists, there are a number of programs run through the Audubon Society's Minneapolis Chapter. Register on their website: AudubonChapterofMinneapolis.org

Also check out the monthly event list at the Eloise Butler Wildflower garden's website for birding programs. A popular spring trip is the "Warbler Weekend" organized by the St. Paul Audubon Society each May at Frontenac State Park.

For the armchair birder, there are some great movies: Winged Migration, Fly Away Home and Life of Birds, the BBC series narrated by David Attenborough. Another great resource is the All About Birds website run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

As a new birder I have to say it's quite a thrill to spy a hummingbird sipping delicately from a feeder outside your kitchen window. It seems like a miracle that something so tiny could ever locate your simple offering of sugar water. But they do. And once they do, watch out—you're hooked.

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