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Hennepin County District 3 Special Election Primary April 29 Election May 13.

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Will Redevelopment of Hennepin-Lyndale Embrace *People* as Well as *Cars*? By Craig Wilson



Freeway style corridor. CBS Minnesota-Lyndale Photo

Arguably the main artery of Minneapolis—the eleven-lane Hennepin-Lyndale Avenue commons area above the Lowry Tunnel—is slated for major reconstructive surgery in 2015 and 2016. This refurbishment is intended to last for up to fifty years, so it is a critical opportunity for the area.

Hennepin-Lyndale is a gateway for many—often the first entry point to Minneapolis and our Hill Lake community. It also divides Lowry Hill and Loring Park, the Walker Art Center, and the Convention Center, Uptown and Downtown. It could be a Minneapolis Champs-Élysées, but in its current state it is a place most people want to move through quickly rather than linger and enjoy.

With the forthcoming multimillion-dollar reconstruction, residents and officials are thinking again about what possible improvements can be made. Can we have a Hennepin-Lyndale that is less of barrier in the area? Can we make a street that is safer for everyone—whether they are in a car, walking, or biking or whether they are a ten-year-old kid or an 80-year-old grandparent? Can we have a street that adds to rather than detracts from our neighborhood? Or are we merely going to resurface the corridor as it has been for done decades, vindicating a space designed for cars instead of people?

People have been hoping to improve the corridor Hennepin Lyndale Redevelopment to page four

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CIDNA APPROVES TRAMMELL CROW & GREYSTAR APARTMENTS

by Bob Corrick



The Greystar Apartments as would be seen from the Tin Fish.

On Wednesday, April 9 the CIDNA Board unanimously approved resolutions not to oppose two apartment projects following recommendations by its Land Use Committee on April 7. Greystar, already one of the largest developers in Uptown with Élan, has proposed a 90-unit luxury apartment project on the vacant land at Thomas Avenue and West Lake Street. The developer is seeking a conditional use permit to exceed the 35-and 56-foot height proscriptions. Greystar has achieved a sensitive balance between respect for the shoreland, parks, trails, and single-family residences while considering the context of the 12-story Calhoun Beach Club Apartments and the City's classification of West Lake Street as a high-density thoroughfare.



On the north Calhoun skyline, Greystar would step down to the tree line from the 12-story Calhoun Beach Club Apartments.

As stated in CIDNA's resolution:

The project would preserve access to light and air and minimize shadowing on adjacent parks, the Midtown Greenway, and single-family residences.

Would fit the scale and character of the surrounding neighborhood including the 12-story Calhoun Beach Club Apartments, old Calhoun Beach Club building, the Midtown Greenway, and single-family residences.

The view-shed from the shorelines, vehicular ways, walkways, and bikeways of Lake Calhoun, Lake of the Isles, and Cedar Lake would be minimally impacted.

On the north Calhoun skyline, the building would present a stepped-down interface with the 12-story Calhoun Beach Club Apartments.

The building would present a geometric match to the original Calhoun Beach Club on the opposite side of CBC

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Minneapolis Uptown Rotary

www.clubrunner.ca/mplsuptownrotary Uptown Rotary meets at the Minikahda Country Club 7:30 to 8:30 am on Thursdays.

Lunch with Lisa

Join Lisa for lunch on April 30 at St. Thomas Univeristy-Minneapolis, 201 Opus Hall. \$10 Lunch is offered. Com eearly to get your lunch abnd a good seat. discussion starts promptly at noon.

The May "Lunch with Lisa" will be a field Trip to the waterworks plant in Fridley. Please call Lisa's office at 673-2207 or email through www.minneapolismn.gov/ward7 to reserve a spot.

26th Annual Dandelion Day Celebration At the historic Ard Godfrey House Minneapolis' Oldest Surviving Wood Frame House Sunday, May 18, 2014 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The GODFREY HOUSE, built in 1849, is located at the corner of University & Central Avenues SE, in Chute Square in Minneapolis.

Dandelion Day celebrates Harriet Godfrey's introduction of dandelion seeds to the St. Anthony Falls area.

Learn how to make dandelion necklaces, bracelets and crowns, just as Helen Godfrey did as a child.

Have a dandelion painted on your cheek or chin, or get a temporary tattoo!

Take home a complimentary recipe booklet which includes recipes for dandelion coffee, tea, salad and wine, and learn other ways "teeth of the lion" were used throughout history.

Free Godfrey buttons for the kids.

Tour the charming yellow Ard Godfrey house, with hostesses dressed in 1850s period costume.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Restored by The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, it has been open to the public since 1979.

Kenwood Community School's annual carnival will happen on Saturday, May 17th from 11am-3pm.

Birchbark Books Reading Series

Plant a Pocket of Prairie with Phyllis Root and Betsy Bowen

Saturday, May 10th @ Noon-1pm Birchbark Books & beARTrageous

Join us for a reading from Plant a Pocket of Prairie -- another wonderful children's nature book collaboration from author Phyllis Root and illustrator Betsy Bowen. After the reading, join in the fun at beARTrageous: Plant a sunflower and paint a terracotta pot for mom, or get your face painted! (The reading is free, small fee for kids activities.)

April 19 Kenwood Annual Spring Egg Hunt, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Kenwood.

Fantastic egg hunt for three age levels: 2-3 year olds, 4-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds. Face painting, arts and crafts, entertainment and a visit from Peter Rabbit. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Admission is free.

Join us for our Open House in Fifth Precinct, Tuesday May 13, 5-7 pm, at 3101 Nicollet Ave!

This is a great opportunity to learn about the police department and have fun doing so. We have a lot of city or police units who attend, including typically K9, Mounted Patrol (the horses), the Bomb Squad with their robots, and much more. The police band plays music and there's free food and refreshments.

Please invite your friends, neighbors, family, and anyone else who might be interested!

For questions, contact:

Chelsea Adams, Crime Prevention Specialist Minneapolis Police Department, 5th Precinct chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov

Or just call our precinct at (612) 673-5705.

Registration for Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Youth Summer Camps opens at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. Camps for children ages 8 – 14 will be offered from June 16 through August 22 at park locations throughout Minneapolis.leyball and more.

Click here to download the full list of MPRB Youth Summer Camps and registration information, visit the MPRB website, call Customer Service at 612-230-6400 or visit any MPRB recreation center

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With Brian Talcott, CSB May 10, 2014

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Talk 3:00

People everywhere are looking for lasting and healing solutions to the challenges facing our communities. Speaker Brian Talcott says, "I've found in my own experience that seeking God's direction can help us find effective solutions to the **violence**, **poverty**, and other problems facing our community."

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

April 19, Recyle Run

April 19, 10am Kenwood Spring Egg Hunt

April 26, 9:30 Earth Day Clean-up April 26, 9am Woman's Club sale

April 30, noon, Lunch with Lisa, St. Thomas May 10, noon Reading Birchbark & ARTrageous

May 10, 3pm Brian Talcott talk at 2nd Church Scientist

May 12, 6pm, Joint Public Hearing: Met Council &

HCRRA at Hennepin Government Center

May 13, 5pm Fifth Precint Open House

May 15 Solar Meetup Grace Trinity Church

May 17 Kenwood School Carnival

May 18, 1pm Dandelion Day, Ard Godfrey House

May 20, 7pm Reading Birchbark at Lake of Isles Lutheran

May 20 10:30am Twin Cities Opera Guild Benefit at Interlachen Country Club

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison EIRA: The May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 20th (one week later than usual due to the special election) at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church. KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,

2014 Earth Day Clean-Up Event

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and City of Minneapolis' 20th annual Minneapolis Earth Day Clean-Up event is just a few weeks away.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the Earth Day Clean-Up has become the largest community service project in Minneapolis and takes place at nearly 40 clean-up sites throughout the city. Since 2008, more than 12,000 residents have removed more than 75,000 lbs of garbage. It's free to participate and residents are encouraged to participate by volunteering to help pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and watersheds. No registration needed, just choose a site and show up. To find a detailed list of clean-up sites and more information please visit www.minneapolisparks.org or call 612-230-6484.

The City of Minneapolis would like to remind residents that plastic bags are not accepted in the one-sort recycling program or with yard waste collection. If you collect your recycling in a plastic bag, the recyclables must be dumped from the bag into the recycling cart. The plastic bag can be placed in the garbage or it can be brought to a participating grocery or retail store for recycling. Yard waste must be placed in Kraft (paper bags), compostable plastic bags or in reusable containers at least 26 inches in height with handles for collection by city crews. For more information please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste or call Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917.

May 15---East Isles Community Solar meet-up, 7-8 pm Grace Trinity Community Church. All residents welcome! To learn more, contact Monica Smith at <nrp@eastisles.org>

May 31---East Isles Living Green Open House, 10 am-1 pm, Triangle Park. Learn about current living green projects---solar energy, edible "Tot Plots" for kids, green building guidelines, plant swap, water protection, waste reduction and composting. Includes music, kids' activities and a potluck picnic lunch. To learn more, contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org>

Saturday, April 26 Earth Day Clean Up 9:30 am - Noon, east side of Lake of the Isles at 27th St. Take time with friends and family to clean up the shoreline and learn easy ways to protect our water from toxic chemicals.

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Sat. April 26th 9am – 4pm

Furniture, lamps, artwork, crystal, china, linens, silver, vintage jewelry, handbags, furs, unusual miscellaneous items

Meet Your Neighbor, Courtney Cushing Kiernat

Craig Wilson interviews Courtney Cushing Kiernat about her first job delivering the Hill Lake Press door-to-door as a girl, attending high school in Pakistan, her passions for Minneapolis Public Schools, YWCA, Project Success and Womenwinning and what is wrong about the current SWLRT configuration.

Your first job was delivering the Hill Lake Press door-to-door? I spent my first 12 years growing up in Lowry Hill. I had the most wonderful neighbors, the Goetz family, who to this day I consider like family. I accompanied Cecie and Laura Goetz on their paper route delivering the Hill and Lake Press.

What was it like growing up in Lowry Hill? I loved growing up in Lowry Hill. I spent lots of time playing kick the can, capture the flag and sledding down the dead end off of Mt. Curve before houses were built there. I spent my allowance at Burch's and frequently took the #1 bus downtown to Dayton's and the movies. In the 1970s the concept of neighborhood schools (except West High) was not strong. Though I lived half a mile from Kenwood, I was bussed to north Minneapolis to attend Harrison Open School. I attended there for a few years and then transferred to Jefferson Elementary and from there to Anwatin Middle School. My 7th grade year, my family (parents and three siblings) moved to Karachi, Pakistan where my parents worked to start a state-of-theart hospital and nursing school. As you can image, this was a huge transition for a thirteen year-old but in hindsight it was an experience of a lifetime. I was an independent kid and was able to travel around Pakistan and to India, Kenya, Korea and all over Europe. When I was 15 years old Laura Goetz was studying in London and came to visit me. Together we took a trip to India where we got stuck for a few days in the town of Agra where the Taj Mahal is located. The only hotel we could find was half finished with a big hole in the wall. What a great adventure we had and there is no better place to get stuck than at the Taj Mahal with a good friend!

You now have two children that you and your husband take on fun adventures; is this related to your

experience abroad as a child? I have two children, Quinn (15) and Lucy (13), both great travelers. A few years ago we decided to take advantage of Spring Break as it is the only time when Quinn and Lucy are not engaged in hockey or soccer. As a family, we vote on destinations but truthfully I have veto power. Last year I over-rode my family and booked a trip to China for us. I have always wanted to travel there but also because I wanted all of us to experience being out of our comfort zone. We were most definitely out of our comfort zone and it was an amazing trip. This year we went to Spain where my husband had studied in college. Lucy has the adventure travel bug and wants to go to Africa next year. Not sure we'll be able to convince Quinn and my husband but we have a year to convince them.

How did you get involved in Minneapolis Public Schools? Both Quinn and Lucy attended Kenwood Elementary School. I was involved at Kenwood and served as chair of the site council. Then Superintendent Bill Green asked if I would chair the 2008 Minneapolis Public School referendum. I am embarrassed to admit that I had no idea what a referendum was at the time but I always love a challenge so I agreed to co-chair the campaign with Hussein Samatar. The Strong Schools Strong City Referendum passed with 71% of the vote raising \$64 million a year until 2016 for the Minneapolis Public Schools

What is your role as Executive Director of External Partnerships & Institutional Advancement at Minneapolis Public Schools? I recently returned to work at Minneapolis Public Schools in a new position for the District that focuses on partnerships. I am responsible for all external partnerships including grants, corporate and individual giving, community partners and volunteers. It's challenging work but incredibly satisfying as I know the partnerships I build and strengthen impact the academic success of over 30,000 Minneapolis Public School students.

What has motivated you to support other causes such as the YWCA of Minneapolis, Project Success and Women Winning? I believe I am incredibly lucky to



"R.B., Quinn, Lucy, and Courtney Cushing Kiernat in China in 2013."

have the advantages and privilege that I have. With that always at the forefront of my mind, I believe it's my responsibility to pay it forward and be engaged in ways that improve the lives of others. My main focus has been to empower women and girls and provide quality programming for children. I try to instill similar values in my children as they grow-up enjoying things others are not able to experience.

What is your take on SWLRT? I think SWLRT is an expensive debacle and I am proud of Mayor Betsy Hodges for standing strong for Minneapolis. There are so many issues with the current LRT route including the environmental impact and low Minneapolis ridership that I can't understand why the Governor allows this abysmal process to continue. I get frustrated with the NIMBY argument because it is so much more than that. I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing people (from across the city) through LRT Done Right and I hope that in the end, our leaders are able to advocate for a route that travels through dense transit dependent areas that does not jeopardize our prized Chain of Lakes.



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for years. In 2008, I helped to coordinate a Hennepin-Lyndale Corridor design charrette when I was the President of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA). LHNA teamed up with Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) and other local designers from American Institute of Architects (AIA) Minneapolis and held a daylong design charrette at the Walker Art Center where we toured the area and brainstormed urban design solutions for the troubled corridor. It was a very well attended event with considerable enthusiasm and energy around implementing change—and then the recession hit! And now, fast forward to 2014!

Here is what we have learned about the reconstruction project: 1) It is mostly about fixing the potholed pavement for the area between roughly Dunwoody Boulevard and Douglas Avenue (with a couple parts of freeway access ramps thrown in); 2) Transformative ideas for the area—like many of those discussed at a neighborhood design charrette in 2008—are outside the limits of this project, but officials are starting to think about a process to make bigger improvements at a later time; 3) Current plans keep the driving sections basically the same as today; and, 4) Everyone involved seems to want to improve greening, walking, and biking in the area, but it is too early in the process to have details as to what exactly that will entail.

So will the redevelopment of Hennepin-Lyndale embrace people as well as cars? According to Council Member Lisa Goodman, the answer is empathically 'yes'. Goodman, who is an advocate for improving greening, walking and biking in the commons, shared, "What I have heard from residents in the area is that this repaving project really needs to address some of its key problems. Success would be defined as a new road surface with a focus on improvements for bikers and pedestrians to navigate this area safely as well as to increase and improve the aesthetics to this important entrance to our city. The area needs to have less pavement and much more greening. We have an allocation of seven million dollars from the federal government and that along with property assessments can go a long way towards improving the look and safety for all modes of transportation in this area."

Goodman has demonstrated past leadership in this area by creating safer spaces for pedestrians and bicyclists by championing the reduction of unnecessary vehicular lane widths and lanes in exchange for dedicated bicycle lanes and pedestrian-only sidewalks. As a long-term resident of Loring Park, Goodman realized a major gap in the downtown Hennepin Avenue bicycle lane between the Basilica and 12th Street, where the new Lunds store is located. Over the past five years she has fought for a reduction in lane widths from 13 to 11 feet as well as the elimination of a lane of traffic in order to accommodate the bicycle lane. Her hard work is paying off with the new bicycle lane currently under construction in Spring 2014. Acknowledging a different set of circumstances for Hennepin-Lyndale, Goodman is hopeful there will be a solution to making walking and bicycling safer and more enjoyable for people.

So what would you like to see happen at Hennepin-Lyndale? I know I would like for it to be easier to cross



A dangerous shared path for pedestrians and bicyclists

Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition



Bus stop bench at Hennepin & Douglas

CBS Minnesota

the street from Lowry Hill to Loring Park—in front of the Walker, it can take three light cycles and more than four minutes to walk across the street. I'd like people walking and people biking not to have to share the same too-narrow space in front of St. Mark's Cathedral, a very dangerous space for pedestrians and bicyclists. I'd like the sidewalk in front of the Walker to feel inviting, not like a huge empty void. I'd like to implement neighborhood plans for greening improvements in the median of the Douglas and Groveland Terrace frontage road. And I'd like lighting, signage, and traffic lanes that make it clear that this is a gateway to our Hill Lake community, not a freeway entrance.

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association will be hosting a conversation about the project on Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm (preceded by a social hour at 6pm). The project consultants will present along with neighborhood residents with details and ideas for potential improvements. If you care about the corridor, you are encouraged to attend the meeting and submit your ideas for Hennepin-Lyndale at the website: http://www.hennepinlyndaleproject.com/.

Poem by Sarai Brenner

This is a story I will tell About our region Quite unwell.

It's one that has been Filled with promise But come to turn around And damn us.

A tale of intrigue A tale of woe A tale of Minneapolis Saying No

A tale of Met Council And Hennepin County Work gone wrong To increase their bounty

Of TCW, St Louis Park
Of councils and mayors Who have a big Bark.

Of promises made And promises broken But listen up We'll not be your token

Just give us this We'll give you that And poof Colocation is begat

You tell us that We need a train An LRT line To clear a lane

394 And 7 too Keep traffic flowing Rich suburb's due.

We'll get suburban Riders there Urban density You do not care.

Who is this line for It isn't us We get no stop But what's the fuss.

The Met Council Has no controls
The money comes From other bowls.

From CTIB, Federal and state
All holding to The money's fate.

But CTIB tells us No to that
Matt Lock and others Trim the fat

How can you promise A thing not yours This money's fate Will make us poor.

Despite that Promises were made You renege now It's all at grade.

At 11th hour With bulldozers ready The tunnels gone They'll be quite heady.

And Kenwood screwed The region too The bike trails gone To traffic queue.

Is this really The line you wanted Is it worth The lives you've haunted.

This line is not About good planning It has become A game of scamming

It is time To move away
From this alignment If freight does stay

So I say To you today
If equity Is the game you play.

Do not bother With the rich Southwest Move to Bottineau It's the best.

Leave the Southwest line For a future date
When you can do it right You will seal our fate.

In 50 years A legacy right
We'll make us proud With longterm site.

But do this line With colocation. It will ensure You tombstone's notation.

Those children will curse us For our folly They will wonder Why you were jolly.

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EIRA ANNUAL MEETING



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Sarai Brenner reading at the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee meeting on April 2



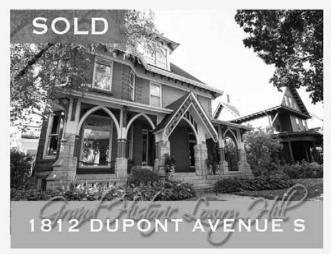
Lisa Goodman, City Council Member and Dan McLaughlin, President EIRA Board of Directors address the audience at the East Isles Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at the Uptown Diner.

Photo credit: Vaughn Emerson

Joseph Boyden - The Orenda Tuesday, May 20th @ 7pm Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church 2020 W Lake of the Isles Parkway, Minneapolis (near Birchbark Books)

Named the One Novel to Change Our Nation by Canada Reads, Joseph Boyden's new book, The Orenda (coming to the U.S. in May), is stirring conversations and inspiring accolades. Joseph's previous novels, Three Day Road and Through Black Spruce, are perennial favorites at Birchbark Books. Don't miss the chance to hear this talented author give a very special reading, with book signing to follow. Free!













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Apartments.

The massive eastern wall of CBC Apartments would be addressed with a triangular bookend building converging to east.

The 30-foot setback from Lake Street would match the setback of the CBC Apartments, creating a clear and aesthetic definition of the Lake Street corridor. This type of setback is supported by modern urban planning principles and city planning practices.

Project height would approximately match the tree line.



This view from the east shows how Greystar would define the Lake Street corridor and present a triangular bookend against the massive east wall of the CBC Apartments.

The Greystar project represents ten years of work by CIDNA to shape development on the site. Greystar has proposed a height and shadowing profile similar to the Lander project, which was not built, but which CIDNA approved in 2006. CIDNA has opposed three other tall projects in the neighborhood: 10-stories by Lander in 2005, 12 stories by Bigos in 2012, and 11 stories by Trammel Crow in 2013.

Founding members of ELECT, who in the 1990's successfully introduced an ordinance to limit shoreland buildings above 35 feet, objected to Greystar's height and massing. Although approving Greystar, CIDNA officially commended Arlene Fried, Harriet Horwitz, Sally Anson and Steve Woldum, founding members of ELECT speaking before CIDNA, for their work in limiting building height on our lakes, and creating a lasting legacy of human-scale shorelines in our city.



Proposed Trammell Crow apartments with the new Tryg's Restaurant on West Lake Street and Loop Calhoun Condominiums to the right.



CIDNA also approved a 154-unit 6-story apartment project proposed by Trammell Crow Company, a major national developer, on the site of Tryg's restaurant at 3118 West Lake Street next to the Loop Calhoun Condominiums. CIDNA commended the developer for addressing the neighborhood's concerns about height, Greenway and Loop Condos interface, and project design, which eliminated the previously monolithic character of the building. The average height of the project would be about 60 feet, and would be within +/- 4 feet of the Loop Condos height.

Traffic has been a huge concern for the neighborhood with both of these projects. Forty thousand cars pass the Lake Street/Dean Parkway intersection daily, one of the busiest street intersections in the city and the state. Pedestrian safety also has been of great concern in CIDNA even before the tragic accident of Caitlan Barton at Market Plaza. Council Member Linea Palmisano in cooperation with West Calhoun Neighborhood Association has invited concerned citizens to discuss pedestrian and cyclist safety in the community on Tuesday May 13, 7pm. at The Bakken Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue South.

To partially address safe pedestrian connectivity Trammell Crow will build sidewalks on the east and north perimeters of their site to create safer pedestrian walkways, which could represent the beginning of a pedestrian trail south of the Greenway between Dean Parkway and Calhoun Village. CIDNA also is supporting community efforts to explore a new north-south bike-ped trail between Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles. This trail could cross a bridge as envisioned by a Park Board charette in 2012, or the trail could cross Lake Street at Thomas Avenue, or both. Please contact your neighborhood to participate in these important projects. Another vision we are exploring to calm traffic and create more livability is the "boulevardization" of Lake Street, which would add trails, trees, center medians, and lighting to this busy and high-speed County thoroughfare. Please see resolutions and detailed drawings for both projects at http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com.

Bob Corrick is Chair of the CIDNA Land Use & Development Committee.

Northern Spark is an all-night arts festival that lights up Minneapolis on June 14, 2014, 9:01 pm until 5:26 am. This year Northern Spark and its 50+ cultural partners have commissioned 100+ emerging and renowned artists from Minnesota and beyond.

On the second Saturday in June each summer, tens of thousands of people gather along the Minneapolis riverfront and throughout the city to explore giant video projections, play in temporary installations in the streets, and enjoy experimental performances in green spaces and under bridges. From dusk to dawn the city surprises you: friendly crowds, glowing groups of cyclists, an unexpected path through the urban landscape, the magic of sunrise after a night of amazing art and experiences. Northern Spark is the one-night arts event people talk about for the rest of the year. For more information, visit northernspark.org. All festival events have no admission fees and are open to the public.

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THE URBAN COYOTE

HOW I SPENT THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING

By Jim Lenfestey

"I am not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat." — Will Rogers.

After the near record snowfall on the heels of April Fool's Day, melting rivulets and soaring birdsong raised a mighty chorus on Sunday, April 6th. Spring had arrived, the mercury rising to an ecstatic 65 degrees. What an opportunity to spend the day communing with intimations of fecundity.

My joy was muted, therefore, entering the dim halls of Ramsey Jr. High School at 1pm for the Hennepin County DFL convention, to which I was an alternate delegate supporting candidate Marion Greene, our former state legislator. The main event was to endorse one of four candidates to replace District Three commissioner Gail Dorfman, who had stepped down, requiring a special election. All of us suspected no endorsement was likely and the candidates would move on to the special primary on April 29, but the ritual of fruitless endorsement is a tradition in both parties, so we were hard at it.

When I saw the long line of fellow delegates disappearing down the corridor like a herd of scruffy sheep, my feelings grew even more mixed. Democracy in action! DFL disorganization!

The line inched imperceptibly toward the distant credentialing table. Passing the time, I high-fived friends and acquaintances wearing Marion's green t-shirts, and slapped stickers on the shirts of others. I had a leisurely conversation with a friend I hadn't seen in years. He sported the yellow t-shirt of an opponent, his neighbor. We reminisced about the deaths of mothers and missing kids now scattered around the globe.

Meanwhile, instead of the convention starting at 1:30 pm, as advertised, the registration process dragged into midafternoon, delegates slowly receiving orange tags, alternates pink. We finally assembled in the auditorium and the convention Chair gaveled the convention to order by pounding his palm on the table.

The first item of business was the unopposed endorsement of Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, an endorsement quickly granted, in gratitude for which he recited some impressive accomplishments, including violent crime down 40% in the county last year, and excellent programs that divert small time drug users to treatment and snatch truant children back into school. Including applause, that process took five minutes, according to plan.

The second routine item was the election of Hennepin County DFL officers and steering committee. The nominating committee reported that exactly19 people had volunteered for the 19 slots. Perfect. No

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I look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you,

JULIETTE HUBER (owner of Terrace Hair Neon Beach)

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contest, so a call for unanimous ballot was in order, then on to the main event.

That logical trajectory was nipped in the bud when someone spontaneously nominated a second person for chair. That required the existing nominee to make her allotted one-minute speech, saying she hoped to help the party be better organized. The second nominee was not in attendance. Rather than provoke a lengthy vote, the first nominee withdrew her name, leaving again but one candidate for the position. Done deal.

If only. A flurry followed, of amendments, points of order, points of personal privilege, charges and counter-charges, people lined up on both sides of the microphone like an Iraqi election. If the nominee was not here, how did we know she wanted the job? Wasn't attendance required? Why had she not been vetted by the nominating committee? Gender matters; the bylaws state the vice-chair must be the opposite gender of the chair. Point of clarification: Not the "opposite gender," just "not the gender" of the chair nominee. OK. More clarifications, obfuscations, procedural impediments, head scratching. We finally voted to require the non-attending nominee to submit a letter ex-post facto. But is she really an organized person? We don't know, but the nominee who withdrew, clearly was not, given what happened next.

The main event was finally at hand. All four candidates poised their troops to wave signs and try to persuade uncommitted delegates to cross the Rubicon.

But wait. The Chair announced there were ongoing problems with credentials. No one had thought to bring maps of the district, and some delegates were apparently seated in the wrong precincts.

Fortunately a calm Senator Scott Dibble rose to settle the question. He reported he had talked to the four campaigns, and none was comfortable with the credentialing debacle unfolding around us. All agreed there should be no endorsement vote, we should adjourn and they would proceed to campaigning for the special primary election on Tuesday, April 29, the two winners on to the special election on Tuesday, May 13.

Stunned silence. But soon lines again formed at the microphone, with fiery speeches in favor and opposed to the proposal. The most heated noted that they had already sacrificed most of the first glorious day of

spring to the dark adolescent halls of Ramsey Jr. High, and now all for nothing? Others noted, a bit more soberly, that indeed the credentials hanging around their necks were unrelated to the precinct where they actually lived.

In the end Senator Dibble's sensible resolution prevailed by a large majority of the delegates, real and imposters. We adjourned without endorsement. As we departed we cleaned up after ourselves, and I am proud to report the auditorium ended the day spotless, as if only inactivity had occurred. Then delegates and alternates stumbled out into the blinding light of a glorious spring afternoon to arrive home in time for "60 Minutes," so all was not lost.

There were benefits of sitting four hours in very hard chairs to accomplish nothing. For example, I had a long talk with Larry Gibson, retired marketing executive at General Mills. We agreed he was the oldest delegate in attendance at 85, until he remembered his wife Lois is 86. They have attended DFL conventions since 1968, the year Senator Eugene McCarthy ran against incumbent Democrat President Lyndon Johnson over the war in Vietnam and permanently enshrined chaos as a feature of Democratic conventions. Will Rogers was right.

But here's the thing. All that chaos has rolled a reluctant country relentlessly forward, on civil rights, women's rights, gay rights, disability rights, education, economic opportunity, environmental responsibility, green energy, and fiscal responsibility, creating a forward-looking state that clobbers our Republican-dominated neighbors in every index of the responsible life, including business environment, employment, educational attainment, and support of the arts and the environment. We welcome, care for, and inspire everyone, of whatever race, gender, and political proclivity, who is willing to endure our winters and the chaos of our democracy.

Huzzah for Will Rogers' party. And don't forget to vote in the special primary on Tuesday, April 29, and the election Tuesday, May 13. If I can fritter away the first warm spring afternoon for you, you can spend 20 minutes making an informed, green decision. —

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Former HLP artist Joyce Aprea Murphy



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Joyce Aprea Murphy former artist for the Hill and Lake Press has two drawings on display at the Hopkins Center for the Arts in a non-Juried Member's exhibition in the Charles Redpenning Gallery and lobby galleries. Joyce Murphy's work features two colored pencil drawings, "Onlooker," and "Louise." Joyce prefers the colored pencil as the medium of choice to express herself in her work. She tells us that Colored Pencil provides the fine detail in a work as well as application of broad fields of color that this medium can provide in a work. Joyce is a former artist, designer, and editor, of the Hill and Lake Press newspaper.

The Hopkins Center for the Arts is located at 1111 Main Street in Hopkins Minnesota. The show includes a wide number of works by many artists in a variety of mediums from April 3, 2014 until May 10, 2014.

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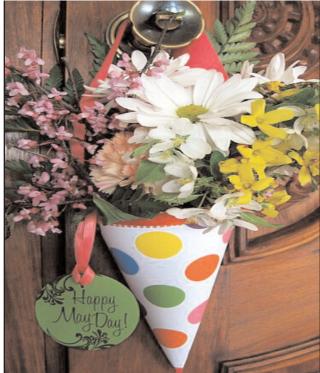
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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Minutes from the Annual Members Meeting April 8, 2014 Uptown Diner

The annual meeting began with a chili dinner and social hour. 40 East Isles residents and invited guests attended the event.

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

Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 Council Member, City of Minneapolis

The City has seven new City Council Members and a new Mayor. CM Goodman is the Chair of the Community Development Committee.

The City has a goal of increasing density. CM Goodman supports increasing density where it allowed by current zoning codes. She would like to see development in all neighborhoods of the City.

The Met Council is expected to vote on Southwest LRT on April 9th. If approved, there will be a 45-day period, then each city along the route will be asked to give municipal consent. CM Goodman has serious concerns about the project with both freight and LRT in the narrow Kenilworth Corridor.

CM Goodman commented that Minneapolis must not be a city of the very rich and the very poor. Need to do a better job of working with the immigrant communities. Goodman would prefer to give a number of loans to small businesses vs. one large loan for projects like the Vikings stadium.

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

The City and Park Board have a joint lawsuit against 1800 Lake (for pumping groundwater into the Lagoon between Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles). They are in the discovery phase of the process.

Smith Triangle: There is money in the Park Board's budget to make improvements to the park in 2018-19.

Levin Triangle Park: New trees will be planted, park benches will be repositioned to face into the park, and options for additional seating will be considered.

The new Walker Library is opening on April 26. The Park Board property adjacent to the library will be restored with trees and grass. There is funding in the budget for improvements to this parkland in the 2019 budget.

Trees that were removed for the sewer construction project will be replanted along E. Calhoun Pkwy (between Lake St and Lake of the Isles). The road will be repayed in 2015.

The Park Board is planting 7,800 new trees on public property this year. They have a plan to remove and replace all of the ash trees on public land in the city over the next eight years.

They continue to work on the aerating and overseeding the turf at Lake of the Isles.

Michael McLaughlin, Lowry Hill District

The Lowry Hill District is the business association for Hennepin Avenue (from Lincoln to the Midtown Greenway). Hennepin Avenue is the most successful commercial corridor outside of downtown. Several new businesses opened on Hennepin Avenue in the past year. The Lowry Hill District also operates a Special Service District (started in 2000) with a budget of \$120K (funded by taxes to commercial properties) to maintain sidewalks, boulevard turf, landscape planters, and bike racks. They also remove trash and graffiti.

Appreciation

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to outgoing board members: Rosita Acosta, Candace Dow, Renee Gust, Antone Melton-Meaux, Ramon Ramirez Quintero and Michael Rossini.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee, Allan Amis

Over the past year, the committee has worked to continue to educate members by hosting specialist presentations on four topics: Uptown Small Area Plan; City of Minneapolis Planning and Zoning Overview; Shoreland Overlay Ordinance; and Building Energy Codes.

Also reviewed zoning requests including working with the architects of 16Twenty mixed use development on NE corner of Lake St and James Ave S (1618 and 1620 W Lake St, and 2915 James Ave S) to scale back the project to a three-story building that received approval from the EIRA Board.

The next meeting of the Zoning Committee is April 15 18, 5:00 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

Social Committee, Amy Sanborn

Organizes two large annual events: Ice Skating party in January and the Ice Cream Social in August.

Also organizes volunteers for the Uptown Art Fair pop booth and the Wine Tasting Fundraiser.

NRP Committee, Judy Enenstein

Directed an additional \$50,000 to the affordable housing loan program

Working with the Parks Committee to prioritize park improvements.

Continue to offer Home Security Grants (up to \$250 for security upgrades) as funds are available.

The next meeting of the NRP Committee is May 5, 7:00 pm at Grace Church.

Green Team, Betsy Allis

Their mission is to engage East Isles residents in greening the East Isles community.

Six working groups: solar, recruitment, edible gardens, green standards for development, plant swap and

Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 26, 9:30 am – Noon at Lake of the Isles (at 27th) featuring water

protection education.

Green Festival on May 31 at Triangle Park featuring a plant swap, activities and a potluck lunch.

Working on a community solar garden.

Transportation Committee, Candace Dow

The committee worked to engage residents regarding the Midtown Greenway Alternatives Analysis. The committee and the EIRA Board supported the option of enhanced bus on Lake Street. Policy makers selected a dual alignment of enhanced bus on Lake Street and rail on the Midtown Greenway as the Locally Preferred Alternative. Funding has not yet been identified for the project.

Candace Dow will be stepping down as the Chair of the committee, Andrew Degerstrom has offered to assume the role of Chair.

Parks Committee, Donna Jansen

The Smith Triangle Subcommittee will be scheduling a park clean up in May. They are working with the Park Board to do some short term improvements for the park as well as looking at options for longer range planning.

The committee is interested in improving The Mall by replacing the park benches and planting new trees and possibly a community garden and bike corral on the north side of the Midtown Greenway.

Treasurer's Report, Dan McLaughlin

EIRA had revenue of \$34K in 2013, mostly from the City of Minneapolis for neighborhood programs and some from fundraising.

EIRA formally applied for 501(c)(4) status from the IRS (awaiting confirmation). Special thanks to Ramon Ramirez for his work on the application and his service as Treasurer.

Nominations Committee, Linda Schutz

Publicity to recruit new board members included ads in the Hill and Lake Press, fliers were distributed and notices were included in the e-newsletter, e-blasts, social media and website.

The committee endorsed nine candidates and two alternates to the 2014-15 EIRA Board.

Election of EIRA Board of Directors and Alternates

Nominations Committee Chair Linda Schutz introduced the pre-registered slate of nine candidates for the 2014-15 EIRA Board of Directors: Andrew Degerstom, Bill Elwood, Vaughn Emerson, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Donna Jansen, Dan McLaughlin, Andrew Moratzka, Carla Pardue, and Linda Schutz. Candidate for Alternates to the EIRA Board of Directors: Maria Bales and Brian Milavitz. McLaughlin called for any additional floor nominations (there were none). The slate of candidates was unanimously approved. We remain short two director to fill the 11-member board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

Next EIRA Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, May 20 (note: one week later than usual), 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th St.

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 9, 2014

The April meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Lowell Berggren, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Art Higinbotham, James Reid and Amanda Vallone Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick, NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Announcements

Earth Day Clean Up is Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. - Noon at Cedar Lake (at W 25th St).

The new Walker Library opens on Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Symposium, Friday, April 11th 3:00-9:30 p.m. at Mill City Museum.

NRP/CPP Report, Gail Lee

Park Siding Park update:

Saturday, May 31: Naturalist program "Gardening for Pollinators", 9:30 -11:00 a.m. Garden clean up at 9:00 a.m.

Monthly garden clean up will be held on the 4th Saturday of the month (June-September) at 9:00 a.m.

The CIDNA Board approved a total budget of \$200 for refreshments at the monthly garden clean up events this summer.

The list of outstanding issues at Park Siding was sent to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services and the Park Board.

The Park Stewards Agreement has been submitted. Raingarden program update:

A cost sharing grant was submitted to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for the raingarden project, a decision is expected on May 13.

The raingarden project budget will include funding for up to three alley projects.

Cedar Lake South Beach

Working with the Park Board for improvements to South Beach.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is April 30, noon at St Thomas, Opus Hall featuring a legislative update.

The May Lunch with Lisa will be a field trip to Minneapolis Water Works plant, on May 21, noon.

Public Works: The city is divided into four districts, each with their own crew working concurrently to repair potholes.

New recycling guides are in the mail to residents. Curbside organics will be rolled out in 2015.

The city is planning for Hennepin/Lyndale improvements. The road will be resurfaced and improvements made for bikes/pedestrians and greening. They will not be redesigning the roadways. More information at www.hennepinlyndaleproject.com.

I-394 will be resurfaced in the summer of 2015.

Southwest LRT

Lisa Goodman and CIDNA Transportation Committee Chair Art Higinbotham discussed Southwest LRT.

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612-928-7235 EXCEPTION OF THE PARKET STATES

The Met Council voted today (vote of 14-2) to approve the Southwest LRT project scope and budget that includes freight and LRT in the Kenilworth Corridor (LRT will be in shallow tunnels that surfaces to cross the channel). The next step is to ask for municipal consent from the cities along the route. Goodman said that the city will try to negotiate for the best outcome. Mayor Hodges has been strong in her opposition; stating broken promises by St Louis Park regarding freight and the failure of Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) to do a diligent job of relocating freight earlier in the process. Concerns remain that there are no guarantees that the Met Council will build the shallow tunnels.

There are other factors that could delay the project including environmental impact (Section 4F standards), how the FTA ranks the project against other cities and possible safety concern about proximity of freight and

The Met Council and HCRRA will hold a joint public hearing on May 12, 6 pm at Hennepin County Government Center.

Land Use and Development, Bob Corrick

The Land Use Committee has been working with Trammel Crow since November 2013 on a project on the Tryg's site (3118 W Lake St). The project has been scaled back from the original proposal to be more favorable to the committee. Trammel Crow and ESG Architects presented the proposal to the CIDNA Board. The project is 154-unit, 6-story apartment building with a 5,000 sq ft restaurant fronting Lake St and a total of 289 parking spaces. The average height of the project would be about 60 feet, and would be within +/- 4 feet of the Loop Condos height. The CIDNA Board approved a motion to not oppose the project.

The Land Use Committee has been working for ten years on potential developments at 2622 W Lake St.

Greystar is proposing a project similar in height and shadowing to the Lander project, which was not built but was approved by CIDNA in 2006. Greystar and ESG Architects presented the proposal to the CIDNA Board. The project is a 90 unit luxury apartment project that will be 8-stories (89 ft) on Lake St, stepping down to 3-stories on the Greenway with 155 parking spaces. The CIDNA Board approved a motion to not oppose

the project.

CIDNA's resolutions for both of these projects can be found at: http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com.

Craig Westgate thanked Land Use Committee members Chair Bob Corrick, Steve Goltry, Brad Frederiksen, Jay Isenberg, John Kim, and Joan Soranno for their work on these projects.

Annual Meeting Planning

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14. Tentative schedule will be social time from 5:45-6:15 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:15 p.m. Free childcare will be provided. Thanks to Jones-Harrison for donating snacks and coffee. The agenda will include board elections and updates from elected officials and CIDNA committees. Peter Wagenius will be invited to discuss Southwest LRT.

New business

Council Member Linea Palmisano (Ward 13) is hosting a Pedestrian and Bike Safety Public Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Bakken Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue S.

Hennepin County Commissioner special election: primary on April 29 and general election on May 13.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting

Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Jones-Harrison, social at 5:45 p.m., meeting at 6:15

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

Junkyard Theater presents "Mistress Ginger's Cookbook Release Party", a variety show at the **Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater**

Who: Junkyard Theater

What: "Mistress Ginger's Cookbook Release Party," a variety show created by Justin Leaf and featuring performances by Mistress Ginger and friends

When: Sunday, May 18 – 7pm

Where: The Bryant-Lake Bowl Theater, 810 West Lake Street, Minneapolis

Tickets: \$12 at the door/\$10 in advance or with Fringe button. Tickets at bryantlakebowl.com or 612-825-8949. More Info: junkyardtheater.com or justinleaf.com

CIDNA Annual Meeting!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014 5:45 P.M. CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH NEIGHBORS 6:15 P.M. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

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CIDNA is partnering with local non-profit Metro Blooms on a project to plant 10 raingardens on private properties in the neighborhood. One can be yours!

Nominal cost to homeowners because CIDNA is subsidizing the project!

Go to www.metroblooms.org to learn more about raingardens and sign up for the raingarden workshop on Thursday, May 22, 6:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center.

More information at www.cidna.org



KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

by Amy Lucas

April 2014 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met April 7, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Jack Levi, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Ed Pluimer, Robert Tennessen.

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman; Jean Deatrick; Kenwood residents: Jim Gilroy, Shawn Smith, Lori Smith

7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

"Lunch with Lisa" on Wed, April 30 will feature a legislative update.

The May "Lunch with Lisa" will be a field Trip to the waterworks plant in Fridley. Please call Lisa's office at 673-2207 or email through www.minneapolismn.gov/ward7 to reserve a spot.

Potholes Update: Calling 311 is recommended for faster service. Lisa explained discrepancies in the latest Star Tribune pothole story.

The City of Mpls-reconstruction (paving) of Lyndale-Hennepin interchange is slated for late 2015 and will include bike lanes and some pedestrian enhancements. For more info: www.Hennepinlyndaleprojects.com.

I-394 (MnDot) will be resurfaced with concrete in summer 2015.

SWLRT-Per the state's "municipal consent process" the City of Mpls must vote on LRT by June 28.

KIAA Board Nominations

Shawn Smith was nominated to KIAA by Jeanette Colby and 2nd by Ed Pluimer. All approved.

Jim Gilroy was nominated to KIAA by Larry Moran and 2nd by Kathy Low. All approved.

SWLRT Update

Larry Moran and Shawn Smith attended and testified at the the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee meeting on April 2. Shawn believes 80% of the speakers were in support of City of Minneapolis position on the project.

Jeanette Colby attended a recent CAC meeting where Mark Wegner, president of the Twin Cities and Western Railroad, spoke. He received a Hennepin County study for re-routing in 2008 and again in 2010, but did not see the immediacy to investigate further and felt Hennepin County was not completely respectful in the proceedings. Mr. Wegner also stated his view that the freight rail reroute was not included in the initial cost estimates because it would have made the Kenilworth alignment less cost-effective.

Met Council will meet on April 9 to vote on the recommended scope and budget for the project. This recommendation includes "shallow tunnels" north and south of the Kenilworth Channel with an 80-foot bridge crossing the water. KIAA will not send a representative but has submitted numerous statements since the December 2012 DEIS.

Bob Tennessen presented his opinions on the SWLRT and news that legislature may withhold Nicollet Mall rehabilitation funding if Mpls votes against SWLRT. Bob believes Mpls will be isolated by

the state legislators if the City votes against SWLRT. **Hidden Beach Summer Funding**

KIAA approved a contract with the Mpls Park and Rec Board for additional summer police patrol at Hidden Beach. KIAA approved additional funds up to \$5,000 from NCR current fund and the remainder of last year's fund. The present estimate has approximately \$1949 remaining from last year's fund and will be added to approximately \$3,051 from this year's fund to reach the \$5000 per summer contract. Bob Tennessen and others will provide final numbers.

KIAA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be May 5, 6:00 p.m. at Bockley Gallery (corner of Penn and W. 21st St.). The Red Wagon Pizza Company will provide pizzas (pizza oven truck to be parked in front of gallery-The Kenwood is closed on Mondays). Kenwood has committed \$750 to cover the cost of the pizza. All Kenwood residents will be invited for free pizza through KIAA website, NextDoor Kenwood, flyers. A basket for donations to the Joyce Food Shelf will be provided. Angie will work with Amanda Vallone of Artrageous to arrange art project/daycare for approx \$100. Todd Bockley has offered the use of the gallery for free, but \$100 donation was discussed.

KIAA will also provide drinks, donation basket, pens, suggestion cards/basket for neighbors to suggest their spending priorities for the neighborhood.

Larry's program: Introduce board, ask for new members, presentation of the "Great Places in America" Award by American Planning Association to Kenwood.

Neighborhood Projects

KIAA approved annual funding to support Hill and Lake Press of \$900, and also to publish KIAA board minutes.

KIAA asked the Kenwood Rec Center staff to present upcoming funding priorities. They include: 1. Shakespeare in the Park, \$1,000-2,000; 2. Outdoor Movie at Kenwood Park, \$400; 3. Portable PA System (speakers, stands, microphones, cords, mixing board), \$900; 4. Ping Pong Table-commercial grade, \$1000; 5. Portable Stereo (CD Player with docking station), \$175; 5. Gas Grill, \$500.

KIAA approved funding of \$400 towards the outdoor summer movies in Kenwood Park. KIAA tabled discussion on funding items 3-6 to the June meeting. At the March meeting, KIAA approved \$1,000 to support Shakespeare in Kenwood Park and Lowry Hill made a similar commitment.

KIAA created a list of other Kenwood neighborhood issues/priorities: KIAA funding to the Kenwood Rec Center is beneficial to the community, but KIAA should be recognized. Neighborhood beautification, but not necessarily at the lake. Suggestion cards will be distributed at the annual meeting.

Updates

If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at KIAA@gmail.com. Also please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org to learn more. If you are interested in participating on the board, please contact us.

1 MONTH

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Reminder: The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting held on Monday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Bockley Gallery for a free pizza party. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org or by calling 612-673-6483.

May Day in the Hood

by Amanda Vallone, ARTrageous

Last May Day the weather was cold and raining but that did not stop these ARTrageous kids from making and delivering over 50 May Day baskets to Kenwood residents near 21st & Penn Ave. Each of the businesses including the mailman got a special delivery too!

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WHO: Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition and more than 50 partners including: City of Minneapolis, Bike Walk Twin Cities, Federal Highway Administration, Metro Transit, Hennepin County and car2go.

WHAT: 2014 Minneapolis Bike Week: Your Ride. Your City. Your Adventure!

WHERE: Minneapolis, with unique celebrations occurring each day of the week.

WHEN: May 4 - 11, 2014

WHY: Minneapolis is the best bicycling city in the country. It's time to celebrate – Minneapolis Bike Week, set for May 4-11, 2014, will be a weeklong celebration dedicated to the joy of riding a bike in Minneapolis and encouraging new riders to ride – to school, to the grocery store, to work or just for fun. The week will be filled with great events and activities for anyone – families, kids, people whose bikes spend too much time in their garages – who wants to explore our beautiful city on their bicycle. Take a ride – the rest of the city will be riding with you!

THEME DAYS:

Sunday, May 4: Bike to Parks Day

Make sure to ride to the 40th Annual May Day Parade and Festival. Spearheaded by In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, the parade proceeds along Bloomington Avenue to Powderhorn Park, where a festival is held until dusk. Don't miss the Minneapolis Bike Week bike corral with free tune-ups and bicycle parking.

The Minneapolis Park System has been called the best-designed, best-financed and best-maintained in America – there's a park within riding distance of every residence in the city. With more than 90 miles of onstreet bikeways and bike lanes and 85 miles of off-street bikeways, you can ride your bike with your family to a Minneapolis park safely and easily.

Monday, May 5: Cinco de Mayo

Ride away your Monday blues by pedaling into a quick Commuter Pit Stop on your way to work or school – a network of stations around Minneapolis will provide free bicycle repairs, lights, resources and snacks during your morning commuter. Need more than a light snack? Join the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition and Tamales y Bicicletas at Mercado Central for a free tamale! Mercado Central is within easy bicycling distance of the Midtown Greenway – stop by to chat about bicycles while enjoying your free tamale and support local businesses along the way.

Tuesday, May 6: Nice Ride Day

You've seen the iconic green bikes throughout Minneapolis. By mid-2014, more than 700,000 rides were taken on Nice Ride bikes. Now it's your turn to join in the fun! On Nice Ride Day, stop by a station demonstration location to pick up your free pass and a helmet to try out a Nice Ride bike – there will be plenty of people throughout town to help make your Nice Ride experience safe and fun.

Wednesday, May 7: Bike to School Day

Parents, staff and students at Minneapolis Public Schools, University of Minnesota, Augsburg University and more will be celebrating Bike to School day with free tune-ups, bicycle light giveaways and celebrations at

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

by Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Mark Brauer; Jimmy Fogel; Michael Cockson; Phil Hallaway; Ruth Shields; Rebecca Graham.

Present – Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative.

President Maureen Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Dan Aronson moved and Mark Brauer seconded approval of tonight's agenda and the March 4, 2014, minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements: Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman: Lunch with Lisa will take place on April 30th, 2014, and is expected to feature a legislative update on issues important to the city. The May Lunch with Lisa will be a field trip tour of the city water works facility. Winter parking restrictions have been lifted, and the focus is on pothole repair. Call 311 to report potholes. Lisa gave an update on the upcoming Hennepin/Lyndale Avenue Reconstruction Project from Franklin Avenue to Dunwoody Boulevard. The project will not involve substantial road reconfiguration, but rather will seek to enhance and improve. Another large project on the horizon is the resurfacing of Highway 394, using new and improved concrete for better noise control. Information on this project will be presented at public meetings to be scheduled and in the Hill & Lake Press. The City's 2014/2015 recycling guide is in the mail. Organics recycling will be a future priority. Single sort recycling has been a big improvement. Lisa will be at the LHNA Annual Meeting.

individual schools throughout the day. Not riding to school? Don't miss the Commuter Pit Stops throughout Minneapolis featuring free bicycle tune-ups, snacks, bicycle lights and resources.

Thursday, May 8: Bike to Work Day

Continuing the annual celebration at Government Plaza, Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, Hennepin County and the Office of the Mayor of Minneapolis will host a morning party for bicycle commuters featuring free coffee, light breakfast snacks and prizes from local bicycle friendly businesses. Minneapolis City Council Members will be leading rides from their wards to the morning celebration downtown. This is one commute you don't

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Treasurers Report: Dan Aronson gave the Treasurers Report. LHNA finances are in good shape. The Board approved the annual budget at the March Board meeting. Once an ADA policy is approved, LHNA can seek reimbursement from the city for certain previous expenses.

Committee Reports:

Environment: Jimmy Fogel is meeting with a neighborhood resident who lost some beehives recently. He will update us at the next meeting.

Zoning and Planning: Managers of the Hennepin/Lyndale Reconstruction project will present an update at the Annual Meeting. Craig Wilson is willing to serve as LHNA's liaison on the project. Ruth Shields moved and Mark Brauer seconded approval of Craig Wilson in this role. All approved. Dan Aronson and Janis Clay volunteered to assist.

Crime and Safety: Rebecca Graham discussed possible speakers for the Annual Meeting.

Events. The Annual Meeting agenda was discussed. Michael Cockson moved approval of the proposed agenda, seconded by Dan Aronson. All approved. Board members will continue to secure donations from vendors to serve as prizes to encourage responses to the Neighborhood Priorities Survey. The Board discussed terms and possible open seats. Shakespeare in the Park has been approved. The annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 15th. Chris Madden has has prepared a postcard mailing for the Neighborhood Priorities Survey. Ruth Shields moved, and Jimmy Fogel, seconded approval of the form of the postcard, subject to final revisions. All approved.

New Business: The Board noted with sadness the closing of Rye Delicatessen, a favorite post-meeting spot, filled with wonderful memories. It is a great loss to the neighborhood.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the Kenwood Rec Center. The Annual Meeting will take place Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Walker Art Center. All residents are welcome.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.





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Where We Are Now by Jean Deatrick

It is with great sadness that we report that two of our favorite neighborhood businesses have closed recently. Rye Deli has been a favorite of many of us since it opened and we at Hill and Lake Press are grateful for their regular advertisements in our newspaper. Owner David Weinstein is a dedicated activist in our Lowry Hill neighborhood. My husband and I often stopped in for lunch on our way home from his many medical appointments. Now I will have to go to New York to get fine Jewish deli food.

And FirstTech on Hennepin was there a long time. Rick Zuckman and his brothers Arne and Harvey owned FirstTech. Rick lived next door to us for nearly 20 years. The brothers ran a great store and were a credit to the neighborhood. We will miss it and them.

Enjoy the beautiful wintry weather and please patronize our fine advertisers and tell them where you saw their ad. As you know, we can't publish without their support.

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want to miss!

Friday, May 9: Bike and Ride Day

Want to ride a short distance, but travel farther? Stop by one of Metro Transit's Park-and-Ride locations with your bike and you ride into the city for free! Commuting in the city? It's the last day to visit a Commuter Pit Stop with free tune-ups, bicycle lights, snacks and resources to take with you.

Saturday, May 10: Bike to Local Businesses Day

Minneapolis is a fantastic place to live, work and play – and that's in no small part due to how friendly our local, independent businesses are to people riding their bikes. Enjoy discounts at some of your favorite businesses and check out a block party! Block parties – several with live, local music – will be held in the following areas: East Harriet, Kingfield, Lake Street, Northeast, North Loop and Tangletown.

Sunday, May 11: Mother's Day & Family Bike Day Minneapolis neighborhoods are special; there's no better way to experience them then taking a bicycle ride with your family. Minneapolis neighborhoods feature gardens, historical sites, beaches, lakes, golf courses, our neighborhoods and more. Ride with your family to a park, and take in some of the best outdoor spaces in the country. Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition will also be hosting several family bike rides throughout the day.

Home Improvement Ideas and History at the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour April 26-27

The free, self guided tour will feature remodeling ideas for every room in the house, plus historic homes and apartments and new "green" living.

More than 50 homes in Minneapolis and Saint Paul will be open during the 27th annual Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. The free, self-guided tour Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, 1-5 p.m., gives homeowners inspiration and ideas on how to improve their homes.

To plan a free, self-guided tour, visitors can go to www.MSPHomeTour.com or pick up a copy of the Home Tour Guides with maps and descriptions of all the homes at local libraries in Hennepin County (Minneapolis and suburban), Saint Paul and Ramsey County, available after the first week in April.



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FirstTech Computer on Hennepin Avenue in East Isles, Apple Specialist, closed recently.

My Mother's Flan

By Madeleine Lowry

My mother's recipe for flan does not work. It doesn't work for her, though she cheerfully offers to make it every time she visits, and it does not work for me. She considers it her signature dessert. Flan has Spanish origins and so does my mother, so she feels that it's part of her cultural heritage.

I think that when I was a child she had a very good recipe for flan. But at some point in the 80s, or maybe the 90s, she came across a newfangled recipe that utilized cream cheese and things went awry. She must have thought it was an improvement on the old method. It was not. The cream cheese made it dense and heavy like cheesecake which is no surprise because it was basically cheesecake with a gloppy caramel accompaniment that stuck to the pan like glue.

When I followed her recipe and it flopped, I chalked it up to a mistake in the handwritten copy. I had her check it over the next time she visited, thinking she'd left out a key ingredient, but she had not. She made the same recipe from memory and got the same mediocre results.

Clearly, it was time to find a new recipe for flan.

Well, hurrah! Because in February, the Star Tribune published a recipe for flan that really works and should

serve to restore a remnant of the cultural heritage of the Alfonso-Dolls family line, starting with me. It's not complicated to make, but it does need to be made ahead of time as the flan must chill overnight.

Caramel Flan Serves 6

- 2 Tblsp water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Tblsp light corn syrup
- 3 egg yolks at room temperature
- 2 eggs at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cup 1% milk
- 1 14-oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Adjust oven rack to middle position and preheat to 325 degrees. Place a double layer of paper towels in the bottom of a 9x13" baking pan and arrange six (6 oz) ramekins in the pan.

In a small heavy saucepan combine the water, sugar and corn syrup. Stir gently just to moisten the sugar. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook with-



out stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Reduce heat to medium-low and continue to cook until it is golden, about 3 minutes. Stir slowly as the color darkens to dark amber then quickly divide the caramel among the ramekins. Let the caramel cool and harden.

In a medium bowl, combine the egg yolks and eggs, whisk to combine but not to the point of causing the eggs to foam or you'll have bubbles in your custard. Whisk in the milk, sweetened condensed milk and vanilla. Pour the mixture through a fine sieve into another bowl. Divide custard evenly between the ramekins.

Pour very hot (not boiling) water into the baking pan, being careful not to splash water into the custard, until the water is about 1 1/2" deep. Bake the flans for 50-60 minutes. Remove the ramekins from the pan to cool. Wrap each in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight or up to 48 hours.

To serve, run a knife around each dish to loosen the flan. Place a small plate over the top and flip to release the flan onto the plate. It may take a minute or two for the flan to unmold. Be patient.

It's worth the wait.

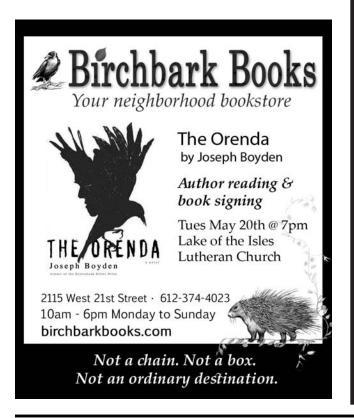
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Join us for a festive spring event that includes a silent auction, raffle, entertainment, and a delicious luncheon. The silent auction includes spring flowers and plants, collectibles, jewelry, art, dinners, concerts, events, and household items. Entertainment includes native Minnesotan mezzo soprano Heather Johnson who made her Met debut in 2013 and Gabriel Preisser who has sung with Minnesota Opera and many other opera companies, both accompanied by Eric McEnaney who has performed with singers from the Met, Lyric Opera, and A Prairie Home Companion.

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Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association — SAVE THE DATE —

LHNA ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, May 20th, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at The Walker Art Center

Please join your LHNA Board for a fun and informative evening on the state of our neighborhood. We will hear from City Council Member Lisa Goodman and Park Board Superintendent Jayne Miller about events

within the neighborhood. This meeting is an opportunity for you to learn more about what is taking place in our neighborhood and, particularly, the planned improvements to the Hennepin-Lyndale corridor. We will also be electing new Board members. There will be a cash bar, cookies and time for you to meet your neighbors. Join in on the fun on the 20th and all year long with LHNA!



To learn more about LHNA visit us at lowryhillneighborhood.org

sand upon the waters

May God endow you with pain.

Baba Farid, Sufi poet

JoAnne (wife/editor) "What are you writing about this month?"

Me "I thought I'd write about Cooper."

JoAnne "You have already written at least three columns about him..."

Me "Do you know how many entire books have been written about Winston Churchill, Stephen Foster, and Sacajawea?"

JoAnne (a bit exasperated and recognizing she has again fallen into an exchange where logic is useless. Nevertheless she continues gamely) "They were famous people. Cooper is a dog."

Me (exchanging a conspiratorial wink with the behemoth at my feet) "That," I say, pausing for emphasis, "Is what he wants you to believe."

Cooper was a wedding present my daughter Rachael and son-in-law Daniel gave to each other almost eleven years ago. Cooper is an over-sized yellow Lab who comes across as an oafish, hale fellow well met, ready to ask about "the missus" and your golf game. A tail thumping Rotarian glad hander who will grab your clothing and pull you to the ground to rub his belly. At dinner parties he settles down after the meet and greet and plays the perfect guest. Careful not to take the host's favorite chair, he avoids politics and religion and does more listening than talking. He seems to blend into the woodwork. It is not until dessert is about to be served that the host realizes that an entire pumpkin pie that was on a high counter is missing.

Cooper is a trickster, perhaps in the coyote or Sufi tradition. He has been pulling stunts like this for more than a decade. Traveling with Daniel, he adjusts seamlessly to months of fast-paced downtown living in a Toronto highrise. Charming the doorman, he is off, walking without a leash through the financial district. He could be just another securities trader concerned about the downturn in the China market. What gives him away is not that he is a dog, but that he is not on a cell phone. He knows that a

By Tom H. Cook

cold wet nose to the back of a knee can redirect a chatting, oblivious business person and keep things moving.

Daniel and I believe Cooper is a prankster, far smarter than he appears. In repose he is a Zen-like cipher, a Rorschach test. We love to speculate on his past. He often acts the part of a tweedy, befuddled, long tenured classics professor oblivious to the toilet paper stuck to his foot. We are convinced this is just his cover. Was he C.I.A.? I am not sure where that rumor started. Did he prep at Hotchkiss and get recruited to be a helper dog before washing out? Was he once a companion to an elderly man who was finally unable to care for him? He gets very excited when he sees very senior citizens. He still pees like a racehorse in one spot as if he used to receive very few walks and had to make the most of every outing.

"Coopie" was already an old soul when Rachael and Daniel found him in a shelter in the San Fernando Valley. This would lend credence to him having been in The Company and then discarded. While all the other dogs barked and pleaded to be noticed, Cooper slept undisturbed as if he knew the kids were coming for him. He ambled off just hours before facing "the green mile." He has been family ever since.

That is what is making his present condition so gut wrenching. Cooper is probably about fourteen and has led a full if circumspect life. His eyes are clear, and his appetite legendary. His back legs are now too weak to support him. After a few steps he likely tumbles over. He remains good natured and nonplussed by his worsening condition.

After a fall his tail thumps loudly, signaling that poltergeists have again tripped him up. He rises with aid, his dignity and sense of humor intact. Doctors have ruled out hip dysplasia and arthritis. He baffled the neurologist; his X-rays, CAT scan, and MRI were unremarkable. He has received laser treatments, acupuncture, and is on more drugs than Michael Jackson. Cooper has a rear harness that allows us to take some of the weight off of his back end.

The veterinarians say he does not seem to be in pain. Still, it is like watching the once graceful Willie Mays attempt to play centerfield for the Mets at forty-two. No one wanted to cut the future Hall of Famer. If you squint-

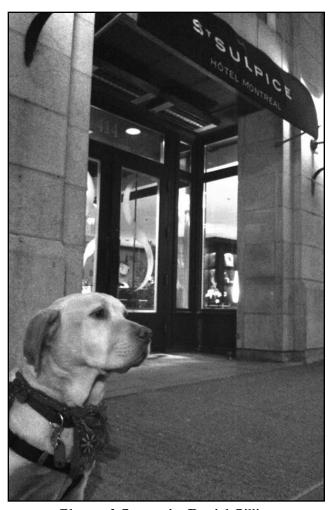


Photo of Cooper by Daniel Gillies

ed just right for a play, he was still the "Say Hey Kid." Fans cheered mostly from relief every time he made it back to the bench alive. "Coopie" still takes great joy in eating and a good nap. He is "still in there" and we cannot let go

When informed an injured athlete is "day to day," Keith Olbermann will add, "Listen, we're all day to day."

Tom H. Cook is a formerly local writer. This was an incredibly difficult story to share. For happier Cooper columns and others visit sanduponthewaters.net.



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