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KIAA Continues to Engage SWLRT Planners on Addressing, Mitigating Impacts to Historic Resources

By Jeanette Colby

If Section 106 of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act had existed in the 1950s, the Twin Cities' landscape might look quite different today. Since 1966, federally funded projects have been required to identify the historic and cultural resources they might damage or destroy. When potential "adverse effects" are found, the projects' planners must work with state and local entities to address and try to mitigate those negative impacts. These entities are called "consulting parties."

The proposed Southwest LRT project must comply with Section 106 process since the Met Council is seeking a 50% share of the project's funding from Washington. Knowing historic parts of Minneapolis would be impacted by SWLRT, the Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) applied for and received consulting party status in 2010.

Historic resources within one-half mile of the SWLRT corridor in the Hill & Lake Press area include the Kenilworth Lagoon, Kenwood Parkway, Kenwood Park, the Kenwood Water Tower and several homes eligible for the National Historic Register. In November, the Minnesota Department of Transportation proposed an initial finding of "no adverse effect" on these resources with the exception of the Lagoon, although the intent to "continue consultation" with the parties was noted.

To deal with impacts to the Kenilworth Lagoon and Channel, the Met Council proposed three different bridge designs reflecting different interpretations of the historic nature of the area. However, several of the consulting parties agree that the context – the "setting" and "feeling" of the area – will be adversely affected and KIAA says it looks forward to continuing consultation on these issues.

Working with consultants from Preservation Design Works, KIAA has notified the State Historic Preservation Office that it disagrees with the finding of "no adverse effects" on other historic properties at this point. If the proposed station at 21st Street generates nearly 1600 rides a day as predicted by the Met Council, KIAA notes that this would clearly affect traffic and parking patterns. Noise, light and vibration impacts from the trains and station would also likely affect the historic resources in our area. These potential effects have received little to no assessment to date, nor have any mitigation proposals been made.

KIAA also expressed concerns about the potential impacts of increased truck and equipment traffic during construction and has requested a construction impact plan.

Section 106 consultation is an ongoing process, so KIAA will continue to request that potential effects be properly understood and mitigation be determined before construction starts – and will keep CIDNA and the Cedar Lake Park Association informed of their efforts. The National Historic Preservation Act has made a big difference in our cultural landscape since 1966, and it remains crucial whether we're building interstate highways or commuter light rail transit.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



Dorothy Childers captured the breathtaking beauty of Cedar Lake in early winter.



Later with Lisa, Left to right: Kelly O'Brien, Kate Knuth, Marion Green, Lisa Goodman, Anita Tabb, Bob Corrick, and Jean Deatrick.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

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Later with Lisa at the Normandy Inn downtown was again a well attended and festive event. And we all had a chance to chat with our popular and esteemed Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman. The crowded room included Lisa's husband Ben Horn, stepson Max Horn home from Mankata State, Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, and Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene as well as neighbors and friends and Lisa's wonderful dog Sadie. A great evening was had by all...and the food was delicious.

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The Minneapolis Audubon Society will meet January 9, 2015 at 1 p.m. Bryant Square (31st & Bryant Avenue S)

Don Beimborn will present a program on the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden at 1 pm January 9, 2015 at the Minneapolis Audubon Society's monthly meeting. The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join us for the program and refreshments! For more information call 763-533-8381.

The Midtown Greenway has received a 2014 Great Places Award!

The Midtown Greenway was nominated by SRF Consulting for the Sensible Land Use Coalition's 2014 Great Places Award.

As noted in the Star Tribune, the Great Places awards recognize places open to the public in the seven-county metro area that are memorable, transformational and elevate function to art.

Notes from jurors on the Midtown Greenway

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Make 2015 the Year to Eat Healthy and Save the Planet! Monday, January 26

The connection between greenhouse gases and climate change is well known. But what about the role of food? Is it possible for us to make a difference with our food choices? The answer is an emphatic YES according to a new study by U. of MN ecologists published in the November 12 online edition of Nature.

Learn about this connection and practical tips for making better food choices in a 4-program series sponsored by the East Isles Green Team. Our speaker, Jesse Haas, is an experienced Twin Cities nutrition educator and certified health coach. In addition to founding and operating the "Wellness Minneapolis" clinic, Jesse is completing a masters degree in Human Nutrition and Functional Medicine.

The first program will be on Monday, January 26 from 7-8:30 pm at

Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 West 28th Street 55408. Hour-long programs on fat, food allergens and sensitivities, and super foods will follow in March, also led by Jesse.

Learn more about the food series (and upcoming "green house parties"). Sign up now with Monica Smith at <nrp@eastisles.org. Registrants will be entered into a raffle and win cool prizes. All programs include low-carbon snacks!

Friends of the Walker Library and Friends of the Hosmer Library are having a joint book sale at the Hosmer Library (347 E. 36th St., Minneapolis) on December 19, 20, and 21. Hours for the sale are 9am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday; 12 noon to 3pm on Sunday.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Dec. 19, 20, 21, Friends of Library Book Sale
Dec. 19, 7:30pm & Dec. 21, 5pm, Lessons & Carols at St. Mark's Cathedral
Dec. 21, 23, 7:30pm Lumina at St. Paul's Episcopal
Jan. 17, 3-5, ARTrageous birthday celebration
Jan. 25 Ice Skating Social
Jan. 26, Eat Healthy program at Grace Church

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: January 14, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday, 7pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church.
KIAA: Monday, January 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Kenwood Rec Center,
LHNA: Tuesday, January 6, 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

Walker Library Schedule

Job Search Assistance-Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.

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Walker Library Non-fiction Book Club-January 14, 6:30-7:30pm

Join our discussion of new and interesting nonfiction titles. Bring along your recommendations for future meetings. What we're reading: January 14: Psychopath test: a journey through the madness industry by Ronson, Jon

Baby Storytime- Fridays, January 2- 30, 9:30am

For children from birth to 24 months and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format designed especially for babies. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Family Storytime- Fridays, January 2- 30, 10:30am

For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Walker Library Book Club - January 12, 6:30-7:30pm

Join our discussion of new and interesting titles. The title for this event is "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. Bring along your recommendations for future meetings. Everyone is welcome!

Act Out for Kids: Creative Movement—Friday, January 16, 1- 2:30pm

Grades 1-2. Learn how to walk like a bear, creep like a tiger or be like a tiny fly! An experienced Guthrie teaching artist will show you fun and creative ways to use imaginative movement. This project is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Presented in collaboration with Guthrie Theater .

Work of Art +: Artists Collaborating With Community—January 24, 1:30- 4pm

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR, BRETT SCHOPPERT...AND BRETT'S WELL!

Craig Wilson interviews Brett Schoppert about what motivated an 8th grader at Breck to decide to fundraise for a new well for a village in Haiti and what this remarkable boy does when he's not a superhero. Please consider giving to Brett's Well in your charitable contributions this year.

How did you get interested in helping people get access to clean water? My passion for clean water began a couple of years ago on a school field trip. We took a survival course, and I learned that most people cannot survive after 3 days without water. It became clear to me that water is a basic human need. Once I learned that there are many people in the world that struggle on a daily basis to get clean water, I decided to take action. I care about other people a lot, and I wanted to do what I could to help them.

Why did you choose to focus your efforts on Haiti? Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, the land is 98% deforested, and 1 in 5 children will die before they reach the age of 5 due to water borne diseases. I didn't want to just donate some money to charity, but rather I wanted to take action in a more direct way. That's when I found Haiti Outreach, an organization focused on drilling new clean water wells for people in Haiti. In Haiti, people have to walk for miles each day to find water to bring back to their village, and even then, the water is more than likely contaminated. As a result, thirst and disease are prevalent.

What is your fundraising goal and what's your strategy to achieve it? I am raising \$15,000 as part of Haiti Outreach's Adopt-a-Well program. This amount will provide a community in Haiti with a new clean water well, a well house to protect it, and training for the people to maintain the well on their own. So, we're setting up the community for sustainable success. I am organizing a house party on Saturday, February 7th, where I will be telling my guests about the project and inviting them to contribute. I already have some wonderful sponsors lined up who will be providing free

food, drinks and valet parking in a really beautiful home of some friends of ours in Kenwood.

What can Hill Lake residents do to support Brett's Well? I want to invite everyone reading this article to attend my event on February 7th. You can email me at brettshaitiwell@gmail.com, and I will email an invitation back to you. It's going to be a fun event for a great cause! If you can't attend, but would like to contribute, you can visit my website at www.haitioutreach.org/adopt-a-well/bretts-well. Please be sure to designate "Brett's Well" so that contributions will go specifically to my project. I will greatly appreciate donations of any amount. You can also like my page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/brettsadoptawell.

What are your interests in and out of school? I've played a lot of different sports, but currently I enjoy soccer, and I play goalkeeper for my middle school team. I also have fun downhill skiing with my friends. This spring, I want to try squash and fencing. One of my favorite things to do is camping in the North Woods. When I am "out on trail", I enjoy the beautiful scenery and spending time with my camping buddies. Travel is another passion of mine, as is musical theater.

You were Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", what was that experience like for you? I was so happy when I found out I was cast as the lead in my middle school musical. It was a lot of hard work, but it paid off in the end, and I loved the thrill of performing in front of a live audience. It was also a team effort, and I enjoyed meeting new friends. I'm looking forward to auditioning for this year's spring production!

At this point in your life, what do you want to be when you grow up? I love animals and have considered becoming a veterinarian. Fashion is another interest of mine, and I am also thinking about a career in fashion design. Whatever I decide to do, I know I will also find time to continue to do volunteer work because it really makes me feel good to help others.



Brett Schoppert

In summary, what else can you tell us about what this project means to you personally? I think it's easy for a person to take for granted being able to take a glass over to the faucet and fill it with clean water. For over a year, I've thought about the people in the world that do not have easy access to clean water, and after giving it much thought, I decided I really needed to do something about it. I'm particularly aware of the fact that it is often children my age or younger that are given the job of hauling a 40-pound bucket of water for several miles each day. Because they already have hard enough lives as it is, I want to take that burden away from them and help to make their lives a little better.

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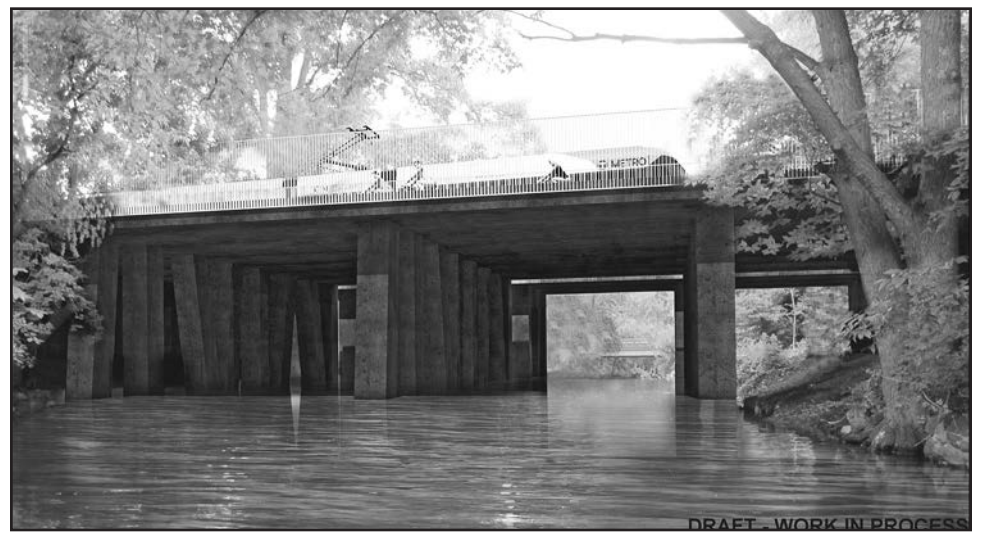
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SWLRT Planners Release Three 'Concepts' as Alternatives to Controversial Highway-Style Bridges Over Kenilworth Channel

By Michael Wilson



Arched Pier Concept would feature concrete arched piers.



The Thin Deck Concept would have angled concrete piers.

Illustrations courtesy of Metropolitan Council

Seeking to address the outcry over their initial plans for graceless, highway-style concrete bridges over the Kenilworth Channel, the Southwest LRT Project Office earlier this month released proposals for three alternative bridge designs, touting them as a “nod to nature [and] railroad heritage.”

The project designers' concepts feature arches, angled piers and a thin deck reminiscent of the existing railroad bridge and are fashioned to fit in with the natural surroundings, according to the Project Office. “These are not full-blown designs. They are just in the idea stage for discussion as part of our consultation process for historic properties,” said Jim Alexander, director of design and engineering for the Southwest LRT Project.

The Project Office's release of the design concepts did not mention the engineering study currently underway by the Park Board to determine the feasibility and prudence of tunneling under the channel. The study will guide the Park Board in its decision whether to contest at-grade bridges over the channel.

Federal law mandates that preservation of parkland and historic sites merits major consideration in all federally funded highway construction programs. The statute, often called by its original name of Section 4(f), declares it to be national policy to take special effort to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside, public parks, recreation lands, and historic sites.

The statute provides that the Secretary of Transportation may approve a highway project that uses

publicly owned parkland or land from a historic site only if there is no “feasible and prudent alternative to the use of such land” and if the project includes “all possible planning to minimize harm.”

The Park Board has stated emphatically for months through resolutions and statements from commissioners during public meetings that the new bridges required to carry 220 light-rail trains over the channel every day, and the trains themselves, will impose adverse visual, economic, safety, noise, and aesthetic impacts on its property. The Park Board has indicated that it takes its mission seriously to protect the “park experience” for current users and future generations.

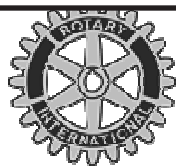
Three bridge concepts.

According to the SW Project Office the “Arched

Pier” concept would feature concrete arched piers supporting a concrete deck with steel railings, “recalling the essence of the existing rail bridges of the Chain of Lakes area.”

The “Thin Deck” concept would have angled concrete piers supporting a thin deck of concrete with light steel railings. The thin deck, according to planners, would lessen the visual impact of the bridge over the channel. The concept would use charcoal-tinted concrete to reinterpret the existing wooden railroad bridge. Both the Arched Pier and Thin Deck concepts would

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THE URBAN COYOTE

By James P. Lenfestey

GIFTS FROM SANTA'S DOCTOR BAG

This Christmas I have been inventorying the medical gifts that Santa has bought me over my now seven decades of physically upright life. And so I want to praise a group rarely sung at this or any time of year: The drug and medical technology companies, and the doctors who prescribe them.

Here are a few drugs and medical repairs I am thankful for this Christmas.

Anti-bacterial cream. Many decades ago, when our children were small, several developed a circular rash. My wife knew right away not only what it was – ringworm – but what to do. She purchased Neosporin and wiped it right out.

As a boy I fell and jammed a fat rusty nail into the thick part of my palm. I had a tetanus shot, and that was that.

Have you ever had cracked heels? These oddly painful, bleeding annoyances now easily dispatched by a swab of Lomotrin (or some such) on the feet before putting on socks.

My body's joints seem much less grating due to daily pills of glucosamine sulfate – not FDA approved but anecdotally helpful – believed in by my friend Dan and my own knees and hips.

As for my troublesome right knee, its torn meniscus was readily repaired by taciturn Dr. Larson, leaving two barely perceptible scars small as pencil erasers.

And the painful bone-on-bone friction in my right knee is now mitigated by shots into the knee joint of hyaluronic acid, aka rooster comb – yes, that rooster, that comb! – replacing the missing cushion for months at a time, returning me to the tennis court to mow down younger competitors like so many rag dolls.

And the mesh patch “tacked” inside my lower abdomen by my pal Dr. Dan Dunn repaired the hernia I apparently had my whole life, as my father did before

me and my grandson does today. Who knew hernias were genetic! And who knew they could be so easily repaired. For years after that arthroscopic operation, which also left two nearly imperceptible scars, I received emails from lawyers urging me to join a class action suit against the manufacturer of the mesh, some apparently defective. Not mine, and no thanks. I am very grateful.

And the tiny pill Zantac, aka ranitidine, has eliminated the acid reflux that scoured my father life and the first half of mine. Gone.

As for my heart, it still seems to pump adequately, but if it did not, Medtronic offers any number of replacement parts. And if I decide to deal with my stubbornly high cholesterol, there's a statin for that. But first an MRI (next week) will peek inside to see if there are precursors to deposits that could break loose and fry my brain. That peek will take ten minutes. I have ten minutes.

And there is more relief waiting on the drug store shelf and in the Doctor's office.

My grandfather was a country doctor. I still have the snowshoes he wore to tramp up farm roads to assist the sick and deliver the babies. Thanks to Louis Pasteur, he well understood the importance of sanitation. Often he took his young son along in the horse and sleigh to the houses of the afflicted. My father's first job was to kindle the fire and boil water to sterilize rags.

And my grandfather knew his limits. He always carried vials of little white pills in his doctor's bag, which he prescribed for countless ailments. They were in fact sugar pills, placebos. He carried them because people needed comfort in their suffering – the placebo effect – but also because he had nothing more effective to offer. He told my father that before the discovery of antibiotics, “we had nothing, nothing, against infection and infectious diseases.” Without penicillin, pneumonia might have taken my life several times.

Let's not forget vaccines, including now for pneumonia. Today the scourge of my youth, polio, has been

eradicated in this country. I remember childhood friends and acquaintances crippled, some spending a lifetime on crutches, in wheelchairs or in iron lungs. No more.

Pertussis. I had whooping cough as a boy. Both my sisters had it too, all three of us at the same time. Our sleepless parents carried us one by one into the shower to breathe the steam. We survived, but I don't know how my parents did. Today, pertussis is part of the childhood vaccination program that also covers measles, which we also contracted back then, some faces permanently disfigured. Never mind diphtheria, which killed millions, including my wife's grandmother, uncle, and nearly her father.

Even the frightening beast of cancer has been partially tamed. Years ago a good friend of our daughter's at Kenwood School tragically died of childhood leukemia, a form of cancer mostly survivable today.

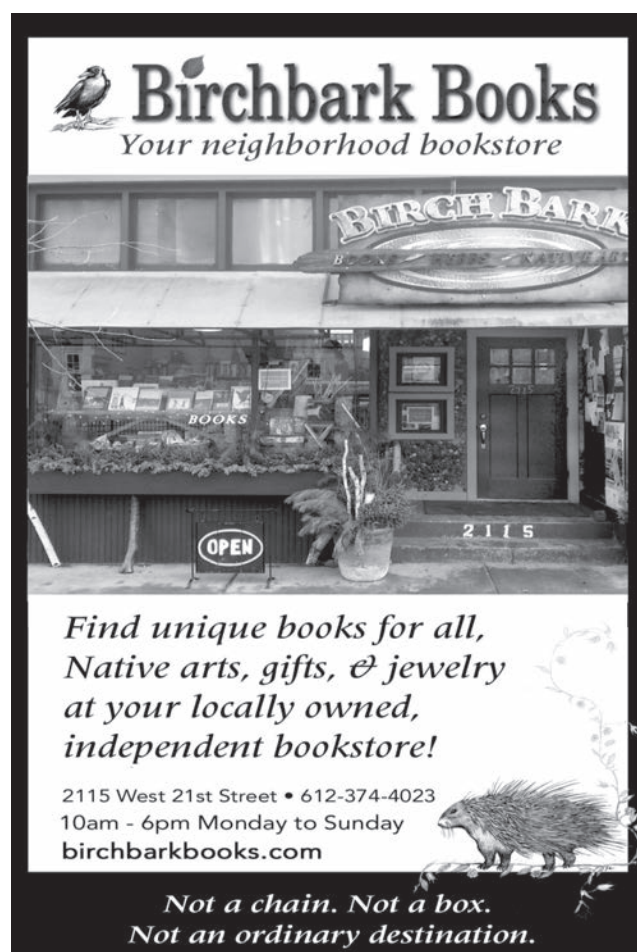
Meanwhile my son-in-law works night and day to understand the tricky scourges of HIV and malaria, and develop vaccines to tame them. He and his team will succeed.

So this Christmas, even though we are right to worry about Ebola, SARS, MERS, West Nile, resurgent TB, environmental toxins and other serious medical risks, let us praise the Santa of medical research that brought us a bagful of gifts over the years that has meant on average ever longer, healthier, more productive lives.

I await only the invention of the memory replacement chip implantable into the brain, so that when I encounter many of you at Kowalski's, the Wedge, Walgreen's Birchbark Books, or around the lake, I will be able to remember your names on the spot and not at midnight or the following day, if ever. I expect it will be in Santa's doctor bag soon enough.

The Friends of the Walker Library will meet on the third Monday evening of the month at 6pm at the Walker Library on Hennepin. Our upcoming meeting is January 19.

The Walker Friends group's goal is to support the Walker Library and its programs. We welcome new members.




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be made of cast-in-place concrete.

The "Steel Pier" concept would use natural steel to reinterpret the existing wooden railroad bridge. Angled piers made of natural steel support a concrete deck with natural steel railings that will weather to a warm brown patina.

Not readily visible in the drawings are the overhead cables that carry the electricity that powers the trains. Planners hope to place the poles supporting the cables at a distance from the banks of the channel, not on the bridges themselves. The plans do not address the "transition zone," likely consisting of concrete retaining walls, for the stretch where LRT trains emerge from the planned tunnels that will stretch southwest from the channel, under Cedar Lake Parkway, and through the narrow "pinch point" bordered by the Cedar Lake Shores townhouse and the Calhoun-Isles condominium tower.

All of the designs call for a clearance of 14 feet above the water surface to accommodate people using the channel between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles.

CIDNA resident Mary Pattock, active in neighborhood groups seeking to ensure that LRT is done right, told the StarTribune that the three bridge concepts would be "attractive if they spanned the Mississippi River. They look like a humongous freeway that violates a delicate and peaceful woodland channel."

Channeling Theodore Wirth.

At the Dec. 3 Corridor Management Committee meeting where the bridge concepts were unveiled, SW planners likened their search for bridge designs to long-time Parks Superintendent Theodore Wirth's determination to secure handsome bridge designs for the channels intended to link Lakes Calhoun and Isles (opened in 1911) and Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles (opened in 1913).

"Bridges presented the biggest challenge to Wirth in the lake-linking project," writes historian David C. Smith in *City of Parks: The Story of Minneapolis Parks*. "Railroad and street bridges had to be built — and built to suit Wirth's taste."

In his *Minneapolis Park System: 1883-1944* Wirth wrote that the two channels would require a total of six bridges: one "combined boulevard and highway bridge" (carrying today's Lake Street); two railroad bridges (for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul RR, whose rail bed is today's Midtown Greenway, and for the Minneapolis & St. Louis RR across the Cedar-Isles channel); two "park boulevard bridges" on the south and west sides of Lake of the Isles; and one "street bridge" for today's Burnham Road.

"The question of providing suitable attractive bridges over the proposed channels," Wirth wrote, led the Park Board to invite competitive designs, for which they offered three prizes: \$800, \$500, and \$200. (Adjusted for inflation, the \$800 top prize is worth about \$20,000 in 2013 dollars.)

Twenty-five different designs were submitted but according to Wirth — and underscoring his high standards — "only a few were meritorious in character."

The boulevard/highway bridge at Lake Calhoun, designed by Messrs. Rogers and Vroman of New York City, won first prize. A reinforced concrete structure faced with granite, it was completed in the spring of 1911 for \$51,775 (\$1.276M in 2013 dollars). The two park boulevard bridges were also completed in the spring of 1911 for approximately \$30,000 each using the second-

prize design submitted by William Pierce Cowles and Cecil Bayless Chapman of Minneapolis. The third-place prize was not awarded, the board deciding instead simply to purchase the design from its submitter, a Mr. Bigelow of Newark, New Jersey.

A legal question arose over who should pay for the railroad bridge over the Calhoun-Isles channel. Wanting to get the job done in time for the planned July 5, 1911 grand opening of the channel, the Park Board agreed to build the bridge and be repaid by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul RR company later. The CM&SP insisted, however, that the value of its land through which the waterway was dug should be deducted from the cost of the bridge. The dispute went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court — really! — where it was decided in favor of the city and the Park Board. CM&SP ended up paying the city \$24,870.55 for the full cost of the bridge.

This dispute no doubt led the Park Board to be crystal-clear about ownership of the new Cedar-Isles channel when dredging west of the Kenilworth Lagoon commenced in 1913.

Wirth wrote that "in 1913 the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway Company built bridge No. 5, a temporary pile and timber structure across the Isles-Cedar channel, which it was expected they would replace with a more suitable permanent structure in due time." The current bridge is widely said to have been built "mid-century," but my searches have yielded no results to suggest that the current bridge is not the same one — rehabbed in 1996 — that was built in 1913.

Wirth reported that "Bridge No. 6, which carries [today's] Burnham Road across the same channel is a temporary street bridge built by the Park Department, which, it is hoped, will eventually be replaced by the city with a more appropriate one." As reported in November's Hill & Lake Press, the city built a "more appropriate" bridge probably in 1926. The 1926 bridge was replaced in 1961 by the current Burnham Road bridge, which will itself be replaced starting in April, 2014.

Upton Avenue was blocked when the Kenilworth



Steel Pier concept uses steel to reinterpret the existing wooden bridge.

Illustration courtesy of Metropolitan Council

Lagoon was dredged in 1908-11. Wirth wanted for the north and south segments to be reunited with a bridge across the Lagoon — but wanted the city to pay for it, since Upton was a city street. The city demurred, telling the Park Board in effect, "You broke it, you fix it." Upton remains bifurcated to this day.

One Parks supporter at the Dec. 3 Corridor Management Committee meeting, expressing the feelings of several others in attendance, deplored the affront to Theodore Wirth's intentions and legacy by SW planners trying to "channel" Wirth's presence in the current highly contentious Kenilworth Channel dispute. Wirth and generations of Park Board commissioners were all about creating, protecting, and expanding the "park experience," the supporter said, not about despoiling it with a blight of massive bridges.

Minneapolis tops in the nation in National Night Out Participation

Thanks to incredible community support and an increase in community policing, Minneapolis has once again grabbed the trophy for top National Night Out (NNO) city in the country. It is the city's 3rd year in a row topping the charts nationwide.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

I think somewhere in Leviticus is the first mention of Black Friday sales. In ancient times there were far fewer people to line up outside the bazaar and no electronics to speak of but still it was a thou shalt not. Whether it was because of graven images or false gods before me, I am not a biblical scholar. I do recall reading that God (or the management) would smite line cutters. Shopping was easier in ancient times as there were only about forty-three things, and everyone needed most of them. Once the classic gifts of myrrh, frankincense, and pecan nut roll went out of fashion, holiday gift giving became problematic.

To me a gift should say: I know you. I know your soul. You are already a complete human being. May this artifact or act of kindness I bring to you brighten your day and ease your burden. May the thoughtfulness of my gift touch you and remind you of me every time you use it. May we be forever linked by my insightful offering that, despite my professed modesty, gives you a rare glimpse into the profound regard in which you are held. Let me tell you it is hard to do life-changing and stay under twenty bucks!

Perhaps I am a hopeless romantic who sets the bar so high I am forced to slink under it, or I am a clueless, self-involved sloth. Either way I do not exchange gifts. If I find someone's "Rosebud" (spoiler alert: it is a sled), it will probably be at a garage sale in June. I will not wait six months but instead give it right away, leaving me empty handed for the holidays. When I say I do not need anything I am not being coy. If I need an external hard drive I will not drop subtle hints to friends and family, I will just go get it.

Practical people mystify me. If friend Agnes (not her real name) wants a cranberry merino sweater from Macy's she will send her brother Jeff (that is his real name) the link so he can one-click purchase it and Sara (oops) gets exactly what she wants. Granted this is no Gift of The Magi, but it is smart, efficient, and no one has to wander around the mall with a bunch of

cretinous mouth breathers or suffer receiving another of Jeff's beer steins. Still it robs Christmas morning of a certain spontaneity until it is revealed that the color was sold out (because Jeff waited) and he was forced to scramble. "Can you believe I was able to luck into the last one left?" he crows, "and it is mostly purple —go Vikings!"

It was probably 1982 and a couple we knew very well were moving from Minnesota to Pierre, South Dakota. Unencumbered by children and many possessions, they had rented a van and filled it to the brim. Before they could leave my friend's teenage brother brought her and her husband a going away present, a very large overstuffed chair. He was 17 and had strapped it to the roof of his car and driven from Illinois. Sometimes presents are not practical but the gesture is so sweet. The couple are no longer together but I believe she still has the chair.

Tom H. Cook is a somewhat local writer and a complete washout the one time he agreed to participate in a Secret Santa program at work. (He resorted to "gifting" office supplies from his own desk.)



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Staff Photographer Dorothy Childers will be among the exhibitors. Other artists exhibiting are Nancy Chakrin, Janet Coleman, Kim Herzog, Lydia Kulesov, Lester Hughes-Seamans, Suzi McArdle, and Linda Passon McNally. Prints and cards will be available in the gift shop. All purchases help to fund the Art Program at St. Marks.



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CIDNA Art Mart



Artist and CIDNA Board member James Reid (seated, in photo above) speaking with George Reid and Kelli Westenberg at the second annual CIDNA Art Mart (November 23 at Jones-Harrison Residence). The event was open to the public and offered creations from over 20 local artists and vendors. James Reid sold his homemade egg carton fire starters and donated all of the proceeds to CIDNA. Shoppers were also treated to live piano music provided by talented volunteers Aidan Kimberley and Clarke Porter. For a full list of the artists and vendors check out www.cidna.org/calendar. Special thanks to James Reid, Art Mart organizer Claire Ruebeck, and to Jones-Harrison Residence.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting December 10, 2014 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present (9 of 10): Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Bill Elwood, Jasna Hadzic, Nancy Johnston, Brian Milavitz, Carla Pardue, and Linda Schutz. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

EIRA Vice President Vaughn Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

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Later with Lisa, December 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Normandy (free food/parking and cash bar).

The City Council unanimously passed a ban on e-cigarette use in indoor public places.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is offering a Master Water Steward program. For more information: www.masterwaterstewards.org.

The final public hearing and budget adoption is December 10, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

A judge ruled that the dewatering at 1800 Lake violates city ordinance. The resolution judgment is expected on December 15th. The city's goal is to stop the pumping as quickly as possible.

CM Goodman does not support the city-wide organics program as proposed because all residents in 1-4 unit buildings will be required to pay \$45 whether they use the program or not. Goodman stated that the fee is not equitable for lower-income residents and she prefers the current voluntary drop-off program offered in the city.

The City Council is considering voting to reinstate funding for the energy partnership that was cut during budget mark-up.

Southwest LRT: the litigation filed by neighbors is moving forward as is the Park Board's study of options for tunneling under the Kenilworth channel.

The City Council passed the Accessory Dwelling Unit amendment.

Announcements

Guest speaker Debra Behrens, Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, District 6 was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. She will be invited to the January 13th meeting.

An attempted stranger sexual assault was reported on December 7th, 3 am near Humboldt Ave S and W 27th St. The victim screamed and the suspect fled. The victim was not injured. If you have any information, contact the Sex Crimes Unit at 612-673-3081.

Book sale to benefit the Walker Library will be held December 19-21 at Hosmer Library, 347 W 36th St.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee, Monica Smith

The committee did not meet in November. The next meeting is December 16, 5 pm at Grace. The agenda includes an overview on the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance. CPM is invited to attend the meeting to discuss their application for historic review of properties at 1708 and 1714 W Lake St (located next to 1800 Lake). The January 20th committee meeting will include a presentation by Wells Fargo to build a new office building on the SW corner of Humboldt Ave S and W Lake St.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Degerstrom

The November meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Commissioner Tabb responded to the letter sent by EIRA regarding plowing The Mall and Lake of the Isles sidewalks and the Greenway. The Park Board is responsible for The Mall and Lake of the Isles and Commissioner Tabb shared the concerns with the crews. The City of Minneapolis plows the Greenway and one of their first priorities is the bike trails but they do not have 24-hour crews to respond. One inch of snowfall triggers overtime crews.

The next committee meeting is December 18, 7 pm at Grace.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

The minutes from the November 11, 2014 EIRA Board meeting will be amended to include the Zoning Committee's resolution regarding the development at Irving Ave S and Lagoon Ave with a note that the EIRA Board did not act on the recommendation because the City Planning Commission had already approved the project (on November 10).

Nancy Johnston testified at the Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee on November 17th and presented the letter approved by the EIRA Board at the November 11th meeting.

The Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee issued a staff direction to create policies and procedures for unspent NRP allocation and to develop recommendations for future expenditures of TIF funds for neighborhood revitalization purposes.

The Neighborhood Board Survey deadline is December 15. Board members are encouraged to participate in the survey.

The EIRA Board reviewed the 2014 CPP budget allocations and approved a motion to authorize payment of \$500 to Grace and \$100 to Bridge for Youth for meeting space use in 2014.

The EIRA Board approved the proposed CPP budget for 2015.

NRP Committee, Monica Smith

The next committee meeting is January 6, 5:30 pm at Grace.

Green Team, Betsy Allis

The Green Team is organizing a 4-part series on food and climate change. The first event is January 26, 7 pm at Grace. Food is an allowable NRP expense in this case because it related to the food education strategy in our NRP Phase II plan. The Uptown area Green Teams will be invited to co-sponsor the series. Monica Smith to clarify with NCR if a request for proposal is require to hire a speaker.

Minneapolis is working on community solar with the goal of a community array to which neighborhoods could subscribe.

Bill Elwood will attend a Partners in Energy meeting in January that will focus on energy conservation on neighborhoods that border Lake St.

The Green Team would like to organize green house parties. The EIRA Board would like to further discuss the idea at a future meeting.

The budget for upcoming Green Team activities was approved.

Social Committee, Monica Smith

The EIRA Board authorized reimbursing Amy Sanborn \$25 for the October semi-annual meeting.

The Ice Skating Party is January 25, 1-3 at the Lake of the Isles rink.

Shoreland Overlay District Ordinance, Linda Schutz

In May 1988 (largely due to concerns from residents over large tall developments jeopardizing city lakes, recreational uses, and nearby lower density residential) the Minneapolis City Council enacted a shoreland districts ordinance limiting new development:

1) Generally to a height of 35 feet tall (the height of the natural tree line) around/near the lakes and shorelines of creeks or rivers, in most areas of the city.

2) Exempting from these strict limits the downtown side of the Mississippi Riverfront between Plymouth Ave. and I-35 as well as the East bank of the Mississippi River from 1st Ave. N.E. to Central Ave.

3) Allowing heights of 60 feet in an area near the Calhoun Beach Club and moving westward if nearby residential dwellings were not shaded more than one and one-half hours on December 21 between 10 AM and 1 PM (the day of the year when there is the least sunlight in Minnesota).

In July 1989, the Department of Natural Resources established a statewide shoreland statute. Minneapolis has primary jurisdiction of the shoreland ordinance within its borders.

Purpose of the Minneapolis ordinance: "The Shoreland Overlay District is established to preserve

and enhance the environmental qualities of surface waters and the natural and economic values of shoreland areas within the city, to provide for the efficient and beneficial utilization of those waters and shoreland areas, to comply with the requirements of state law regarding the management of shoreland areas, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare." The ordinance applies to more than 20 bodies of water in the city.

Boundaries: "One thousand (1,000) feet from the ordinary high-water mark of a lake, pond, wetland or flowage; or three hundred (300) feet from a river or stream or the landward extent of the floodplain of such river or stream, whichever is greater."

Height of structures: "Except for structures subject to a more restrictive maximum height limitation in a the primary zoning district, the maximum height of all structures within the Shoreland Overlay District, except for single and two-family dwellings, shall be two and one-half (2.5) stories or thirty-five (35) feet, whichever is less. The maximum height of single and two family dwellings shall be two and one-half stories or thirty (30) feet, whichever is less."

The height limitations of all other principal structures may be increased by conditional use permit (CUP).

The City Planning Commission considers the following factors when determining maximum height:

1) Access to light and air of surrounding properties. 2) Shadowing of residential properties or significant public spaces. 3) The scale and character of surrounding uses. 4) Preservation of views of landmark buildings, significant open spaces and water bodies. The following criteria is also considered: 1) The prevention of soil erosion or other possible pollution of public waters, both during and after construction. 2) Limiting the visibility of structures and other development from protected waters. 3) The suitability of the protected water to safely accommodate the types, uses and number of watercraft that the development may generate.

The Uptown Small Area Plan calls for stepping down of building height from Lake/Hennepin toward the lakes.

The Shoreland Overlay is an important factor in decisions the EIRA Board makes regarding development in the neighborhood.

Board Review

The EIRA Board approved a one-month extension on Monica Smith's contract until the contract can be discussed with the EIRA President.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

If consistent with EIRA Bylaws, and where the availability of a public document or report in electronic forms exists, copies of EIRA Board agenda items may be obtained by an EIRA member by contacting nrp@eastisles.org.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.



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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 10, 2014

The meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Ed Bell, Ryan Fox, Steve Goltry, Barbara Lunde, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and John Wessinger. Committee Chairs Gail Lee and Bob Corrick were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Lot Split of 2728 Chowen Ave, Donald Jansen and Curt Fretham

Jansen is a consultant working with a developer (Curt Fretham, Lakewest Realty) who purchased the property at 2728 Chowen and intends to divide the property into 2 lots, each with a single-family home. Variances are needed for the lot area and width. The existing home will remain (a portion of the home would be removed). A new home will be built on the new lot that would have to honor a 5' setback on each side. The developer would not commit to the design of the new home. The developer plans to sell the two properties. If the variances are not granted, the intention is to build one larger home on the lot. Nearby neighbors attended the meeting to express their concerns and opposition to the plans and concerns about the state of disrepair of the existing home.

The CIDNA Board asked the developer to hold the variance request for one month to allow time to work with the neighborhood on the plans. The developer asked the CIDNA Board for a vote tonight. A motion was made to oppose the plans. There was no second, so the motion failed. See Board Action below for more information.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The board had a planning retreat in mid-November to revised their long-range plan. They are working on placemaking on W 29th St (between Mosaic and Lyndale) and want to work on access and safety at the W. Lake St. station of Southwest LRT.

Land Use & Development Committee, Bob Corrick

The committee is holding a meeting on December 11, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison on the Trammel Crow project. Construction is expected to begin in March.

Construction for the Greystar project is expected to begin April 1st.

NRP/CPP Report, Gail Lee and Monica Smith

The committee is meeting December 11, 3:30 at Rustica to review a draft of the contract with the Park Board for Cedar Lake South Beach planning. Clarification on the final deliverable for the project: a design development plan will be created (not schematic designs that can be used for construction bidding as report at the November meeting). The committee will also be discussing extending the terms of the loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund.

The Neighborhood Board Survey deadline is December 15. Board members are encouraged to participate in the survey.

The Health, Environment & Community Engagement Committee of the City Council issued a staff direction to create policies and procedures for unspent NRP allocation and to develop recommendations for future expenditures of TIF funds for neighborhood revitalization purposes.

The board reviewed the 2014 CPP budget allocation and approved a motion to shift unspent funds into the staff line item.

The CIDNA Board approved the proposed allocations for the 2015 CPP budget of \$22,366.

Property Damage Resolution, Gail Lee

The CIDNA Board reviewed a draft of a resolution regarding the Metropolitan Council's policy regarding project administration and accountability to property owner. The board approved the revised resolution ending in "Be it resolved, that the CIDNA Board of Directors urgently requests that the Metropolitan Council review it policies for resolving damage disputes resulting from its construction projects and its role in administering projects." The resolution will be sent to Governor Dayton, Senator Dibble, Representative

Hornstein, Commissioner Greene, Council Member Goodman, and Metropolitan Council representatives: Susan Haigh, Jim Brimeyer, Adam Gordon and Tim O'Donnell.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee, Ryan Fox

The committee held a walking tour of the W. Lake St. station area on November 15. CIDNA continues to advocate for better access to the station. The next committee meeting is December 15, 6:00 p.m. at Caribou Coffee, Calhoun Commons. A meeting is being planned for January 2015 with Hennepin County Commissioner Greene.

Transportation

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Southwest LRT is being reformed. It is unclear how people will be appointed to the CAC.

The SWLRT Project Office is responsible for the station designs. Hennepin county is working on station

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay

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area development.

Access to the W. Lake St. station from CIDNA is a major issue.

Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) is a consulting party for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and has hired a consultant to review the impacts of Southwest LRT.

Treasurer's Report

CIDNA's annual report to the Attorney General was presented and approved by the CIDNA Board.

Coordinator Contract

The CIDNA Board approved renewing the contract with Monica Smith for 2015 at the current terms.

Announcement

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A book sale to benefit the Walker Library will be held December 19-21 at Hosmer Library, 347 W 36th St.

Board Action

The CIDNA Board revisited the issue of the lot split of 2728 Chown Ave and approved the following motion: The CIDNA Board opposes the variance requests at this time until the applicant provides permitable plans for the site and has presented them to the board and neighbors. Any variance granted should be based on adherence to these plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

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

LHNA Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Present - Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Sarah Janacek; Thomas D. Huppert; Maureen Sheehan; Michael Cockson; Jimmy Fogel; Ann Seltman; Rebecca Graham.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Chelsey Adams, Fifth Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist; Calvin Tran.

President Phil Hallway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Jimmy Fogel moved and Dan Aronson seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the November 11, 2014, minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements: Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman: Lunch with Lisa will be replaced in December with "Later with Lisa," which will take place Monday evening, December 15th at the Normandy, with Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene as the special guest. The City Council is working on the 2015 City Budget. The City received a good credit rating. Bradstreet Neighborhood Crafthouse is scheduled to open in January in the former Rye Deli space. Craig Wilson has been appointed to the Sculpture Garden CAC.

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board: Commissioner Anita Tabb updated the Board on Park Board matters. Janet Hallaway will be the LHNA Representative on the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden CAC. The Park Board has hired an engineering firm to study the feasibility of a tunnel under the Kenilworth Channel as part of the SWLRT. The Board is seeking to protect Park interests, which are put in jeopardy by the scale of the bridge as presently planned for SWLRT. Plans are in the works to honor Barbara Fogel's contributions to Thomas Lowry Park. The City has won a summary judgment in a lawsuit filed to stop the apartment building at 1800 West Lake Street from pumping warm and tainted groundwater from its underground parking garage into the Chain of Lakes. Spring Lake is in need of a cleanup, but is not presently a priority for the Park Board. The Board would be open to partnering with someone on a cleanup of the lake. The City and the Park Board are engaged in master planning regarding park amenities for the downtown area. Anita has appointed Craig Wilson to a CAC in that process. The Park Board has decided that the Park System will not be involved with The Yard, the park near the new Vikings stadium, because the Yard has been committed to so much private use. Bryn Mawr Meadows Park is slated for a major renovation in 2019/20. East Cedar Beach has been troublesome this summer, with drinking and crime issues. A task force is working on this.

Master planning is in final stages for the Central River Front.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson gave the Treasurer's report. We will finish the year with \$36,900 in the bank. A contract needs to be signed for CPP allocations. The Annual Report needs to be filed by March.

Committee Reports:

Environment: Michael Cockson deferred to the detailed update already given by Anita Tabb.

Zoning and Planning: Calvin Tran presented background information on a single family home proposed for 919 Kenwood Parkway. The home as planned would require several variances.

Crime and Safety: Chelsea Adams, Fifth Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, gave an update and distributed informational handouts. The last couple of months have been quiet, probably due to the colder weather. Block leaders and building leaders are very important. Chelsey encouraged anyone interested to contact her. The job is not time consuming, and primarily involves forwarding informational emails to residents of a block or building.

Events: The Ice Skating Social is scheduled for January 25, 2015. Chris Madden will place an ad in the Hill & Lake Press. Mark Brauer delivered pie, coffee and ice cream to the 5th Precinct on Thanksgiving.

Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program: Sarah Janacek is working on setting up a meeting for a working group to analyze the online neighborhood priority survey and determine priorities. She encouraged everyone to bring ideas to the January meeting.

New Business:

LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at the Kenwood Rec 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 was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Ice Rinks Open

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) crews are currently preparing to open 47 ice rinks for skating, broomball, hockey and pond hockey at 22 parks citywide.

The ice rinks are scheduled to open to open Monday, December 22, in time for Minneapolis Public School's winter break and the start of the MPRB's broomball season.

Weather permitting, all rinks and warming houses will be maintained and open through February 16.

Rinks at Lake of the Isles, McRae, North Commons and Van Cleve parks, are scheduled to remain open through March 1.

All rinks (except Bryn Mawr, Lake Nokomis, Lake of the Isles):

Monday-Friday, 3-9 pm

Saturday, 10 am-9 pm

Sunday, noon-6 pm

Four sites with rink light timers will be lighted daily until 9 pm:

Lake of the Isles

Lynnhurst

Matthews

Van Cleve

Many of the 22 park locations offer separate rinks for general skating and recreational uses such as hockey, broomball and pond hockey. All locations except Nokomis offer free loaner skates on a first come, first serve basis.

Check out the 2014-2015 ice rinks brochure for rink details and warming house hours.

Once rinks begin to open, rink status information and news updates are available by calling the MPRB ice rink hotline at 612-313-7708, visiting www.minneapolisparcs.org/rinks or by signing up to receive email updates and check the "ice rinks" box.



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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

by Shawn Smith

December 2014 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met December 1st, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Jim Gilroy, Ed Pluimer, Jack Levi, Kathy Low, Josine Peters, Shawn Smith (minute taker) Others present: the speakers referenced below.

City Council Update: Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman shared that there will not be a Lunch with Lisa in December, but there will be a Later with Lisa on December 15th at the Normandy Inn. Free food, cash bar. Lunch with Lisa will restart in January.

The City is in the midst of the 2015 Budget Process. The council voted 7-6 to reduce the levy from the original proposed levy from 2.4% to 2.2% and are now in the process of reviewing line items from the budget so the levy could change. On Dec 10th, there will be a budget hearing at City Hall where the public is invited to provide input, and the budget final vote follows.

The Nicollet Mall redesign open house is Dec 11th at the Hyatt Regency. There are a number of details under review and the public is invited to participate. The city received the strong credit ratings from all 3 rating companies based on overall fiscal stability.

CM Goodman reiterated that Snow Emergencies are declared at 4 inches or more and at the discretion of Director of Public Works, and are designated to keep cars off the street during snow removal. During snow emergencies, Day 2 park on the odd side, Day 3 on the

even side. See the City of Minneapolis website for additional details. Residents are encouraged to call 311 if additional snow removal is needed.

Preservation Design Works (PVN): Tamara Ludt

Kathy Low introduced Tamara Ludt from Preservation Design Works, who reported on the November section 106 consultation meeting led by MnDOT for all consulting parties, including KIAA. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is a process that encourages planners to avoid or mitigate adverse impact of publicly funded projects such as Southwest Light Rail on historically significant properties. At that meeting, it was stated that the Met Council will lead a public engagement process in 1st Qtr 2015 regarding their station design and design of the freight and light rail/trail bridges over the Kenilworth Channel via community events, open houses and Business and Community Advisory Committees. As KIAA's consultant, PVN will draft a response for KIAA review and signature by December 12th including:

- Request for clarification of definition of community event and how Met Council would quantify, analyze and utilize public input.

- Reconciliation of MnDOT stated references of minor adverse effects vs subsequent statements that there are no adverse effects.

- Without further study and availability of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, it is premature to determine that there will be no adverse effects from LRT (including traffic and noise) on Kenwood Park, Kenwood Parkway, and the identi-

fied historic homes in the neighborhood, both during and after LRT construction. It was recommended by Tamara to invite Met Council to present design options and receive feedback at a future KIAA meeting so residents could more easily participate.

East Cedar Lake (Hidden) Beach: Kathy and Roy Williams

Kathy Williams is leading the neighborhood task force to support resolutions regarding neighbor concerns on ECLB. Recommendation to be presented to the Park Board by December 15th as to what expenditures and actions could be enacted in time for Summer 2015. The task force is requesting assistance from KIAA for short term actions regarding;

- Park and City policing plans. Larry Moran stated that engagement with police should begin in January to get ahead of summer 2015, A volunteer is needed.

- Restricted parking plans. It was noted that this had been previously discussed and there are enforcement and effectiveness challenges; it was noted that no solutions are eliminated as of yet to keep all options available for consideration.

- Implementation of an environmental education area in the park in partnership with Kenwood School.

- Planning for 21st St LRT Station security, particularly around park closure times.

Larry Moran noted that a volunteer would be needed to coordinate police contracting follow ups, and

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A TALE OF TWO LOWRY HILLS!

By Aubray Erhardt on Monday, November 24th, 2014
(Compliments of Harvey Ettinger and Steve Havig.)

As some nearby residents (and local geography enthusiasts) may know, there are actually two Lowry Hill neighborhoods in Minneapolis. Yes, they are close to one another. No, they are not the same thing.

Lowry Hill East is in the heart of Uptown—bound by Lake Street to the south, I-94 to the north and Lyndale and Hennepin to the east and west. This neighborhood is in large part comprised of duplexes and multi-family apartment complexes.

Lowry Hill is a bit more shielded from the bustle of the Hennepin-Lake Street-Lyndale triangle (or, more appropriately, “Wedge”). Lowry Hill proudly hosts a wide array of historic and magnificent properties on and around Mount Curve and Groveland Terrace, many of which overlook the Sculpture Garden and downtown Minneapolis.

Physical proximity is more or less where the similarities end. The chart above shows that Lowry Hill properties sell for more than double the median price of Lowry Hill East homes. You’ll also notice some volatility in Lowry Hill resulting from the small sample size of properties that sell in a given month.

On a price per square foot basis, however, homes in Lowry Hill only sell for a 17.3% premium compared to Lowry Hill East.

But once you filter down to just single-family properties, that spread again widens out to 43.0%. This is likely driven by the townhouse-condo activity in Lowry Hill East. Once you account for that by filtering it out, the spread between the two communities once again grows. Either way, it’s tough to go wrong with either of these historic and very well-located communities.

Where we are Now.

By Jean Deatrck

As we near the end of 2014, I want to wish all of my neighbors, my wonderful family, Hill and Lake Press readers, and our advertisers for making 2014 a great and interesting year in which to be alive. The fall election didn’t turn out exactly the way I had hoped and the early snowfall and cold were also disappointing, but summer was beautiful. Walking on the paths around Lake of the Isles is an exciting experience that never gets boring.

Most of all, I feel fortunate to live in a community where people care about issues and are willing to stand up and do something. SWLRT is a good example of how neighbors have gathered and spoke out and bonded together on this important issue that has serious negative consequences for our four neighborhoods around Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake. Jeanette Colby of Kenwood has been a beacon, a tireless advocate and leader for preserving our community and raising the issues surrounding SWLRT. We all owe her thanks and praise indeed.

So now we are on to 2015. My husband died two years ago right at Christmas, an unwelcome and sad event, but life goes on for the rest of us. We still have our home in Bayfield where Lake Superior looms large and lovely. And I believe that my list of grandchildren has topped out at eight. Because of family reorganization, I have been taking care of my three-year-old grandson. He is a joy, but it does cut into my social time, although I have attended many more parties this year than in a long time. Is that an omen for good times ahead? I hope so.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or in other ways, I hope our readers all have happy times with friends and family.

And thank you for continuing to make Hill and Lake Press successful. Advertising was a little slow in early 2014, but has rebounded and we refuse to go the way of many small newspapers. We will continue and see you in January.



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1770m Bryant S #308	159,900	0	275	121,000	C	1/1	782	114,000	1,755	1968	
2519 Humboldt S #104	275,000	0	26	275,000	C	2/1	1,177	228,500	3,834	1922	
3100 Dean Court	479,900	3,500	50	487,000	TWN	3/4	2,288	382,000	6,780	1982	
2846 James S	799,900	0	156	775,000	H	5/3	3,526	851,000	16,665	1960	
930 Mount Curve Ave	1,245,000	2,000	59	1,175,000	H	6/6	5,965	1,018,500	20,492	1926	
42 Park Lane	2,895,000	0	481	2,725,000	H	4/6	5,670	2,098,000	43,719	2000	
2505 E Lake of Isles Pkwy	3,750,000	0	1214	3,500,000	H	5/6	6,500	2,595,000	56,076	1958	
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The Christmas Wish" Book Signing at Birchbark Bookstore



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Anja, a real-life fairy tale character, signing "The Christmas Wish," a New York Times Bestseller, a story set in Norway in the late 1800's. It's a book that started with photos the family did with their four-year old daughter in Norway, and evolved into an elegant storybook. There are two more books to be launched in 2015, The Tiny Wish and The Raindeer Wish. Left to right: Author Lori Evert, Anja, and Photographer Per Breihagen, signing a book for Corinne Moran. Signed copies of the book are available at Birchbark books.

Salt Laden

By Madeleine Lowry

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agreed to develop a brief description of the role. He moved to create a Hidden Beach Board Committee to review above options, and then solicit volunteers via Nextdoor Kenwood. Kathy Low seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Tabled Agenda Items

City of Lakes Loppet Discussion, neighbor concern over garbage disposal at Kenwood Restaurant, to be handled via email follow up.

The meeting was adjourned by Larry Moran at 8:48 PM

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.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, January 5th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. 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

Forget spa days! Car washes are much more spiritually uplifting at a fraction of the cost. I mean, is there any better feeling than removing a layer of grime from your life?

Winter starts out benignly enough, a little snow, a little slush. You notice a spray of white on your car. Oh yeah, that's salt. I remember that from last winter. But you have things to do like learn how to drive on snow and ice again and the surface of your vehicle is not important. Yet.

A few more weeks of freezing weather and a few more inches of snow and your car is turning successively darker shades of gray as the salt and dirt start to build up. It's not pretty.

You try not to let your coat touch your bumper as you load and unload the groceries. You try not to touch your car at all. Your youngest child scrapes away a tiny scratch revealing the original color of your car's exterior and says with a grimace, "You need a car wash." You nod, thinking that he is too young to understand about the natural incompatibility between car washes and sub-zero temperatures. You start having car-grit anxiety dreams.

I was having this conversation with my daughter and she kept saying, "Is that your car?"

"Yes," I said, "that is why it is parked in our garage."

She peered at it again. "But that car is gray. Your car is red," she replied, honestly puzzled.

And then I woke up.

I went to pick up my mother from the airport. She was perky, having just arrived from Florida where she'd been seeing colors in her natural environment and experiencing humidity. Everything in Minnesota must have seemed so gray to her, including the vehicles.

"Is that your car?" she said, pointing to the salt-lick-

on-wheels into which I was stuffing her luggage.

I knew where this conversation was going. I took a deep breath and cut to the chase. "It's salt," I said. "It's a special Minnesota thing."

People from warmer climes do not understand that you cannot wash your car anytime you feel like on the frozen tundra.

I went to pick up my son from Boychoir practice and made a split second decision to park as far away as possible from my friend, Michelle, whom I spied, parked in her immaculately clean white car. (Show off!) She probably has a heated garage. And a car valet. How could I let her glimpse my encrusted Prius?

So, on the next day when the mercury broke 30 degrees without precipitation, I was the first person in line at Jiffy Car Wash when it opened. I could have been there an hour earlier, but for some inexplicable reason they open at the leisurely hour of 8:30 even on days when the high is breaking 32 degrees. What's up with that? Don't they understand how rare those conditions are at this time of year? And that on those days 93% of car owners will be gunning towards a car wash like heat-seeking missiles? It's practically a state of emergency!

When they handed my car back to me it positively glowed. The windows were clean and streak-free. The passenger areas were devoid of sand and leafy remains. I ran my fingers over the gleaming red exterior. No grit! Hallelujah! My car is ten years old, but at that moment I could have been in a new car commercial.

And, as I drove away, I could hear the strains of herald angels singing.

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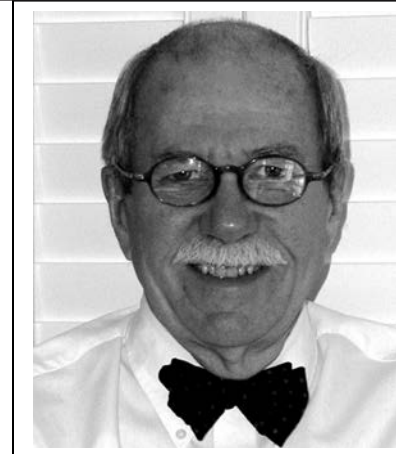
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