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SOUTHWEST LRT MEETING DRAWS LARGE CROWD

By Jeanette Colby

On Tuesday, July 7th, Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges and the Minneapolis City Council's Transportation and Public Works committee held a community meeting to unveil the "compromise" agreement it had reached with the Metropolitan Council over the \$1.65 billion Southwest Light Rail proposal. Despite little advance notice, about 300 people attended the meeting at Anwatin Middle School.

Though moving the freight train out of the corridor was integral to the choice of Kenilworth over an Uptown alignment, the "compromise" agreement leaves freight trains in the Kenilworth Corridor. It seeks to ensure, however, that a public entity continue to own the tracks. Without this guarantee, Hennepin County could sell ownership to the highest bidder – and Minneapolis could see greater increases in freight carrying dangerous cargo (long trains currently carry ethanol).

Because the Met Council will leave freight in Kenilworth, a significantly increased amount of greenspace will be taken. The Hennepin County-owned land not used for light or freight rail (or related infrastructure), according to the agreement, will be transferred to the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. (In 2009, Hennepin County agreed not to use any of its recreational trail and greenspace in Minnetonka and Eden Prairie for SWLRT. That decision increased the cost of the project by \$300 million, and over \$200 million more has been added for the Eden Prairie alignment and other suburban improvements since the Met Council took over in January of 2013.)

The City and Met Council agreed to build a LRT tunnel from near the West Lake station to the Kenilworth Channel – through the "pinch point" and under Cedar Lake Parkway. It would be a cut-and-cover tunnel; large trees and landscaping would be destroyed. North of the channel, freight and light rail would be co-located at ground level; a proposed tunnel in this section was removed from the plan. With the help of a landscape designer, the agreement says, an effort would be made to restore this area to its existing "park-like environment" to the extent possible. A station at 21st Street (East Cedar/Hidden Beach) would be built.

After a brief presentation of the agreement, the Mayor and Council members took two-minute testimony from nearly 80 people.

Many expressed concern about environmental protection and the lack of appropriate process. For example, Stuart Chazin of the Lakes and Parks Alliance (pictured) pointed out that, "No DEIS has been completed for the SWLRT design now being proposed [...] as



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Stuart Chazin, of Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis, expressing his concerns at the LRT hearing at Anwatin Middle School.

required by Minnesota law. Since a DEIS is not available, there is no way for the public to know the environmental impact of the proposed design and to participate in an informed, meaningful manner in this public hearing."

Mr. Chazin, KIAA president Larry Moran, CIDNA president Craig Westgate, and many others urged the City Council not to grant Municipal Consent for the SWLRT proposal until and unless critical questions are answered. "Minneapolis lakes and parks are a critical part of the city's heritage and livability. The City

Council has to take its role as stewards extremely seriously," said Mr. Westgate. What would happen if the south tunnel cannot be built, either because of water issues or because the tunnel walls would be too close to the Calhoun Isles Condominiums foundations, is another open question.

Other meeting participants made comments related to a document, "Equity Commitments for SWLRT," signed by some 30 organizations, which lists a variety of economic and other outcomes sought by North Side residents. Though most of this document's specified

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Congressman Martin Sabo Urges Minneapolis to Reject Southwest LRT



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Congressman Sabo, a national expert on transportation policy and finance who represented Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 2007, conducted a press conference on June 19 in the Minneapolis City Hall Rotunda. He asked the Mayor and City Council to deny municipal consent to SWLRT, which Sabo argued does not provide benefits worth its cost of \$1.7 billion.

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Lunch with Lisa will meet August 20. Guests will be the Nicollet Mall architects.

Public meetings will be held regarding Accessory Dwellings (increasing density by allowing additional dwelling units in areas zoned for single family homes such as garage apartments): August 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave N and August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th St.



Sunday, August 3, 12 noon to 5:00pm

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Household hazardous waste drop-off events throughout Hennepin County

Hennepin County and its partner cities will hold community collection events this spring for residents to safely dispose of unwanted garden and household hazardous waste. Only household waste will be accepted. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items or more information on drop-off facilities, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/collection-events.

Please note: This year, the county will not be accepting electronics at the collection events; business waste also will not be accepted.

Collection events will be held Thursdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day:

June 26-28, Susan B. Anthony Middle School
5757 Irving Avenue South

July 31-Aug 2 Jenny Lind Elementary 5026 Dupont Avenue North

Aug. 7-9 South High School 3131 19th Avenue South

Aug 21-23 Northeast Minneapolis 340 27th Avenue NE

Sept. 18-20 University of MN – Parking Lot C66
2904 Fairmount Street SE

Oct. 9-11 Minneapolis Public Works Department
(Snelling Avenue Garage) 3607 East 44th Street

SWLRT

The full City Council will take testimony at a public hearing on August 19th (details forthcoming). The Met Council and Hennepin County will hold a joint hearing on the revised plan on August 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Central Library.

Voter Pre-Registration Deadline for Primary Election Is Less Than One Week Away, July 22

Online Registration Encouraged; Nearly 5,700 Have Registered Online Successfully

Eligible Minnesota voters have one week until the July 22 deadline to pre-register to vote for the August 12 Primary Election. Secretary of State Mark Ritchie encourages voters to register online at mnvotes.org to save time at the polling place.

Nearly 5,700 eligible Minnesota voters have successfully registered online.

"Online registration delivers a great convenience for eligible voters to get involved and get ready to vote," says Ritchie.

Voters may also pre-register by contacting their local elections office to request a voter registration application form, or download and print an application (available in several languages) at mnvotes.org: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1786>.

Paper voter registration forms must be received by elections offices by 5 p.m. on July 22, while voters may register online until 11:59 p.m. on July 22.

Voters who miss the July 22 pre-registration deadline can still register at their polling place on Primary Election Day by bringing one of the many approved proof-of-residence options, listed at mnvotes.org: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1767>.

Voters may continue to register to vote online for the November 4 General Election through 11:59 p.m., October 14.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JULY 24, 5-8 POLLINATOR PARTY LYNDAL PARK

JULY 26, 9AM, PARK SIDING CLEANUP

AUGUST 1-3 UPTOWN ART FAIR

AUG 2, 3, LORING PARK ART FESTIVAL

AUG 3, NOON - 5PM ST MARK'S BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

AUG 4, 6:30-8PM, WALKER SKYLINE ROOM,

HENNEPIN-LYNDALERECONSTRUCTION MEETING

AUG 12, 5PM & AUG 23, 10AM, ACCESSORY

DWELLING MTGS

AUG 13, 5:30, MET COUNCIL & HENNEPIN CTY,

MPLS CENTRAL LIBRARY

AUG 19, SWLRT PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL

AUG 28, 6-9, EAST ISLES ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 3rd Tuesday (August 19), 7 pm at The Bridge

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,

LHNA: No meeting in August

FESTIVAL OF WALES IN MINNEAPOLIS

By Shannon King

Can you say "Aberystwyth?" Whether you can or not, you are invited to join Welsh people and their friends for three days of family friendly events and entertainment at the North American Festival of Wales, August 28 – 31, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Westminster Presbyterian Church, both on Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis.

Wales is known as the "land of song," and Welsh children are said to be born "not with a silver spoon in their mouth, but with music in their blood and poetry in their souls." There will be plenty of music to listen to and singing for everyone.

Musical concerts include Welsh folk music by Tramor Thursday night and, on Saturday, something entirely different, the U.K. award-winning vocal ensemble, Only Men Aloud! Tickets will be available at the door for either of these concerts.

You can see Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas performed in the original Readers' Theatre style. There will be Welsh Cinema; folk dancing; harp music by a world-class harpist from Wales, Lady Elinor Bennett; a recitation and vocal talent competition (Eisteddfod); plus children's activities. Seminars feature Welsh culture, history, language, current events and a seminar on the illuminated St John's Bible project in Collegeville, MN.

Every night there will informal singing at the hotel. Saturday night, join the group for Pub night at Brit's Pub on Nicollet Mall.

For the Grand Finale, join 4-part hymn singing afternoon and evening on Sunday, August 31, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This is not a concert. The entire congregation sings while the conductor, Meirwyn Walters, Esq., inspires and leads the singers. The majority of the singing will be in English. For the verses in Welsh, don't worry, you can just hum along. Music will be available.

Three day and single day passes are available. Youth under 18 are free.

Registration and information at www.nafow.org

This annual North American Festival is being hosted by the St. David's Society of Minnesota, www.stdavidsofmin.org, centered in the Twin Cities and the Minnesota Welsh Association.

For information locally, contact Mary Morris Mergenthal, mary.mergenthal@gmail.com, or 651 644 1650.

Talent Competition (Eisteddfod)

Children's Activities

Seminars: Welsh culture, history, language, current events and a seminar on the illuminated St John's Bible project in Collegeville, MN

Informal singing evenings and

Pub night at Brit's Pub

Grand Finale

4-Part Hymn singing (with everyone!) afternoon and evening August 31 at Westminster Presbyterian. This event is called a gymanfa and is not a concert. The entire congregation sings while the conductor, Meirwyn Walters, Esq. inspires and leads the singers.

Three day and single day passes available..... youth under 18 free. Registration and more information at www.nafow.org

Festival of Wales in Minneapolis

COME AND LISTEN! COME AND SING!

Enjoy three days of music, seminars and entertainment at the North American Festival of Wales, August 28 – 31, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Westminster Presbyterian Church, both on Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis.

Singing!

Concerts: Only Men Aloud --UK award-winning choral group

Tramor --folk band

Performance: Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas in the original Readers' Theatre style

Welsh Cinema

Welsh Folk dancing

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<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

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Maps and lawn signs will be delivered to your front door on the evening of September 5th.
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Questions? Monica Smith, nrp@eastisles.org

Meet Your Neighbor, Colin Oglesbay

Craig Wilson interviews architect Colin Oglesbay about his latest project in East Isles, how modern architecture can respect neighborhood context and what people are looking for in new home construction.

Where are you from? I was born in Hartford, CT, but I lived as a kid throughout the Midwest: Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and now Minnesota. Moving around as a kid gives you a strong sense of place and how different and important the places we live can be.

How did you become interested in architecture? I started a landscape design|build firm when I was in college to pay for tuition. I had opportunities to work with several architects and admired how much they influenced issues regarding sustainability and site. I wanted to find ways to merge landscape with buildings and find deeper meaning for sustainable design.

Where is your latest project located? We're working on a sustainable office building in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and a beautiful new home across from the Rose Garden near Lake Harriet. Both are very different but equally exciting.

What were your clients looking for? Clients' preferences vary. My clients in Sioux Falls wanted to create a LEED Silver, gateway building for the growing downtown Sioux Falls area. It's exciting because we're helping to frame a vision of what Sioux Falls will become. They're eager to move towards a more sustainable idea about building in that City. My clients in Minneapolis are moving back from New York and want to create a home for their multi-generational family. They want to open it up to nature on an urban site. It's fun because we're designing garden views from every room, and we're pulling living vegetation into each level of the home with roof gardens and integrated landscapes.

What are most people looking for in a new house? I think most people in Minneapolis value finding ways to make their home bright, cheerful and open to the outside. I think because we get such short summers we long to be outside more than most cultures. Finding ways to extend the use of outdoor spaces into more of the year is really important to the cabin-minded Minnesotan.

How do you successfully integrate modern archi-

ecture into a historic neighborhood? It's a challenge; there's no set formula. But for CO/A STUDIO we believe that the process of designing a home among historic buildings is no different than designing a building within the mountains and trees. You need to spend

time in the place, learn about the features of the neighborhood, study the scale and light and then design something that doesn't copy them, but respects them. This house draws from traditional forms and tall, slender Victorian proportions. We used traditional materials like wood and stucco to create a palette that wasn't stark like traditional modernism. We liked the bronze steel work and cream-colored stucco because it held a patina like the surrounding homes.

How does your undergraduate education in landscape architecture inform your architecture? I started both as a student of design and a professional in landscape. It's different than architectural training. You learn how to catalog a site scientifically and pull from tangible things to enhance an environment. I still work this way, studying the site to figure out where the opportunities are

and then designing things to enhance those experiences. For me design is more about amplifying natural beauty than creating art objects.

Do you design with sustainability in mind? Always, I can't help it. Our mission is to offer our clients building



design, landscape design and sustainable systems consulting. My preference is to integrate all three practices into holistic places. I grew up as a designer in the sustainable design revolution; it's how I think.

How did you come to found CO/A? I struggled between the world of architecture and landscape design. I finally decided I needed to found my own practice to really find a way to occupy both sides of the threshold.

How can Hill Lake readers contact you? You can visit our website at www.coa-studio.com, or call anytime with questions: 612.599.0964. We're always happy to look at any project from home additions and back yard gardens to new commercial buildings.

East Lake of the Isles



The final touches are being completed on the home. A rooftop deck and front porch take advantage of the views towards the parkway.



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The Evolution of the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons Part III

By Craig Wilson

In anticipation of the Hennepin-Lyndale Reconstruction Project, I researched, developed and presented on the 'Evolution of the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons' at the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting at the Walker Art Center on Tuesday May 20, 2014. The presentation was received with so much interest, I was asked to share it with Hill Lake readers over the next several issues of the Hill Lake Press. The first phase focused on pre-20th century Hennepin-Lyndale Commons. The second phase focused on the Commons in the 20th century. This third and final phase questions what the Commons may become post-20th century.



Champs-Élysées

Looking far into the future...can we create a more stately Commons worthy of cosmopolitan admiration?



Concept to reconnect the grid with streets and buildings

Can we reconstruct what was once there, as this before and after image depicts?



Roundabout concept

Or can we envision an entirely new solution for the commons like this roundabout?

The Evolution of the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons II

Times Square



BEFORE



AFTER

Times Square Improvements

So a question to ask ourselves, if Times Square can evolve from an area ridden with traffic and congestion to plazas and people, can't the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons?

HENNEPIN/LYNDALE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM FRANKLIN AVENUE TO DUNWOODY BOULEVARD

PLEASE JOIN US

Public Open House #2
Monday, August 4, 2014
Walker Art Center, Skyline Room
1750 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(come and go at anytime)

The City of Minneapolis is planning for the reconstruction of portions of Hennepin and Lyndale Avenues between Franklin Avenue and Dunwoody Boulevard. Since the first open house in March 2014, we

have been reviewing public comments and meeting with stakeholders to refine the proposed project design.

An updated design layout has been prepared and we would like to hear your comments before the layout is finalized.

Can't make it?

Please visit www.hennepinlyndaleproject.com
 View the most recent layout (available August 4, 2014). Submit your questions/comments online. Sign up for email updates

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Shared Stakeholder Vision for Hennepin-Lyndale Project

To: Mayor Betsy Hodges, Council Member Lisa Goodman, Council Member Lisa Bender, Council Member Kevin Reich, Commissioner Anita Tabb, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Charlie Zelle, Senator Scott Dibble, Representative Frank Hornstein, Steve Kotke, Don Elwood, Ole Mersinger, Jessica Laabs, Beverly A.B. Farraher

RE: Shared Stakeholder Vision for Hennepin-Lyndale Project

Dear elected officials and Hennepin-Lyndale Reconstruction Project team,

The forthcoming Hennepin-Lyndale reconstruction project is a tremendous opportunity for Minneapolis, local neighborhoods, and local institutions. We have formed a community task force of diverse interests to help support this opportunity. This letter articulates the shared vision our various institutional stakeholders for this project based on a meeting held on June 11th. We recognize that project consultants and staff are working to hone options for the project and we hope this vision can help inform and support that work.

Vision

Hennepin-Lyndale contributes to a must-see green corridor that reconnects the Walker Art Center (Walker) and adjacent neighborhoods and institutions with Loring Park, Nicollet Mall, and Hennepin Avenue downtown.

Hennepin-Lyndale is a safe and attractive place to walk, bike, and take transit.

Hennepin-Lyndale is a positive gateway to Downtown and the rest of Minneapolis.

Current Challenges

Currently Hennepin-Lyndale is a physical and visual barrier that divides the Walker, Lowry Hill, and Uptown from Loring Park and Downtown. It can take more than four minutes and several traffic signals to legally walk across the street at Vineland/Oak Grove. The beautiful green spaces on either side of the street are divided by space that is unwelcoming and unsafe. The broad freeway-style scale of the street leads to speeding traffic rather than creating a place that is core to the arts, culture, and community of Minneapolis.

Currently Hennepin-Lyndale has a number of pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns, including the shared bike-walk space between Groveland and Oak Grove, long crossing distances, intersections with too many crashes, and transit stops that are unsafe and unattractive. There is also a lack of a buffer between the walking and biking areas along the street.

High-Level Opportunities

Previous community work—including the Downtown Council's Downtown 2025 Plan, the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan, and a 2008 Hennepin-Lyndale Civic Corridor Design Charrette—provide a number of great ideas that we hope to see incorporated in to the reconstruction project. It is also a tremendous opportunity that the Walker and the Park Board are planning to reconstruct the Sculpture Garden in 2015 and that the Walker is improving the design of its Vineland Place entrance as well as the green space on the west and east sides of the Art Center. We hope that project staff will pro-actively work with the Walker and

Park Board to integrate design elements and maximize the benefits of the shared timing of these improvements.

Some high-level ideas that contribute to our vision include:

Reducing pedestrian crossing distances and providing more space for greening by reducing the number of lanes as feasible and reducing lane widths;

Improving crossings at Groveland Terrace/Groveland Avenue and at Vineland/Oak Grove Street by providing 'pedestrian zone' cues to drivers such as colored concrete, and bold and wide striping, larger islands and better walk signal timing.

Changing the scale of the street from a freeway zone to a neighborhood zone;

Creating a "Grand Terrace" at Vineland Place/Oak Grove that includes adding, enhancing, and better maintaining green space and possibly incorporating public art into the design;

Incorporating green buffers for the sidewalk and bikeway along the length of the project; and

Coordinating with MnDOT on enhancing the fencing and greening around the I-94 tunnel embankments and the pedestrian realm at the Dunwoody and Hennepin underpass.

Contributing to a more extensive active, green connection from the Mississippi River to the Walker Art Center and beyond as articulated in the concept design by James Corner Field Operations for reconstructing Nicollet Mall.

We look forward to working with you further as the details of traffic studies and design concepts are finalized. We are encouraged to hear that a variety of options will be presented at the second public meeting. If you have any questions, you can contact us through Craig Wilson (representing Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association) or John Van Heel (representing Citizens for a Loring Park Community).

Sincerely,

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association
Phillip Hallaway, LHNA President

Citizens for a Loring Park,
Christopher Hoffer, CLPC President

Walker Art Center
David Galligan, WAC Deputy Director, COO

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
Mary Pagnucco, St. Mark's Cathedral Representative

Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church
Keith Sjoquist, HAUMC Representative

Minneapolis Downtown Council
Ben Shardlow, Downtown Council Representative

Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition
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Janne Flisrand, LHNA representative
Cedar Phillips, LHNA representative
Mark Nelson, CLPC board representative
Joe Polacek, CLPC guest representative, Stevens Square resident

David Goldstein, Walker Art Center representative
Dylan Cole, Walker Art Center representative
Scott Engel, Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee representative

Neil Reardon, CLPC representative
Craig Wilson, LHNA board representative
John Van Heel, CLPC board representative

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outcomes have little or nothing to do with SWLRT, it has been used successfully to pressure the Met Council into considering some of North Minneapolis' transit needs. (The Met Council announced on July 8th that it would commit to building 75 new bus shelters in areas of racially concentrated poverty by the end of 2015 and improve some bus service over the next 5 to 15 years.) Louis King of Summit OIC and others supported the project, citing ambitious goals to train and hire people of color in the workforce associated with SWLRT.

Many people testified that SWLRT as planned is both too expensive and a "missed opportunity" to meet the transportation needs of Minneapolis residents. A 25-year resident told the Council members, "what you're giving up is huge, and what you're getting back is piddly."

The Mayor and City Council members seemed to listen carefully and respectfully to more than 2 ½ hours of testimony. The full City Council will take testimony at a public hearing on August 19th (details forthcoming). The Met Council and Hennepin County will hold a joint hearing on the revised plan on August 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Central Library.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune reported this week that Minneapolis has been given until August 30 to vote on the latest Southwest Corridor light-rail plan.

Just to let you know, the Southwest Project Office will be conducting survey work at all the Minneapolis station areas over the coming weeks in areas identified for improvements under the tentative agreement with the City. The survey work will be non-invasive and consist of crews with tripods and GPS out verifying topographical features and right of way boundaries. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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THE URBAN COYOTE

WASN'T THAT A MIGHTY STORM?

By James P. Lenfestey

Lake of The Isles overflowed its banks, flooding the walking trail in places and sending mud turtles scurrying for higher ground. Deep Cedar Lake became deeper, but that could be because so many children bobbed and frolicked in the already weedy water. This June the rain clouds sat over the state like a vengeful Louisiana dumping its right wing swamp water down upon us. But our well-built northern sewers held up, though more than a few basements flooded, and farmers from Rainy Lake and the Iowa border went fishing in fields.

And that old spiritual popped into my mind:

Wasn't that a mighty storm?
Wasn't that a might storm, Lord.
Wasn't that a might storm?
It blew the people all away.

The song of Noah's Fludde became my anthem of Minnesota's June and early July.

There was good news. Two friends were visiting Minnehaha Falls to admire the whitewater roaring over the precipice, when they heard the crowd scream. A kayaker plunged over the lip and landed upside down in the foam! He emerged bloody but with arms and paddle raised, and issued a triumphal barbaric yawp!

But then again bad news. Swatches of rot appeared in the fence surrounding our lot at the corner of Girard and Lincoln. Meaning I had to buy a can of plastic wood and fill in the holes and then paint over the wounds.

This led to good news in our literate community. Several friends walked by, each wondering if I was Tom Sawyering. We had warm neighborly discussions. I caught up Craig and Pat Neal visiting their daughter's family who lives in the hood. Neighbor Greg Plotnikoff, nearing 50, grows contemplative, holding himself back by adding editing duties at a medical journal to his already breathtaking portfolio. Jim McCarthy, downtown attorney with Jesuit preparation, stopped by with a flyer for an Open Figure puppet theater performance in his back yard on Humboldt Avenue that very night.

The rain held off and I attended, the audience of children and adults splitting our sides with the puns and hilarity of "The Magic Boot." Jim passed his capacious hat and we all gave generously to keep the creative genius of Open Eye on stage and in our driveways.

But finally, the true storm hit, the Mighty Storm. On July 7 Susan and I were flying back to MSP from a family wedding in Colorado, meeting our spectacular (there is no other word) granddaughter and her friend at MSP who were flying in from New Mexico. We were to meet there and fly together to Michigan.

But a wall cloud of storm sat over MSP airport. And sat. And sat. Our plane flew circles over Sioux Falls, South Dakota until the local cows complained of dizziness. We decamped to Rochester to refuel, which was delayed because the storm then settled over Rochester. Our granddaughter's plane from

Albuquerque, like ours, was also diverted and landed safely in Rochester, except it "broke" on the tarmac line waiting in the refueling queue, so granddaughter and friend had to take a bus to MSP. Our flight finally took off over them to the airport, but with one detail missing – access to our luggage.

Well, the girls arrived at MSP in good spirits after their rump bus ride from Rochester, if tired of eating only mango chips and Cliff bars. I type this while sitting on the floor of baggage claim awaiting beleaguered luggage staff sorting through thousands of bags to find ours, with only 32 sweating and grumbling displaced

people ahead of us on the list, some planes diverted as far as Madison.

Yes indeed, that was a Mighty storm. Further inconveniences ensued (did I mention the flu?) But none of the people we love were blown away. We can live with that result.

Have a happy summer. Maybe I'll emerge from MSP baggage claim in time to celebrate August with you.

Great Lake of the Isles Floods



Photo by Dorothy Childers

It was water, water everywhere around Lake of the Isles this month from way more than average rain fall that occurred this past month. There was so much water that one could sit on a Lake of the Isles park bench and catch the itinerant fish who was swimming around your feet. The geese and the ducks loved it while we walkers made out the best we could by joining the bikers along the upper paths. Slowly, slowly the lake water is receding and maybe soon we will have Lake of the Isles and its paths back to normal levels.

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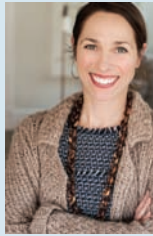
Seven Pines

By Patricia Trebnick

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting July 8, 2014, Bridge for Youth

Below are abbreviated minutes from the July 2014 EIRA Board of Directors meetings. The complete minutes can be found at www.eastisles.org.

Board members present (7 of 11): Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Maria Bales, Brian Milavitz, and Linda Schutz. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Ani Backa, Manager, Community Relations and Economic Development, Xcel Energy, stopped by to introduce herself to the community, departing shortly thereafter.

Council Member Goodman was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following written report:

The next Lunch with Lisa is August 20, Noon at University of St. Thomas and features a Nicollet Mall redesign plan update.

Public meetings will be held for proposed ordinance changes for residential infill. July 16: Public Open House, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at City Hall; July 28: City Planning Commission Public Hearing, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall; and August 21: Zoning and Planning Commission.

Public meetings will be held regarding Accessory Dwellings (increasing density by allowing additional dwelling units in areas zoned for single family homes such as garage apartments): August 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave N and August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th St.

Bridge for Youth

The speaker from the Bridge for Youth was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Bridge will attend the August 19 EIRA Board meeting to discuss present and future uses of its facilities in East Isles.

Open Forum

Reminder that all EIRA Board and Committee members are required to renew their EIRA membership yearly.

An amendment will be on the November ballot to increase filing fees for candidates of an elected office in Minneapolis.

The EIRA Board approved a motion to elevate Maria Bales from Alternate to Director to fill a vacancy on the EIRA Board.

If a boulevard tree is removed (eg: dying or diseased), the Park Board does not replace the tree unless specifically requested by the property owner.

REPORTS

Staff Report

Debra Behrens was elected to Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) District 6.

Construction on Lake Street: CenterPoint Energy is replacing a natural gas pipeline on Lake Street. Construction will continue through September. Go to www.centerpointenergy.com/construction for more information and to sign up for email updates.

NRP Committee

The next meeting is August 11, 5:45 pm at Grace. The agenda will include reviewing the Green Team's three-month budget, discussing implementing additional strategies and outreach regarding boulevard tree replanting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the financials for the 2nd quarter of 2014. Degerstrom will contact the IRS for an update on EIRA's 501(c)(4) application.

Transportation Committee

The June 26th meeting included creating this mission statement: "The Transportation Committee fosters equitable, safe, sustainable, and multi-modal transportation options for all of the residents, workers, and visitor of the East Isles neighborhood." Also discussed were goals and issues to work on including information campaign to make property owners more aware of pedestrian issues; bike safety issues; parking violations; bus stop improvements; and Mall/Greenway safety issues.

The next meeting is July 24, 7 pm at Grace featuring a guest speaker from Metro Transit to discuss transit planning.

Zoning Committee, Allan Amis

The June 17th meeting included a presentation by the 70/30 restaurant group. The EIRA Board approved the following recommendation by the Zoning Committee: "EIRA takes no position on the proposed 70/30 amendments to the Minneapolis City Charter. EIRA encourages community discussion regarding the proposed 70/30 Charter amendments."

The 70/30 group will be invited to host an information table at the East Isles Ice Cream Social to educate residents about the proposed charter amendment.

Also at the June 17th meeting: Lake & Irving Restaurant, 1513 W Lake St presented plans for outdoor seating (on east side of building and a sidewalk café on Lake St). The public hearing was held the afternoon of July 8 so the committee did not have time to make a formal recommendation to the EIRA Board.

The owner of 2208 Irving Ave S is working with the City on plans to demolish the property and rebuild a single-family home.

An application has been filed to nominate the Thomas Lowry Memorial for designation as a landmark.

Public Hearing for Conservation District Ordinance at the Heritage Preservation Commission meeting on July 22, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. City staff anticipates the Zoning and Planning Committee of the City Council will review the ordinance on August 7, 9:30 a.m. forwarding their recommendation for action by the full City Council on August 15, 9:30 a.m.

The next committee meeting scheduled for July 15 may be cancelled if no agenda items.

Social Committee

Volunteers are needed to staff EIRA's pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair, August 1-3. Contact events@eastisles.org to help.

Ice Cream Social is August 28, 6-9 p.m. Volunteers are needed, contact events@eastisles.org to help. The EIRA Board approved funding to place two ads in the Hill and Lake Press for the event.

Green Team

The EIRA Board approved the budget for the 3rd annual Super Sale.

Upcoming events:

September 6: Super Sale

Fall program, tentative date September 28. The Green Team is considering topics (Dan Buettner was invited to speak but is unavailable at this time).

Community Solar

Green Team member Gerardo Ruiz discussed Community Solar. Minnesota law is changing to allow for centrally-located solar panels that provide electricity to participating subscribers. The details (such as rates) are not yet finalized. The Green Team is interested in developing a questionnaire that could help in the selection process of choosing a developer and possibly working on a solar project in the neighborhood (perhaps in partnership with other neighborhood entities).

EIRA Board member Drew Moratzka (absent July 8) has offered pro bono legal services of the law firm of Stoel Rives, his employer, in developing the questionnaire. He, along with EIRA Board member and EIRA Green Team member Bill Elwood (absent July 8), are requesting the EIRA Board agree to proposed terms of the Letter of Engagement from the firm and sign it. No action was taken on the Letter following brief conversation, expression of concerns, questions posed, and additional information shared with those present. The EIRA Board will continue the discussion at the August meeting. A representative from Clean Energy Resource Team (CERTs) will be invited to the meeting to add another perspective to the conversation.

Parks Committee

The meeting on June 11 included: update on Smith Triangle Park and the clean up event; discussion of Nice Ride station on parkland at Lake St and E. Calhoun Pkwy based on a concerns by a nearby resident (concerns were not shared by most participants who attended the Parks Committee meeting); continued improvements to Joanne Levin Triangle Park; and parkland at the top of The Mall adjacent to Walker Library (Commissioner Anita Tabb will be invited to an upcoming EIRA Board meeting to discuss plans for this area).

Board Review

Dan McLaughlin will be EIRA's representative to the Art Selection Committee for the Walker Library.

The EIRA Board approved an expenditure policy stating that Committees shall seek approval for any expenditure in any amount from the EIRA Board prior to the expenditure. In the rare circumstance that an expense arises and time constraints do not allow for approval by the EIRA Board, the committee may seek approval of the expenditure from EIRA President (or Vice President if the President is unavailable). Maximum amount is \$500. This policy will be reviewed yearly.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 7 p.m. at The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St.

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Thursday, August 28 6-9 pm (Rain date: Friday, August 29)

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 9, 2014

The July meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Art Higinbotham, Barbara Lunde, Russ Palma, James Reid, and John Wessinger. NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee and 40+ neighbors were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Proposed change to the City Charter: restaurants that are in neighborhoods surrounded by residential zoning hold 70/30 Charter Wine and Beer licenses that require a ratio of food (70%) to alcohol (30%) based on receipts. There are three 70/30 restaurants in Ward 7 (none in CIDNA). The increased demand for craft beer and fine wines make it difficult for restaurants to comply with the 30% alcohol limit. These restaurants are seeking to be governed by ordinance (not by the Charter). To move an item from the Charter to an ordinance requires a ballot initiative and will be on the ballot in November.

In a related issue, the City licensing staff is redrafting the ordinance that regulated restaurants with 60/40 licenses. They are proposing to eliminate ratios but will require other regulatory provisions.

Public meetings will be held for proposed ordinance changes for residential infill (to regulate features such as size of new construction compared to immediate neighbors). July 16: Public Open House, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at City Hall and July 28: City Planning Commission Public Hearing, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Public meetings will be held regarding Accessory Dwellings (increasing density by allowing additional dwelling units in areas zoned for single family homes such as garage apartments): August 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave N and August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th St.

Southwest LRT, Peter Wagenius, Policy Director for Mayor Hodges

Minneapolis held a public meeting on July 8 to present the agreement the City reached with Metropolitan Council regarding Southwest LRT. The agreement includes: reinstatement of 21st St Station; removal of the North shallow tunnel; preservation of bike trail; assure that ownership of Kenilworth Corridor and trackage rights agreement remain together under public agency control; improvements to Minneapolis stations; and transfer of excess land to the Park Board to maintain park-like environment. The was no one single reason for the removal of the North tunnel, the City feels the package as a whole is a better resolution that balances the need to protect residents, parkland and city waters. There are down sides to the shallow tunnels that include: tunnels are divisive in community; impacts of open pit construction method for the shallow tunnels; trees can't be planted over shallow tunnels; and visual blight of crash walls at each portal (1000 ft total). The down sides were measured against the level of need for the North tunnel. The South tunnels are needed to: maintain the bike/ped trail (2nd busiest bike trail in Minneapolis); avoid an at grade crossing at Cedar Lake Pkwy; avoid taking 57 townhomes and 3 single family homes.

The City of Minneapolis will vote to approve or disapprove Municipal Consent by end of August. The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement isn't expected to be released until Fall 2014 (after the Municipal Consent process). If Minneapolis would choose not to respond to Municipal Consent by the deadline, it would be considered a vote of approval.

Sophia Ginis, Community Outreach Coordinator for Southwest LRT reported that bells will ring as trains go in and out of stations. Bells will not be used at the tunnel portals. Horns are only used in emergency situations (such as a person on the tracks). Ginis also stated that inspections will be done of homes in the area (pre, during and post construction) to document any damage

caused by construction.

Adam Gordon, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), Sewer Project

Gordon addressed questions regarding damage to homes due to the sewer construction. MCES does not carry insurance; the contractor doing the construction carries the insurance. Preconstruction surveys of properties were conducted. If damage is caused, the homeowner may file a claim with the contractor and the claim may be accepted or rejected. Board members and residents stated concerns that this policy was not explained at the beginning of the project, rather it was presented that MCES would be responsible for any damage. This policy has implications for Southwest LRT construction. Homeowners also have the option of filing a damage claim with their homeowners insurance.

Sewer project update: Westbound Sunset remains closed for concrete work and restoration of boulevard, milling on France should be completed this week. The playground at Park Siding is closed for further construction.

NRP/CPP Report, Gail Lee

Park Siding Park:

Gardens were mulched on July 8

Next garden clean up day is July 26, 9 a.m.

Raingarden program:

Two spots have opened up for the raingarden project. Contact Metro Blooms to sign up.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District approved the funding for the cost share grant.

The CIDNA Board approved the following:

\$250 to have the mail house create a new mailing list.

\$500 for design fees to redesign CIDNA's website.

The next committee meeting is July 16, 3 pm at Rustica (Calhoun Village). All are welcome.

Fall Festival, Elaine May

The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 12. The CIDNA Board approved \$2000 for Fall Festival expenses. Jones-Harrison will contribute \$500 to the Fall Festival and provide hot dogs at cost.

Our Power, Marlena Needham

Our Power has a grant from Hennepin County Greek Partner to support residents of neighborhoods along Lake Street in cutting energy waste, participating in energy solutions including weatherization work parties, home insulation, and solar projects.

Our Power will be invited to have an information table at the Fall Festival.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee, Ryan Fox

The committee hopes to hold their first meeting at the end of July.

Lake Street Construction Update, Steve Goltry

CenterPoint Energy is replacing natural gas pipeline on Lake Street in preparation for a Hennepin County paving project. Construction is expected to last through September. Construction schedule — July: Excelsior to Dean Pkwy, August: Dean Pkwy to Knox. September: Knox to James. Some bus stops are closed due to construction. Check with Metro Transit for current information.

Construction project website: [\[gy.com/construction\]\(http://gy.com/construction\) \(and sign up for email updates\); construction hotline is 612-321-5329.](http://www.centerpointener-</p>
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Cedar Lake Parkway Renovation

Cliff Swenson, Director, Design & Project Management for the Park Board sent the following written update: "With the reduction in Met-Council funding for 2014, we were anticipating having to remove Cedar Lake Parkway from the list of work for 2014. The MPRB approved maintaining 2014 Parkway Renovation funding for a large portion of the Cedar Lake Parkway. Work will begin later in August or early September and be completed before the end of October. As we are given a firm start date from Public Works we will notify the neighborhood and park users."

Announcements

Leila Brammer is interested in representing CIDNA on the Midtown Greenway Coalition Board.

Art Higinbotham is moving from the neighborhood and has resigned from the CIDNA Board. Russ Palma is also resigning from the Board due to work conflicts.

Board Review:

The CIDNA Board will not be participating in the City's Adopt-a-Precinct program at this time.

Board members are encouraged to participate in one of CIDNA's committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Kathy Low

July 2014 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met July 7, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center.

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

Board Members present: Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Jack Levi, Ed Pluimer, Angie Erdrich, Josine Peters, Jim Gilroy, Kathy Low

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Aura Wharton-Beck, Principal of Kenwood Elementary School, Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto, 5th Precinct Inspector Todd Loining, Lieutenant Melissa Chiodu, MPRB Commissioner At Large Meg Forney, MPRB Superintendent Jayne Miller, MPRB Director of Design and Project Management Cliff Swenson, Gail Dorfman, Executive Director, and Renee Nyman, Lead Street Outreach Worker, St. Stephens Human Services, Jean Deatrack, Richard Krueger of Westchester Services LLC and approximately 30 other residents.

7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman explained charter/ordinance changes in progress: 1) a proposal to eliminate the charter provision requiring neighborhood-type restaurants with a beer and liquor license to have at least 70% of their revenue from food/30% liquor (required to be on the ballot because it is in the charter); 2) a proposed ordinance revision eliminating the rule for certain establishments that have a full liquor license and are currently required to comply with a 60/40 food/liquor ratio, and adding other policies; 3) development of new rules re: residential infill lots: open house July 16, 4:30 – 6 pm Room 333 City Hall, July 28 City Planning Commission Public Hearing 4:30 pm City Hall Room 317, August 21 Zoning & Planning meeting; and 4) proposal to change “accessory of dwelling” rules to increase from one to two the number of residential units allowed on properties zoned R-1 consistent with Mayor’s goal of increased density (sometimes called “granny flats”, although the proposal does not require that the second unit be occupied by relatives). Two public open houses: August 12, 5 – 8 pm, North Regional Library and August 23, 10 am – 1 pm, Hosmer Library.

Council Member Goodman answered questions regarding SWLRT and the public meeting July 8th with members of the Transportation Committee of the City Council. In a handout she also noted the following:

311 is now available on weekends.

Hazardous Waste Collection this summer:

July 31-Aug. 2, Jenny Lind Elementary School, 5026 Dupont Ave. N., Minneapolis, 55430

Aug. 7-9, South High School, 3131 19th Ave. South, Minneapolis, 55407

Aug. 21-23, 340 27th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, 55418
Sept. 18-20, University of MN - Parking Lot C66, 2904 Fairmount Street SE, Minneapolis, 55414

Oct. 9 – 11, Minneapolis Public Works Dept., Snelling Ave., 3607 East 44th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Next “Lunch with Lisa” on August 20 re: Nicollet Mall Redesign Plan update, St. Thomas downtown, Terrence Murphy Hall #252

Compost bins for sale: purchase at Hennepin County Drop-off Facility in Brooklyn Park

Free Graffiti Cleanup Solvent at Minneapolis Fire Stations

New Kenwood School Principal

Angie Erdrich introduced Aura Wharton-Beck, the new Principal of Kenwood School who was previously the principal of the Jenny Lind Elementary School. Ms. Wharton-Beck is organizing a meet and greet for the school community and looks forward to working with the community and KIAA.

East Cedar Lake (“Hidden”) Beach

Larry Moran introduced MPRB Commissioner At Large Meg Forney, MPRB Superintendent Jayne Miller, Chief of Park Police Jason Ohotto, and Inspector Todd Loining of the 5th Precinct who were invited to discuss problems related to East Cedar Lake Beach. Chief Ohotto stated that about 60 reports have been written YTD (mostly June/July; vast majority drug or alcohol/disruptive behavior-related; no violent crime, most drug use is pot) for Hidden Beach infractions (more than the 27 same period last year; last year lower than usual due to weather). Most of these are proactive efforts of the police via patrols. Inspector Loining stated that policing the area is a joint effort with the Park Police. Lieutenant Melissa Chiodu said that the police try to have two people in the area almost every night. MPRB Superintendent Miller said that a process of neighborhood input is needed to identify priorities and discuss options. Various ideas were discussed including lighting, parking (lot or possibly permit-only parking in the area), cameras, speed bumps on roads nearby, signage re: hours and rules, emergency telephones, and managing foliage. Inspector Loining stated that closing the beach is not going to happen. Gail Dorfman and Renee Nyman gave phone number to help homeless people (although this is not thought to be a large problem at the beach): 612-879-7624. KIAA continues to fund extra Park Police patrols for the beach. A committee is being formed with MPRB and area residents; volunteers are welcome. The police encouraged residents to call 911 when they see problems, even if they think the person might be gone by the time the police can respond.

Kenwood Water Tower:

ATT wants to put up antennae on top of the Kenwood Water Tower. Other cell providers have them there already. Larry Krueger stated he was required to present this plan to the KIAA as part of the HPC approval process.

Resolutions approved by the KIAA Board of Directors:

A motion was approved on June 23 to amend the previously approved CPP budget to add \$4,903 unused funds from the prior year CPP contract.

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 meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Reminder: No KIAA meeting in August. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, September 8 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. 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.

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Senior citizens who reside in Minneapolis and need a handyperson should call 612-374-3322 or email seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.org for more information. Outside of Minneapolis, contact the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 for details. Thank you!

Pollinator Party: A Celebration of Bees

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Have you heard the buzz? Honey bees and wild bees play a major role in the productivity of American agriculture through the pollination of fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

Join us for the 2014 Pollinator Party on Thursday, July 24 from 5 – 8 p.m. at Lyndale Park Gardens on the east side of Lake Harriet. The party will be on the open lawn just north of the Peace Garden. This event is free. Enjoy a picnic in the park - food and beverage will be available for purchase from La Loma Tomales.

The Pollinator Party brings together bees, scientists, beekeepers, food, and live music. This annual event also provides an opportunity for people of all ages to celebrate the life and work of honey bees and native bees.

At dusk, enjoy the Disney movie “Wings of Life” which offers an intimate and unprecedented look at butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, bats and flowers.

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

by Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association's next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the Kenwood Rec Center. This is one week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday. 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.

LOWRY HILL ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Photos by Dorothy Childers

On a beautiful evening in July, Lowry Hill residents gathered at Thomas Lowry Park and enjoyed treats provided by the Lowry and Sebastian Joes. The ice cream servers were Tom Huppert, Jimmy Fogel, Susan Brauer, and Mark Brauer. Music was performed by Accordionist Andy Vaaler, and Drummer Scott Maida, friends of Phil Hallaway.

Shakespeare in Kenwood Park



Photo by Jeanette Colby

A large enthusiastic crowd attended Shakespeare in Kenwood Park in June. The popular event was supported by Kenwood Isles Area Association and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association.

Aquatennial Beach Bash
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LETTER

To the editor:

I live quite close to the Walker Art Center and endure the noise of "Rock the Garden" every year. This year, of course, there was twice as much of it. I have been told that I am the only person who complains to Council Member Goodman's office any more, which I suppose is not surprising since the complaints in previous years have accomplished nothing in the way of noise mitigation. However, since there are now two days of it, I hope that those who don't like it will complain once more, even if you have complained before to no effect. I'm sure that nothing short of a mass march on City Hall will deflect the Walker Art Center from doing what it wants to do, and that from now on there will be (at least) two days of "Rock the Garden" at the highest possible sound volume. But perhaps the powers-that-be can at least be persuaded to schedule the major Sunday performance(s) in the afternoon and have the whole thing over with, so that we can have our houses, yards, porches and decks back for a peaceful Sunday summer evening in the neighborhood.

Miriam Segall, Lowry Hill

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CORRECTION



Marion Greene was sworn in June 18 as our new Hennepin County Commissioner. Commissioner Greene is on the left, but we neglected to name her husband, Bart Cannon, and presiding Judge Elizabeth V. Cutter in our June issue.

CenterPoint Energy has begun a pipeline replacement project along West Lake Street this summer.

The project is being done in advance of a Hennepin County repaving project that will take place later this fall.

During the construction process, at times traffic will be significantly impacted because of temporary lane closures and a potential detour.

Information about the project has been sent to residents and businesses in the area via US mail. In addition CenterPoint Energy's construction website will provide frequent construction updates via e-mail or text messaging to help keep people informed as the project progresses. The following is a link to the West Lake Street project:

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/community/inthecommunity/constructionzone/5285f0ab942d3410VgnVCM1000026a10d0aRCRD/MN/>

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3116 W Lake St #120	207,500	-	99	170,000	C	1/1	960	200,000	3,589	2007	
2606 Humboldt #11	174,900	-	1	175,000	C	2/1	760	161,500	2,911	2007	
2521 Humboldt S #108	259,000	-	21	259,000	C	2/1	1210	227,500	3,815	1922	
3156 Dean Court	289,900	-	123	295,000	TWN	3/3	1,810	267,500	4,824	1982	
2840 Chowen Ave S	289,900	-	2	315,000	H	0/0	2,930	318,500	5,746	1948	
3116 W Lake St #315	309,900	-	655	319,000	C	2/2	1,428	264,500	5,303	2007	
3116 W Lake St #415	299,900	-	437	300,000	C	2/2	1,245	267,000	4,792	2007	
3116 W Lake St #126	299,900	9,000	389	299,900	C	2/2	1,428	187,000	3,356	2007	
3116 W Lake St #224	309,900	7,000	582	319,000	C	2/2	1,428	295,500	5,303	2007	
3116 W Lake St #313	325,000	-	33	318,500	C	2/2	1,371	283,000	4,893	2007	
2950 Dean Pkwy #1105	350,000	-	34	325,000	C	2/2	1,460	312,000	5,473	1978	
3415 St Louis Ave	399,000	-	30	405,000	TWN	2/2	1,785	262,500	5,297	1985	
1925 Humboldt Ave S	449,900	-	675	410,000	H	4/4	2,633	444,500	7,977	1904	
2441 Sheridan	549,900	-	0	549,900	H	3/2	2,062	537,500	9,794	1913	
2008 Fremont S	575,000	-	3	567,500	H	6/2	2,618	485,000	8,515	1908	
914 Mount Curve Ave	649,900	-	23	650,000	TWN	5/5	3,107	526,500	9,889	1909	
2721 Ewing Ave S	649,900	5,000	23	640,085	H	4/3	2,356	540,000	10,152	1973	
1216 Mount Curve Ave	672,000	-	139	672,000	TWN	4/4	2,733	613,500	11,496	1982	
3535 Cedar Lake Ave	689,900	-	29	667,500	H	3/3	2,248	583,000	10,741	1916	
3415 St Paul Ave	739,900	-	63	685,000	H	4/4	2,835	673,500	12,275	2003	
2300 Humboldt S	769,000	15,000	170	755,000	H	5/4	3,715	648,500	11,742	1912	
2825 Irving Ave S	799,000	-	2	790,000	H	4/4	3,968	661,000	12,439	1911	
2008 Humboldt Ave S	839,000	-	19	832,500	H	5/5	4,250	821,000	15,564	1906	
3141 Dean Court #1202	1,150,000	2,500	29	1,100,000	C	2/3	3,274	620,500	11,208	1983	
2120 W Lake of Isles Pky	1,495,000	-	0	1,475,000	H	4/4	3,005	1,050,000	20,906	1902	

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Bastille Day at Barbette's



Crowd members enjoying Bastille Day.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

WHERE WE ARE NOW

By Jean Deatrick

In a July 1997 article in City Pages, I was quoted thus, "KIAA Coordinator Jean Deatrick says Kenwood isn't "trying to chase off the mellow, hippie types," but there are some "unsavory" characters who frequent the beach, especially at night. "The real issue is prostitution, drug using and dealing, people speeding through the alleys, radios blasting," she says. "We aren't trying to make the neighborhood more 'whitebread.' We just want the neighborhood and the beach to co-exist peacefully..." "We pay higher property taxes, but we don't use the beach. We're too afraid..." "We've been talking about trimming the shrubs, making it more open, and changing the name. We aren't trying to drive out strangers. But if people's behavior is offensive, something needs to be done."

In July 2014, not a lot has changed, although East Cedar Lake (Hidden) Beach is now an authorized beach and a lifeguard is on duty from 11am to 7pm and to 8pm if the temperature is 85 degrees.

The disruption to the surrounding neighborhood continues however and in greater numbers. At the monthly KIAA meeting July 16, a large crowd gathered to hear and talk about Hidden Beach. Chief of Park Police, Jason Ohotto, and 5th Precinct Inspector Todd Loining reported that incidents were up significantly over last year: 60 police reports this year compared to 27 last year. They said that nearly all of the contacts were initiated by police and not from residents calling in to complain. That is surprising considering that the surrounding neighborhood is most affected by the problems with Hidden Beach. The many narcotics and liquor violations at the beach, the loud music and vandalism to cars parked on the street as well as the attendant increase in garage breakins and houses are surely disturbing to residents.

Residents at the meeting talked about the lack of lighting, signage, and cameras, and the excessive foliage. Some expressed concern about using the beach because of safety issues. I was left with the impression that the beach was used mostly by people from outside the neighborhood. It was reported that previously, signs, picnic tables, and portapotties had been destroyed by vandals.

The consensus reached was that Kenwood needs to start the process of change. The police emphasized that Hidden Beach is not going to be closed. A voluntary task force has been started. If you wish to join, please email KIAA55405@gmail.com. And please call 911 if you see problems.

iPhone Affair

By Madeleine Lowry

My husband is in love with another woman. In his eyes, she is perfection: svelte, smooth and impossibly patient with dark good looks. She guides him everywhere he wants to go. That used to be my job, but I have been displaced.

"No, no, no," he protested recently, when I offered to navigate, "we're going the way Siri tells us to because she's almost always right and it's much cheaper than marriage counseling."

Her fund of knowledge appears to be boundless when it comes to highways and byways, traffic conditions, construction slow-downs and alternate routes. She can also get you to your destination on foot, by bicycle, bus, subway or light rail.

Her directions are clear, explicit and perfectly timed. She repeats herself at appropriate points, thereby avoiding the inevitable argument when we miss a highway exit.

She doesn't lie, or tell half-truths. She is very fact-based. She remains calm in all situations. She never indulges in snarky remarks like, "I said left not right, you idiot." She never huffs, "Turn around and try again, dummy." Or, "I've been telling you about that exit for the last six miles, how could you have missed it?" She simply re-routes. And re-routes and re-routes. No drama, no blame, no hurt feelings. She is endlessly supportive, a competent, pleasant co-pilot and companion (at least until his iPhone battery dies.) No wonder he loves her.

She is faithful, eminently portable, always at hand. She lives to cater to his needs—she never has other plans, conflicts or prior engagements. Dissent is not in her nature. She never says, "No, I think I'd rather stay at home," or, "Are you sure that's a good idea?" Or, "Let's not go. I heard that movie was stupid."

She makes no demands on his time, never asks him to stop at the grocery store on his way home from work. She never goes out of town and leaves him to pick up the kids. She is the ultimate in low maintenance.

She doesn't gossip or nag. She never rearranges the dishes in the dishwasher after he puts them in. She doesn't make him pay the bills, or take out the garbage. She has nothing to say about how the lawn looks. She expresses no opinion on his clothes, the style of his glasses, the speck of food stuck to his chin. She is non-judgmental and discrete in the extreme.

She doesn't eat much, never orders the most expensive dish on the menu or the richest bottle of wine. She doesn't expect you to remember her birthday. She never asks for jewels, vacations, or clothes. She never has a headache. Never gains an ounce or a wrinkle. I mean, who can compete with this girl?!

Certainly, not Constance. Constance is the woman-who-knows-all-things who lives in my Android phone. I named her Constance, because she didn't seem to come with a name. Constance provides the same services as Siri, with a touch less panache. Her directions are sometimes incomplete, requiring a glance in her direction to read essential information from the screen. She can be blunt and a shade bossy as she barks, "Turn right." She sometimes loses the GPS signal and abandons me mid-navigation. In many ways she is the twin to Siri, but lacking in refinement and sparkle.

Siri has nothing to worry about.

It's a good thing that I married Phil before Siri was born. Still, even as we approach twenty years of marriage, I can't rest on my laurels. I know that Phil would leave me for Siri in a heartbeat, except for one little thing.

She can't cook.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, "It might have been."

—John Greenleaf Whittier

August 1977

Hey Tommy, glad I caught you. You're a hard little rascal to pin down. Big news, the Nyquist, Halverson gang is at it again! This time ya gotta come. Big cook-out slash birthday party for my Aunt Syl this Sunday. She's gonna be 90! Who'd a thunk it after they took so much of her stomach out last year down at Mayo. They gave her one of those bags, but she carries it like a purse, funniest darn thing. It'll be the whole clan, in-laws, out-laws, and friends too. I've been telling 'em all about the new guy at work who talks funny.

"We'll probably head out right after church but why don't you shoot for around 2 o'clock and stay till the bugs hit! They can be wicked fierce out there! I don't have the exact address on me. It's my cousin Hank and his better half Evie's place. Just take County 30 west past Fountain Lake. Go a mile or two tops. You'll pass a feed store on the right and then maybe two hundred yards further on your left is a dirt road. You'll see a mailbox on a pole that says Halverson. Turn in and it's a brick Rambler with two double wides on the property. We'll be whooping it up, you will be sure to hear us."

"I particularly want you to meet my nephew Rob and his wife Star. They are kind of city types like you. They live in Blaine but they go to the Uptown all the time. He does van conversions, and she's a dancer. They are artsy types. She does some macramé. Didn't you say your wife Joanie is crafty? You ought to see some of the stuff Rob paints on those vans. I think he uses Star as his model. Least I hope that's her, I guess... Any who, they're about your age, and have got the long hair. Have your bride call Evie or my missus Betty about what to bring.

"Well, gotta motor, see you Sunday!"

—Vern Nyquist

September 1977

Dear Vern,

Let me offer a belated thank you for the invitation to your gathering. I apologize for not responding sooner. Rather than feign confusion over the date and the location of County Road 30, I should have told you the truth on Monday.

I was attacked by badgers in Uptown that Saturday and briefly hospitalized while being screened for rabies. We were still planning to come on Sunday, but the police called and wanted me downtown to see if I could make a positive ID. They don't do a lineup or the one-way glass like you see on TV, but I'll tell you those little fellas do look alike! The city bureaucracy is mind numbing. By the time I was done signing liability waivers and medical releases it was late.

JoAnne still wanted to go but the mosquitoes were bad here in town. I remembered what you said about the bugs. Having lost a great deal of blood the day before, I became lightheaded and nearly passed out while leaving the police station. Officers O'Connor and Erskine were kind enough to give me a ride home and I lapsed into a coma-like sleep as they carried me upstairs, so I didn't get a chance to call you.

I am sure it was a great time. Sorry to miss it.

—Tom

July, 2014

Dear Vern,

I had been five feet from the door on a Friday afternoon, almost able to taste the fresh air, sunshine, and the unlimited possibilities of a summer weekend. You, like many well-meaning Minnesota natives, tried to help a young couple from 'out East' to fit in. I did not know Syl, Hank, or Evie and could barely pick Betty out of a lineup, but the sentiment was so sweet. Joanie (JoAnne) would have been more likely to have her navel pierced by a Hell's Angel at Sturgis than bring a casserole to a gathering of strangers.

For me it would have been interesting to meet Rob and Star (particularly Star as it turned out). I was very sorry to hear about your Aunt Syl's untimely passing. It sounds like even if they had been able to get the bag

back from the dog it might have been too late. Still 103 is nothing to sneeze at.

I do not know how to say this, but there were no badgers. Your get well card and Betty's rhubarb marmalade were such thoughtful gifts, I have felt sorry for deceiving you all these years. I knew we were decidedly different folks without much in common, yet I admired your sunny optimism and devotion to family. Now that I have one of my own I understand a bit better.

Our first years in Minnesota, summer was fleeting and winter so severe, I hated to commit to anything. I felt a need to wring as much fun as possible out of our short season. Ingrained in me was "Do not stay inside in nice weather." My adopted corollary became "When this magical weather happens, get in or near a large body of water." Was Cedar Lake warm enough to swim? Was it worth wheeling a canoe to Isles and paddling to Calhoun? Who was playing at Lake Harriet? My "voices" put significant pressure on me and those around me. I did not do all of those things, but the potential was there. Like chasing a rainbow, happiness was a lake away.

A day in the country felt like a waste of half a precious weekend. I spent many restless years not appreciating the beauty that was around me and the warmth of friendships that were offered, such as yours. I was saddened to hear of your passing at 94. As you often joked, longevity does run in your family. Though I did not accept the invitations, I can picture you out on the prairie with barbecue apron and hat, burning hamburgers for a gaggle of nieces and nephews. I envied yocontentment.

—Tom

Tom H. Cook, unlike Vern Nyquist, is not a composite character. Many a Vern and Betty made us feel welcome when, knowing no one, we moved to Minneapolis in 1977.

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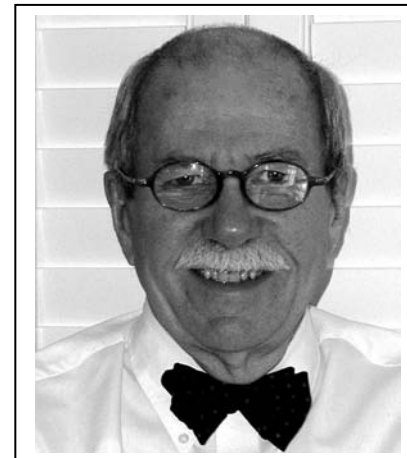
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