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Minneapolis pressured to accept co-location

by Jeanette Colby

"City of Minneapolis support for the Locally Preferred Alternative [LPA] is based on the premise that freight rail will be relocated from the Kenilworth Corridor. The City of Minneapolis will not accept the co-location alternative in which freight, LRT, and trails are placed in the same corridor. While the Federal Transit Administration has directed that the Metropolitan Council examine this option, it will not be accepted by the City of Minneapolis as part of the municipal consent process. The co-location option will displace dozens of households, will create irreversible damage to the character of the neighborhood, and will destroy high quality parkland that cannot be mitigated."

As many Hill & Lake readers know well, so wrote our city's representatives in response to the Southwest LRT Draft Environmental Impact Statement published in December 2102. Now, however, the pressure is on to accept a much different LPA from what was proposed in the DEIS: co-location with "shallow," or cut-and-cover, tunnels.

With just three weeks before the Corridor Management Committee (CMC) plans to decide on a final scope and budget, the Met Council has come up with another new co-location idea. Until now, the Met Council has promoted "shallow tunnels" on either side of Kenilworth Channel, with the LRT and freight crossing on an 80-foot wide bridge. The latest idea, announced on March 12th, would have the tunnels continue under the channel. This plan could potentially preserve the environmental quality and unique experience of the Channel connection between Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake that creates the Chain of Lakes - legacy of Minneapolis park visionaries Theodore Wirth and Charles Loring.

Community members asked months ago if such a tunnel under the channel would be possible and were told (at that time) it was not technically feasible due to the "buoyancy effect." The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, however, was apparently able to show that the idea was actually worth exploring. The Met Council is now doing so, and will offer a more detailed proposal at the next CMC meeting Wednesday, March 26, 8:30 AM-11:30 AM at Beth El Synagogue (5224 W 26th Street in St Louis Park).

Unfortunately, the Met Council can only propose engineering plans. In this instance, a critical fact is that the Met Council has no control over funding, which depends on the Counties' Transit Investment Board (CTIB) for 30% of the local share. Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota are each supposed to add 10%, bringing the local share of funding to 50% with the federal government providing the other half.

On top of regular state sales taxes, Metropolitan area

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TRYG'S APARTMENTS REVISED: Next CIDNA Meeting, April 7, 6pm

By Bob Corrick

On Monday, April 7 the CIDNA Land Use Committee will consider a revised proposal from Trammell Crow Co. for an apartment project on the site of Tryg's Restaurant. The developer seeks to address many of the neighborhood's concerns including respect for the 56-foot zoning height limit. The Board of the neighboring Loop City Condominiums also has opposed the initial designs. The CIDNA Committee could consider a formal resolution in the April 7 meeting. Action by the CIDNA Board could take place on April 9. We

Tryg's/Trammell Crow CIDNA Meeting

Monday, April 7, 6pm
Jones Harrison Residence
Lake View Room
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue

expect to post drawings and possible resolutions for the revised project on our website at <http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com> in the coming weeks before the meeting.



Tryg's Restaurant (left), site of proposed apartment project. Loop City Condominiums (right).

On January 6 Trammell Crow proposed preliminary designs for 6- and 11-story concepts. The 11-story idea would have been 129 feet high. The neighborhood generally opposed the 11-story height. The alternative was a 6-story concept with monolithic features and an "L" adjacent to the Loop Condos, which closed off the side yard and created a large wall to Greenway users. CIDNA also opposed the 6-story option.

In preliminary discussions with CIDNA the developer recently has offered the following design revisions:

Establish building height within +/-4 feet of the Loop Condos. (The structure, nevertheless, would be 6 stories.)

Elimination of the "L" adjacent to the Loop Condos to create a completely open side yard facing the Loop

Condos.

Create a more graceful interface with the Midtown Greenway using a single step back. No shading would occur on the Greenway at winter solstice.

Add attractive architectural features, articulation, and materials to eliminate the monolithic character of the building and produce a more aesthetically pleasing experience for the neighborhood.

Move the swimming pool away from the Midtown Greenway to the top of the new 1-1/2 story Tryg's Restaurant on Lake St.

The revised project would be somewhat smaller than proposed on January 6. Trammell Crow had proposed a project with 177 apartment units and 209,334 gross square feet. Details are forthcoming.



The drawing above shows the initial 6-story concept opposed by CIDNA. The revised design forthcoming would include improved architectural features with more open structure and step back from the Greenway.

3118 WEST LAKE ST
Minneapolis, MN
6 Story Option - View from Calhoun Isles
Top Floor - East

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Lunch with Lisa Monday, March 26, Noon

University of St. Thomas Downtown, Opus Hall, Room #201. We welcome our own DID ambassadors (the folks in lime green). Come and hear the stories and adventures they have encountered while walking the streets of Minneapolis spreading smiles and good will to residents and visitors. Lunch is offered at \$10. Come early to get a good seat.

EIRA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave. Dinner at 6:15 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Audubon Meeting Friday, April 11, 2014 1 p.m.

Warren Nelson, a favorite guest and excellent photographer, will show us "Wildlife Scenes from Aitkin and Beyond." 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

LITERARY WITNESSES BRINGS AWARD-WINNING POET PATTIANN ROGERS TO PLYMOUTH MONDAY, APRIL 28, 7PM

Award-winning Colorado poet Pattiann Rogers brings a field biologist's eye to nature's particulars, the rare poet combining hard science and gobsmacked reverence, a "boundless love of the world, and remarkable dexterity as a poet," according to Orion Magazine. She will read for Literary Witnesses at 7pm on Monday, April 28 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Nicollet Ave at Franklin, in Minneapolis. Her books will be for sale, and a reception will follow. The event, co-sponsored by The Loft Literary Center and RainTaxi Review of Books, is free with plenty of free parking.

Literary Witnesses, a program of the Fine Arts Board at Plymouth Congregational Church, brings regional and national poets to the Twin Cities who add their voices to the artistic exploration of life.

GUTTER CREW NEEDED

Spring draws near! Leaves do fall and up the ladder we must crawl. Gain a new poetic perspective while helping a senior citizen in Minneapolis remain independent in their home! You choose the date and time to clean gutters. Perfect for individuals, groups (small to large), and families (kids stay on the ground). Others can rake while an adult clears out the gutter. Seasonal: mid-April (depending upon the weather). This is a one-time fun, flexible unpaid volunteer activity that can be done weekdays or weekends. Feel free to sign up multiple times! BYOL: Bring Your Own Ladder (optional).

Exact location TBD in Minneapolis, depends upon where the senior citizen resides. Ongoing unpaid volunteer opportunities are available with lawn mowing and assisting with handyperson activities. One time opportunities are occasionally available. Please check our other postings. Please contact Jeanne the NIP Seniors Program, Volunteer Coordinator at srvolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org or call 612-746-8549 for more information. Our website is www.neighborhoodinvolve.org Thank you!

Informational Meeting: Tot Plots for Kids!

Saturday, March 29, 10 am, Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street, Mpls.

Learn more about a new East Isles Green Team initiative for kids and families. Our goal is to engage families in creating and planting small, self-standing containers with tasty "snack plants" that are easy to grow, harvest, and eat. Fun and educational. Learn more or sign up (by March 26) at nrp@eastisles.org.

Registration for the MPRB's summer Rec Plus program begins Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30 pm. Rec Plus offers affordable, quality, school-age summer childcare for children ages 5-12 (must have completed Kindergarten). Rec Plus gives children opportunities to learn sports and make crafts, take field trips and make new friends. Rec Plus is offered at 15 recreation centers across Minneapolis. For locations, cost and other details, visit <http://bit.ly/15mw2Gl>.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MARCH 21, 8PM & MAR. 23, 4PM, VOCAL ESSENCE SINGS JOHN RUTTER, CENTRAL LUTHERAN
MARCH 22, 10AM COMMUNITY SING WITH PHILIP BRUNELLE AT HENNEPIN METHODIST
MARCH 26, 6:30 PM WALKER ART CENTER, HENNEPIN LYNDALE RECONSTRUCTION MTG
MARCH 25, 7PM BOCKLEY GALLERY READING
MARCH 26 NOON, LUNCH WITH LISA ST. THOMAS
MARCH 27, 6:30PM KENWOOD REC CENTER, MPRB ASH CANOPY MEETING
MARCH 29, 10AM TOT PLOTS FOR KIDS
APRIL 7, 6PM TRYG'S CIDNA MEETING
April 15, 7pm LUNAFEST Edina Cinema
April 28, 7pm Literary Witnesses Plymouth

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison
EIRA: Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave. Dinner at 6:15 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm. www.eastisles.org
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,
LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

LUNAFEST®: Short Films By, For, About Women®

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 -- the Full Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse 7-9pm showing of LUNAFEST Films
 Edina Cinema 3911 West 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424

FUNDRAISER: for Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute's Economic Diversity Scholarship Fund and the Breast Cancer Fund sponsored by Luna Bars, nationally known whole nutrition bars for women.

TICKETS: \$25 available for purchase at: www.lunafest.org/minneapolis

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Forestry Department will be holding a series of community meetings to share details of the 2014 Ash Canopy Replacement Plan. The meetings will provide attendees with a general overview about Emerald ash borer (EAB), information about the MPRB's partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to safely detect and remove EAB-infested trees, and a description of the MPRB ash canopy replacement plan. There will also be time for forestry staff to answer questions.

A meeting will be held Thu., March 27, 6:30-8 p.m.
 Kenwood Community Center, 2101 Franklin Ave W
 For more information about the community meetings and other locations, please call 612-313-7710 or email forestry@minneapolisarks.org. For more information about EAB, please visit the MPRB website.

A SPRINGTIME JUBILEE

The 100-voice VocalEssence Chorus and the 32-voice Ensemble Singers will perform two John Rutter Jubilee concerts at Central Lutheran Church on Friday, Mar. 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Mar. 23 at 4 p.m., as part of the 45th season of VocalEssence.

John Rutter was originally scheduled to conduct these performances, but has recently been advised by his doctor to refrain from international travel for the next six months due to a short-term illness.

Minnesota Public Radio's classical music expert John Birge will lead a concert conversation with VocalEssence founder and artistic director Philip Brunelle about his experiences working with John Rutter before both performances, at 7 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

On Saturday, Mar. 22, at 10 a.m. Philip Brunelle will conduct a Community Sing at the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, featuring John Rutter's music. Tickets for the John Rutter Jubilee concerts are available for \$20 and up (youth ages 6-18 and college students with a valid college ID are eligible for half-price tickets.) For more information about this concert series and to purchase tickets, please call 612-371-5656 or visit www.vocalescence.org. Tickets for the Community Sing are \$25 (price includes sheet music), and are available through the VocalEssence website.

Meet your neighbors and find out what your neighborhood organization is up to.

East Isles Residents' Association Annual Meeting

Free Chili Dinner for East Isles residents!!!

Special Guest Appearances

- City Council Member Lisa Goodman
- Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb
- and Featuring Michael McLaughlin from the Lowry Hill District Business Association

The agenda includes topics of interest past, present & future and election of EIRA Board of Directors! All EIRA members are eligible to vote for Board positions.

Tuesday, April 8

Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave S
 Social hour and dinner at 6:15 pm
 Meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm
 Let us know you're coming!
 Contact Monica Smith at
 612-821-0131 or nrp@eastisles.org.

**WANTED****East Isles residents* interested in serving on the EIRA Board of Directors**

Get involved and help make your neighborhood even better!

- Still needed: candidates to fill two director and two alternate positions on the EIRA Board. Especially needed is a volunteer with accounting and financial skills to serve as treasurer. Any EIRA member may run for a director position.
- Elections will be held at the East Isles Residents Association Annual Meeting on April 8th.

Want to learn more?

Contact Monica Smith, at 612-821-0131 or nrp@eastisles.org or go to www.eastisles.org.

**For more information, go to www.eastisles.org**

*East Isles boundaries:
 south side of W 22nd St to the north side of W Lake St, and
 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy to the west side of Hennepin Ave S

The East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order to fully participate, or if you require that document in a different format, please contact us at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131 at least five days before an EIRA sponsored event.

Meet your Neighbor, Jodie Heyerdahl

Craig Wilson interviews Jodie Heyerdahl about her passion for helping businesses to thrive, her strong network of female leaders and professionals and her passion for athletics and positive thinking.

What's your story? I am a 100% Minnesota girl! Although I am fortunate to have many opportunities to travel and experience the world, I am most happy to come home to the state where I was born and raised. My early days were spent in the Orono school district where I started in kindergarten and graduated from high school, as did my three siblings. I still enjoy going back to Orono to visit my mom and dad—watching Dancing with the Stars and using my gymnastics background to judge the contestants myself. While growing up, my parents gave my sister, brothers, and me great experiences, some unique to Minnesota. Family time at our cabin “up North” was instrumental in helping me grow, and other opportunities like learning to water-ski and downhill ski, golf, and travel. After I graduated from Orono High School, I decided to spread my wings at the University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse. After two years of exciting experiences, I returned home to the University of Minnesota for my junior year. This is when I decided to major in Kinesiology. The University of Minnesota gave me the skills to navigate the educational system and the broader world. This was the cornerstone of many of the business skills I have developed and continue to build upon. The past twelve years I have been fortunate to live in the heart of our beautiful Lakes District. Here you will find me running, biking, and in many local races, including the Lifetime Triathlon. In the chillier months, the FIRM is my second home.

How did you come to major in kinesiology in college? I've always loved fitness, athletics, and knowing how the body works, so kinesiology seemed to be the right course of study for me in college. I thought I would continue on to physical therapy school or become an athletic trainer for a professional sports team, but my first job after college was for a start up company, a wellness center at 50th & France, and my

love for start up companies began.

Does your athleticism play into your work ethic? Definitely, they go hand-in-hand. Hard work pays off in whatever you do. Growing up as an athlete I was used to being a part of a team and success comes from working collaboratively with that team. I also know I am pretty competitive and have drive, dedication, and loyalty, which was all learned through my years as a competitive gymnast.

You have a strong network of young highly successful women. How are you supportive to one another? I am so fortunate to be surrounded by an amazing group of girlfriends who are also successful. We are a group of women, with the benefit of Type A personalities, who all really enjoy each other's company. Whether it is during a work-focused dinner or a kick-your-butt spin class, we definitely challenge and push each other to get results. Yet, we also encourage each other and provide support as friends do. Whether these ladies are business owners, dentists, or VPs, we all have a desire to continually improve ourselves and grow as people. Each one of these successful women made themselves successful. I'm proud of them all. If you want to be amazing, surround yourself with amazing people.

As a business consultant, you help businesses to thrive. What's an example of a business startup you helped? My experience includes launching and directing operations for MinuteClinic, which Forbes Magazine notably called one of the “top ten ‘disruptive innovation’ firms of the last ten years.” When I joined MinuteClinic it was just an idea on a whiteboard, the



company now has clinics in 28 states nationwide.

What's an example of a business you helped turnaround? Most recently I was a co-owner of the restaurant Victory 44. I partnered with Chef Erick Harcey four and a half years ago when he was in a situation of almost closing the doors of his restaurant. He had just fired his original business partner for mismanagement, which put the restaurant in jeopardy. I loved the restaurant and believed in Chef Erick's philosophy, so I became his business partner and we worked together to turn Victory 44 around and to what it is today. I was in charge of all business operations, taking it from a negative hundred thousand dollars to a one point three million dollar restaurant. Serving, bartending, hosting, cleaning, managing the beer/wine list, staffing, financial management—everything had to be done. It was one of the hardest and best experiences I've ever had.

What do you offer businesses? It's simple...I help companies develop their vision. Whether you are a one person coffee shop, a small start up company, or a national health care chain, I have the expertise to help companies develop and grow. I love getting in the trenches, finding what makes each company unique and helping them capitalize on themselves. I apply my driven, focused style and innovative thinking to the full spectrum of a company's management, marketing, and operational facets.

What's a common missed opportunity for many small businesses? Social media is one of the most common missed opportunities for small businesses. Social media is not just a trend; it is a vital and necessary business tool for all businesses. Social media allows us to connect with people from all over. It can be used to communicate, sell, educate, contact, and engage – all of which are important to the purpose of business.

How can Hill Lake residents reach you for business consulting? I can be reached at jodieheyerdahl@hotmail.com.



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residents pay an extra quarter-cent on all purchases for the purpose of improving transit. The CTIB is the public entity in control of and responsible for distributing these funds. The quarter-cent sales tax generated over \$108 million in 2013. The five counties involved – Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington – all have projects they would like to CTIB to fund. The proposed SWLRT is a Hennepin County project.

In response to the new proposal at the March 12th CMC meeting, the CTIB's official representative to the CMC, Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look, stated, "It sounds like someone's trying to get their hand into CTIB's wallet." He went on to say he is a firm advocate of co-location at-grade, later arguing that taking down the Cedar Shores Townhomes makes the most sense. He pointed out that there are lots of good projects in CTIB's queue, and SWLRT can't divert money "unnecessarily" from these.

Based on Commissioner Look's and other CTIB members' public statements, there is obviously no guarantee that the CTIB will provide funding if the CMC decides that the SWLRT scope and budget should include tunnels (of any kind). Further, the tunnel ideas were not studied in the 2012 DEIS, the 2007 Alternatives Analysis, or in any other previous document.

Meanwhile, bicycle groups are getting pressure to accept diversion of the trails onto busy city streets to

make room for co-location, according to a source who participates on several boards. Trying to make the idea palatable, the bicycle commuters are apparently being promised various improvements and future bicycle projects within Minneapolis.

In addition to concerns about CTIB funding, the Met Council is not required to stand by the specifics of agreements made today. Council Member Lisa Goodman asked Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin about this serious matter at a recent meeting. His response was not reassuring. "If we get to 60% engineering and find we have to make substantial changes for whatever reason, we will come back to you again for municipal consent." Both CM Goodman and mayoral aide Peter Wagenius pointed out that municipal consent can hardly be withheld when bulldozers are poised to break ground.

So despite its earlier clear rejections, including the recent unanimous City Council resolution supported by Mayor Hodges, Minneapolis is being pressured to consent to a co-location SWLRT project. Without adequate guarantees and vetting, however, acceptance of this new rendition of co-location could clearly be fraught with more very unpleasant surprises. Planners know they can't go back and fix the many admitted mistakes made along the way, but they seem to be willing to go forward building on those past mistakes.

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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT
1425 W 28th St #516	165,000	0	0	165,000	C	2/2	1,020	119,500	2,035	1986
2517 Humboldt S #202	224,000	5,200	20	224,000	C	1/1	1,100	225,995	4,103	1922
2950 Dean Pkwy #1106	249,900	6,000	61	249,900	C	1/2	1,160	264,000	4,738	1977
3104 W Lake St #311	310,900	0	178	250,000	C	2/2	1,228	264,500	4,747	2007
3126 Dean Court	399,900	0	14	399,000	TWN	4/3	2,204	335,000	6,318	1982
1725 Logan S	599,900	0	222	500,000	H	6/5	3,464	568,500	11,217	1900
1202 Mount Curve Ave	799,000	0	349	605,000	TWN	4/4	3,500	635,500	12,348	1982
2446 Irving S	625,000	0	2	616,000	H	4/3	2,693	616,000	9,523	1902
1729 James S	929,000	5,000	241	667,000	H	4/2	3,000	597,000	11,613	1897
1527 W Franklin	950,000	0	142	800,000	H	6/5	4,515	988,000	19,655	1883
1126 Kenwood Pkwy	942,000	0	287	845,000	TWN	3/4	4,697	850,000	16,533	1993
2055 Sheridan S	1,100,000	0	101	950,000	H	5/5	3,877	789,500	15,310	1918
2723 Dean Pkwy	1,350,000	5,000	413	997,500	H	5/4	3,484	495,000	8,883	1927
905 Douglas Ave	1,275,000	0	674	1,095,000	H	5/5	5,720	850,000	16,689	1900
1921 Franklin Ave W	1,350,000	0	82	1,265,000	H	4/4	4,730	1,101,500	22,139	1914
1819 James S	2,295,000	0	347	1,750,000	H	6/6	8,094	1,874,500	40,731	1931

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Peacebuilding: a Local Priority

by Andrew Jenner & Bruce Brunner



It was supposed to have been a one-shot deal—a single 5-day STAR Training in Minneapolis in June 2010. Kenwood resident, Donna Minter and organizer of the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience—The STAR Training, caught the bug when she took STAR for professional development as a neuropsychologist at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP) in Virginia. STAR was developed at CJP at the request of a NY non-profit following the 9/11 tragedy. It is offered in the USA and internationally. Upon returning home, she wanted to share STAR with others.

"STAR is different from traditional psychological trauma continuing education. It integrates restorative justice, nonviolent peacemaking, and conflict transformation," says Minter. "From a professional perspective, I don't know of any trauma training that's tying these concepts together in this way."

With the mantra "Share STAR," Minter "hit the pavement" to drum up interest. She rented space, hired STAR's expert trainer, and pitched STAR to dozens of groups in the Twin Cities. She recruited diverse trainees and raised \$8,000 for tuition assistance.

Minter's hard work paid off with 25 trainees representing five ethnic groups and five religious traditions. Graduates encouraged her to grow STAR. Strangers called and wanted to sign up for the next training. It was clear that STAR was filling a need. To capitalize on this peacebuilding energy, she organized a Board and secured grants from a foundation and peacebuilding organization. Minter doubled down in 2011 and upped the ante in 2012-13 producing nine trainings with 169 graduates from 90 organizations. In addition to Minnesotans, trainees have traveled from across the USA and Japan and Africa.

Minter founded the 501(c)3 nonprofit Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute, aka "Peacebuilding" with an office in Kenwood, the administrator for the STAR trainings in Minnesota. In 2014, it is offering three STAR Trainings, three single day Restorative Justice trainings, and hosting a monthly film series. Minter created Positive Productive Alternatives to Revenge for organizations' staff development. Minnesota's professional licensing boards have designated Peacebuilding as an approved continuing education provider.

Peacebuilding is a labor of love for Minter, who con-

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CIDNA has been concerned about walkability and pedestrian safety in the neighborhood long before the recent tragic accident of Caitlan Barton at Market Plaza. A neighborhood task force between West Calhoun and CIDNA has been working on improvements including traffic control, street design, and trail/sidewalk additions. As part of the Trammell Crow project, CIDNA is considering a pedestrian walkway on the south side of the Midtown Greenway between Dean Parkway and Calhoun Village. We need more safe trails away from one of the city's busiest intersections.

Residents are encouraged to attend the CIDNA Committee meeting to express their views about the project. You may also contact me at corricksidna@gmail.com with questions and comments.

Bob Corrick is Chair of the CIDNA Land Use and Development Committee

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

— SAVE THE DATE —

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

Please join your LHNA Board for a fun and informative evening on the state of our neighborhood. We will hear from City Council Member Lisa Goodman and Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb about events within the neighborhood. We will also be electing new Board members. There will be a cash bar, snacks and time for you to meet your neighbors. Join in on the fun on the 20th and all year long with LHNA!



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IT ALL STARTED WITH WESAC.

By James P. Lenfestey

My wife and I are about to fly off to New Mexico for the state basketball tournament. Our grandson's team is seeded 5th, the highest ever for his school. The team is undefeated in the conference. And our grandson, captain for two years, is very good. Far more important, he loves the competition.

For which I am grateful to two factors. First, the athletic gene bought into the family from our son's wife, whose brother was a number one draft choice in hockey by the New York Rangers, out of Brown University no less. The King family got game, and the Lenfestey family carries the credit.

Second is WESAC, that strange acronym that I first saw on kids wearing solid-colored t-shirts when we moved here in 1974, our oldest son, the father of that basketball star, entering second grade at Kenwood School. One day I was running around Lake of the Isles — at least I think I was running — and I saw children playing soccer at the south end field. I stopped to watch, and met Dan Shulman, who turned out to be a coach of WESAC soccer, a new sport in the 'hood. Soon enough I found myself "coaching" WESAC soccer bairns as they ran all over the field, and off, like a herd of monkeys. I knew nothing about soccer but no such knowledge was required, more like a police function: Keep the kids out of the street and following the ball like lemmings.

Sixteen years later that son was goalie on a soccer team that went twice to the state tournament, losing on the coldest day ever for a soccer game at the Blaine playfields, with a harsh icy wind whipping out of the west. Sorta like this winter.

And now his son, the basketball star.

Somewhere along the way I mastered the acronym WESAC — West Side Athletic Club - and went on to coach kids' basketball as well, rising quickly into the vacuum of league coordinator, ordering t-shirts, scheduling gym time, all the stuff the park board staff mercifully does now.

Our two sons now love both soccer and basketball, our second son already plotting the great moves he will instill in his new son, Isaac James, just as soon as he turns four months old.

Oddly, I was never — how shall I put this — a talented basketball player, having scored an total of two points my entire freshman season for the DePere, Wisconsin Redbirds, the stands erupting when the skinny kid threw up a desperate two-hander that miraculously banked in.

But racquet sports I loved, and still do. Yet I did a very poor job teaching my kids tennis, my lifetime joy, which I still play two to three times a week in my 69th year of taking up space on this planet.

I also love watching tennis. The Gopher tennis team, ranked 47th in the country, just defeated my home state Wisconsin Badgers, ranked 49th, 5-2, the astonishingly talented players on both teams hailing from all over the world, even Minnesota and North Dakota. (TEST QUESTION? The Number One junior female tennis player in the world hails from what city? ANSWER: St. Paul! Alexis Martin, fifteen years old, look for her soon on the international stage.)

Which leads me to the six Kenwood park courts, superbly refurbished thanks to neighbor Ellen Doll and her Support The Courts non-profit, now doing just that throughout the entire city.

Do we have a WESAC tennis program? Too late for me and my kids, but it would be wonderful to have a public courts instruction and competition program for neighborhood kids whose parents love tennis but forget to teach their kids.

Unlike our Girard Avenue neighbor and parks advocate George Puzak, former high school and skilled league player whom I bumped into last week as the Gophers played Wisconsin. Sitting next to him was his daughter, who plays number one for Southwest High School as a seventh grader, and his son, a Southwest freshman in his second year on the varsity. George and his wife are parents who brought the joy of tennis to the Kenwood courts.

I suspect a formal WESAC tennis program exists, and if it does, good for it. The Kenwood park courts are

ready and waiting. Fortunately the kids don't get there too early, which is when my friends and I play, just after dawn, birds chorusing from the burr oaks, the occasional hawk or flight of geese or tundra swans overhead to add awe to our serves.

Meanwhile, right now my wife and I are taking off for New Mexico, where snow caps the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, it's a warm and dry 50 degrees every day throughout that picture perfect city, blue sky abounding overhead, and we don't care. We will be inside a sweaty gymnasium with hundreds of screaming high school students and parents urging our grandson's team to victory, in the joy of competition.

The last game of the regular season was tied 70-70 in regulation, heading into overtime. In the interlude, our grandson was observed talking to the coach of the opposing team. People wondered what he could possibly be saying at that tense moment. "Isn't this fun!" is what he said.

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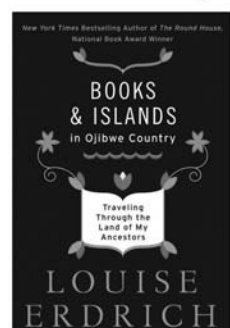


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The Bridge for Youth event at Temple Israel on March 18



Photo by Dorothy Childers

An crowd gathered at Temple Israel for the Bridge for Youth's presentation on Youth Sex Trafficking. Attendees above from left to right: Miriam Seidenfeld, Executive Director of Temple Israel, Denise Williams, Clinical Services Manager of The Bridge for Youth, Searcy Lillehei, Board Member of The Bridge for Youth, Charlotte Brandin, Executive Director of World Childhood Foundation, and Dan Pfarr, Executive Director of The Bridge for Youth.

At its March 18th meeting, the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission voted 5-3 to deny the owner's application to demolish the Orth House at 2320 Colfax Avenue South and recommend a designation study for the house. Last March the HPC declared the house, designed and built by T.P. Healy in 1893, an historic resource. On appeal from the owner, last May the City Council voted unanimously to uphold the HPC's decision. The house at 2320 Colfax is currently a rooming house owned by Michael Crow. Mr. Crow wishes to demolish the house so he can sell it to the Lander Group as land on which to build a 45-unit apartment building. The HPC's decision will likely be appealed again to the Minneapolis Zoning and Planning Committee, to be heard at their next meeting on April 18th.

Book Club met in Kenwood at the home of Dr. C.



A Kenwood Book Club of 36 years duration recently met at the home of a Kenwood resident. Obermeyer's memoir *The Days* was the featured book. It was a Finalist, 1 of 3, 12 states.

From left, Front row: Gaile Sovell Kenyon, Ginny C. Obermeyer. From left, Second row: Jan Triplett, Mary Claire Schmitt.

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met with guest author Beth Obermeyer, a 46-year-old author of *Song and Lilacs* was a 2012 Midwest Book Award

Craig, Jennifer Johnson, Beth Obermeyer (author), Gail Plutz, Peggy Pluimer, Jan Stephenson, Gail Meyers.

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the City of Minneapolis announce the 2014 Earth Day Clean-Up Event

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) along with the City of Minneapolis announce the 20th annual Minneapolis Earth Day Clean-Up event on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

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

Recycle Run 5k, 10K, and Free Kids Run – Saturday, April 19, 2014

The Recycle Run was created to support sustainable park projects including the Earth Day Clean-Up. The event takes place Saturday, April 19 around beautiful Lake Harriet in south Minneapolis. Youth ages 11 and under can participate in the FREE half-mile kids run! The 5K and 10K Runs are both chip-timed events. All participants will receive a t-shirt and giveaways with registration. Participants are encouraged to bring their used running shoes and shirts. Items will be collected and recycled. Register at www.minneapolisrecyclerun.com.

HENNEPIN AVENUE AND LYNDALE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

A public open house will discuss reconstruction of Hennepin-Lyndale Downtown

Planning is underway for street reconstruction in one of the most trafficked parts of town. The City of Minneapolis has secured federal funding for the reconstruction of the convergence of Hennepin Avenue and Lyndale Avenue, just west of Loring Park. A public open house is being held to get ideas on how to improve transportation in this busy corridor.

The open house will take place at the Walker Art Center on Tuesday, March 25. Project planners want to hear from people who use this area, including drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, about the challenges they have on Hennepin-Lyndale. They are also asking for suggestions on improving these streets.

The federal funding will be used for roadway improvements on sections of Hennepin Avenue and Lyndale Avenue between Franklin Avenue and

Dunwoody Boulevard. These stretches of roadway handle more than 50,000 vehicles per day, and this heavy traffic has put a lot of wear and tear on the driving surface. Plans call for reconstructing the roadway and making other enhancements, including new signage, better lane designations and improved bicycle and pedestrian crossings. Preliminary plans will be completed later this spring, followed by environmental documentation and final design by the end of the year. Construction could begin as early as 2015.

Public Open House
6:30 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Walker Art Center, Skyline Room
1750 Hennepin Ave.

To learn more about this project and to sign up for updates, go to www.hennepinlyndaleproject.com <<http://www.hennepinlyndaleproject.com>>.



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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

by Amy Lucas

MARCH 2014 KIAA MEETING MINUTES

KIAA Board met March 3, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman; Kenwood Rec Center director Mark Holtey; and Kenwood residents: Jim Gilroy, Sarah Forshler, Adam Platt, Shawn Smith.

7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

City plow priorities are: 1) new snow 2) snow emergency streets 3) non-snow emergency streets 4) alleys. Metered parking is allowed unless noted with temp signs. Potholes are being repaired with a "cold mix" and cannot be repaired with a "hot mix" until warmer weather. The Hennepin-Lyndale exit and entrance ramps are being re-surfaced this summer.

"Lunch with Lisa" will be held on March 26 and will feature the "Downtown Improvement Ambassadors" and their experiences.

Property Tax Valuation notices have been mailed. It is recommended that questions to property valuation be brought to city and county before the tax bills are mailed in July.

Mpls City Council may take up review of Met Council recent reports on co-location on Friday.

SWLRT Update

Jeanette Colby attended the SWLRT CAC Meeting last Thursday and asked for answers on two points 1) Can Met Council guarantee that co-location tunnels will actually be funded and built if they are proposed for the Kenilworth Corridor? No clear answers. 2) Many questions remain about the environmental impact of the proposed solutions to the freight co-location/re-location problem. Can the supplementary DEIS be finished before Mpls City Council and others are asked to approve the project? The answer given pointed to the fact that this is not how the process is planned.

Larry Moran attended a group meeting of: Kenilworth Preservation Group, Calhoun-Isles Condo Assoc., Cedar-Shores Townhomes, and 'LRT Done Right' last week. The group worked on one position and all agreed that "municipal consent of LRT should be denied."

KIAA approved a statement. See attached at end of minutes.

Upcoming meetings: 1) Corridor Management Committee meets next on March 12, 9-11 a.m. at Beth El Synagogue, St. Louis Park to discuss next steps.

As always visit: swlrt.org for more info.

Sarah Forshler-Kenwood resident & U of M student

Sarah is an Urban Studies student at U of M and currently taking a course on "placemaking in the neighborhood" which requires community participation with a neighborhood organization.

Angie Erdrich suggested an environmental/nature resource learning course at Cedar Lake for Kenwood/Blake students. KIAA would like more family and neighborhood use of the parkland around Cedar Lake.

KIAA Budget and Kenwood Rec Center needs.

KIAA treasurer, Ed Pluimer, noted that KIAA has the funding ability to support Kenwood Rec Center priority needs. Ed noted that CPP funds may be used for some initiatives.

Mark Holtey, Kenwood Rec Center director, provided a list of upcoming funding needs which include: Shakespeare in the Park, Movies in the Park, portable sound system, and a commercial-grade ping pong table.

Angie Erdrich expressed continued interest in a coffee/food truck stand on weekends to service the Rec Center and/or Kenwood Park.

KIAA Annual Meeting

Amy Lucas and Angie Erdrich will work on location and dates for upcoming meeting in May.

Miscellaneous

KIAA approved resolution: KIAA supports Kenwood School by contributing \$750 as a sponsor of the Kenwood PTA's Kenwood Carnival. Further, that the funds are directed away from food/drink.

KIAA approved resolution: KIAA approves \$1,000 to support the Minneapolis Park and Rec efforts for

"Shakespeare in the Park" at Kenwood Park to be held June 20 and June 21.

Angie Erdrich announced that 35 neighbors, Birchbark Books, the Kenwood Pet Clinic, and Bockley Gallery have pitched in to purchase Zoran Mojsilov's granite sculpture, Mont Blanc, to be located at Kenwood corner. She is no longer accepting donations and thanks everyone who donated.

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 8:39 p.m.

ATTACHMENT:

SOUTHWEST PROJECT OFFICE MARCH 3, 2014

Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) renews its strong objection to routing both freight rail and light rail (LRT) in the Kenilworth Corridor. While many reasons exist for this position, these comments refer specifically to the recent Water Resources Draft and Freight Rail Location Alternatives reports released at the end of January.

The necessity of collocating freight and light rail in the same corridor is a direct result of Hennepin County's lack of planning in designing the Locally Preferred Alignment (LPA) that includes the Kenilworth Corridor. Because of this failure, the plan to move freight to St. Louis Park has been rejected for a variety of reasons (some relevant and some not). Minneapolis renewed its objection to the collocation of both enterprises in the corridor and, as a compromise, the Met Council recommended placing the LRT in a shallow tunnel. We believe that this compromise is short sighted at best and without more complete study PRIOR TO ANY MUNICIPAL CONSENT may in the long run prove disastrous.

The conclusions of Burns and McDonnell (independent consultants hired by the Met Council) of the shallow tunnel plan and its effect on the water resources of the corridor were summarized in the presentation to the Corridor Management Committee (CMC) on February 20, 2014. To us, those findings raise more questions than provide assurances. A few of those conclusions and our concerns are:

1. "Add lateral and nested piezometers." This recommendation is meant to substantiate the conclusion that shallow tunnels will not interfere with groundwater movement and activity. Shouldn't that be established BEFORE the decision is made to bury the LRT tracks in a tunnel?

2. "Complete a comprehensive capacity analysis for sanitary and storm sewer systems." If an analysis is needed, and those systems prove to be deficient, what will it cost to upgrade them and who will pay for it? How will those costs effect the overall project budget, and shouldn't they be known before a decision is made?

3. "Complete a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment." Again, why should Minneapolis be asked to provide municipal consent for this project without knowing the results of this assessment? A Phase II study is especially important in this corridor because it carried freight traffic for many years, during a time when environmental concerns were not as important as they are now. Why would the Met Council want to go forward with this project without having the Phase II results that may show more funds will be required to clean up the corridor before any digging into the groundwater can be initiated?

Barr Engineering, consultants hired by the city of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, raise other issues (also described in the CMC meeting presentation) that we believe need to be resolved before the project is approved and begun. Paramount among these issues is their first concern: "The effectiveness of sheet pile sealing and seal pour performance." Barr Engineering is concerned with the effectiveness of the seals needed to connect about thirty 150' concrete, rectangular tunnels sitting in eight feet of groundwater. To us, this part of the design is the linchpin in the plan that, if it fails, may have significant and irreversible consequences for the Chain of Lakes system in Minneapolis. We believe that the risk of a failure of this design, even though it may be small, is larger than the city of

Minneapolis should ever be asked to take. For that reason, and for the others listed above, we believe the shallow tunnel as a compromise to at-grade collocation fails as a viable alternative.

In addition to the water issues described above, KIAA has great concern for any permanent placement of rail in the Kenilworth Corridor. To begin with, the City of Minneapolis has been clear for many years that any placement of light rail in this corridor requires the permanent removal of freight rail. KIAA believes, like the City of Minneapolis, that the existence of light rail in the Kenilworth Corridor, either at grade or in a shallow tunnel, constitutes collocation of the two and is unacceptable. Like the city, KIAA has taken this position since the current LPA was chosen and we have not changed our opinion.

In addition to this violation of the basic premise for acceptance of the LPA by the City of Minneapolis, KIAA also believes that any plan for collocation of freight and LRT is incomplete and has not addressed important issues:

1. What measures to make freight (in addition to light rail) safe and livable in the community will be taken, and at what cost?

2. What will be the environmental impact of a tunnel option, including crash walls (impact on wildlife, vegetation, noise, and trail and park users.)

3. Who will assume liability if freight stays in the Kenilworth Corridor? Up until now, Twin City and Western Railroad (TC&W) has assumed full liability while running trains in the corridor because they believed placement of freight rail was "temporary" (according to Jim Alexander of the Southwest Project Office at the community meeting at the Jones Harrison Residence on June of 2013). Is Twin City and Western Railroad asking for another entity to share liability for any accident that happens in the corridor? If that is the case, who will bear the cost of this shared liability?

4. Why is TC&W now suggesting that a right of way of less than 25 feet from the center of their track is acceptable in the Kenilworth Corridor when it was stated earlier that 25 feet was the minimum industry standard?

5. Perhaps most importantly, what assurance will the City of Minneapolis receive that the money for shallow tunnels will be available if collocation is implemented against its will? If those assurances cannot be made, when will all the issues and concerns relating to at-grade co-location be addressed?

KIAA, a totally volunteer neighborhood organization, has been involved in the discussions regarding the Southwest LRT project since before the LPA was chosen. We objected to that LPA for a variety of reasons but once chosen we shifted our focus to mitigating the effect of 220 trains traveling between two lakes and separating our neighborhood. Because members of the board, and numerous residents of the neighborhood, feel a strong sense of responsibility for our neighborhood and the environment, we have felt compelled to add our voices in defense of Minneapolis. Neighbors spent a day discussing and designing the station area. We attended numerous meetings that discussed everything from transit oriented development to effects on traffic in the neighborhood. All of these discussions began with the premise that freight would not be part of the Kenilworth Corridor if it was to be used for LRT.

In summary, now with the possibility that freight and LRT will be colocated in the corridor we must strenuously object and reiterate Minneapolis' position of no collocation. Our objection is partly based on our significant concerns around the proposed shallow tunnel for LRT. In addition, we do not believe all of the costs and effects of any collocation plan have been calculated. We believe that the risks associated with collocation, along with the list of unanswered questions, causes that plan to fail as a viable alternative.

Reminder: The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting will be held on April 7 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 kenwood-minneapolis.org or by calling 612-673-6483.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

by Monica Smith

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting March 11, 2014 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Below are abbreviated minutes from the March 2014 EIRA Board meeting. The complete minutes can be found at www.eastisles.org.

Board members present: Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Antone Melton-Meaux (Secretary), Rosita Acosta, Candace Dow, Bill Elwood, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, and Linda Schutz. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Guest Speaker: Jim Melby, Director, Fiber Sales, US Internet Provider of Minneapolis citywide Wi-Fi service.

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REPORTS

Zoning Committee

Peterssen/Keller Architecture (P/K) presented a proposal for "16Twenty," a mixed-use development on the NE corner of W Lake St and James Ave S (1620 W Lake St, 1618 W Lake St, and 2915 James Ave S.) at the February 18th Zoning Committee meeting and at tonight's EIRA Board meeting.

The properties are all zoned C-1 and a portion of the site lies within the Shoreland Overlay District (SOD).

16Twenty is a three story, 24,000 sf mixed use development with ground level retail, second floor office space, and five or six two-bedroom apartments on the third floor. There is no basement. There are 18 indoor parking spaces at ground level. Building height is proposed to be 38-40 ft to the top of the parapet.

Developers are CPM and Bill Frothinger (owner of current properties). P/K will be a tenant in the building.

Variations requested:

East side setback: Code is 15 ft. They are requesting to build up to the property line.

North side setback (alley): Code is 9 ft, they are proposing 5 ft setback.

Code requires one loading zone. Proposing loading zone on James Ave.

Required to have 19 parking spaces, proposing 18 spaces.

A Conditional Use Permit is required for the height of 38-40 ft (property in SOD which limits height to 35 ft).

The EIRA Board approved the EIRA Zoning Committee recommendation to support the 16Twenty building project proposal as presented by

Peterssen/Keller Architecture on February 18 and March 11 at a height not to exceed 38-40 ft to the top of the parapet and variances as outlined in the written submission.

Other issues:

The City Council approved a one-year moratorium on new teardowns in five SW Minneapolis neighborhoods (East Isles was not included). A public hearing will be held on March 20th, 9:30 am at City Hall.

The next Zoning meeting is March 18, 5:00 pm at Grace and includes a proposal from Elness Swenson Graham Architects for a development at the NW corner of W Lake St and James Ave S (1700, 1704, 1708 and 1714 W Lake St).

Transportation Committee, Candace Dow

The Locally Preferred Alternative selected for the Midtown Greenway Alternatives Analysis was a dual alignment of enhanced bus on Lake Street and rail on the Midtown Greenway. Funding has not yet been identified for the project.

The Transportation Committee is seeking a new Chair and will not meet in March.

Social Committee, Amy Sanborn

Planning is underway for the Ice Cream Social. Fundraising ideas will be discussed at the May EIRA Board meeting.

Green Team, Bill Elwood

Representative Frank Hornstein attended the March 10th Green Team meeting to discuss his initiatives (including curbside organics and green transportation).

The Transition Towns event was a success with 30+ people in attendance.

Upcoming events:

Tot Plots on March 29, 10 am at Grace to learn more about small edible gardens for kids.

Earth Day clean up on April 26, 9:30 am – Noon at Lake of the Isles.

May 31st – plant swap and event. Details to come.

Nominations Committee, Linda Schutz

Recruiting efforts continue for two new board members and two alternates. Board members are encouraged to help recruit by distributing flier to friends and neighbors.

Interested individuals should contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org.

Parks Committee, Monica Smith

Park Committee Chair Harvey Ettinger and committee member Donna Jansen met with Commissioner Anita Tabb to discuss possible projects and follow up on outstanding issues.

Re: 1800 Lake dewatering lawsuit – a third-party complaint was filed against the project designers and civil engineers.

Public Works has removed the temporary pipe that was diverting stormwater from the outfall pipe in the Lagoon to the north shore of Lake Calhoun.

Bridge for Youth Public Meeting, Linda Schutz

The Bridge hosted a public meeting on February 26 to discuss the fate of their buildings at 2200 Emerson Ave S (vacant) and 1209 W 22nd St (rented to another non-

profit). Three options are being considered: sell, rent them to another nonprofit, or redevelop them. This was the first of many meetings to discuss options.

Uptown Association (UA) Annual Meeting, Carla Pardue

Carla Pardue and Betsy Allis staffed an EIRA table at the UA annual meeting to raise awareness about EIRA in the community. The evening also included a panel discussion of officials on Uptown issues.

Ward 7 Report

Lunch with Lisa is March 26, noon at St Thomas, Opus Hall. Topic is DID Ambassadors sharing personal stories.

Winter Parking Restrictions continue. Do not park on even numbered side of non-Snow Emergency routes until April 1st. If a Snow Emergency is declared, the Winter Parking Restrictions will be temporarily suspended and Snow Emergency rules will apply. Winter Parking Restrictions will resume at 8 am the morning following Day 3. Crews will begin repairing potholes with a temporary "hot mix" asphalt.

Hennepin Lyndale Reconstruction – The City has secured federal funding for roadway improvements of Hennepin and Lyndale between Franklin and Dunwood. Public Open House on March 25, 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Walker Art Center. More information at www.hennepin-lyndaleproject.com.

Staff Report, Monica Smith

\$3,047 of unspent funds from 2013 and \$218 from 2011 Community Participation Programs will be rolled over into the 2014 CPP budget.

Minneapolis has a new resource guide to help the city's aging population to live independently. Find a pdf version of the Healthy Homes guide at www.minneapolis.gov/health.

BOARD REVIEW

The Annual Meeting will be April 8 at the Uptown Diner. Chili dinner and social time at 6:15 pm. The meeting will begin at 7 pm and will include Council Member Lisa Goodman, Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, Michael McLaughlin from the Lowry Hill District business association, committee reports and board elections.

LeAnne Howe & Eric Gansworth

Tuesday, March 25th @ 7pm Bockley Gallery
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by Monica Smith

CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Below are abbreviated minutes from the March 2014 CIDNA Board meeting. The complete minutes can be found at www.cidna.org.

Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Stephen Goltry, Ray Greco, Art Higinbotham, Roger Klimek, and James Reid. Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick, NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb

Ash Canopy Replacement Plan community meeting on March 27, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center. 40,000 public ash trees in Minneapolis that will be removed and replanted over the next 8 years.

Renovations at Kenwood Community Center are focused on making the facility handicap accessible.

The Park Board hired an independent consultant to study the impacts of the Southwest LRT shallow tunnels on the lakes. Many issues were raised but there are no indications that it can't be done.

The Park Board asked Southwest LRT planners to look at tunneling LRT under the Kenilworth Channel. The planners presented an option at today's (March 12) Corridor Management Committee (see Transportation Report below for details). This is not necessarily the option the Park Board favors, but they wanted the option studied.

A new trash and recycling system will be implemented at all of the parks this summer.

Commissioner Tabb will work with CIDNA's NRP Committee on issues at Cedar Lake South Beach.

Ward 7 Updates

Lunch with Lisa is March 26, noon at St Thomas. Topic is DID Ambassadors sharing personal stories.

Winter Parking Restrictions remain in place. Do not park on even numbered side of non-Snow Emergency routes until April 1st. If a Snow Emergency is declared, the Winter Parking Restrictions will be temporarily suspended and Snow Emergency rules will apply. Winter Parking Restrictions will resume at 8:00 a.m. the morning following Day 3.

Crews will begin repairing potholes with a temporary "hot mix" asphalt.

Minneapolis has a new resource guide to help the city's aging population to live independently. A pdf version of the Healthy Homes guide can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov/health.

NRP/CPP Report, Gail Lee

Park Siding Park update:

A list of outstanding issues at Park Siding that will be shared with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services and the Park Board.

Family events are being planned featuring naturalist programs and garden clean up on Saturday, May 31 and Saturday, July 12.

Results from the 2013 neighborhood survey were shared. Major themes were: Southwest LRT, Park Siding, Cedar Lake South Beach and traffic/pedestrian concerns.

The CIDNA Board approved the 2013 CPP annual report.

The raingarden project will be publicized in the April Hill and Lake Press, Annual Meeting postcard mailing, CIDNA's May e-newsletter, and at the annual meeting. Registration will be handled on a first come, first served basis by contacting Metro Blooms. A raingarden workshop is being held on May 22, 6 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center (sign up at www.metroblooms.org). CIDNA's excavation and planting days will be in September.

The committee is working on a website redesign proposal.

Land Use and Development, Bob Corrick

Greystar Investment Group is interested in developing an apartment project on the Weisman property. No official proposal has been presented at this time. The Land Use Committee would like the project to include a



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north/south, bike/ped connection between Lake St (Thomas Ave) and Lake of the Isles.

Tryg's site: Trammell Crow is redesigning their proposal to respect the 56' high restrictions and will be meeting with the Land Use Committee on April 2nd. It is expected that this project will be reviewed by the CIDNA Board at the April 9th meeting.

Walkability, Craig Westgate

Craig Westgate spoke of the tragic accident on February 12th at Lake St and Market Plaza that took the life of Caitlin Barton. A memorial vigil was held on February 17th.

The city's Pedestrian Advisory Committee passed a resolution seeking a number of short-term solutions to improve Lake St/Excelsior Blvd/Market Plaza.

Next step: CIDNA and West Calhoun will begin working on solutions for traffic and walkability issues.

Transportation Committee, Art Higinbotham

The freight reroute option proposed by TranSystems is not considered a viable option because Twin Cities & Western Railroad opposes the route.

At its February 19, meeting, the Counties Transit Improvement Board (providing 30% of project funding) voted to withdraw their financial support from the Southwest LRT project if issues are not resolved by June 30, 2014.

On March 5th, the Minneapolis City Council passed a resolution to restate their position that they do not support co-location of LRT and freight in the Kenilworth Corridor (including the option of shallow LRT tunnels).

Kenwood Isles Area Association sent a letter to the project office restating their objection to co-location and listing specific concerns about the Water Resources Draft and the Freight Rail Location Alternatives. The CIDNA Board may consider co-signing this letter at the April meeting.

The Southwest LRT project office proposed a new option at today's Corridor Management Committee meeting: LRT tunnels under the Kenilworth Channel (two options — long tunnel without the 21st St Station for an additional \$65-85 Million or a shorter tunnel that maintains the 21st St Station for an additional \$30-40 Million).

Art Higinbotham mentioned freight rail safety concerns, citing a Star Tribune article that U.S. freight railroads transported over 400,000 carloads of crude oil in 2013, up from just 9,500 in 2008. Representative Frank Hornstein is working on freight safety legislation.

The next meeting of the Corridor Management Committee is March 26 and they are expecting to make a decision about the freight rail location in early April.

Annual Meeting Planning

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 14, 6:15 p.m. Council Member Lisa Goodman and Commissioner Anita Tabb will be the guest speakers. The agenda will also include board elections. We are actively seeking new board members. Interested individuals should email chair@cidna.org.

RNAV Update

The FAA will not be implementing RNAV for depar-

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tures at MSP at this time. Representative Hornstein and Senator Dibble are working on legislation about airplane noise and environmental issues at MSP.

Special thanks

The CIDNA Board thanks Ed Ferlauto for his years of service to the CIDNA Board and serving as the Transportation Committee Chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

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

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Poor communication on the part of the Loppet Foundation left many Kenwood residents at home for the Luminary Loppet. The "Sold Out" article in the Start Tribune 3 days prior was the first awareness that many Kenwood residents had that paid admission would be required to walk in a public park after dark to see the luminaries. After the Star Tribune article was published, I called the Loppet Foundation to clarify that paying admission was only to take part in the ski event, not for pedestrians on the Lake. I received a voicemail back asking my family not to come down to the Lake without a paid ticket, and that tickets were sold out. On my run around Isles the next day, every access point to the Lake from the sidewalk had a bright pink "Sold Out" sign posted.

In the future, I offer the following suggestions for the Loppet Foundation: do not restrict or cap admission; since all the work of creating the ice sculptures and luminaries is done ahead of the actual event, light the luminaries for 2 or 3 nights to allow everyone to attend; rather than charging money to enter a public park, sell refreshments like hot cocoa or even sell lighted toys for children like at the Holiday parade to make a profit; if you are going to restrict admission, foster improved neighborhood awareness and involvement. When residents from Crystal and Plymouth are more aware that they need to purchase tickets to attend the event than someone who lives a block away, there is a breakdown in communication that does not foster good will.

The Loppet weekend is a great winter celebration for families. I encourage the Loppet Foundation to find a way to make the Luminary Loppet an inclusive event, especially for the community it is held in.

Sincerely,
Aimee Johnson, Kenwood

To Tom Cook,

Thank you so much for putting your columns up on this web site. I have been reading you since 1996, I think. I learned about the web site in your column today. I'm a tad offended by the person who accused you of being narcissistic. If that is what it is, then bless you because your columns (aside from royally annoying me once) have given me great pleasure over the years. Sometimes they are the best thing that happens to me in a day. When Hill & Lake Press comes, I turn to your column first and I'm so disappointed when you take the month off. I just reread the first column of yours that I remember reading in 1996. The one where you talk about losing Lily, your boxer. It brought up the tears of recognition I experience from owning and losing Peaches after 16.5 years of companionship. Reading you is the mental equivalent of walking barefoot in the grass or on the beach. It is very grounding and helps put everything in perspective. Please keep it up and thanks so much for sharing your life over these many years.

**Regards,
Glenna Case, CIDNA**

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tinues practicing neuropsychology. Since 50% of trainees require tuition assistance, financially sustainability has led to creative fundraising. A benefit house concert was held in Kenwood on Feb 9. And recently Peacebuilding was selected by nationally known Luna Bars to host their women's film festival: LUNAFEST. Corporate sponsors include the Minnesota Lynx, Oswald Family Foundation, Yoder Henley Development Resources, Minnesota Women's Press, and Shinndig Productions. LUNAFEST will be held at the Edina Cinema on the full moon/lunar eclipse Tuesday April 15, 7pm. All are welcome! Get tickets at: www.lunafest.org/minneapolis. For information call 612-377-4660 or visit www.mnpeace.org.

GREEN

By Madeleine Lowry

Green is the color of palm fronds waving overhead, the soft grass tickling the soles of your feet, a thicket of leaves moving in the breeze, the small waves of the ocean interspersed with foam, the moss clinging to rocks on the beach, the brilliance of a lime, the salty scent of the sea.

Blue is the color of the unblemished sky, the deepest part of the ocean where it touches the horizon, and all the azure shades of waves as they lick the shore.

Pink is the flash of a roseate spoonbill, the flick of a beach towel, a cool summer cocktail wet with condensation, the color of the sky at first light, the glimmer of the small scalloped shell that beckons you to bend down and pick it up.

Red is the color of kids' bathing suits and the whirl of their beach balls at play in the sand, the color of ketchup on plump hot dogs and thick chilled slices of watermelon.

Brown is the color of majestic pelicans and hopping sand pipers, the dried sea grasses lining the dunes, the smooth wood of the pier underfoot.

White is the color of clouds puffing by, releasing no precipitation—existing only to provide fodder for daydreams. White is the color of the soft, soft sand and the sparkle of sun on the water.

Yellow is the color of sweet ripe mangos, tart pineapples dripping with juice, a sea kayak made for

two, the golden light of the late afternoon sun.

Purple is the small umbrella in your drink, the flower blooming on the vine, the stain of berries on a child's mouth, the veins on the petals of an orchid.

Orange is the color of a billowing sail, the anticipation of fresh-squeezed citrus, the glow of the setting sun glinting across the ocean at the close of the day.

We saw all these colors and more on a too-short trip to Florida last month and it made me realize how we thirst for color in the heart of winter. Leaving the airport in Minneapolis the landscape was a monochrome of white and gray both above and below the horizon. Landing in Tampa a mere couple of hours later I was struck by the riot of color in every direction. It was like going from black and white to Technicolor in a miracle of space and time travel. While I expected to be revived by the warm weather and the burst of humidity, I didn't anticipate the uplifting effect of all those sizzling hues on my retinas.

True, white snow can be dazzling on a sunny day when the sky rings blue. But white, soft, quiet and pristine turns to gray, rough and gritty all too soon and the prolonged lack of color weighs on the soul.

I feel like I am holding my breath until all the colors return. I hope to see them all locally again soon. Very soon. So soon.

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By Tom H. Cook

He who dies with the most toys wins.
Malcolm Forbes

Now everything 's a little upside down, As a matter of fact the wheels have stopped. What's good is bad, what's bad is good, you'll find out when you reach the top. You're on the bottom.

Idiot Wind (Blood On The Tracks) Bob Dylan

Existence is bigger, deeper, more profound and meaningful than the following revelation. Life is like a card game. Early on the strategy is to win all the "pots" and collect all the stray cards possible. Many years ago a tea set left by a great aunt spurred a fierce family competition. Decades later the ubiquitous tea set is still rattling around the family. No longer coveted, it is too fragile and memory-filled to put on eBay, but no one wants to dust and display it. The hope is to foist it off on an unsuspecting newly married young niece. My generation is realizing extra cards (and sugar bowls) are a burden and count as points against in the big game.

My wife JoAnne is a fiber artist and president of the Southern California Handweavers' Guild. To suggest she enjoys collecting yarns, silks, linens, and fine fabrics is like saying Marco Polo liked to travel. She has rescued yarn from Miss Havisham-like estates, garage sales of too-busy hobbyists, and countless church basement rummage sales. We used to joke that she'd been in more churches than Billy Graham. Our two car garage has always been given over to her passion. The result has been many beautiful pieces through the years. Along the way she has also mentored and given freely to beginning weavers.

About a month ago she made the decision to divest. Her goal was to sell 25% of her accumulation. With the tireless help of her sister, Donna, she turned the garage into a store-for-a-day. Thanks to Craig's List and numerous Yahoo groups, word got out that things would be priced to move. At the opening bell at 9:00 AM the line was thirty people long. The flurry of shoppers continued unabated for three hours before taper-

ing off, followed by a rally in mid-afternoon. The sale left JoAnne and Donna in equal parts exhausted and euphoric.

In the afterglow it looked like orderly locusts had come and spirited off much of forty-plus years of collecting. I asked JoAnne if she missed the 600 pounds of yarn. "No, I had more than I could possibly weave up in a lifetime. It was time to let other people enjoy some of it."

She had the look of someone who had just located the card they needed to complete a winning hand.

Tom H. Cook was not swept up in the whirlwind of cathartic energy enough to part with his Mad magazine collection. To view previous columns and even comment visit sanduponthewaters.net.

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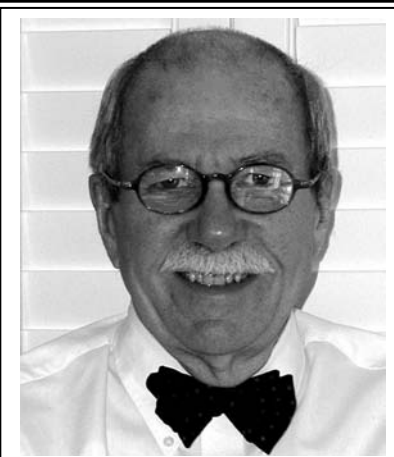


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