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## Unusually Warm Weather Brings Record Crowds to CIDNA Fall Festival

Two years ago, the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) Fall Festival had to be held one month later than its traditional mid-September date because of sewer renovations involving Park Siding Park. This date change caused worries about the potential for bad weather on the day of the festival. A mid-October date could even mean a dusting of snow!

But the weather on October 13, 2013 was clear and sunny and people began to like the idea of a later date for the festival. October 12, 2014 was also bright and sunny and the decision was made to move the festival permanently to the October date. But when the weather this year on Sunday, October 11 was not only completely clear without a cloud in the sky, but temperatures soared to a near-record 84 degrees, the CIDNA Board was starting to look just a little too lucky.

Suspicion first fell upon Festival Chair Elaine May. Rumors began to circulate that she had come to some sort of “Damn Yankee” type soul-selling agreement with the devil. Usually a conscientious recycler, at this year’s festival she was seen glibly tossing her water bottle into the regular trash when the recycling bin was closer to her than the trash can. She was also spotted ruthlessly wrestling the last can of black cherry cola from a tearful five-year-old. When confronted by a concerned CIDNA board member, she argued, “that kid was six if she was a day!”

This reporter feels that a more likely and benign source of our good luck is CIDNA Board Member Mike Wilson’s late father Roger. During his lifetime, family members had the tradition of attributing all weather at important events to Roger. Mike Wilson arrived at this year’s festival saying that we need to thank Roger for the beautiful day. Indeed Roger might be a likely source of our supernatural good luck for the past several years!

Whatever the source of the unseasonably warm weather, the 19th annual CIDNA Fall Festival was a great success. Attendance at the festival can be roughly estimated by the number of hot dogs (generously donated by the Jones-Harrison Residence) given away. This year, for the first time in recent history, all of our usual 300 hot dogs were eaten long before the festival closing time of 4:00 PM. This is also the first year that all the 150 cans of pop and 150 bottles of water donat-



Photo by Dorothy Childers

One of the popular events at the CIDNA Fall Festival, was the Emergency Rescue Unit, from Minneapolis EMT Fire Rescue, Engine 22. Shown here, Firefighter Eric Samson, conducting tours of the truck.

ed by Whole Foods were given away during the festival.

The warm sunshine appeared to bring out the best in people, and spirits were high during what everyone knew might be one of the last beautiful afternoons of the year. Children eagerly made their way between the wonderful art table provided by Artrageous Adventures in Kenwood, the face-painting table, and the moonwalk. Adults sipped coffee (generously provided by the Lake Calhoun Caribou), chatted with neighbors, and visited tables representing city and neighborhood organizations.

Special thanks need to be given to CIDNA Board Chair Craig Westgate and his son Reggie, Board Member James Reid, new Board Member Sarah Kennedy McCoy, and Board Coordinator Monica Smith, who were there from set-up to tear-down. Without their hard work the festival would not have been possible. Thanks also to our Fall Festival Hot Dog Griller Scott Abbott, whose hard work in the hot sun by the hot grills was greatly appreciated, Board Member Amanda Vallone whose Artrageous Adventures art table and scavenger hunt were great hits with the children, and to previous board member Ryan Fox for his help with set-up and tear-down.

All in all, it was another great Fall Festival on another idyllic fall day. We can’t guarantee the continuation of the warm sunny weather we’ve had for the CIDNA Fall Festival in the past several years. But board members will do what they can to keep up our good luck!

If chair people of other neighborhood festivals have requests for good weather on festival dates, please contact Elaine May.



## NEXT SATURDAY IS THRILL KENWOOD! 3-6pm. Thriller Dance at 5pm.

Back for a 7th year, Thrill Kenwood will kick off your Halloween week, giving lakes area residents young and old the chance to participate in the world-wide simultaneous dance of Michael Jackson’s Thriller right in the heart of downtown Kenwood. This year the event partners up with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Center for a fun family Halloween Block Party with lots of hands on activities and spooky surprises.

Sponsored by beARtrageous, with support from the Kenwood Isles Area Association and the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and local businesses, Thrill

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Jim Andrus, part-owner of the Piccolo Restaurant, 4300 Bryant Avenue South, hosted a special dinner there and unveiled a 1910 photograph of a young man playing a piccolo, reproduced from an image donated by CIDNA resident Augie Rivera. The young man in the photograph is August Rivera, Sr., of Guanajuato, Mexico, who is the father of Augie Rivera. August Rivera, Sr., was a first cousin of Diego Rivera, and they spent many years of their youth together. Shown here: left to right, with the photograph are Amy, Julie, and Augie Rivera.

### Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser Oct. 28, 6-9pm. at Calhoun Square.

All proceeds benefit our neighboring residential organizations in the Uptown area. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance; \$35.00 at the door.

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### 2016 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights, the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights, Minneapolis City Council, and the Minneapolis Mayor are pleased to present the 2016 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. This contest is open to all Minneapolis students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Students are asked to write or type an original essay in English addressing this year's topic. The essay should contain proper spelling and grammar.

Essays due by November 16 to Minneapolis Civil Rights Department. The topic for this year's contest is:

### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Oct. 20 Street Sweeping begins: do not move leaves into street.
- Oct. 23, 7pm Thriller Dance lessons, Rec Ctr
- Oct. 24 3-6pm Thrill Kenwood
- Oct. 27, 6:30pm Jones Harrison, Calhoun & Harriet Master Plan & Improvements CAC mtg &
- Nov. 5, 6:30 Open House, St. Mary's Church
- Nov. 8, 2pm Veterans' Concert St. Mark's
- Neighborhood monthly meetings
- CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
- EIRA: 2nd Tuesday Grace Community Church
- KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
- LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

### Thrill Kenwood from page one

Kenwood is the ultimate Halloween-Style Block Party. Put on your best Halloween costume, zombies preferred, and join friends and neighbors for an afternoon of fun.

Proceeds will benefit local non-profit, The Bridge for Youth, an emergency shelter for 10-17 year old youth.

Activities include hands on Halloween fun, a Creation Station and Zombie Make Over Station hosted by ARTrageous, The Big Epic Show, cookies & hot cider brought to you by The Kenwood Restaurant, and Spooky storytelling hosted by Birchbark Books. You may also catch a glimpse of some amazing performing strollers to entertain you on the corner of Penn & 21st.

The highlight of the festival is a flash mob dance performance performed on the Kenwood School playground. Need to learn the dance steps? Bring your friends and family to a free class at Kenwood Rec Center on Friday, October 23 from 7-8:30pm.

"Dr. King's vision is alive and well through the work of current civil rights activists. What kind of impacts are these activists making on the current political and social landscape, and how do you see their work influencing the future?" Essays may be from one to three pages in length. Completed entry forms with parent's signature must be attached to the back of the essay. For application go to: [http://www.minneapolismn.gov/civil-rights/commission/civil-rights\\_commission\\_announcements](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/civil-rights/commission/civil-rights_commission_announcements) or call Aaliyah Hodge at 612-298-6009.



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After marriage she accompanied her husband, a Christian Science Lecturer and Teacher, on trips throughout the world. She later became a Christian Science Practitioner, Teacher and Lecturer herself. She has been in the public practice of Christian Science since 1988.

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## Meet your Neighbor, David Tinjum

Craig Wilson interviews David Tinjum about his creation of the Mill City Times, his vision for the Minneapolis Riverfront and hope for Downtown East.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in North Minneapolis. We moved around a bit when I was younger, but after finally settling down, I attended Minneapolis Henry HS.

**What is your business and how did you come to found it?** I took the classic “bootstrap” route - \$600 in the bank, headquartered at our dining room table. We grew to 75 employees in 5 states & \$9 million in revenue without taking any outside investment. Today we’re a highly specialized (and much easier to manage) boutique with 10 employees. I started Customer FX Corp. back in 1993. CFX is a web software development boutique based in the Midway area of St. Paul.

**What brought you to the Minneapolis riverfront?** After learning we were going to be first-time grandparents, my wife Kim and I wanted a bigger home that could accommodate larger family get-togethers. So we put our little Mac Groveland house on the market and, surprise, it sold in a day for cash. We had to move into a furnished apartment downtown, with the intention of buying a house on a few acres in the country. It didn’t take long for us to fall in love with downtown living, so we switched gears to looking at condos in the North Loop and Loring Park and lastly the Mill District. We visited the Mill City Farmers Market the same day we looked at condos at the Bridgewater, and decided we wanted to be nearby.

**How did you come to found the Mill City Times and what’s its focus?** After moving into our new condo, we couldn’t find an online resource devoted to our neighborhood — a place where residents and workers could find local businesses, peruse a list of neighborhood activities, or stay up-to-date with local development projects. After discussing it for six or so months, we created an outline, launched the website and it quickly took on a life of its own. Even though we’re a non-revenue generating, not-for-profit community service project, today our newsletter is approaching 3,000 subscribers, the website



David Tinjum

averages 50,000 visitors per month, and our Facebook page just broke the 8,000 followers mark. Here are a couple of links to connect with us: Subscribe to our weekly newsletter at [www.MillCityTimes.com/Subscribe](http://www.MillCityTimes.com/Subscribe); Follow us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/MillCityTimes](http://www.Facebook.com/MillCityTimes)

**What is Crown Hydro and why are so many downtown residents opposed to it?** More than 24 years have passed since Crown Hydro applied for a license to construct a hydropower generation facility on the Central Riverfront of Minneapolis on August 2, 1991. Two plus decades later, Crown Hydro has yet to provide FERC with most of the requested operational plans, studies, and stakeholder approvals required of a project of this type. Despite unanimous opposition by virtually every level of Government, and nearly unanimous opposition by residents of Minneapolis, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is poised to allow this project to proceed. Among many factors behind this opposition, 3 stand out:

1) This Project Threatens the #1 Tourist Attraction in Minneapolis. The area surrounding the new project boundaries proposed by Crown Hydro – the Central Riverfront of Minneapolis – has undergone an amazing transformation in the 22+ years since the original license application. \$2.3B in in combined public/private invest-

ment has transformed the Central Riverfront from a desolate wasteland of abandoned buildings and empty surface parking lots into the #1 tourist attraction in Minneapolis, attracting over 1.6 million visitors each year, drawn largely by St. Anthony Falls and the Stone Arch Bridge.

2) St. Anthony Falls could become a cement wall. Article 404 of the Crown Hydro license allows for St. Anthony Falls to, for all practical purposes, be shut off 12 months per year during low flows. Back in the 1990s when this project was conceived and licensed the economic impact of a dry falls would have been negligible, given the fact that the Central Riverfront was not yet a major tourist attraction and public amenity. Today, a dry falls would be devastating to both the tourism industry and the use and enjoyment of the Central Riverfront by the general public.

3) The Stone Arch Bridge could be damaged. The other main attraction on the Central Riverfront is the historic Stone Arch Bridge, under which Crown Hydro proposes to build a 930 foot long discharge tunnel, which was not part of their existing license. The geology of the riverbed in this section of the river is highly fragile. This area is also well known for having a history of catastrophic tunnel collapses due to the geologic instability of the area. Should the Stone Arch Bridge suffer a collapse or even major structural damage, it may not be possible to repair this National Historic Landmark, and no contingency has been made to fund such remediation even should it be possible.

4) Given the fact that the new Crown Hydro proposal constitutes a new project; and considering the inability or unwillingness of Crown Hydro to follow FERC requirements and deadlines; and taking into account the actual and potential negative impact on the #1 tourist attraction in Minneapolis, the public good would be best served by terminating the existing Crown Hydro license.

**How are downtown residents responding to the Commons Park and Waterworks Park projects?**

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## Concept design of SWLRT bridges over Kenilworth Channel approved by MPRB

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) commissioners approved the concept design for bridges spanning the Kenilworth Channel as part of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project at its September 23 meeting.

MPRB collaborated extensively with the Metropolitan Council and staff from its Southwest Project Office (SPO) to create the concept design after a Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies was agreed upon in February. The State Historic Preservation Office also advised on the designs to ensure compatibility with the historic qualities of the Kenilworth Channel and adherence to requirements of the federal Section 106 review process.

The final concept design approved by the Board of Commissioners includes:

Separate bridges for the Kenilworth Trail, LRT and freight rail that allow each bridge to be designed to its specific load and deflection requirements and permit the greatest amount of light possible to reach the channel.

Clear span configurations (no piers extending into the channel) for the Kenilworth Trail and LRT bridges.

A freight rail bridge that optimizes the visual balance between its deck and supporting piers.

Low walls at each edge of the LRT bridge to contain noise generated from light rail vehicle wheels.

Sound and vibration dampening methods incorporated into the LRT guideway.

The entirety of the design has not been finalized and MPRB staff will continue to participate in meetings with the SPO and contribute to design refinements.

The Met Council will construct the bridges and improvements to the channel as part of the SWLRT project. MPRB will not be responsible for any portion of the construction, but will own the trail bridge upon completion of the SWLRT project.

## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay

### Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Present - Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Susie Galiano; Clint Conner; Emily Beugen; Jennifer Bickett; Mark Brauer; Baygan Hartzheim; Tom Huppert; Raj Dash.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Chris Madden, LHNA Communications Coordinator; Roy Williams; Kathy Williams; Amanda Vallone.

President Phil Hallaway called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Tom Huppert moved and Raj Dash seconded approval of the minutes of the September 1, 2015, Board meeting. All approved.

**Community Announcements:** Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman presented community announcements. Lunch with Lisa will take place on Wednesday, October 21st at the St. Thomas School of Law on Harmon Place between 11th and 12th Streets. Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon, will speak about the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Leaf sweeping begins October 20th. It is not possible to delay sweeping until most leaves have fallen because the same equipment is used for leaf sweeping and snow plowing. The schedule for each street is available on the City's website. A repaving project will close W Cedar Lake Parkway between I-394 and the railroad bridge south of Wayzata Blvd. for about a week starting October 19th. Utility work continues on Hennepin and Lyndale.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil Hallaway presented the Treasurer's Report. Dan Aronson has assembled the detail for the Association's finances for the past fiscal year (May 1 - April 30, 2014). We have about \$30,125 in the bank, and have incurred \$2,974 in expenses so far this fiscal year. We should receive reimbursement from the City for most of this.

#### Committee Reports:

**Environment:** Susie Galiano sent an email about the

Spring Lake "floating islands" which have drifted to shore.

**Zoning and Planning:** Zoning and Planning Committee Co-Chair Clint Conner reported that there is nothing new regarding zoning this month.

**Crime and Safety:** Jennifer Bickett presented the Crime and Safety Report, detailing several break-ins at local businesses, as well as motor vehicle thefts and vandalism. Trash and litter seem to be increasing.

**Events:** LHNA has traditionally provided pie, coffee and ice cream to the 5th precinct on Thanksgiving. Tom Huppert, Mark Brauer, and Baygan Hartzheim will coordinate this for the coming Thanksgiving. The Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Social usually takes place on the third Sunday of January. Mark Brauer will reach out to the other neighborhood associations about planning. The Board discussed the possibility of doing something for Earth Day. Mark Brauer will prepare a master calendar of annual LHNA events.

**Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program:** There was nothing new.

**Communications:** The LHNA website could use updating with more and better information, and more links. The Board discussed placing monthly ads in the Hill & Lake Press. These could include our Leave the Light on campaign, and general information about the LHNA and what it does. Mark Brauer moved and Raj Dash seconded a motion to place a monthly ad in the Hill & Lake Press. All approved.

**Overview & Status of the LHNA Support Position:** As Communications Coordinator, Chris Madden will take direction from the Executive Committee, and will provide services in the general areas of communications, website and graphic arts.

#### New Business:

**Thrill Kenwood:** Amanda Vallone discussed the 7th Annual Thrill Kenwood, coming up on the afternoon of October 24th. The event is a Halloween style block party with music, activities, and a global simultaneous dance to Michael Jackson's Thriller. Raj Dash made a motion, seconded by Mark Brauer, that LHNA contribute \$500.00 to support the event. All approved.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at the Kenwood Rec Center.** This is one week later than usual due to Election Day. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. The meeting was adjourned.

### Meet your Neighbor from page three

Regarding "The Commons" - the new public/private park being built near the Vikings Stadium - I have to admit to some skepticism (ask the City project team), when I learned of the ambitious timeline for the design of the new Downtown park. Three months from kick-off to final design seemed awfully short. Would community engagement be meaningful? Would there be time to round up enough citizens to participate? Based on the process so far I'm much less of a skeptic. Actually, to be fair, I like what they came up with. The only thing missing is a signature "wow factor" feature, but there's still time. Based on my discussions I think Downtown residents are generally on the same page, but there is some antipathy. More info on The Commons can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mctcommons> online. Regarding Water Works - the new addition to Mill Ruins Park - the project has been through a couple of design concepts that were rejected until settling on a final proposal that has been widely praised. Like The Commons, this park

will be funded largely through private donations. More info on Water Works can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mctwater> online.

**What is your hope for Downtown East?** With Gold Medal Park in place, Water Works & The Commons on the way and Elliot Park nearby, the future looks good for greenspace. Bike lanes and paths are sprouting up on practically every street. Given the rate of development in Downtown East, within a few years we should see the last of the dedicated surface parking lots, the bane of any downtown. A big remaining gap is the absence of a plan to make the area more pedestrian friendly. Everyone knows about the nightmare called Washington Avenue, but 2nd Street South needs help too. It's our main street and has not kept up with the growth of the neighborhood. A few strategically placed crosswalks and/or stop signs would do wonders to make it safe to cross the street.



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**COMMUNITY SOLAR IS COMING!  
COMMUNITY SOLAR IS COMING!**

By James P. Lenfestey

I feel like Chicken Little. In a column published early in 2014 I proclaimed the arrival of community solar, in which all of you in the neighborhood – renters, condo owners, homeowners, businesses- could acquire shares in large solar gardens and receive at least a 10% reduction in electric bills guaranteed for 25 years, at no cost!

What happened?

Minnesota's community solar law passed the Legislature in 2013, and a generous buyback rate was negotiated with the Public Utilities Commission last December, so solar companies from around the US flocked to Minnesota. The law was initially conceived (by our far-sighted legislators Frank Hornstein and Scott Dibble among others) not only to boost renewable energy use in our state (which has abundant solar and wind resources) and to combat global warming (see below), but to allow homeowners and renters to be able to acquire shares of efficient solar gardens to be built into Excel's grid. But big businesses, such as Ecolab, sensibly saw an opportunity to reduce or eliminate electric bills at no cost and were the quickest to jump in, so many huge solar gardens were announced in early 2015. Excel then declared it needed to slow the process to make sure it could engineer and operate all the grid connections properly, not to mention provide the access the original bill

assumed. The Public Utilities Commission agreed, and so a promising solar energy process came to a screeching halt. To date only one solar garden has been approved by Excel.

Until now. Behind the scenes many organizations in the area have been working patiently to develop community solar gardens, helpfully led through the complex process by Sean Gosiewski at Alliance for Sustainability. Several faith communities, including the Unitarian Society, Hennepin Ave. Methodist and Plymouth Congregational, are in detailed discussions with solar developers, though plans are not quite ready to be announced.

But now there is an incentive to hurry. A federal tax credit of 30 percent of a solar project will expire at the end of 2016 (Republicans will not allow it to be renewed, nor will they allow fossil fuel subsidies to be retired), negatively affecting the economics of projects developed after that date. So there should be a flurry of projects announced soon, and many neighbors will have a chance to subscribe.

So stay tuned. In 2016 your maple-shaded house or apartment will have a chance to see your electric bills go down as your solar energy use goes up.

And not a second too soon.

On Sunday, Oct 11, Minnesota's mercury hit the mid-90s, eclipsing by nearly 15 degrees the previous record from 1930, as an "historic" heat wave shattered records throughout the plains states. Way too hot, like the worst miserable summer day. Ask around the science community and this is a foretaste of future heat waves (six to 12 degrees hotter than any previously experienced) if cli-

mate negotiators don't firmly turn down Earth's thermostat at the Paris climate accords (COP 21) this December.

So cheer on President Obama at this global climate summit. And support activities in Paris where thousands will gather to demand significant action. For example, support Climate Generation, which is sending educators to the conference, at [climategen.org](http://climategen.org). And never support any political candidate, Republican or Democrat, who does not support immediate concrete action, including a fee on carbon pollution, to roll back the climate change already evident around us, burning and melting God's green earth into something freakishly unrecognizable.

Contact me if interested in participating, at [jimfest@aol.com](mailto:jimfest@aol.com). I'll add you to the list.

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### Around the Neighborhood

Chef Don Saunders of the Kenwood Restaurant escaped the kitchen recently, but only to walk around the block in pursuit of local ingredients. He is shown here gleaned fruit from a neighbor's bountiful plum tree. Saunders is featuring the local harvest in a seasonal special, Earl grey tea creme brûlée with plum jam on top. Get it while it lasts!

The Mount Royal plum tree is five years old and this year yielded approximately 200 lbs of perfect fruit.

He wanted to let you know that he is finally debuting the plum jam on Friday! He changed the dessert a bit to "Cardamom panna cotta with Kenwood plum jam and pie crumb". Come in and have some when you get a chance!



Chef Don Saunders

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The program includes Piano Concerto No 2 by Sergei Rachmaninoff (first movement) performed by special guest soloist Elise Molina and Finlandia by Jean Sibelius.

Three works by Minnesota composer Randy Stokes will have their Minneapolis premiere. The series "Wings," inspired by the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight, is composed of: "Wings of Life"—The wings of the natural world that made us aspire to fly ourselves; "Interlude: Remembrance"—An interlude of remembrance of those we have lost; "Wings of Invention"—The sounds of a machine shop, building to liftoff and flight. The composer will attend. "America the Beautiful" by Samuel Ward and Katharine Lee Bates will complete the program.

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## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

### CIDNA Board Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2015

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Vice Chair John Wessinger, Lowell Berggren, Steve Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, Elaine May, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith. Vice Chair John Wessinger called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### Announcements

The next meetings for the Calhoun and Harriet Master Plan and Improvements are: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence and Open House on Thursday, November 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave S.

#### NRP/PPP Report, Monica Smith

The committee is developing a process to request the use of NRP funds. The next meeting is Monday, October 19, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa: Wednesday, October 21, noon at St. Thomas School of Law, the speaker is Secretary of State Steve Simon to discuss the Voting Rights Act.

There will be mill and overlay work on Depot and Sunset on October 15.

Cedar Lake Parkway will be closed beginning October 19 for six days to resurface the road between I-394 and the BNSF railroad bridge.

Street sweeping will begin October 20. Do not rake leaves into the street. Go to: [www.minneapolis.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping](http://www.minneapolis.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping) for the schedule. Loop Calhoun residents discussed access to the Greenway from the south side.

#### Transportation Committee, John Wessinger

A letter was sent to the Met Council about construction methods for the Southwest LRT project. There was no response.

Regarding damage from the Trammel Crow project, the October 8-21, 2015 issue of the Southwest Journal quoted Jim Alexander (SWLRT project office) as saying "We've tried to talk with folks (living nearby). We haven't gotten a lot of information out of what has really been experienced in terms of vibration." Subsequently, the Southwest Journal interviewed Craig Westgate and John Wessinger about the damage to nearby buildings and will publish a follow-up article.

#### Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

The community is making sure that the data from their traffic observations are integrated into the Multimodal Transportation Study. The committee has identified the three most dangerous intersections: Dean/Lake, Market/Lake, and Kenilworth Trail/Cedar Lake Parkway.

#### Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

East Isles Residents Association is working with the Greenway Coalition to request that the stop signs for Greenway users be removed at the intersections with Irving Ave and Humboldt Ave.

The Greenway Coalition is working to get the oldest section of the Greenway (Phase I, Chowne to 5th Ave. S,

## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Shawn Smith

### October 2015 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met October 5th, 2015 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Jeanette Colby, Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jim Gilroy, Ed Pluimer, Jack Levi, Josine Peters, Shawn Smith (minute taker). Absent: Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich.

Others present: CM Lisa Goodman, Marc Holtey (Kenwood Rec Center), 2 other attendees

#### City Council Update – CM Lisa Goodman

The September lunch with Lisa had over 75 attendees to hear about the Nicollet Mall renovation. At the October Lunch with Lisa Wed Oct 21st, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, State

built in 2000) scheduled for a mill-and-overlay repaving.

#### Lake Street Energy Challenge, Monica Smith

CIDNA has been invited to help promote the Lake Street Energy Challenge, which is an opportunity for residents and businesses along the Lake Street and Midtown Greenway corridor to impact the way energy is used and produced in the community. The board requested that a speaker from the organization attend an upcoming meeting to provide more information.

#### Fall Festival

The board thanked Elaine May for organizing a successful Fall Festival

#### Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Resident and former board member David Shirley attended the meeting to promote the Wine Tasting Fundraiser which will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Calhoun Square. Tickets are \$25/advance and \$35/door. CIDNA keeps 100% of the proceeds of tickets that we sell. The goal is for each board member to sell four tickets. Tickets can also be purchased through board members or on our website: [www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org). Volunteers are needed the night of the event.

#### Art Mart and Communications, Amanda Vallone

The Art Mart will be Sunday, November 22. New this year: a poster contest and an intergenerational craft activity. More information will be provided at next month's meeting.

Amanda Vallone is starting a new "CIDNA" Facebook page.

The board approved \$100 for printing costs for an updated CIDNA brochure.

#### New Business

A letter of thanks will be sent to Isles Bun and Coffee for their donation to the Burnham Bridge reopening celebration. The board voted to reimburse Craig Westgate for event expenses of \$50.

Mark Wegner of Twin Cities & Western Railroad will be invited to attend an upcoming CIDNA Board meeting to discuss idling trains in the Kenilworth Corridor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

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

Senator Steve Simon will speak about the Voting Rights Act. Room 334 of the St Thomas Law School. All are welcome to attend, please RSVP in advance to Lisa's office.

Fall street sweeping will start on October 20th. Please watch for parking restrictions. Social media will be used to communicate dates.

Cedar Lake Parkway will be repaved – from 394 to the BNSF bridge. It will start October 19th, last 6 days, and be a complete closure.

There was a discussion regarding variances and tear downs. Neighbors are encouraged to review variance proposals with KIAA board so the board can be aware of variance requests.

#### Financial Report – Ed Pluimer

Ed attended to any previously discussed financial compliance and efficiency concerns.

#### Changes to Bylaws – Ed Pluimer

Ed proposed that bylaws be examined and modernized. For example, the bylaws state that minutes must be maintained in a book. However, now electronic copies are preferred to minimize paper waste. Also that 1st class mail is used for communications, and now electronic notice is more economical and more efficient. There was also a discussion on how to document action (votes) taken outside of meetings.

#### Kenwood Rec Center – Mark Holtey

Mark re-requested funding from KIAA for a rechargeable sound system to be used for neighborhood programming, at a cost of \$2200. Motion to fund passed with two abstentions.

#### Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser – Jeanette Colby

KIAA is selling tickets to the event which is being held on Wed October 28th. Advance ticket sales benefit KIAA. Please email Jeanette Colby; email is available on the KIAA website.

#### Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Jeanette Colby, Shawn Smith

It was noted that each member of the City Council, Mayor Hodges, and Peter Wagenius received a copy of the KIAA SDEIS with a request to require more information regarding mitigation, co-location, and construction concerns prior to granting municipal consent. However, there was no response to KIAA from the Mayor or the Council and all city council members voted the same as prior municipal consent.

Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene has proposed a neighborhood Q/A meeting for any outstanding questions regarding the SWLRT project. Jeanette and Shawn will post to Nextdoor Kenwood this opportunity to have a dialogue, to gauge neighborhood interest.

Jeanette outlined the finding to the Section 106 Traffic Study. The finding in the study was that there would not be substantial changes to traffic near historic 106 properties. The findings of the study appear to be inconsistent with the SDEIS statements regarding how many riders will use the 21st St Station and how riders will access the station.

KIAA will draft a letter to state and federal officials highlighting the danger of co-location of ethanol trains and high voltage LRT wires in the Kenilworth Corridor.

#### Announcements/New Business – Jeanette Colby

East Cedar Lake Beach Committee continues to meet monthly. Meetings are posted to Nextdoor Kenwood.

Thrill Kenwood is Saturday October 24th, at 3PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:40 p.m.

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The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, November 2nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at [kenwoodminneapolis.org](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org)

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By John Louis, Recorder

### Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2015 GraceTrinity Community Church

Board members present (9 of 11): Andrew Degerstrom (President), Carla Pardue, (Vice President), Brian Milivitz (Treasurer), Peter Mason, Bill Elwood, Amy Sanborn, Mike Erlandson, Bruce Larson, Saleem Karmaliani. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7th

The next Lunch with Lisa will take place Wednesday, September 30th at 12 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas, Terrance Murphy Hall, RM 255. The topic this month is the Nicollet Mall renovation and will feature final designs, color schemes, and logos.

Temple Israel broke ground on expansion project.

The council member related an interesting call she received regarding the large planters at the corner of W 24th St. & Fremont Ave. The planters have not been well maintained and the call was about what to do with them. The planters were placed there by the City to deter wrong-way traffic. The council member believes the City shouldn't remove the planters and suggested that EIRA put out a call for someone to maintain them. EIRA staff will put out a call in the next EIRA newsletter.

The City has begun trialing a new parking app, which allows Minneapolis residents to pay for parking meters through their phone. The app is currently available for use only in the North Loop.

Enrollment in the 2015 Minneapolis City Academy is now open. This is a great way for Minneapolis residents to learn about how the City operates. Visit <http://www.minneapolis.gov/ncr/initiatives/MinneapolisCityAcademy> to enroll.

#### Cliff Swenson, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) and Tom Evers, Minneapolis Parks Foundation. Discussion: Lake of the Isles Warming House

The MPRB is seeking input from residents about improvements to the Lake of Isles warming house and/or the construction of a new warming house. MPRB invites residents to contact them with suggestions and ideas. At this point there are no designs, deadlines, or funding for a new structure. Due to the high cost of the installation and removal of the current warming house, MPRB would prefer that any new structure would improve on the current model and reduce the annual cost. A modular design that could be repurposed, either at the Lake of the Isles site or elsewhere in the Minneapolis, was one of the ideas brought up by the group. If there were public consensus and funding, an optimal timeline would have a new structure in place for the 2017 Super Bowl. Currently, there are 5 skating facilities up and running during the winter in Minneapolis; the Lake of the Isles warming house is the only one owned by the MPRB. The MPRB is currently seeking neighborhood input and ideas, which they will present back to the MPRB Board of Directors in October.

#### Social Committee

The Hennepin-Lake Community Wine Tasting is scheduled for October 28th at Calhoun Square. The event will feature over 400 wines and food from Parella. Volunteers from Uptown neighborhood groups will staff the event. The full value of presale tickets sold by EIRA will go to the neighborhood organization. To purchase tickets, contact EIRA Board member and Social Chair Amy Sanborn at [events@eastisles.com](mailto:events@eastisles.com).

#### Green Team

Last month the Green Team hosted a successful Cooling Party. The party focused on energy saving cooling tips. The Green Team is currently looking for hosts for house parties. The Green Team would help select a topic and organize, promote, and lead the event. Interested residents should contact EIRA coordinator John Louis at [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org).

#### Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee has been discussing the removal of stop signs for bikers along the Midtown Greenway at Humboldt and Irving Avenues. James Ave currently does not have a stop sign. The Transportation Committee feels that it is safer for bikers, and drivers, if the stop signs at Humboldt Ave and Irving Ave are removed. The committee is asking the Board to pass a resolution of support for them to reach out to other bike

advocacy groups to discuss the topic.

The Board approved that the Transportation Committee can begin reaching out to other advocacy groups regarding the removal of stop signs on the Midtown Greenway at Humboldt and Irving Avenues

#### Bylaws

The Board approved a motion to recommend that the following EIRA Bylaw changes be voted on by EIRA members at the Semi-Annual meeting on Tuesday, October 13 2015:

#### Treasurers Report

The Board approved a motion to adopt the following accounting procedures and policy:

#### Accounting Policies and Procedures

The EIRA President, Treasurer, and Coordinator are recommending that the Board adopt an Accounting Policies and Procedures document. Having an official set of policies and procedures would make our accounting practices more consistent and transparent, and would make EIRA more audit ready. Below are the proposed policies and procedures:

1. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the organization shall be January 1st to December 31st of each year.

2. Budgeting Timeline: The EIRA Board reviews and approves the new fiscal year budget in November and December of every year.

3. FASB Compliance: EIRA shall use generally accepted accounting principles that are consistent with government approved accounting standards. Functional expenses will be classified by individual program areas.

4. Accounting Software: EIRA shall use accounting software to maintain financial records.

5. Check Signing: EIRA Officers shall serve as signers on all EIRA accounts. Two signatures are required for each check. Ideally, the Treasurer and President will be the first and second signatures on every check.

6. Expenditure Policy: The EIRA Coordinator may disburse all budgeted expenses under \$2500. All budgeted expenditures \$2500 and above must be approved by the EIRA Board before disbursement. Non-Budgeted expenses \$500 and under may be disbursed at the discretion of the EIRA President. All non-budgeted expenses above \$500 must be approved by the EIRA Board before disbursement.

7. Disbursements: No disbursements shall be generated without approved originating documents (a receipt, invoice, bill or check request). The EIRA Coordinator will review the disbursement request, code the expense to the proper program area and account, write the check number, "paid," the date and his/her initials on the originating document(s), and prepare the check. Disbursements in the form of reimbursements must include a check request in addition to other originating documents. A check request shall include who the check is to be made out to, the amount of the check, who is requesting it, and a description of the expense(s) that are to be reimbursed. No authorized signatory shall execute any disbursements payable to him/herself.

8. Payments Received: The EIRA Coordinator shall record any payments made to EIRA in a receipt journal. The journal will include the date the payment was received, the remitter of the funds, the purpose and amount of the payment, and the check number if applicable. The EIRA Coordinator will then deliver the payments to the EIRA Treasurer, who shall verify the total amount of all payments and make the bank deposit.

9. Account Maintenance: Two officers must be present in order to make changes to any of the EIRA bank accounts.

10. Financial Data Backup: The EIRA Coordinator shall create a backup copy of financial data that is up to date monthly.

11. Staff Absence: In the event of an extended absence of the EIRA Coordinator (over two weeks), the Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Coordinator.

12. 990 & 1099: The Treasurer shall prepare and submit the 990 and 1099 forms every year in a timely manner.

13. Secretary of State Report: The EIRA Coordinator shall prepare and submit the Non-Profit Secretary of State report every year in a timely manner.

14. Attorney General Report: The EIRA Coordinator shall prepare and submit the Attorney General report every year in a timely manner.

15. The Treasurer shall cause to be kept accurate accounts of moneys of the organization, rendering an account of the financial condition of the organization on a quarterly basis and as determined by the Board, to all EIRA members.

#### Staff Report

EIRA Staff reported on the recent uptick in crime in the East Isles neighborhood. Residents should take care with locking garage doors and vehicles.

#### Starbucks

Starbucks Coffee is applying for an extended hours license to operate beyond the permitted hours for its zoning district. They are required to submit a business license as part of its application.

The Board approved a motion to submit a letter of support for their application. End at 9:17pm

If consistent with EIRA Bylaws, and where the availability of a public document or report in electronic forms exists, copies of EIRA Board agenda items may be obtained by an EIRA member by contacting [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org). The next meeting is EIRA Semi-Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m. at GraceTrinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

### Minutes from the EIRA Semi-Annual Members Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2015 GraceTrinity Community Church

Board members present (8 of 11): Andrew Degerstrom (President), Brian Milivitz (Treasurer), Nicole EngelNitz (Secretary), Peter Mason, Amy Sanborn, Mike Erlandson, Bruce Larson, Nancy Johnston. Other East Isles residents and invited guests were also in attendance.

The annual meeting began with hors d'oeuvres and a social half hour. Thirty-two East Isles residents and invited guests attended the event.

Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

#### Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7th

The next Lunch with Lisa will take place Wednesday, October 21 at 12 p.m. at the St. Thomas School of Law, MSL 334 on Harmon Place between 11th St and 12th St. (new location this month). The Council Member is honored to welcome Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon to speak about the Voter Rights Act of 1965.

Fall street sweeping is about to begin. Be on the look out for temporary "No Parking" signs, which will be put out 24 hours in advance. The East Isles street sweeping schedule can be found at: <http://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/StreetsweepApp/default.aspx?BDNUM=44>

South West Light Rail Update: In September the Minneapolis City Council gave municipal consent to a

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revised design and budget for Southwest light rail, which will extend the Green Line from Target Field to Eden Prairie. Council Member Goodman was one of three council members to vote against the proposal. The project still needs to be approved by the legislature, which Council Member Goodman believes is unlikely in this political climate.

Council Member Goodman explained the proposed Working Families Agenda (more information here: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/WorkingFamiliesAgenda/index.htm>). Council Member Goodman does not believe the proposal will pass in its current form.

### Inspector Todd Loining and Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams, Minneapolis Police Department, 5th Precinct

The 5th Precinct has the highest crime reduction numbers in the city.

The majority of crimes in East Isles are property crimes. Numbers are down for all types of crime across the neighborhood.

5th Precinct beat officers are expected to maintain relationships with local businesses. More officers, now than ever, are attending community meetings across the precinct.

Taking ownership of the community is one of the most important ways to combat crime. Call 911 if you see something suspicious. Residents can contact Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams ([chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:chelsea.adams@minneapolismn.gov)) if they have questions regarding an incident in the neighborhood, and for current crime neighborhood crime stats. If a police report was made on an incident residents can look it up here: [http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/statistics/crime-statistics\\_codefor\\_index](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/statistics/crime-statistics_codefor_index)

Residents are encouraged to register their bike with the City. More information on how to register your bike here: [http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/evidence/police\\_about\\_bicycles](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/about/evidence/police_about_bicycles)

### Committee Reports

#### Presidents Report, Andrew Degerstrom

The EIRA Board has submitted comments on two different policy proposals by the City of Minneapolis: the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement and Review of NRP Funds. The Board has commented publicly on both of these in the Southwest Journal.

#### Treasurer Report, Brian Milivitz

Bank Account balances are: \$10,837 in EIRA checking, \$22,936 in NRP checking, and \$10,055 in EIRA savings.

EIRA is currently up-to-date on its insurance policy.

The Board recently adopted a new accounting policy. This policy outlines new practices, good controls about how EIRA does accounting, and who is authorized to spend money. It also streamlines the accounting process for staff to both save time and money.

#### Transportation Committee Report, Peter Mason

The committee recently organized a 311 walking tour of the neighborhood, where residents walked the neighborhood and alerted 311 about problems. The event was well attended and another 311 walking tour is scheduled for later in October.

The committee is exploring the possibility of adopting part of the Midtown Greenway.

The committee is looking into the possible removal of the stop signs for bikers on the Midtown Greenway at Humboldt Ave and Irving Ave.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 21 at 6:45 p.m. at Dunn Brothers Coffee (2528 Hennepin Ave).

#### Zoning Committee Report, Andrew Degerstrom (filling in for Chair Allan Amis)

It has been a slow summer for development related activities in East Isles and the committee has not met since May.

The committee is currently discussing the Wells Fargo tear down and reconstruction project on Lake Street. Wells Fargo is planning on moving out of the Sons of Norway building and into a newly constructed building on their current drive through location.

#### Social Committee Report, Amy Sanborn

The East Isles Ice Cream Social was July 30 at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. It was a beautiful day and the event



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was well attended.

The annual Hennepin-Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser is quickly approaching. It will be held on Wednesday, October 28, from 6pm - 9pm at Calhoun Square. This is EIRA's biggest fundraiser of the year. The face value of each pre-sale ticket purchase goes directly to fund EIRA. Pre-sale tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting Amy at [events@eastisles.org](mailto:events@eastisles.org).

#### NRP Steering Committee Report, EIRA Coordinator John Louis (no current Chair)

The NRP Steering committee is looking for more members and a new Chair. This committee offers the EIRA Board guidance on how to spend its NRP funds. For more information on how to join the committee please contact EIRA Coordinator John Louis at [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org)

#### Green Team, Judy Enenstein (filling in for Chair Betsy Allis)

The Green Team's work has included: a four part series on eating consciously, an Earth Day clean up in April, a spring plant swap, and most recently, a house party regarding innovative and energy saving ways to cool your home during the summer. The annual East Isles Super Sale was very successful and earned \$150. This year 47 homes participated.

A Make Dinner, Not Waste house party is scheduled for November 11, 7-8:30 p.m. Get cool tips and demos from Eureka Recycling on smart shopping, a kitchen inventory, food storage and preservation and more. For more information contact EIRA Coordinator John Louis at [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org).

The Green Team is looking for East Isles residents who would like to host a house party on solar and saving energy. For more information contact EIRA Coordinator John Louis at [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org).

#### Parks Committee, Harvey Ettinger

In June of this year the EIRA Board approved an expenditure of \$11,000 to spend on replacing the benches on the Mall in partnership with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. The Parks Committee has approached the Uptown Business Association, Rental Property Owners and Peoples for Parks for grants and contributions to help offset the cost.

The Parks Committee is working with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board to plant 11 new trees along the curb line directly across the street from the Mall. The planting is scheduled for the spring of 2016. In June of this year the EIRA Board approved an expenditure of \$7,000 for this project.

The Parks Committee is still working with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board to get new trees planted around Lake of the Isles.

#### Member Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes Regarding EIRA Membership

Nancy Johnston, Board Member and Chair of the EIRA Membership Ad Hoc Committee instructed to review the bylaws regarding membership, explained the reasons why the Board voted to bring the proposed bylaws changes to the EIRA members. The EIRA Board is seeking to make the neighborhood organization more inclusive, and wants to attract new members and other groups

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not traditionally represented in the EIRA membership. She noted that many other neighborhood groups use an opt-out system for membership versus the current method. The Neighborhood and Community Relations department at the City also prefers this type of membership.

#### Current EIRA Bylaws Regarding Membership: ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members. Any individual eighteen (18) years of age or older, maintaining a domicile within the boundaries of EIRA, and who can produce, upon request at a meeting of the members, a Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota identification card, or some form of residency verification that indicates the individual resides within the geographic boundaries of EIRA, may be a member of EIRA upon full completion of a member form. A member remains a member of EIRA for one (1) year. Despite completion of a member form, EIRA membership ceases when an individual no longer resides within the boundaries of the neighborhood. The EIRA Board of Directors ("Board") shall encourage but not require annual donations and recommend the amount of annual donation. No person shall be denied membership in EIRA because of consideration of race, religious belief, color, gender, sexual preference, national origin, economic status or disability.

Section 2. Voting Rights. Each member shall be entitled to a single vote when present at any meeting of EIRA members.

Section 3. Membership Roster. EIRA shall maintain a membership roster with the name and contact information for each member. The membership list shall be available at any general meeting of the EIRA membership. Any EIRA member may obtain a copy (paper or, if available, electronic) of a current EIRA membership roster by making a written request for it to either the President or Secretary of EIRA, who shall provide it to the requesting party within ten (10) days. Any charge to the requesting party, by EIRA, must be reasonable and at cost. The roster cannot be used for commercial, financial, or political purposes. Use of the roster must be consistent with EIRA's purposes, EIRA's bylaws, and EIRA's neighborhood affairs.

#### Proposed New Language Regarding Membership:

##### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members. Any individual eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides or maintains a domicile within the boundaries of EIRA is granted automatic membership in EIRA. Any individual may waive their membership by providing written notice to the EIRA Secretary. Membership of any individual is terminated when the individual no longer resides nor maintains a domicile within the boundaries of EIRA.

Section 2. Voting Rights. Each member shall be entitled to a single vote when present at any meeting of EIRA members.

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## Chicken Curry

By Madeleine Lowry

When I invited Ben, my desk partner at Prime Academy's coding bootcamp, to a potluck brunch at my house, I didn't know that I was putting him in an anxiety-provoking situation.

"I've been stressing over what to bring," he confessed to me a few days later.

I wasn't expecting a culinary masterpiece. "What about a salad?"

"I don't know how to make anything like that," he said, eyes wide with dismay.

"Really? I'm talking about a green salad," I clarified.

He looked relieved. "Oh, I can do that." Still he did not seem to think that it would be a satisfactory contribution. This was a small conundrum, but we managed to negotiate a solution. I asked him to bring his guitar and play a couple of songs and I'd cover his edible contribution.

This worked out well. For a reserved person, he's surprisingly accomplished as a performer (his band, Ivy Bells, performs regularly around the Twin Cities). But as a single guy living alone, I felt that he needed some help in the cooking department. Especially since his immediate plans included finding a girlfriend. As anyone in the dating scene knows, cooking skills can be a killer advantage.

I encouraged him to help prepare the meal the next time he was over for dinner. "Sure," he agreed, "A cooking lesson would actually be great!"

I had not conceived of it as a lesson, but I was game. It seemed a fair quid pro quo: he was patiently helping me learn to code, after all. But, what kind of dish did he want to learn to cook? He thought about this for a few days and finally came back with an answer: a curry dish.

I think one of my first conversations with Ben was about the curry dinner leftovers I was heating in the microwave at school for lunch. "How do you even make that?" he had asked.

For a super-smart mechanical engineer and physics major with prodigious coding skills, it seemed quaint to me that he did not know how a simple curry was made.

There are many kinds of curries, I found as I began to search for recipes for him. There are Thai curries and Indian curries. There are curries with broth and curries with coconut milk. There are vegetarian curries and meat curries. There are curry soups and curry stews. There are everyday curries and special occasion curries. What exactly did he want to learn?

Once I understood that he was looking for a recipe with chicken that he could make frequently, I narrowed it down to three recipes from my collection. One was a Thai red curry. One was an Indian curry with coconut milk. And the third was a curry with chicken broth thickened with ground cashews.

We stood in Kowalski's while he looked over the options and made his choice: an Indian curry with coconut milk.

I showed him how to chop an onion, peel garlic, and grate ginger. Although he cut his finger while chopping the onion, the cooking process went remarkably well.

That night the whole family feasted on Ben's chicken curry with coconut rice and roasted butternut squash. It was delicious. So much so that my husband looked a bit wistful as I packed up the leftovers for Ben to take home.

So, I figure that if the computer programming thing doesn't work out, I could always start a cooking school for bachelors.

### Coconut Chicken Curry Serves 6

1 Tbsp. coconut or olive oil  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 4 cloves garlic, minced  
 1 Tbsp. ginger, grated or minced  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1 cinnamon stick or 1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 1 14.5-oz can of diced tomatoes with juice  
 1/2 cup chicken stock  
 2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken thighs cut into large chunks  
 1 Tbsp. curry powder  
 1 14-oz can coconut milk

2 cups frozen peas  
 1 small red chili, very thinly sliced (optional)  
 fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat the oil in a deep heavy pot or a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion and cook 3 minutes, stirring until translucent. Add the garlic, ginger, salt and cinnamon stick and cook for several minutes, stirring, until fragrant. Add tomatoes and stock and stir well.

Increase the heat to medium-high. Add the chicken and cook until no longer pink. In a small bowl combine the curry powder with 1/4 cup of the coconut milk. Mix until blended. With the heat on low, add the curry mixture to the pot along with the rest of the coconut milk, peas and chili. Cook for 10 minutes or until the peas are tender and flavors are blended. Taste for salt and add more if needed. Serve over hot rice and garnish with cilantro.

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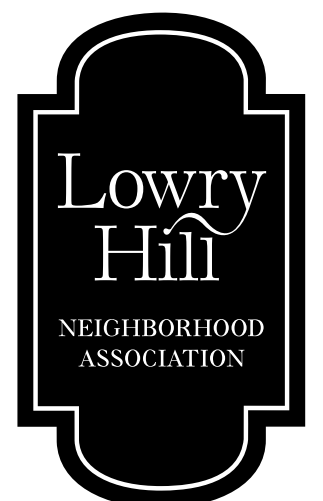
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A motion was made to approve and seconded to approve the proposed changes to the EIRA Bylaws regarding membership. The motion was unanimously approved (18-0, with no abstentions).

The EIRA Board will be reviewing the EIRA Bylaws over the upcoming months at EIRA Board meetings (2nd Tuesday of every month at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street) and welcomes all community members to participate in the conversation.

**Community Concerns**

A community member raised the idea of creating a Crime and Safety Committee in the neighborhood and asked if anyone present was interested in chairing the committee. Interested residents should contact EIRA Coordinator John Louis at [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org) for more information.

End at 8:42pm

If consistent with EIRA Bylaws, and where the availability of a public document or report in electronic forms exists, copies of EIRA Board agenda items may be obtained by an EIRA member by contacting [coordinator@eastisles.org](mailto:coordinator@eastisles.org). The next meeting is EIRA Board Meeting Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

**sand upon the waters**

By Tom H. Cook

There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.

---Steven Wright

There is a difference between listening and waiting for your turn to speak.

---Simon Sinek

Tommy, how many times do I have to tell you? Do not interrupt when someone is talking!

---Mildred Cook (mother)

The no-longer-new technology can be flattering. After a few key strokes Amazon and their like are ready to make rather heavy-handed suggestions. One of the goals of living is to be understood, and they know me! Like a very solicitous butler, their educated guesses can be eerily insightful. Their memory is long and persistent. If you have ever, even in passing, considered a move to Buenos Aires to become a gaucho, or be in a gaucho-related field (rustling, branding or pampas real estate), beware. Years later, despite switching computers, changing passwords and altering my name, there are still sites convinced I need a bolo tie.

Autocorrect can sometimes produce strange results.

A humorous example in "Damn You Auto Correct" is between brothers. One is asking to borrow \$300 dollars for Mott's Apple Juice. His sibling is ready to lend the money, but is concerned that there is an apple juice problem. Alas, the money was for a mortgage payment. Be very careful if you are writing about Swedish cars or pencils.

But this is not an anti-technology rant about privacy lines being crossed and trampled in the name of expediency and commerce.

After being presumptively bullied by my computer as if herded by a border collie (if you have one, you know the feeling), I began thinking about how I often steer conversations with friends. The more I reflected on it, the more uncomfortable I became. I often interrupt, under the guise of empathy and identifying with the story or emotion. I try to be an active listener. ("Wow I would have been terrified if I'd been there!") Sometimes I am viewed as a true friend, someone who understands a fear of rodents or lavender soap. Too often, however, I have acted like a rabid autocorrect, finishing sentences for others and leaping to conclusions the speaker was fully capable of reaching without my help.

I am likely to volunteer the name of the actress, restaurant, or song before my friends can come up with it. It is a bad habit to presume where a story is going and beat the teller to the punch to show off under the guise of being helpful. I have made progress in letting others finish their own ideas and anecdotes. In a group setting it has been interesting to purposely step back and let the conversation go in a different direction. I still step over the line and become a nudge now and then, but any progress I have made is attributable to the example set by the bossy people at Amazon.

Tom H. Cook has two border collies and has not had to make an independent decision in four years.

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2701 E Lake of Isles Pkw	1,995,000	-	479	1,350,000	H	5/6	6,808	1,272,000	24,301	1887
28 Park Lane	1,550,000	-	3	1,655,000	H	5/5	4,576	0	1	1949
1900 Knox S	1,695,000	-	2	1,595,000	H	4/6	5,263	1,470,000	28,525	1941
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