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SWLRT seeks \$135 million from the State

By Jeanette Colby

As the Metropolitan Council pushes ahead with plans for the SWLRT, it is requesting \$135 million in state funding from the Minnesota legislature this session. Both Republican and Democratic state legislators have said transportation funding is a priority, but many on both sides of the aisle balk at the cost-benefit ratio of SWLRT: nearly \$1.8 billion in capital costs to move about 16,000 people a day (taking round-trip rides) by the year 2035.

Compare this to the Snelling Avenue bus rapid transit line, for example, which, for 1.5 percent of the SWLRT cost—\$27 million—is expected to serve about 4,000 daily round-trip riders by 2030.

Funding issues aside, the next major step for the Met Council will be the publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), expected in April of this year. At a community meeting in Lowry Hill convened on February 2 by Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene, Met Council representatives said they hope to begin construction on the SWLRT line in late 2016. Unfortunately, a snowstorm kept meeting attendance very low, but many who came expressed disappointment that this major transit project would bypass Minneapolis population centers.

In an earlier step of the process, the Supplementary Draft EIS was published in July, 2015. At that time, com-

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Let the People Decide on the Future of Minneapolis Parks

By Craig Wilson

I am writing to our Hill Lake community this month to ask for your support on an issue that is important both to me personally and to our city. Our neighborhood parks are a big part of what makes Minneapolis a special place to live. Unfortunately, they currently face a \$15 million per year budget shortfall and, if we do not take action, Minneapolis residents will see a major decline in our beloved park infrastructure and our quality of life.

That is why I am a member of Save Our Minneapolis Parks, a citizen group supporting a parks' referendum in 2016. This referendum would fill the funding gap facing our neighborhood parks and give Minneapolis residents the opportunity to vote to invest in our parks. The referendum would cost the average taxpayer \$5.41 a month. That is a very small price to pay to repair and maintain our parks for our families, our children, and for future generations.

This referendum is important to the thousands of children who participate in outdoor activities in the parks each year, improving their physical health and wellbeing. It will also enhance our quality of life by ensuring that all residents have high quality parks to go to commune with nature, gather with their friends, or simply spend time with their families. The referendum promotes fairness and equity in the city with nearly a third of neighborhood parks in areas where 30% or more residents live in poverty. Finally, the referendum will enable neighborhood parks to operate with enhanced environmental sustainability that will benefit the city and the planet.

Right now, the referendum is not on the 2016 ballot. A simple majority (7 members) of the Minneapolis City

Lunch with Lisa celebrated Council Member Lisa Goodman's 50th birthday.



A large and supportive crowd celebrated Lisa Goodman's birthday at her monthly Lunch with Lisa event. Lisa was elected a council member when she was only 31. We wish her continued success and happiness. L to R: Senator Scott Dibble, CM Lisa Goodman, Rep. Ray Dehn, and Rep. Frank Hornstein. Photo by Dorothy Childers

Precinct Caucuses are Tuesday, March 1, 6:30pm

While our parties may be "loyal opposition" to one another, we share the basic belief that better governance comes through greater participation. That's why we're teaming up to urge you - of all political parties - to come out on March 1 for precinct caucuses. The stakes couldn't be higher - to help elect the next leader of our country - and your vote matters!

Caucuses are open, friendly, neighborhood gatherings to discuss the issues and candidates most aligned with your values. There is a separate meeting for the Democratic, Republican, and Independence parties. This is where you declare your preference of presidential candidates by voting, run to be a delegate to party conventions, and shape the party platform. The caucus builds

momentum for the general election and sets the agenda for your party. We think it's fun, and a meaningful way to contribute to the future of our country. We hope you can join us.

EVERYONE is welcome - and the more first timers the better! To participate you need to (1) be eligible to vote in November. Yes 17 year olds, that means you, too! (2) live in the precinct and (3) of course, agree with the principles of your political party.

To find your local caucus location visit: <http://mnvotesinfo.sos.state.mn.us/voters/precinct-caucus/>

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Council must vote to put this measure on the ballot. This is a critical moment for our parks. All we are asking is to "let the people decide" on the future of our wonderful Minneapolis parks. Whether you support more funding for our neighborhood parks or whether you simply want to give Minneapolis residents a vote and choice, we ask for your support of this referendum. You can learn more by visiting our website www.savemplsparcs.com. At our site, you can join our email list or even sign up to volunteer.

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions (FAQs) that have been raised about this referendum effort to "let the people decide" on the future of Minneapolis parks:

What you do mean by neighborhood parks? Regional parks are larger and natural feature based—think Lake of the Isles, Lake Harriet, or Theodore Wirth. These parks receive funding from local, regional, state, and federal sources. Our neighborhood parks tend to be smaller parks that are in the heart of neighborhoods and serve the

local community and house recreation facilities, athletic fields, etc. Unlike regional parks, our neighborhood parks receive funding almost exclusively from local property tax dollars. So while there is funding available to maintain our regional park system and even to build new ones, like the Mississippi Island project in Northeast Minneapolis, there is not enough money to maintain our neighborhood parks.

Why is the Park Board not simply asking the City for more funding for neighborhood parks? In the year 2000, knowing they lacked the funds to maintain the neighborhood park system, the Park Board decided to seek new funding through a referendum. However, at the time, the City asked the Park Board not to pursue a referendum and offered new funding through the regular city budgeting process. Unfortunately, the City only funded parks at the promised level for one year. The funding gap continued to grow. With that in mind, the current park board and Save Our Minneapolis Parks feels it is necessary to seek a referendum rather than pursue a yearly levy increase. This is a systemic problem, and we need a sustainable solution.

Why does the Park Board need more money when it can buy new land/build new parks, such as along

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A Celebration of Ice and Light

Photo by Dorothy Childers



One of the signature features of The City of Lakes Loppet, an urban cross-country ski festival, is the Luminary Loppet's Ice Cropolis on Lake of the Isles. Thousands of skiers and walkers showed up to celebrate winter in Minnesota, by enjoying the breathtaking beauty of the Luminary Loppet. Eric Wardenaar, a member of the Luminary team, was instrumental in bringing this sculpture to fruition when he engineered a way to create the large slabs of ice.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Feb. 25, 7-8:30, Community Solar Sign-up
- Feb. 22, 7pm Garrison Keillor hymn sing at Plymouth church
- March 12 and March 25 Stations of the Cross St. Mark's Cathedral. See page 6.
- March 29, March 31, 9:30-12:30 Over the Rainbow Camp Kenwood/Artrageous Kids 3-5 Neighborhood monthly meetings
- CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
- EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
- KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
- LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

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Meet your Neighbors, Steve and Terri Havig

Craig Wilson interviews Steve & Terri Havig, founders of Lakes Area Realty and Isles Bun and Coffee, about the 20th anniversary of their iconic businesses located at 1428 W 28th St in East Isles, their love for the community and how over time, so much has stayed the same.

Where did the two of you grow up? Terri is a life long resident of Minneapolis where she attended Southwest High School and the University of Minnesota. Steve is from Grand Forks, North Dakota and moved to Minneapolis in the 10th grade where he attended Washburn High School. Instead of heading for college, Steve was drafted into the Vietnam War.

How did the two of you meet? We were in the wholesale apparel business, Terri was in the ladies' wear and Steve was in men's sportswear. We met at the Hyatt Merchandise Mart in Downtown Minneapolis.

How has the Hill Lake community changed over the years? The good thing about change in the Hill and Lake community is that the community has mostly stayed the same. Starting in 1993 we met the parents of the children going to Grace Nursery School at Isles Bun and Coffee, and now the children are back for a puppy dog tail as young adults. We love the Lakes and Uptown and, other than the overwhelming growth in apartments, it is still in essence the same neighborhood we fell in love with years ago.

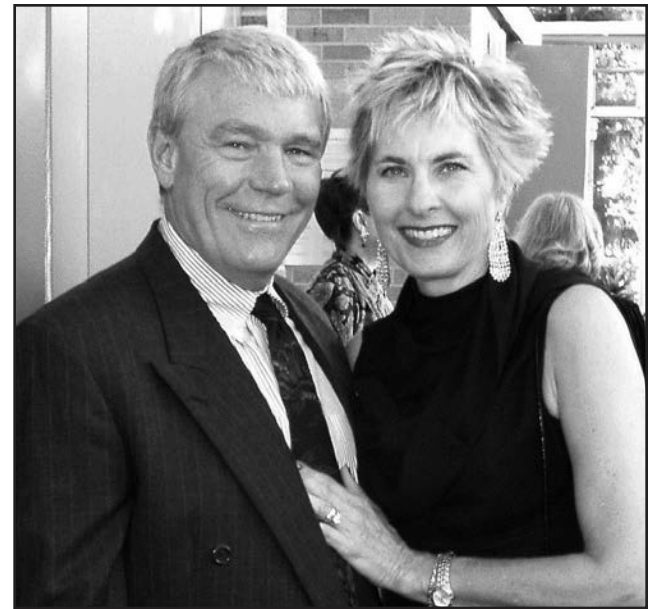
The real estate and bakery and café businesses are completely different but surprisingly quite complementary—was that intentional? It was entirely Terri's idea—both the Bun Shop and real estate agency. The bakery was only 400 square feet and, as a husband

and wife working together in that small of space, we worked surprisingly well together. Terri said my personality was getting people a deal, so she suggested that I should become a realtor—so I became one! The number of people we got to know from the bakery was the underlying reason for our success. From our first location in Uptown we expanded to Linden Hills above Great Harvest—the concept just worked! In 2002, we sold the Bun Shop and committed to real estate full time.

How has the real estate business changed over time? The major disruptor in the real estate business was the Internet. When we started, there were paper books and these books had all the listings. In the past, we put the books on the counter of the Bun Shop for the people to look through. As the Internet became more powerful, all the listings became digital via the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), where instead of every two week updates, it was every day. From there, brokers started to share information on each company websites with broker reciprocity. The web was the leveler that made our boutique-style neighborhood-centric agency thrive alongside mega-brokerages.

How is your approach to real estate different from other real estate agencies? Our approach to the real estate business is to treat your clients how you would like to be treated, the basic "Golden Rule". Also, all of our locations are in neighborhoods where our managers and agents live, work, and sell. Intimate neighborhood involvement and knowledge is our secret sauce.

You have both given so much to the Hill Lake community over the years, what are some of the things that are most memorable and why do you



have such a strong community ethic? It is easy to give to a community that gives back. The Hill and Lake community has been as loyal to us as we to them. We love strolling through the neighborhood—it is hard to go anywhere where we don't have friends and clients—either from a bun and latte or home sale. The Hill and Lake community is really like a small town.

What is your hope for the next 20 years for the Hill Lake community? Our hope for the next 20 years is for the sense of community to continue. From the Lakes to the energy of the restaurants and stores in Uptown and along Hennepin, we love our Hill and Lake home, friends, and business.

Sidewalks 101

By: Phil Hallaway & Michael Cockson

wheel-chairs, and disabled individuals.

If a sidewalk is damaged by private property construction, it is the responsibility of the owner to restore the sidewalk to a fully usable and safe condition. If a sidewalk is damaged by tree roots or by normal wear and tear, a property owner has two options. The City will provide free-of-charge, a temporary asphalt patch which will remain until the next sidewalk repair cycle or, the owner, at his or her cost, may at any time, hire a bonded sidewalk contractor to repair the sidewalk.

Residents can report structural sidewalk concerns like cracks, breaks, or unevenness to the City via its online reporting form. The City will respond to the report within seven days. A site inspection will be performed and if an asphalt patch is required, it will be installed as soon as weather conditions permit.

The City inspects all city sidewalks within a ten-year cycle. Lowry Hill is scheduled to have sidewalks inspected, and if necessary, repaired in 2017.

Inspectors look for breaks, unevenness, projecting sections, and areas previously repaired with an asphalt patch. If a section needs to be removed and replaced, the City will send the property owner a notice summarizing the defect and approximate cost of the repair. Owners may request a re-inspection if they disagree with the notice. The scope of the work may change or stay the same after a re-inspection.

After Knox's fall, his neighbor, Girard Dupont, received a notice about the projecting slab in front of his home. He learned he had two options: hire a bonded sidewalk contractor or have the work done by the City-

hired contractor. If a private contractor is hired, the contractor must obtain a "Sidewalk Construction" permit from the Public Works Department and a \$15,000 Sidewalk Contractors bond prior to the initiation of any work. All sidewalk repairs performed by a private contractor must meet City standards, which are often higher than those for cement work performed on private property. For a list of bonded sidewalk contractors, residents should contact the Minneapolis Sidewalks Inspections office at (612) 673-2420. Because the City's annual sidewalk repair budget is several million dollars, it is able to negotiate favorable pricing with its sidewalk contracting firm. For this reason, Dupont chose the City-hired contractor to do the work. He also learned he could finance the cost of the sidewalk repair over number years, as an assessment on his property tax.

Assessments less than \$150 must be paid in one installment; assessments between \$150 and \$1500 are divided into five equal annual installments; and assessments greater than \$1500 are divided into tenderly installments. Interest is charged only on the outstanding balance. For 2016, the replacement cost for a six foot by six foot sidewalk section will be about \$190.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association encourages residents to contact the Sidewalk Inspections Office if they have any concerns about the condition or safety of sidewalks, questions about the repair process, or want to find out when their street is due for inspection. In addition, property owners can also get information at the City's website: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/public-works/sidewalks/sidewalks_policy

The following short article is the first in a series of articles intended to provide basic information on a particular topic of interest to readers of the Hill and Lake Press. These articles will be authored by members of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, or by experts in a particular field of interest.

It was almost midnight in the Emergency Room. Dr. John Bones finished setting the broken wrist of 78-year old James Emerson Knox. Earlier that evening, Knox had taken his toy Schnauzer, Bruiser, out for his usual nighttime walk.

It was an inky, moonless night. Deep in thought, Knox failed to notice the slab of concrete projecting a few inches above its neighbor. His shoe caught the slab. He stumbled and went down hard, trying to break the fall with his outstretched arm.

Knox picked himself up, aware that something was wrong with the wrist. After arriving home, he asked his wife Morgan to drive him to the Costello Hospital Emergency Room.

Could Knox's mishap been prevented? Perhaps - if neighbors were aware of their responsibilities regarding sidewalk maintenance. However, Minneapolis city inspection and replacement of public sidewalks is infrequent and most property owners don't know their responsibilities.

By ordinance, property owners are responsible for the cost of maintaining, and repairing public sidewalks adjacent to their properties. Sidewalks must be maintained in a useable and safe condition in order to provide danger-free passage of pedestrians, bicyclists, child-strollers,

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munity members expressed concern that important safety, noise, environmental, and other issues related to “co-location” of freight and light rail in the Kenilworth Corridor had not been addressed.

To accomplish co-location of freight and SWLRT, designers plan to 1) acquire land, fill in low areas, and remove trees; 2) move the freight rails much closer to homes; 3) upgrade the freight rails; 4) build a new freight bridge over the Kenilworth Channel; and 5) build a tunnel for LRT under Cedar Lake Parkway and the narrowest part of the Kenilworth Corridor so freight can continue to operate at grade.

Unfortunately, it appears that the FEIS won't deal with many impacts created by these measures because the Met Council considers freight rail “an existing condition”—one that they regard, for legal reasons, as temporary. Met Council spokesperson Sophia Ginis explained, “The Southwest LRT project does not make freight rail in the Kenilworth corridor ... a permanent condition,” despite the \$160-\$200 million that “co-location” in Kenilworth adds to the overall SWLRT budget.

The FEIS will, however, include ridership projections by station. Some current Met Council projections are perplexing to Hill & Lake readers. For example, the Met Council predicts that 1,001 people will use the proposed 21st Street station daily for round-trip rides by 2030; of these, 947 people (95 percent) are expected to walk to and from the station.

Surprisingly high in itself, this figure contrasts strangely with the proposed West Lake Station—which is surrounded by much denser housing, as well as office and retail activities—where only 900 round trip riders are projected to access the station by walking. (More would arrive by bus transfers and drop-offs.)

The FEIS will likely also include the Kenilworth Landscape Design Committee's final recommendations. Several representatives to the group from area neighborhoods have said it was generally a positive process. The design concepts can be found online by searching “Kenilworth Corridor final landscape plan.”

A 30-day waiting period will follow publication of the FEIS. Some agencies, such as Colorado's Regional Transportation District, invite the public to comment on Final EIS. It is not clear whether the Met Council will allow public responses to the SWLRT final EIS. After the waiting period, the Federal Transportation Administration could issue a Record of Decision (ROD) that would allow the project to move into the construction phase.

Hill & Lake readers should direct concerns, ideas, analyses, and opinions about SWLRT to Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith at tina.smith@state.mn.us or <http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/form/>. Other

Lunch with Lisa

Lunch with Lisa at St. Thomas Minneapolis Opus Hall 201 is on February 24th; the topic is “Building a Workforce of Tomorrow”. Please contact Lisa's office by February 23 if you would like a lunch reserved. 612-673-2207.

\$10.00 lunch is offered. Discussion starts promptly at noon. Come early to get a good seat.

SWLRT Lawsuit Update

By Mary Pattock

The lawsuit against the Met Council over the routing of Southwest LRT through Kenilworth continues to inch forward in small steps that so far have been encouraging to the Lakes and Parks Alliance, the citizen group that brought the suit.

Last August, Chief U.S. District Judge John R. Tunheim, denying both the Met Council motion to dismiss and LPA's request for a summary judgment, authorized the lawsuit to proceed. Accordingly, LPA's attorneys, Tom Johnson and Lew Remele, filed interrogatories, asking the Met Council for specific documents they believe will demonstrate that the agency has violated the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

The Met Council did not provide the documents, and instead filed an order for protection that would prohibit LPA from conducting further discovery until after the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is completed and a Record of Decision issued.

On January 11, U.S. District Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau, in scolding language, denied the agency's request. The Met Council is now fighting his ruling, calling it “contrary to law.” Judge Tunheim is expected to rule on the Met Council's objection. If he upholds Judge Rau, the Met Council will have 15 days to provide the information.

LPA is asking for the documents in order to shed light, to the satisfaction of Judge Tunheim, on whether no other routes for the SWLRT remain under consideration besides the one through the Kenilworth Corridor. That would be in violation of NEPA, which seeks to ensure that the most environmentally sound alternative is identified and pursued in environmentally sensitive areas such as the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes.

For more information and to find out how you can support the lawsuit, go to <http://www.lakesandparks.com>.

Mary Pattock is a board member of the Lakes and Parks Alliance.

important contacts include House of Representatives Speaker Kurt Daudt (rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn) and Transportation Policy and Finance Committee Chairperson Tim Kelly (rep.tim.kelly@house.mn) as well as Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk (sen.tom.bakk@senate.mn) and Transportation Committee Chair Scott Dibble (sen.scott.dibble@senate.mn).

Note: The SWLRT lawsuit against the Met Council, brought by the Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis, continues. An update will be provided in the March Hill & Lake Press.

HYMN SING WITH GARRISON KEILLOR Feb. 22

Revival Hymns selected by Garrison Keillor, with Plymouth organist-choirmaster Philip Brunelle and Senior Minister Carla J. Bailey; join in congregational singing. Monday, Feb. 22, 7pm. Free. Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis, 612-871-7400, www.plymouth.org.

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the riverfront in Northeast Minneapolis? Many of the new parks in the system are regional parks and therefore receive funding from sources other than our local property tax dollars (i.e. money from the state and federal governments). Land acquisitions, like those in Northeast Minneapolis along the Riverfront, are part of the riverfront regional park. The Park Board was able to use emergency acquisition funds for the vast majority of the purchase, normally about 75% or more. The Park Board has a lot more flexibility and ability to garner funds for the regional parks—hence the referendum request for the neighborhood parks. And even the regional land the Park Board is acquiring now is in North and Northeast Minneapolis in an effort to provide equity in the city for access to parks and water. Our neighborhood parks, however, rely almost entirely on local property tax dollars.

How much will this cost? This referendum will cost the average homeowner about \$5.41 a month—a very small price to pay to repair and maintain our parks for our families, our children, and for future generations. (Average home is defined as \$190,000).

What about private donations? Minneapolis is fortunate to have individuals and organizations dedicated to raising money for the parks through private philanthropy. Unfortunately, that just isn't a feasible way to close our neighborhood parks gap. The size of the gap is just too large, and from a practical perspective, cannot be covered by private contributions alone.

Is the Park Board responsible for the gap; where did gap come from? No. In fact, over the past four years, The Park Board and Superintendent Miller have been able to find new operating efficiencies, resulting in approximately \$2.3 million in annual savings. In addition, from 2003 to 2013, the Park Board made significant reductions in personnel and resources. However, the budget shortfall is so severe that these cuts are simply not enough to fill the annual gap. Much of the gap stems from actions taken at the turn of the century. In the early 2000s, with the city facing extreme economic pressure, the council and mayor decided to redirect funds previously intended for parks.

Where will money be spent? In the first five years alone, the Park Board anticipates that \$20 million dollars will go to improving park and park asset maintenance, \$14 million will go to rehabilitating park assets in the system and addressing the almost 20 year repair backlog, and \$43 million will go toward investing in the future by replacing park assets that are long overdue for replacement (i.e. recreation centers) and implementing service area master plans. The bulk of funding will be spent on replacing park assets because by 2020, 70% of all park assets in neighborhood parks will be beyond their life cycle.

The Park Board currently has \$7 million dollars in City funds that are unspent, why? With the inclusion of a citizens engagement ordinance all project time lines were lengthened. In some cases, the projects being asked for were too big for funding available, or promised matching funds took longer to raise. The backlog has decreased as funding has been reallocated and the engagement process has been refined and improved. This year should bring nearly all projects up to speed.

A 20-year commitment seems like a long time, why this time horizon? This is a systemic problem, and we need a sustainable, long-term solution. At the same time, rather than doing a referendum in perpetuity, a 20-year time frame allows voters the flexibility to reassess at a later date.

How can Minneapolis residents be ensured that referendum dollars are locked into neighborhood spending—it's not in the referendum language? The money from the referendum will go into a general pool that is dedicated solely to neighborhood parks. Our citizen group supports strict accountability measures that ensure this funding goes to the neighborhood park system alone.

Will any of the money fund the Viking's Commons Park? None of the funds for the referendum will go to the Commons, a new park to the west of the US Bank Stadium. The Downtown Council and Green Minneapolis are the groups raising private funds for the Commons. They are getting this funding from the corporations around the park who will most stand to benefit, as well as from the Vikings.

How can I help? Please join us at www.savemplsparcs.com where you can support the campaign by entering your email address next to the “join” button—we will provide you with updates and opportunities to help Save Our Minneapolis Parks.

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LOST FOR ANOTHER SEASON

By Jim Lenfestey

The Super Bowl mercifully ended with images of geezer Peyton Manning's passes wobbling across the screen while Cam Newton sulked in the loser corner. But my season continued with a delightful flurry of text messages among my far-flung football fan family, who only communicate, if at all, via text, and mostly over football. So here, for your after-football season entertainment, is a sampling of the texting that occurred among our four adult children, two of whom live in Seattle, their brothers in New Mexico and California, and their Minnesota father and mother. The thread, the length of a Homeric epic, began during the frigid, star-crossed Vikings-Seahawks game (recall the body shock of the nevertheless totally inevitable Blair Walsh missed short field goal in the final seconds!). It ended only after the wretched Super Bowl fell into silent pixels.

The portion selected below begins as the divisional championship ends, the Seattle Seahawks losing to Cam Newton's Carolina Panthers. Names have been left as initials, and certain expletives deleted, to protect the guilty.

Seattle DL: Now I have no reason to get up on Sundays.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Present - Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Michael Cockson, Vice President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Sarah Janecek; Clint Conner; Susie Galiano; Rebecca Graham; Mark Brauer.

Present - Non-Board Members: Lee Switzenberg; Toni D'Eramo; Mike Jamieson; Bob Hinck.

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

Community Announcements: Phil Hallaway presented Community Announcements from the office of Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman. Lunch with Lisa will take place on Wednesday, February 24th at St. Thomas University-Minneapolis. The topic will be Work Force Training. The Hennepin Lyndale sewer repair project is continuing. Phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 will begin without having to close the Oak Grove intersection right away, and hopefully will move at a faster pace. Workplace Partnership meetings are proceeding. The group is charged with reporting to the City Council by February 24th on final policy proposals regarding earned sick time and paid time off. Minneapolis has a corrosion control program in place to prevent lead in drinking water and keep tap water safe. Care should be used in applying sidewalk salt because it ends up in city lakes and streams. Results of the City's examination of residents' economic security can be found on the city's website. The City is now accepting applications for youths to apply for STEP-UP summer employment internships.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Aronson moved and Mark Brauer seconded approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2016, Board meeting. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson presented the Treasurer's Report. The Tax Form 990 is due after the end of LHNA's fiscal year, April 30, 2016.

Committee Reports:

Environment: Sarah Janecek gave an update on the proposal for adding picnic tables in Thomas Lowry Park. Each would cost about \$1000.00, and six might be a good number. The Board also discussed the possibility of adding a water fountain. We will work on scheduling a site visit with Park Board Representative Anita Tabb and interested persons.

Zoning and Planning: The Roat Osha Thai restaurant may close, to be replaced by a Walgreens, possibly with a drive-through lane. There may be plans in the works for reconfiguring the northbound 35W/westbound 94 interchange. Phil Hallaway will try to get more information on this.

Crime and Safety: Rebecca Graham presented the Crime and Safety Report. It has been a quiet month, like-

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Wise Dad: What, no church?

DL: I'm not kidding. I will cheer for Tom Brady over Cam Newton in a heartbeat.

Wise Dad: is there a final score?

DL: There is no score. There is nothing but emptiness. Life is devoid of meaning. And 31-24. Dammmmit, had we not completely forgotten how to play in the first half, we had 'em.

Seattle ZL: We were one TD from tying. I know close only counts in horseshoes, but a victory of sorts.

DL: Ha! And hand grenades, by the way.

Brother JL: 31-0 first half, 24-0 second. Weird game.

ZL: Son Gus just put on Nirvana so we're gonna survive around here.

DL: Very weird game. The inconsistency of the team is infuriating.

ZL: You are very red in tooth and claw.

Wise Dad: A moral victory. Like the Packers of late, the Vikings forever. Join the throng, not of losers, but of the heartbroken.

DL: Which makes it a perfect team for me. I too am inconsistent.

ZL: I think it was a perfect game for our brothers. We got humiliated but came back enough for them not to have to feel too sorry for their Seattle sisters.

Wise Dad: Just think Seattle fans, what if you'd scored one more TD, then lost the coin toss and game in overtime (still smarting as happened to my home-

town Packers TWICE!)

DL: Oh Dad.

JL: A big unhealthy dose of PFD* for all.

Cal brother ML: If the Vikings had made that field goal we would have beaten the Cardinals. And fared better against Carolina. Not that I'm dwelling or anything. (Then beaten Denver. It's true.)

JL -...was "inspired" by Palin's endorsement of The Donald....

DL: With any luck he'll pick her as his running mate and torpedo the whole thing.

JL: Not sure you noticed the grouper face. Testament to just how Grouper is The Donald.

DL: That's an insult to groupers everywhere.

And so the commentary moved to the political season. Do not miss the scrum at your precinct caucus on "Super Tuesday," March 1. And stay tuned to the family thread on my iPhone.

*PFD. "Post Football Depression." The "inexpressible angst" that eats at the body after one's team loses an important football game. A clinical condition first described in this column (Nov. 1989), it is now universally recognized as pathological. Although not known to be fatal, it feels like it is. My father and sisters had it. I have it. My wife does not have it. Everyone in Green Bay has it. All Vikings' fans everywhere have it. And now Seattle Seahawks' and Carolina Panthers' fans have it.



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Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis and the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross are hosting "Meditation and Reflection on the Stations of the Cross". All are welcome at these Lenten events.

March 12, 9-11:30 am Stations of the Cross Lenten Retreat.

This time of meditation and reflection on The Stations of the Cross will include original watercolors by Jane Eschweiler at each of the 14 Stations of the Cross and a booklet containing comments from the artist, meditations, and other written materials to aid participants' experience of the Stations.

Participants will be free to visit the Stations in any order and at their own pace. Music will be an integral part of the whole, featuring singing by the women's ensemble, Lumina. Seating is available throughout the Cathedral and all areas are accessible.

9:00 am Hospitality
9:30 - 11:30 am Introductions & Meditations

March 25 Good Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm

Good Friday meditation and reflection on The Stations of the Cross will also include original watercolors by Jane Eschweiler and a booklet containing comments from the artist and meditations.

At both events, Lumina, a women's sacred ensemble will perform. Lumina is a professional women's ensemble in the Twin Cities dedicated to the mystery, beauty, and hope inherent in music. Their goal is to share the spiritual experience of music with others in both sacred and secular settings. Their programming draws from a Medieval chants, Renaissance motets, folk song traditions, and works by living and local composers.

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross is a community of approximately 800 women, Christ's disciples, called by God to a life of prayer, transformation, and reconciliation within the Companionship, within faith communities, and within the whole creation. The Rev. Penny Warren and Jane Eschweiler are Companions of the Holy Cross.

Jane Eschweiler is a Minneapolis artist whose passion is painting and printmaking. Fourteen pieces of art by Jane Eschweiler at St. Mark's represent the fourteen Stations, beginning with Station 1 depicting Jesus condemned to death, and ending with Station XIV where Jesus is laid in the tomb. Three photo examples of Eschweiler's art follow:

Station 1 Jesus is condemned to death



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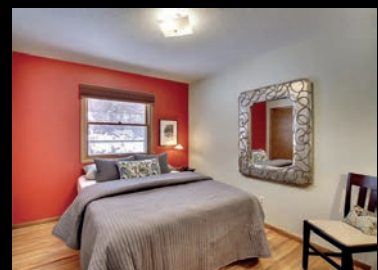
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Station II

Jesus takes up his cross.

Station VIII Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.



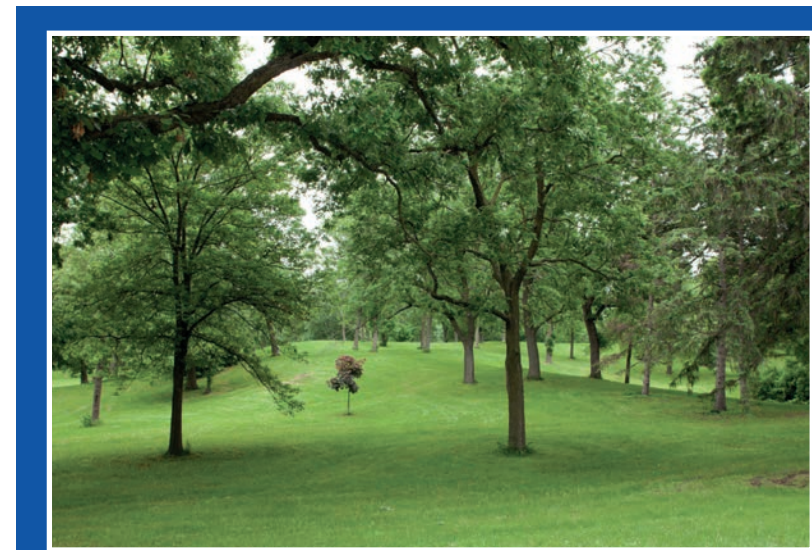
Jane Eschweiler writes, "I was struck by the idea of this group of grieving women and who they might be in their world and in ours. All aspects of sorrow seem to weigh so heavily on women as they rely on each other in sisterly relations. They are on the sidelines in this sad parade."

Speedskating Races at the City of Lakes Loppet



A new event this year at the annual City of Lakes Loppet was a series of speedskating races on a one kilometer natural-ice oval on Lake Calhoun. It featured a 25k and a 50k race for skaters with long blades. Above, the 25k race was the opening event of the weekend. The skater on the right, Patrick Dillon #817, of Bozeman, Montana, finished second in the race.

Photo by Dorothy Childers




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By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 10, 2016

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Steve Goltry, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Land Use & Development Committee, Bob Corrick

Bob Corrick shared information about the park dedication fees assessed on new developments. The fee is \$1,500 per residential unit and must be used on existing Park Board land or to acquire new parkland within the neighborhood and to create new park amenities (not to refurbish or reconstruct existing facilities). The proposed Connector Trail may be a good use of park dedication fees from recent developments in CIDNA. The Connector Trail is included in the Calhoun/Harriet Master Plan process, which is expected to conclude in July. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Land Use Committee. Contact info@cidna.org for more information.

Community Connections Conference, Amanda Vallone

The conference is April 2, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The theme is Big Ideas: Your Minneapolis. The event is free and open to all; registration opens on February 29.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

A variance request has been submitted to reduce the side yard setback for a tandem garage at 2770 Thomas Ave.

A variance request has been submitted to reduce the minimum lot width and to reduce the minimum lot area to allow a lot division resulting in two separate parcels at 2924 Chowen Ave.

The city does not have issues with lead in the drinking water. A \$65 million filtration system was installed in the late 1990s.

Lunch with Lisa, Wednesday, February 24, noon at the University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall. The topic is a workforce training.

The City Council is expected to award the recycling contract to Eureka Recycling (the vote is February 12). The council will also be voting to reappoint Police Chief Harteau.

Council Member Goodman is working on an ordinance to ban drive-through facilities in Pedestrian Overlay Districts on Hennepin Ave S, Lyndale Ave S and Nicollet Ave S.

Save our Minneapolis Parks, Tony Sterle and Commissioner Anita Tabb

There are two types of parks in the Minneapolis

Park Board system: regional parks such as the Chain of Lakes that receive funding from local, state, regional and federal sources and neighborhood parks such as Park Siding Park that are almost exclusively funded by property taxes. The Park Board has a budget deficit of \$15 million per year for neighborhood parks. Save our Minneapolis Parks is a citizen-led group working on a November 2016 ballot referendum to raise additional funding for neighborhood parks through a property tax increase (cost to tax payer of approximately \$173/per year on a \$450,000 home). The referendum would raise \$300 million over 20 years. The Park Board supports the referendum efforts. More information at www.savemplsparcs.org.

NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

The Park Board is working on the contract for one or two new benches at Cedar Lake South Beach. The NRP Committee will meet on March 23 to select the location for the new benches.

The annual report for the 2015 Community Participations Program (CPP) is due April 29. The NRP Committee will work on the report and present to the CIDNA Board in March or April.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) published a draft of the revised guidelines for the next three-year cycle of CPP funding (2017-19). An informational meeting is being held on February 24.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Transportation Report, Craig Westgate

Southwest LRT station designs were shown at the February 3rd meeting of the Corridor Management Committee.

Engineering for SWLRT is 90% complete.

A group continues to meet with legislators about Southwest LRT.

Section 106 (historic preservation) meetings continue.

Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene held a meeting on February 2 to give updates on SWLRT. The attendance was low due to a snowstorm. Another meeting will be scheduled in the next few months.

Variance Committee, Craig Westgate

The board voted to deny the variance request to reduce the side yard setback for a tandem garage at 2770 Thomas Ave because of the proximity to the property line.

A variance request has been submitted to reduce the minimum lot width and to reduce the minimum lot area to allow a lot division resulting in two separate parcels at 2924 Chowen Ave. The existing house will be renovated and a new single-family home with detached garage will be built on the other lot.

Lake Calhoun Lake Harriet Master Plan, Mike Wilson

Mike Wilson shared ideas for the Lake Calhoun Master Plan that include improving trails and storm water management, and relocating some amenities (such as the sailing school) from the NE corner of the lake to the NW corner.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Suggested plans for five focus areas of Lake Calhoun will be discussed.

The Equity Subcommittee is pursuing options to change the name of the lake from Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Coalition is looking for other fundraising ideas since New Belgium will no longer be sponsoring the Tour de Fat fundraiser.

Mike Wilson and James Reid met with Aaron from Tree Trust to review the maintenance work that Tree Trust is performing on the Midtown Greenway. The work involved removing invasive species, tree trimming and improving sight lines.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

The team is working with Calhoun Commons to discuss the distribution of the flier that has tips for reducing traffic congestion at Market Plaza.

The Multimodal Transportation Study final report will be available on the City of Minneapolis' website in March.

Annual Meeting

CIDNA's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11. Elected officials will be invited to speak.

Website Redesign

The board approved motions to create a new website using Square Space, to move the email server from Yahoo as needed, and to pay Rick Loberg \$250 for photographs and design works.

New Business

The Park Board formed a Community Advisory Committee for RecQuest, a project to develop a comprehensive assessment of recreation centers and programs. For more information, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org.

CIDNA is considering a summer game night at Park Siding Park. Details to be worked out in the coming months.

Mike Wilson shared historical aerial photos of Alcott Triangle and Alcott School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting February 9, 2016

Board Members Present: Andrew Degerstrom-President, Carla Pardue- Vice President, Nicole Engel-Nitz- Secretary, Bruce Larson, Mike Erlandson, Bill Elwood, Nancy Johnston, Pete Mason, Amy Sanborn.

Guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman' Staff: Donna Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator

Council Member Lisa Goodman's report

Lunch with Lisa will discuss the City of Minneapolis Workforce Development program. Wednesday, Feb 24 @ the University of St. Thomas, 1000 LaSalle Ave, Minneapolis, Opus Hall 201. Cost: \$10.00.

2701 East Lake of the Isles Parkway is on sale again. The owner is asking for an additional \$200k.

Walgreens has contacted CM Goodman's office to inform them of their plans to build a new store at 2650 Hennepin. They will tear down the existing Roat Osha restaurant and First Tech building to build a one story building with a drive thru. This will be the topic at the upcoming EIRA Zoning committee meeting on Tuesday, February 16. Walgreens will give a presentation and the neighborhood can ask questions and give feedback on the site plan.

CM Goodman asked the neighborhood group, specifically the Green Team members, to assist her in finding plastic green and brown bottles, and white milk bottles for a City art project. Creative City Challenge will send out a Request for Proposal for a public art installation that will be displayed at the convention center plaza through next summer. She passed around two drawings of a horse and a wolf sculpture made from the bottles. Since they need a tremendous amount of bottles for the project, she is asking the surrounding four neighborhoods to provide a collection place for neighbors to recycle the bottles. Kim Ford from the Lowry Hill neighborhood is leading the drive to collect bottles for the project.

Mike asked CM Goodman for her advice on the Mall and how to make it more of a community meeting place instead of a dark, isolated spot with potential criminal activity. She suggested EIRA do a "call to artists" in the neighborhood and ask them for ideas on what to do with the Mall. Also, she suggested a traffic calming idea - painting a mural directly on the intersection in front of the Mall to get folks to slow down.

There was a discussion on remodeling/rebuilding the warming house on Lake of the Isles.

CM Goodman will be on vacation the 2nd week of March so she can't attend the board meeting. However, she plans to encourage her policy aide to attend in her place.

Committee Reports

Mike Erlandson, NRP Committee

Current EIRA dollars not under contract (available to allocate):

Phase I \$17,404

Phase II \$40,485

CPP \$ 7,246

A significant past allocation of EIRA NRP funds were given as a loan to a non-profit affordable housing fund in Minneapolis. These funds, \$123,000, will return to our NRP account in June 2016. As a result, total account funds available to be allocated are approximately \$188,000.

Mike had a discussion with Park Commissioner Anita Tabb regarding new benches for the Mall. Harvey Ettinger has been working with the park board to allow EIRA to use NRP funds to replace the current benches. The Committee will follow-up with the Park Board on replacing the benches, a priority with or without EIRA NRP funds.

The Committee has previously allocated funds for ten new trees (\$4,000). They will be planted along the northern side of the Mall between James and Irving.

There was a discussion on possible projects for the balance of our dollars. These suggestions will be discussed more at length at the EIRA Board Retreat on Saturday, February 20.

Andrew Degerstrom, Zoning Committee

The new owners of 2701 East Lake of the Isles Parkway, Basir and Mohiba Tareen, came to the com-

By Donna Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator

mittee to request neighborhood support to demolish 2701 and build a new home in its place.

The neighborhood residents were concerned Mr. Tareen would build a new house that does not historically fit in with the other houses on the block.

Although 2701 has lost much of its "integrity" because of alterations inside and outside of the house over the years, it still has historic significance: owned by the Donaldson brothers and designed and built by Long and Kees.

Therefore, the neighbors voted to oppose the tear down. The neighborhood had planned to contact the City of Minneapolis HPC and request a further study of historic significance but since the meeting, the Tareen's changed their minds and have put the property up for sale.

Pete Mason, Transportation Committee

The MTC #12 bus skips all stops between Franklin and the Uptown Transit stop during rush hour. Since the entire stretch is the East Isles neighborhood, EIRA would like the express bus to add a stop between Franklin and Lagoon, likely 25th Street as will serve EIRA residents as well as the densest part of the route.

The traffic signals along Hennepin are not well timed for people walking, especially those crossing Hennepin. The time allotted to cross Hennepin is less than 15 seconds which is insufficient for many people. Hoping to have timing changed to better serve EIRA residents and other people walking.

There will be a winter 311 walking tour on Sunday, February 21. The Committee will be walking through the neighborhood and identifying transportation issues such as uneven sidewalks, icy sidewalks, overhanging branches, etc. The event includes lessons on how to report these issues to 311. The tour will begin at Dunn Bros at 2528 Hennepin Ave S.

Bill Elwood, Green Team

The Community Solar Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25. EIRA sent out postcards to invite residents.

The committee is putting together an agenda for a spring garden party on March 15.

Residents who signed up for Organics Recycling by February 1 will get carts late March for the phase 2 roll-out in March - June.

The April 23rd Earth Day clean up of Lake of the Isles shoreline will include distribution of compostable dog poop-bags.

Nancy Johnston, Nominations Committee

The committee needs to recruit two to three new board members since both Bill and Carla's term is up. The rest of the board plans to run.

Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Ice Skating Social was a success. It was well attended and everyone loved the hot chocolate, coffee and rolls.

Planning for the Ice Cream Social is next on the agenda. The date will be Thursday, July 28.

Neighborhood Coordinator

Donna suggested changing the Zoning committee and keeping the NRP committee meeting at 7:00 to get more neighborhood attendance. It is difficult for neigh-

borhood residents working full time and folks with families to attend a 5:00 meeting.

President's report

Andrew has been receiving and responding to emails regarding 2701 E Lake of the Isles Parkway and the new Walgreens on 2650 Hennepin, Also, he is helping Donna get up to speed.

No Parks Committee report

No Greater Uptown Community Partnership report

Discussion on a Change in by-laws- Bruce Larson

We discussed the eight potential changes to the by-laws. Next month the Board will make a recommendation.

Board Retreat

The retreat will be held on Saturday, February 20 at Nicole's house. 2812 Irving Ave So. 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Both breakfast and lunch will be served. The agenda will be sent out before the retreat.

Financial Consultant for EIRA

Andrew made a request to hire a consultant to help organize EIRA's financial books. Last summer John Louis and Andrew met with Steve Gallagher from Stevens Square neighborhood to discuss hiring him to help out but there was no follow through. Donna will contact Steve and bring a proposal and details to the next March board meeting.

EIRA Credit Card

Andrew requested EIRA open a credit card to pay for monthly administrative fees. Fees include: Quick Books Online, Constant Contact, public storage, website domain registration and future Google Apps. Wells Fargo has a business secure credit card for businesses that do not have credit. There will need to be \$500 on account with WF to secure the card. After one year, if all goes well, the account can be unsecured and the \$500 returned.

Amy made a motion to deposit \$500 into a WF secured credit card account. Nancy seconded, Passed.

Bruce suggested, in the future, moving the EIRA accounts to a more community friendly bank. Bill suggested Sunrise Bank.

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom closed the meeting to order at 9:00 pm.

Reminder: The next East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on March 8, 2016 at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

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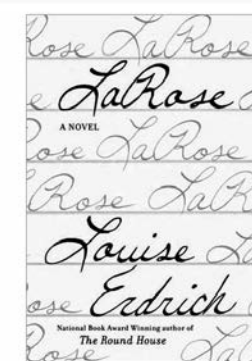
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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Shawn Smith

February 2016 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met February 1st, 2016 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Ed Pluimer, Jim Gilroy, Matt Spies, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Mike Bono, Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Absent: Josine Peters. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, Jean Deatruck, Meg Forney, Amanda Vallone, and Jody Strakosch

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa will be February 24th. The topic will be the City Workforce Training and Equity programs on Job Training.

2431 22nd St W ownership has requested a historic review and may be requesting a variance to the board in the near future. Neighbors are reminded that KIAA is typically notified of variance requests and can help navigate the process.

The city prefers that the SWLRT station be called “Cedar Lake Station.” The Met Council has suggested that 21st St Station is not a clear indicator of the location of the station but has asked for input. (KIAA hesitates to put forth a suggestion because KIAA does not support co-location of freight and light rail, but if KIAA were to have a preference it would be West 21st St.)

Closing the Gap in Our Parks - Meg Forney

Meg is looking for volunteers to work for a Citizens Group to get signatures to support a referendum on the ballot for “The Closing of the Gap” for funding of \$15M/year for the next 20 years to implement repairs in neighborhood parks. If residents are interested, please contact Meg or Anita Tabb at the Park Board. Additional information is available on the Park Board website.

East Cedar Lake Beach Funding Recommendation – Chief Ohotto

The success at East Cedar Lake Beach to reduce crime was in large part due to the partnership between KIAA and the Park Police. The recommendation from Chief Ohotto was to spend \$5000 for 2016 vs \$8000 spent last year. Police reports were reduced from 101 in 2014 to 56 in 2015.

The board voted unanimously to spend \$5000 for additional police patrols at ECLB in 2016 and be active early in the season.

Financial Report – Ed Pluimer

Ed shared that two disbursements were made in January relating to SWLRT planning and the Metro Blooms project.

Thrill Kenwood – Amanda Vallone

This event raised \$400 for The Bridge for Youth.

The 1st annual Rock Kenwood Dance Party will be held at the Rec Center on Saturday February 27th from 3-6PM. There will be a DJ, contests, crafting, and more.

East Cedar Lake Beach Committee (ECLB)– Matt Spies

Matt recapped the recent committee meeting and the programming ideas for 2016.

Log rolling and Open Swim are planned to continue in 2016.

New ideas include puppet shows, art activities, potlucks, and more.

KIAA is considering putting forth up to \$2000 of additional funding for activities, and discussed how to engage neighbors that might be interested in donating funds to support the activities.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Jody Strakosch, Shawn Smith

Jody represents KIAA on the Community Advisory Committee. Jody reported that the November and December meetings were cancelled by the Met Council. In the January meeting, progress updates were shared by the project office. Final environmental impact statement is due in April. Civil construction will begin fall of 2016. There will be 29 private properties impacted by construction in Minneapolis, primarily adjacent to the



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Kenilworth Corridor.

Shawn reported that some responses were received from correspondence to Minnesota Senators and Representatives on the Transportation Committees. Some responded to take KIAA response under advisement, and some spoke in favor of KIAA's position opposing co-location.

Shawn brought a motion to continue to present KIAA's position opposing co-location to FTA officials in the Chicago office that are working with the Met Council on the alignment. The board unanimously approved to send a letter. Shawn will circulate it as an action between meetings for board review and final approval.

New Business - All

Jeanette is working to identify a point of contact for the Restorative Justice Program, who would coordinate community service work for the people in the program.

KIAA recognizes Stephen Dean and his long standing contributions to the neighborhood. Kathie Constantine shared that his tailoring business in Downtown Kenwood is expected to close at the end of

March. He kept the neighborhood looking good with the many fine seams, hems, and alterations he provided over his 40 years in business, and we wish him well in retirement.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:46 p.m.

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The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, March 7th 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

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1621 Mount Curve	899,000	-	456	850,000	H	4/6	3,490	1,004,000	18,643	###	
29 Park Lane	929,000	-	9	871,700	H	3/4	4,003	770,000	13,793	###	
2027 Kenwood Pkwy	1,099,900	-	174	932,000	H	6/5	4,620	920,500	16,839	###	
1716 Dupont S	999,900	####	35	937,000	H	4/4	5,733	725,500	13,007	###	
2843 Burnham Blvd	2,995,000	-	442	2,590,000	H	5/6	8,605	2,243,500	43,617	###	
1701 Mount Curve	3,500,000	-	234	2,655,625	H	4/5	7,711	2,360,000	46,266	###	
Sources:	Harvey Ettinger	Steve Havig	cume	Condo	C						
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ly due to the colder weather.

Events: The Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Social was a success this year, with wonderful weather and a great turnout. The LHNA Annual Meeting will be held in May. The Board discussed May 17th as a possible date, and discussed format and possible topics. Construction at the Walker could be an issue. The Scottish Rite Temple could be an alternate location. The Ice Cream Social will be July 12th. Sarah Janecek suggested someone be stationed at a table, in charge of making sure all feel welcomed at the

event. Phil Hallaway will contact the musicians who played at the event last year.

Communications: Phil Hallaway and Chris Madden are working on improving the website. The Board discussed possibly adding a link to the Nextdoor Lowry Hill site and monitoring the site. Phil has drafted an article on sidewalks. Michael Cockson will take a look at it. This month's ad could be directed toward seeking interested new Board members. Jean Deatruck is very receptive to receiving articles for the Hill and Lake Press.

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A Tale of Two Dogs

By Madeleine Lowry

Tati is a dog from the other side of town. He lives in a mansion by Lake Minnetonka and has not one, but two personal attendants. The children at his house have grown and moved out; consequently he is doted on like an only child. His staff, ahem, family is Swiss and I imagine that his household runs like clockwork.

Pepper is the dog at our house. She lacks personal attendants and competes for attention with three ever-present kids; consequently she is treated like, well, a dog. We lack any Swiss genes and our household runs like a faulty battery-powered alarm clock.

Both dogs are dachshunds, black with a little cinnamon coloring around the nose. Tati is all smooth and muscular, while Pepper is longhaired and fluffy. Tati is all boy-energy, curious and attentive while Pepper is complacent, calm and a bit jaded.

When Tati's singular family went on vacation, he was reduced to slumming it at our house. He arrived with his spacious dog bed, special food, fuzzy blanket, stylish plaid coat and extra-long retractable leash.

Tati is on a Paleo diet. His grain-free food hails from Whole Foods and looks and smells like liverwurst. Pepper's food comes in hard, dry nubs from a paper sack purchased at Target. Tati's bed is twice the size of Pepper's and his leash extends to 20 feet as opposed to her communist 48-inch one. We detected something less than enthusiasm from her upon his arrival.

From their beginnings it was a little like the Prince and the Pauper. Tati was named after a famous Swiss movie director and was flown in from a special breeder in Germany. Pepper was named after a common spice and her roots are in backwoods Colorado.

Worst for Pepper is that our youngest child, William, the one she thinks of as her special charge, is absolutely enthralled by Tati. To be sure Tati has all the charm of a toddler. His wears his emotions on his sleeve—which range from elation, expressed with whip-like motions of his tail, to heartbreaking sadness, marked by plaintive whines. William really empathizes with this little dog and is moved to comfort him and lobby for his needs.

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1900 Block of Colfax: Open Forum: The intersection of Franklin Avenue West and Colfax Avenue South is a high traffic area, and is hazardous for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars, particularly with the addition over the last few years of restaurant and valet traffic. At the January meeting, the Board discussed ideas to improve the situation, and a motion was made to explore turning the 1900 block of Colfax Avenue South into a one-way going north from West Franklin Avenue to Lincoln Avenue, with an alternative, if the one-way proposal looks problematic, that left turns be prohibited from Colfax Avenue South onto West Franklin Avenue. A number of residents of the 1900 block of Colfax attended tonight's meeting to express concerns over the idea. They noted that the block has many residents who would be affected by the change. Including the Belmont, the block has 176 households. The consensus of those attending was that the negative impact on residents would outweigh any possible safety improvement. The residents expressed several additional concerns. These include double parking in the Burch valet bay during busy times when there are not enough valets on staff to take care of the many cars; concerns over noise and trash around the dumpsters; large delivery trucks that frequently park on Colfax, generating excessive noise and blocking the traffic lane; and restaurant employees parking in restricted neighborhood parking space. After the conversation, the Board concluded that the one-way proposal is not helpful. We will continue to work on ways to improve the situation.

New Business: There was no other business. LHNA's next Board meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Kenwood Rec Center. This is one week later than normal due to precinct caucuses on March 1st. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

And Tati is needy. He is timid and requires reassurance. He is lonely and needs companionship. He is daintiness-challenged and needs to have his food cut into bite-sized pieces lest he flop it on the floor and smash it around as he eats. At night he needs be tucked in with his blanket and if William forgets, he bravely endeavors to cover himself, burrowing under it up to his neck. In the morning he arises with the blanket clownishly draped over his head and has to shake until it drops off.

He has a tiny little bladder and needs to be let out first thing in the morning and last thing at night unlike Pepper, who is part camel. We worried that our princely guest would run off, even fitted with a special collar for our invisible dog fence, but this was a foolish misapprehension, as he didn't seem inclined to stray from the back door.

Despite the differences in their status, they formed a bond. Tati always charges ahead on walks, which gives Pepper a bit of challenge and makes her wag her tail more than usual. Leashed together, they feel quite

emboldened and bark at every passing dog, assertively and then aggressively.

During Prince Tati's stay, Pepper's life improved just a bit. Her humans somehow acquired a can of wet dog food and garnished her dry kibble with it in a weak attempt to make her meals more appealing. William spent more time playing with both dogs, amused by Tati's antics.

And Tati, well, he survived the lack of full-time personal attendants. He risked the outdoors without the benefit of his plaid coat, and his leash was ratcheted down to a more reasonable five-foot length. He even seemed to prefer Pepper's smaller bed.

The truth was that Pepper needed a little disturbance in her life. She needed some upstart to try to sneak food from her bowl, nip her ears and dare to lead the way on walks. She needed a sidekick, even if he was annoying sometimes.

Don't we all, Pepper?

Don't we all.

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Please consider becoming
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Come to one of our monthly LHNA Board meetings at the Kenwood Rec Center. Our next LHNA board meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome.

New Board members will be elected at the annual LHNA meeting in May.

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