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SWLRT: Responses to the Final FEIS

By Jeanette Colby

In mid-May, the Met Council released the long-awaited Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Southwest LRT. In 17,000 pages, the Met Council compares a “No Build Alternative” to SWLRT. The no-build alternative includes the existing transportation system with all the planned expansions and “represents a possible outcome of the EIS process.” The Build comparison, the proposed SWLRT line, runs from Eden Prairie to downtown Minneapolis, with LRT and freight co-located in the Kenilworth Corridor. The public was given only 30 days to review and formally respond to this complex document. State Representative Frank Hornstein and Senator Scott Dibble requested an extension to 90 days, but this was denied. The FEIS is available at <http://metro council.org/swlrt/feis>.

Compared to not building SWLRT, the study anticipates that the \$1.8 billion project should provide a number of benefits. Among others, these include the creation of construction jobs, long-term transit jobs, and the possibility of new jobs in locations served by LRT; the removal of contaminated soils and hazardous materials in areas where these exist; and the hope of “improved traffic conditions on the region’s travel networks.” The FEIS also attempts to address the many environmental and economic concerns raised by the Draft EIS and the Supplementary Draft EIS, including impacts on parks and trails, air quality, noise and vibrations, and public safety, among other things.

Because of the short timeframe, most Minneapolis organizations responding to the FEIS limited their comments to a few key areas. LRT Done Right (LRTDR) identified one of the study’s most unexpected findings: Primarily because of improved emission control technology and greater fuel efficiency in cars, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are likely to go down by 2040 under either the No Build or the SWLRT alternative. However, the projected GHG in 2040 is *higher* for SWLRT than for the No Build Alternative. SWLRT’s impact on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions – a key selling point for the project’s supporters – is worse than the No Build Alternative by 2,000 metric tons annually by 2040 (page 3-204).

Other environmental impacts indicated in the FEIS and surfaced by LRTDR include an increase in air toxics near stations, especially those with park-and-rides and where people will be dropped off (“kiss-and-rides”). The long-term impacts of SWLRT on 20 wetlands comprising 6.53 acres would be offset only by purchase of credits rather than environmental mitigation. The Chain of Lakes and Grand Rounds would be adversely impacted; the FEIS admits that the SWLRT crossing of the Kenilworth Channel would cause significant visual and noise impacts and proposes a 2-foot high wall as sufficient noise mitigation.

In a carefully researched and articulated discussion of the project’s “Purpose and Need,” LRT Done Right underscored the extent to which the project design inequitably favors prosperous suburbs and “choice rid-

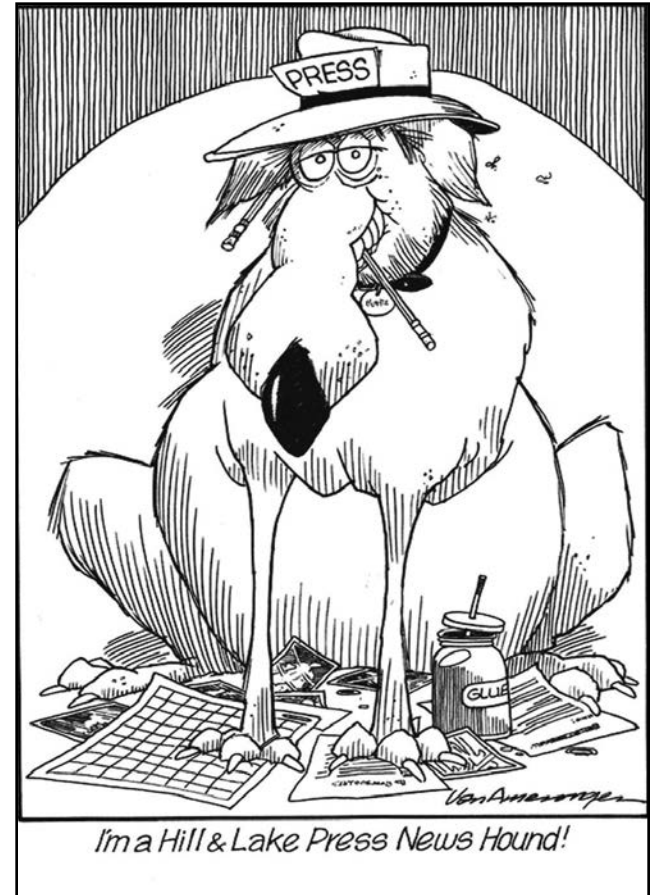
ers” over urban transit needs. The group pointed out that Eden Prairie and Minnetonka successfully pushed to move the route off of the Hennepin County-owned right-of-way in their communities, comparable to the Kenilworth Corridor in Minneapolis, to improve business competitiveness and development prospects in those cities. This is why the diagonal route becomes hook shaped at the southwest suburban end of the proposed route. The result was an increase in permanent recreational green space in the rail right-of-way for Eden Prairie and an increase in total project costs for the region – of at least \$500 million – as well as a loss of routing options for Minneapolis since only Kenilworth was then deemed affordable by SWLRT project staff and leaders.

LRT Done Right also pointed to the poor cost-benefit calculation of spending \$1.8 billion to divert only about 6,500 cars from roadways at rush hour as articulated in the FEIS, especially since the carpooling rate in the area is so low and could (should) be expected to achieve the rates of other major cities. They observed the SWLRT would produce a “barely measurable” increase in system-wide transit outside the southwest corridor despite the claim the SWLRT is key to building a transit network (FEIS ridership data on table 4.1-2 on p. 4-18). They underscored the project’s high opportunity cost, considering the projected 750,000 metro population increase. Find the LRT Done Right response at LRTDoneRight.org.

The City of Minneapolis, while stressing a role as “reliable regional partners” in planning the proposed SWLRT, found it necessary to correct the SWLRT history presented in the FEIS. When the City Council was asked to vote on a “Locally Preferred Alignment” (LPA) in 2010, they clearly understood the recommended Kenilworth route would mean moving freight rail to make way for light rail as all planning and policy had stated to that point. Yet the FEIS claims, surprisingly, that the LPA recommendation included either freight re-location or co-location. The City reviewed its position that “the routing of Southwest LRT was not designed around serving disadvantaged populations or serving the greatest number of Minneapolis residents. It was designed to achieve the fastest route between suburban and downtown destinations.”

The City also pointed to the need for improved emergency response planning, both for possible freight rail disasters and for impediments to emergency vehicles during construction and operations. The City asked the Met Council to minimize both tree removal and vibrations during construction – a particular concern to residents of the Calhoun-Isles condominiums (see below) – and asked that LRT-generated noise “continue to be evaluated and minimized.” See the full response at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcmssp-180951.pdf>.

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I'm a Hill & Lake Press News Hound!

40th Anniversary of the Hill and Lake Press. Commemorative cartoon by Jerry Van Amerongen

Party Pushes Press People to Preserve Past Portraits of Selves

By Holly Lewis

Though I was raised a Minneapolitan, when it came time to move back here after 13 years away, I was at a loss to suggest a neighborhood to my Alabaman husband. I remember looking at a realtor’s brochure describing the various neighborhood, and saw that in Edina you could count on manicured lawns, and in Northeast you would never be too far from a Polish or Ukrainian church. These didn’t help much. But I was entranced by the blurb about Lowry Hill/Kenwood, which said that the people there seemed to believe that life could be even better.

So we settled down in Lowry Hill and immediately were drawn into elm watch, school choice, the closing of West High, and the Seven Pools Festival. And then someone mentioned the Hill and Lake Press, at that point about two years into production. Before long, I found myself caught up in a dedicated group of witty and clever people, who cherished the feeling of belonging to a neighborhood and the power and delight of the well-written word.

Though the group expanded and contracted in those early years, there was always a core of the steadfast who made sure the paper came out every six, and then every four weeks. The vitality of the paper stemmed from the system of rotating editorship among the four neighborhoods. Being an editor was an all-consuming job of holding a planning meeting, thinking up stories, cajoling the writers to get their stories in on time — and with photos if possible, getting everything into usable print columns, and staying up late for three nights in a row managing the herd. Some called it paste-up and some called it layout. No consensus was ever reached.

People would arrive after they’d gotten their children

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Recently installed picnic tables at JoAnn Levin (Triangle Park).

Photo by Dorothy Childers

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- June 25, 9am - noon, Park Siding Park Gardening
- June 27, 6pm Block Leader Training 5th precinct
- June 29 Field Trip with Lisa: Givens Violins.
- July 16, 9-1pm Bryn Mawr Garden Tour, See p3
- July 16, 1-4pm Pirates & Mermaids party, East Cedar Beach (Hidden Beach)
- July 23, 10-noon Preserve Minneapolis Healy Tour
- August 6 Walker Library sale
- Neighborhood monthly meetings
- CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
- EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
- KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

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Lunch with Lisa

On June 29, there will be a field trip touring Givens Violins. Be sure to register. Please contact Lisa's office at 612-673-2207 or Ruth.Weakly@minneapolismn.gov

Park Siding Park Gardening

Saturday, June 25
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.

Join CIDNA's volunteer gardening team. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided. Help is needed all season, so mark your calendar for the following Saturday mornings: July 23, August 27 and September 24. Details at www.cidna.org

Classical Actors Ensemble (CAE) will present Shakespeare's comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream in several Twin Cities' parks, with a home base of Lake of the Isles.

Saturday, June 18	Lake of the Isles	7pm
Saturday, June 25	Lake of the Isles	7pm
Saturday, July 2	Lake of the Isles	7pm
Saturday, July 9	Lake of the Isles	7pm
Saturday, July 16	Lake of the Isles	7pm
Sunday, July 17	Lake of the Isles	2pm

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Meet your Neighbor Michael Wilson

Craig Wilson interviews Michael Wilson about his career in Minneapolis Public Schools, his research of 427 past Hill & Lake Press issues for the 40th anniversary of the paper, why he's a passionate opponent of the SWLRT alignment through Kenilworth Trail, and the attributes he aspires to exhibit in his life.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Racine and Kenosha, in the far southeastern corner of Wisconsin. I spent as much of my summers as I could sailing on Lake Michigan – Commodore, even, of the Racine Junior Yacht Club!

Where did you attend school?

For reasons that still elude me I went off to Dartmouth for college – a year later than Jim Lenfestey and three years before Win Rockwell. I fell in love with newspapering, serving as executive editor of The Daily Dartmouth my senior year. I spent one full summer in Santa Fe, where my parents had moved, covering City Hall for The New Mexican. Great headlines, just like the old HLP. A story I wrote following the death of a longtime City Councilman ran under the headline, “Padilla Leaves Prints.”

And after college?

History was the other love I developed at Dartmouth. My draft board allowed me to pursue alternative service, so I taught English in French-speaking Cameroun (West Africa) for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer. Although my background was history, not education, I continued teaching at two private schools when I returned to the States.

What brought you to Minneapolis?

In 1974 an administrator at the private school where I worked in New Jersey had just been hired as headmaster at Breck and asked me if I wanted to come along as head of Lower School. I jumped at the chance to return to the Midwest. In 1988 I was accepted into the School Psychology program at the U. In the fall of 1990 I joined the Minneapolis Schools as a psychologist until I retired in 2008. Kenwood was one of my first schools.

It was a wonderful 18 years.

What made you decide to reside in the Hill and Lake area?

I lived for almost 30 years in southwest Minneapolis, where my three awesome kids grew up. By 2003 I was looking for a home of my own. I knew the city well enough to be able to zero in on exactly what I wanted: a quiet townhouse at the junction of the Greenway and Kenilworth Trails, a few blocks from three lakes and Uptown. There are three of us now, including my partner Scott and our Shih-Tzu Herman, who manages to look both wise and vacant at the same time.

The Hill & Lake Press turned 40 this year and you spent a considerable amount of time and energy reviewing its history. What did this entail?

At first I thought I'd just glance through a few old issues to get a flavor of what was going on back then and to gather a few interesting tidbits about the famous Annual Parties and such, but I quickly became awed by the breadth of the paper's coverage and the quality of the writing. Such energy and commitment – and fun! – those young people had back then as they strengthened neighborhood institutions and created new ones.

Then I thought I'd make a list of everyone, kids and adults, who has contributed to HLP over the years. Easy task, right? As my hours in the Special Collections archives at the downtown library grew into weeks, and as I read my way through all of the 427 HLP issues published through April 2016 (minus the three that appear permanently lost), my database grew to include 1100 adults who contributed to anywhere from one to 303 issues and 455 kids who worked on anywhere from one to nine issues.

And then the xeroxing. Such great stuff in those old HLPs! It was hard to make myself stop.

What are some of the highlights of the things you learned about Hill & Lake Press over the years?

The issues our neighborhoods are contending with today are so often the same ones we've been fighting

for 40 years. The very first issue had a front-page article about opposition to a high-rise apartment tower. Articles about SWLRT began appearing as early as 1981. Overdevelopment and traffic along Lake Street are still major issues – although they'd be much worse today if



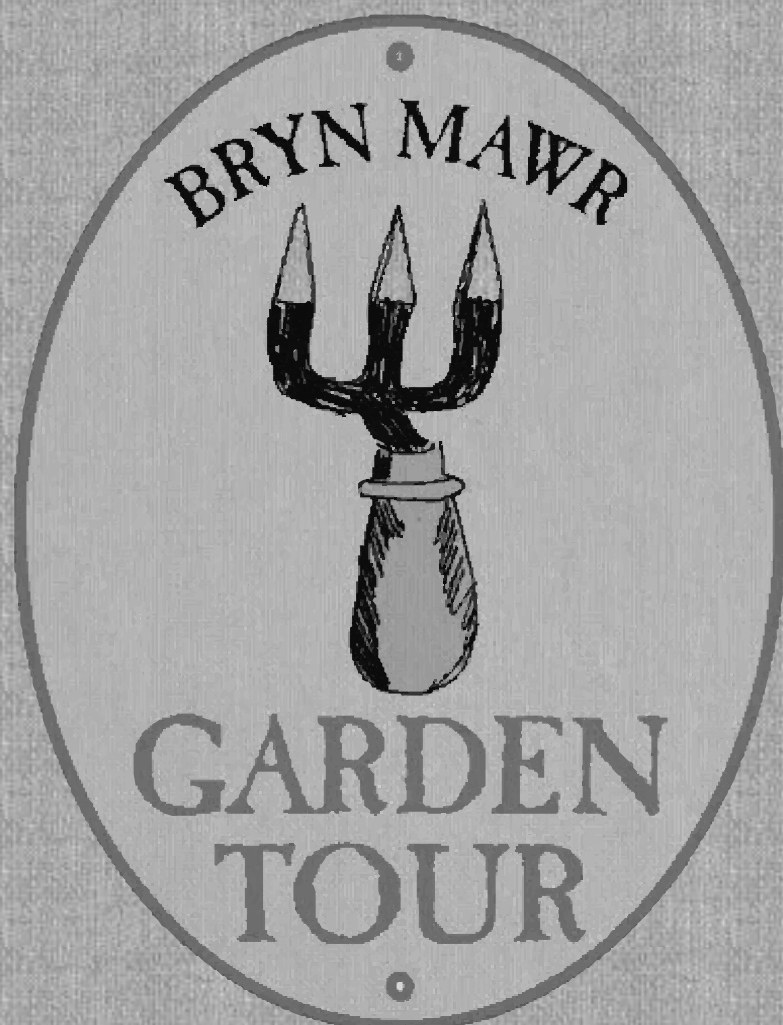
HLP writers and community activists hadn't fought against the necklace of high-rises proposed for south CIDNA and won passage of the Shoreland Overlay District.

Elsewhere, Dutch Elm disease, Lake of the Isles reconstruction, demolition and teardowns of beautiful old houses, the battle to get the Kenwood Rec Center built – these and so many other issues: Hill & Lake Press was right on top of them. Bob Glancy's wonderful history articles. Deft, clever parodies and spoofs. Dozens of awards over the years from the Neighborhood Press Association. Great stuff.

I also gained quite a list of new authors. I'm currently reading Joan Mondale's “Letters From Japan,” “Witness to the Holocaust” by Rhoda Lewin, “Suffering Succotash” by Stephanie Vander Weide Lucianovic, and “Urban Coyote” by Jim Lenfestey. Up next: “The Biggest Dance: A Miracle on Concrete” by Beth Obermeyer and “Behind the Curtain: Piercing the Witness Protection Veil” by Garibaldi Sabio (Gary Weissman).

You also helped organize a celebration hosted by MPRB Commissioner Anita Tabb and her hus-

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The Calhoun-Isles Condominium Association (CICA), which includes the converted grain silos south of Cedar Lake Parkway and is adjacent to the proposed Kenilworth tunnel, decided to hire an engineering firm to assist in the technical aspects of their FEIS response. Their concerns were heightened last year when construction on the nearby former Tryg's site caused significant structural damage to the neighboring Loop Calhoun residences. With expert help, the CICA concluded that the Met Council's analysis of likely SWLRT tunnel construction impacts "is faulty and fails to account for necessary mitigation." In the engineer's assessment, the building is a "Category IV Structure" (very sensitive to construction vibrations), though the Met Council's categorizes it as a "Category I Structure" (least sensitive to construction vibrations). They also found misrepresented distances between the actual construction site and the association's townhouse structures.

Around the country there are LRT projects that share rights-of-way corridors with freight rail, and the FEIS reviews some of these in an appendix. In their FEIS response, Citizens Acting for Rail Safety – Twin Cities (CARS-TC) points out that while co-location of LRT and freight rail operations might initially appear to be a reasonable strategy, the advent of high volume oil and ethanol shipments coupled with glaring liability

insurance gaps mean that co-location can create serious dangers and unnecessary risk. They note that when freight carriers plan a new rail route, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires them to develop a risk assessment using 28 factors; the SWLRT FEIS does not appear to have taken these critical factors into consideration.

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB), responsible for trail management as well as several parks near the Minneapolis portion of the proposed SWLRT route, shares CARS-TC's concern about freight safety and impacts, stating that since freight was to have been moved to make way for light rail, "it remains reasonable to presume [freight rail's] presence as a new condition that should be additive when considering the introduction of light rail transit to the corridor." The MPRB also expressed concern about preserving vital elements of the Grand Rounds Historic District, and the design of trails to ensure safety for pedestrians and cyclists. The MPRB's comments will be posted on their website, minneapolisparcs.org.

Finally, Representative Hornstein and Senator Dibble echoed concerns about freight rail safety in their FEIS comments to the Met Council, saying:

"We had mistakenly anticipated that the Council and FTA would seriously address rail safety concerns

regarding colocation during the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process. The FEIS falls significantly short of addressing those concerns.

"The FEIS should not be deemed adequate until issues related to freight rail safety as discussed above and in citizen and other public sector comments are addressed. If issues pertaining to rail safety cannot be adequately addressed, LRT should not be located in such close proximity to an active freight rail line."

From air quality to freight rail safety, the government and community groups who responded to the FEIS identified many critical concerns during the short comment period that closed on June 13th. The Met Council will now determine the adequacy of the study, though there appears to be no mechanism for resolving concerns and disputes at this point in the process. If the FTA agrees with the Met Council that environmental laws have been followed it will issue a "Record of Decision" which the Met Council expects at some date in the near future. The Met Council may apply for federal funding for the proposed SWLRT if they receive an FTA Record of Decision.

Commentary on Light Rail

By Rodgers Adams

The Hill and Lake Press has been a blessing for the neighborhoods it serves. Relying, as it must, on volunteers, it has provided notices, profiles of residents, minutes of neighborhood groups, accounts of neighborhood history, outlets for creative writers, and exposure of neighborhood problems. Unfortunately, however, human nature seems to motivate volunteer authors to complain more than to celebrate. This has been especially true in a string of opinion pieces critical of light rail through the Kenilworth corridor presented in the guise of news reports. The net effect is a distorted view of neighborhood successes and failures. Here's a more complete scorecard:

- Some neighbors have a philosophical opposition to rail transit. They lost, because of growing public support for rail transit in cities across the country,

including the Twin Cities.

- Some neighbors preferred electric rail over paved busways through the neighborhood. They won.

- Some neighbors said light rail should turn east on the Midtown Greenway rather than continue north through Kenilworth. They lost, because no one could identify a workable route to connect the Greenway with existing light rail downtown.

- Some neighbors said light rail should be hidden in a shallow tunnel in Kenilworth between Lake St. and Cedar Lake Rd. They won.

- Some neighbors said Cedar Lake Rd. should be bridged over light rail. They won.

- Some neighbors said the popular bike and pedestrian paths should be preserved through Kenilworth. They won.

- Some neighbors said freight traffic should be removed from Kenilworth. They lost, when the railroad exercised its veto power under federal law.

- Some neighbors said they preferred occasional freight trains over frequent light rail trains. They won south of Cedar Lake Rd. and lost north of Cedar Lake Rd.

- Some neighbors opposed new bridging over the channel between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles. They sort of won and sort of lost when the Park Board agreed to a compromise bridge design.

- Some neighbors opposed light rail intrusion on a park-like setting north of the channel. They lost, when the county decided to put transit on land it purchased explicitly for transit.

- Some neighbors mourned the loss of trees. They sort of won and sort of lost when money and a

process for landscaping design was guaranteed in a deal with Minneapolis.

- Some neighbors feared the traffic impact of a station behind the Whole Foods Market. They sort of won and sort of lost when money was invested in a special Multi-Modal Transportation study and recommendations for the area, at the city's insistence.

- Some neighbors campaigned for direct pedestrian and bicycle access to the station from the west and north with an at-grade crossing over the freight rail track. That one is still unresolved.

- Some neighbors have warned that construction of the tunnel could damage nearby housing. Light rail planners have said they will protect the structures but neighbors are skeptical.

- Some neighbors blame the Metropolitan Council for everything, but the key routing decisions were made by the Hennepin County Board.

Readers will differ in how they tote up this scorecard. But clearly, it is not accurately summed up, as it was in a recent "news" article by a volunteer, as a grievous "pattern of stealth and deception" by the Met Council. Neighbors haven't gotten 100% of what they wanted, but they have gotten a lot more than nothing.

Rodgers Adams is a retired journalist, who for 15 years has attended most board meetings of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association and the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council, in his role as editor of the Lake Point Condominium newsletter."

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band Robb Tabb at their home in Lowry Hill. Was it a success?

Fabulous – exceeded all expectations. Over 100 people came together to celebrate HLP, community-building, and each other.

You're a vocal opponent of the proposed SWLRT alignment. What is the issue that area stakeholders have with the project?

I'm a Johnny-come-lately compared to stalwarts like David Shirley and Jeanette Colby. When I first tuned in to SWLRT in about 2010 I thought, "I'm a transit user and I'll have an LRT stop a block from my front door. Sweet!"

Things changed completely in January 2013 when TC&W railroad, in their response to the Draft EIS, said a freight reroute was impossible, even though the Kenilworth LRT route had always been predicated on moving the freight. Suddenly we were faced with electrified LRT trains traveling a few feet away from 126-car freight trains carrying explosive liquids. As we all learned more and looked closer at claims being made to support SWLRT in the Kenilworth, it became increasingly clear that the benefits vs. the costs were way out of whack.

Project engineers blandly, and hubristically, assure us that they can dig a 60-foot-deep tunnel a few feet away from century-old condominium towers, permanently breaching the water table, with no ill effect on buildings or the environment. We simply don't believe them.

In the mid-2000s Hennepin County allocated upwards of \$300M to bypass the Regional Rail Authority trail which ran through the Bearpath gated community – a trail used then and today for recreational purposes, just like the Kenilworth. Eden Prairie and Minnetonka wanted the line to run closer to where the people and jobs actually were. Why should the same considerations not apply in Minneapolis?

What are stakeholders doing about it?

Past generations of HLP writers and activists would be proud of LRT Done Right. This group has worked tirelessly to become expert in all aspects of SWLRT environmental impact studies, freight rail safety, and the political process currently in play in St. Paul. I have the greatest admiration for their astuteness and tenacity.

The Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis is working doggedly, and with some success, to prove that the Met Council violated federal environmental law in selecting the Kenilworth alignment without equal study of other alternatives. All in all, in finest Hill and Lake tradition, we all are engaged in speaking truth to power.

What other issues are affecting the Cedar-Isles-Dean corner of the Hill and Lake area?

Impossible and dangerous levels of traffic on West Lake and Excelsior. A connector trail under the Greenway between Calhoun and Isles at Thomas Ave. Development issues in the Calhoun Village area.

Any final thoughts?

It's said of one of my closest friends that she "takes things seriously but holds them lightly." She also laughs a lot. Those are two attributes to which I aspire.



BEHIND THE FESTIVE NEWS

By James P. Lenfestey

There has been considerable recent hoopla in these pages, and the neighborhood, about the 40th anniversary of the publication you hold in your hands. Those of us who had been involved in this mostly volunteer community journalism conglomerate appreciate the recognition for our efforts, an anniversary which all of us assumed would pass without notice. That changed with the yeoman researches and epic discoveries of CIDNA reporter Michael Wilson (a thousand forty one adult volunteers over forty years, four hundred fourteen children worked on Kids issues – who knew?). All recent plaudits belong to Michael, and of course to current editor Jean Deatruck, who carries on the Hill and Lake news torch, with the able assistance of a Dell computer, layout software, her family, a distribution service, loyal advertisers, photographer Dorothy Childers, and webmaster Alexa Johnson Drago.

Two further observations.

First, the motto of this paper, "where the biggies leave off," remains relevant, even with the addition of Southwest Journal to our territory. A fine professional paper, the SWJ still leaves plenty of room below its coverage umbrella, and below that of the StarTribune and MinnPost, for more local community news. The news this paper covers remains limited only by the number of volunteer reporters willing to tell stories of the schools, parks, businesses, controversies, politics, pets, people, and wildlife of our area, and by the advertisers who support them.

Second, the truly hard work of neighborhood restoration, resilience, revival, and prosperity is done by the four volunteer neighborhood boards and their committees. The HLP reports the minutes of the meetings of those organizations, but they must do the hours of organizing, sitting through the interminable meetings, adjudicating the various differences, making difficult decisions. In addition, the four neighborhood organizations each make an annual financial contribution to the HLP without which we could not have begun, not to mention survive 40 years.

My wife Susan was recruited to the board of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, then called

Lowry Hill Homeowners Association, not long after we moved here in 1974. When she proposed a community newspaper, the board, after some sensible skepticism, agreed to fund the original expenses. The same process had already occurred at the East Isles Residents Association, and soon enough at the Kenwood-Isles Area Association and Cedar-Isles Dean Neighborhood Association. All saw the need for a lively neighborhood communication service.

Now that the HLP hoopla is behind us, let's turn loose dynamo journalist Michael Wilson, coupled with neighborhood historian Bob Glancy and any other volunteers, to celebrate the histories of the four neighborhood organizations, how they rose up to prevent high rise rezoning, school closures, teardowns, and how they will protect, preserve, and enhance our neighborhood environment for generations to come.



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down, about 8:00. They would be looking for food and beer, and they would occupy your house, wandering around with snippets of paper and dripping rubber cement bottles in hand, random bits of punctuation marks in their hair, and calling out for the scissors or the Letraset page of capital letters. They'd all go home about midnight on a school night, promising to be back the next night and the one after. Your reward as editor for putting up with this mess and madness was the opportunity to drive the camera-ready flats to Shakopee where our non-union printing shop was. Our liberal values were tested on that, but it was all we could afford.

Early HLP producers watched the paper move through technology at an ever-accelerating clip. The copy went from typed pages (we hired a typist but then could do no more editing when copy arrived at paste-up) to word-processed columns to emailed attachments. We made our first headlines with straight-edges, plastic sheets of letters, and burnishers; then we got some kind of dial-up letter machine someone brought from his office; and again finally moved on to word-processed copy that we went to Kinko's to have done up for us until some of us actually got computers.

We sized our photos manually with a complicated system involving rulers and diagonals. The production site went from editors' houses, to some kind of hole-in-the-wall place on Franklin and the freeway where someone could word process our journalistic jewels on the spot, and finally to the park center, once we had won the battle to get it built. Hard-working folks would arrive with the ads, watching carefully to see they didn't get smudged or lost in the process of inserting them on to the big blank page templates with blue lines. Still there would be crooked columns and headlines, and

rubbed out type in places from over-handling. Sometimes a jump would go nowhere, the outcome of the story never to be known.

We finally got a 501(c)3 and someone figured out how to do the taxes we had never paid. We got fed up with trying to keep the paper reliably distributed by kids in families who would go on vacation and forget the big bundle on their porch that the rain would then destroy. We raised money and hired delivery people, but they didn't prove to be much better. We got calls from angry advertisers.

When the amazing Mike Wilson, who currently writes for HLP, noticed in March that the paper had now reached Volume 40, he got busy. He rounded up every back issue from the Minneapolis Public Library, from people's basements, and who knows where else. He went through probably more than 400 issues, culling the mastheads and putting 1100 names on databases. He even tackled researching the summer Kids Issue, which ran for about 20 years and ultimately involved more than 400 children and teenagers. Some of the children became teenagers as the years rolled by. He got in touch with as many of these people as he could find and organized planning for a huge reunion party, which took place on June 14.

Nearly 100 people were at the celebration, surrounded by large displays of past issues, pictures of legendary HLP parties, new commemorative drawings by Jerry Van Amerongen, and a compilation of the best headlines ("Foot Sore? Your Runs a Bore? This New Book Offers More!" and "Park Panel Poo Poos Pups") All you ever had to do was deliver one round of papers to be invited to the party.

Council member Lisa Goodman kicked off the remarks, saying that though our current times are tough

and sometimes frightening, we can focus on the things that sustain us, notably neighborhoods and their infrastructures, such as community newspapers. The HLP, she said, is one of few survivors and she pointed to a resolution passed by the city council and signed by the mayor noting the paper's many accomplishments and awards. Founding editors Jim Lenfestey and Win Rockwell toasted the early folks who moved everything along and built the bones, and the small team that took up the reins when the pioneers burned out – Jean Deatruck, in particular.

It was creaky knees and soft groans one heard as veteran HLP participants squatted to read the articles placed at floor levels. There was some small but significant conversation devoted to grandchild updates. The faces were more lined and the hair a little whiter and thinner, but the crowd gathered on Groveland Terrace was awash with the joy of coming together again, seeing old friends, putting faces to names at last, and having been part of an extraordinary urban enterprise. Where the biggies still leave off, we found the threads of our community fabric still holding strong. Indeed, as the story turned out, Kenwood/Lowry Hill/CIDNA/East Isles were places where neighbors together could make life even better.

Holly Lewis joined the HLP crew in 1978 and became the heart and soul of the paper for 134 issues, including serving three years as Editor-in-Chief. In 1978 she founded the Kids Issues, which appeared annually through 1999. Children Hannah and Sage became HLP contributors as well. She and husband Barrs began the long-running Palio festival.

40th HLP anniversary party participants weigh in!

Press on Hill & Lake!

By Andrew Degerstrom

The 40th anniversary of the Hill & Lake Press has not meant the same to me as most other people. I am twenty-five years old. I came to Minneapolis in 2009 at age eighteen and moved to the East Isles neighborhood in 2012 at age twenty-one. I assume most of the people who attended the 40th anniversary celebration felt a sense of nostalgia, a sense of pride, a sense of accomplishment.

When I arrived, though, I felt like I was entering a museum. Displayed all around me were a variety of articles, cartoons, and other pieces spanning all forty years. I felt like I was immersing myself in forty years of history. What I found most interesting was a membership application for the East Isles Residents Association from 1976. I left with a sense of awe and admiration for everything the residents of our neighborhoods have been able to accomplish with starting a newspaper and keeping it successful all these years.

Happy 40th anniversary, Hill & Lake Press, and let us hope for forty more!

Andrew Degerstrom is president of the East Isles Residents Association. He starts the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at the Humphrey School in the fall.

Dear HLPers,

Yes, I add my thanks. I appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with some of the volunteers who contributed to many happy HLP memories over the years. When I have described the "paste up" years to people outside the neighborhood, they wished they lived in such a community.

Warm regards, Candace Dow

A time capsule of fun and fond memories

By Becky Hilstad

The Hill & Lake Press 40th anniversary party and reunion – what a wonderful event! When we first heard of it Paul and I knew immediately that we would travel up from Charleston, South Carolina, to attend. It was like traveling back in a time capsule as we saw people we hadn't seen in more than 25 years! It was wonderful and very nostalgic. I am so impressed with the research and organization that everyone put into making this marvelous event happen!

Working on the Hill & Lake Press was a unique and incredible growth experience for me personally. It gave me a chance to work with creative and talented neighbors who had high energy and sharp wits that kept us all chuckling while we got hot wax, scotch tape bits, and ink all over ourselves, all the while having such good times together.

I met people in the neighborhood I would never have met otherwise when I was sent to interview them, such as a wonderful lady who was the concertmaster of the Minnesota. It gave me newfound knowledge of how a paper such as ours was laid out and put together (mostly obsolete methods now, of course). The whole experience was enriching and great fun!

I don't think there could have ever been such a diverse, cohesive, and fun group of people in any other neighborhood at that time doing this kind of thing. Lucky me to have been at the right place at the right time!

Becky Hilstad wrote for and helped produce and edit 87 HLP issues in the 1980s.

A moving, meaningful, and entirely fun celebration

By Jeff Lewin

At grave risk of inciting an overwhelming flurry of "me too!" emails, can I thank, on behalf of everyone, the tireless planners, stirring speakers and gracious hosts for the June 14th moving, meaningful, and entirely fun celebration of HLP's 40th anniversary?

It was so wonderful to see the outpouring of support and reconnect with warm friends and inspiring grown-ups! Thank you, thank you, thank you, and may the Hill & Lake Press thrive for another 40 years and beyond!

Jeff Lewin was a veteran Kids Issue contributor and page producer and, later on, a frequent writer for adult issues. He helped make HLP truly a Lewin family endeavor.

How the HLP builds community

By Jon Westby

The 40th Anniversary party of the Hill & Lake Press (HLP) provided an opportunity to meet old friends, reminisce about working on the paper, and get updates on children and grandchildren. Looking around the room there was a veritable Who's Who of neighborhood leaders: Connie Baillie, Gary Cohen, Ginny and Will Craig, Dorothy Childers, Jean Deatruck, Candy Dow, Jim and Susan Lenfestey, Holly and Barrs Lewis, Tom Lewin, Dee and Nick Long, Linda Mack, Win and Binky Rockwell, Jim and Jan Stephenson, and many others.

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HLP remembrances continued

Westby from page 6

In the late 1970s and early 80s, the HLP was a focal point for neighborhood fun. Paste up was a social event with a number of neighbors showing up at an editor's house to have a beer, snacks, and enjoy each others' company. (Maybe they'd write a headline or two.) The HLP annual party was THE social event of the year. HLP staffers developed lasting friendships. People from Lowry Hill knew people in Kenwood; people in CIDNA knew people in East Isles.

HLP staffers were also involved in a number of other community activities. Most served on their neighborhood association boards. HLP staff became the nucleus of folks who worked on the Palio (founded by Editor Holly Lewis and husband Barrs), Kenwood Oktoberfest, Beetle Bash, WESAC sports, school activities and politics. I remember being at a book signing with Win and Jim and being told that we were the "neighborhood opinion molders." But we were more than that. The HLP brought together a strong group of like-minded people who believed that we could make a community out of separate neighborhoods and we succeeded.

Technology has eliminated the old HLP paste-up but there are still ways to get involved. Write a story, submit photos, contact Jean and see what help she needs. It's up to you to continue the tradition of ensuring that Hill & Lake Press is a fun, important community resource for bringing neighbors together.

Jon Westby brought Kenwood-Isles into the HLP fold in mid-1976 and served as Editor-in-Chief and in virtually every other capacity as well for 109 issues.

Coming of age with the Hill & Lake Press

By Kate Lewin Shablott

Driving to the HLP 40th anniversary party was exciting. I couldn't wait to see those really cool grown-ups I knew when I was a kid: the amazing men and women who had been part of the HLP. I remembered the hours we all spent sitting around dining room tables, pasting up the paper, writing headlines, and making a difference in the world. I remembered rubber cement and magical blue lines that wouldn't show when the paper was printed (truly miraculous to my young mind). I remembered writing and editing stories, taking pictures, and listening to conversations about big and small issues affecting the people we cared about. The warm, fuzzy, youthful memories came flooding in.

That evening I visited with people I used to call "Mr. & Mrs." - Nick & Dee Long, Jon & Sally Westby, Connie Baillie, Holly Lewis, Jim & Susan Lenfesty, Will & Ginny Craig - and I missed so many more. I heard about their incredible children, their grandchildren. It seemed like none of them had aged a day in forty years.

I woke up the next morning and realized that, somewhere along the way, I grew up. I'm no longer one of the "kids". I've been contributing to the community and making a difference in the world like the wonderful role models I grew up watching work on the HLP, people who set the bar high, got involved, and made the neighborhood "better" in every way. Today, I surround myself with people who do the same. This is the legacy of the HLP: people who care to change the world, one story and one neighborhood at a time.

Kate Lewin Shablott wrote for both Kids and adult issues. Her mother Rhoda was a long-time HLP editor. Her brother Jeff and father Tom also wrote frequently for HLP.

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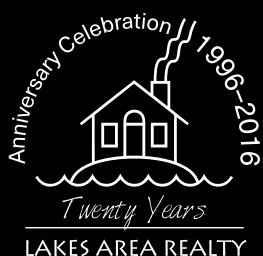
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HLP Songbook, 1984

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HLP Remembrances Concluded

HLP: a tie that binds us to each other

By Lisa Goodman

I am privileged that my position as a city leader allows me to be part of some of the most interesting, innovative and emotional events in our community. From interesting neighborhood meetings to successful ice cream socials, we have some great things going on in our area. So it really warmed my heart to participate in the 40th anniversary of our local community paper, the Hill & Lake Press.

It's so unusual to have a community newspaper last for 40 years without disruption and much change. The fact that so many of the founders of the paper still live in the neighborhoods that started the paper makes the celebration all the more meaningful. I am constantly amazed that Jean, Dorothy and their team of amazing volunteer writers, artists and delivery experts keep the paper going with important information, a bit of gossip, and a lot of heart.

We live in a time when there is great uncertainty in our nation and many feel uneasy about current events happening in our country and in our state. The Hill & Lake Press has represented a voice in our neighborhoods, on issues very close to home and in a way that connects us to each other in good times and bad as well. Community newspapers are special because in the end everything is local and the paper acts as a tie that binds us to each other in a meaningful way through the written word, photos and artwork.

Happy birthday, Hill & Lake Press and best wishes for 40 more years of very meaningful conversation.

Lisa Goodman has represented our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods on the Minneapolis City Council since 1998.

Thank you!

Our 40th anniversary party on June 14th was a grand affair, thanks to ...

- over 100 folks who came from near and far to celebrate
- Anita and Robb Tabb, our gracious hosts
- Jim and Susan Lenfestey and Win and Binky Rockwell: HLP founders, co-hosts, organizers, and speakers
- Carla Pardue, East Isles resident, HLP contributor, and event planner extraordinaire
- Jean Deatruck, planning committee member, whose tireless efforts as HLP Managing Editor since 2002 are the reason we have a 40th anniversary to celebrate
- Dorothy Childers, HLP's indispensable photographer, documenting this event as she has so many others over the years
- Michael Wilson, researcher par excellence
- Lisa Goodman, whose heartfelt speech moved us all

- Frank Hornstein, Meg Forney, Marion Green, Dee Long, Margaret Anderson Kelliher, and George Puzak, electeds all and all friends and contributors to HLP
- Jerry Van Amerongen, who created two commemorative cartoons
- Elaine May, who assisted with the invitation cartoon
- Scott Abbott, who staffed the sign-in and donations table all night
- Becky and Paul Hilstad, who travelled the farthest (from SC) to attend
- Ginny Van Dusen, nonagenarian and veteran HLP writer
- Beatrice Brown, our youngest attendee, daughter of Wendy Longacre Brown
- Annabelle Apel, Anita's and Robb's granddaughter, entrepreneur, and tireless helper
- everyone who brought dishes to share
- everyone who donated to the HLP Next 40 Years fund.



(L to R) Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner; Jayne Miller, Park Board Superintendent; Lee Gabler, Xcel Energy Senior Director of Customer Strategy and Solutions

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Xcel Energy celebrate new solar project at Parade Ice Garden and upcoming solar projects across Minneapolis parks

Rooftop solar array at Parade highlights solar projects coming soon to parks in every part of city

The MPRB's first major foray into solar power is the result of a \$969,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Renewable Development Fund and \$150,000 in matching funds from the MRPB.

Parade Ice Garden Solar Power Quick Facts

- 153.23 kW rooftop solar installation containing 374 solar panels in 21 sections
- Made in Bloomington, MN by tenKsolar
- Expected to generate 184,000 kWh annually
- Expected to produce 10-15% of Parade Ice Garden's annual electrical needs
- Expected to offset 127 tons of annual CO2 emissions

The Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple

By Don Nolley and Phil Hallaway

Donald J. Nolley is a 33 Degree member of the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite and provided much of the material for this article.

They had just left Sebastian Joe's. Morgan Emerson asked, "James, what's this Scottish Rite Temple all about?" The question interrupted the relationship James was having with his Nicollet Pothole cone.

This time of year, hundreds of Sebastian Joe's regulars pass by the iconic red-brown building at the corner of Dupont and Franklin Avenues. Yet, few know anything about the building or its owner.

Built in 1894 by nationally renowned church designer, Warren H. Hayes, the structure was originally a chapel designed to house the newly organized Fowler Methodist Church. As the congregation grew, Harry Wild Jones designed an addition in 1906 that enlarged the structure to its current size. The exterior stone facing for the main walls is rough-cut pink Jasper, quarried in Jasper, Minnesota. The buttresses, trim, and the upper portions of the two towers are made of red sandstone from Portage, Wisconsin.

In 1915 Fowler Methodist Church merged with Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church and the building became available for purchase. Also growing at this time was the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite is one of the two branches of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the three degrees of Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry. This order of Freemasonry came into being in the United States in Charleston, South Carolina in 1801. In the early 1900's, Minneapolis Scottish Masons occupied the fourth floor of the Masonic Temple at Sixth and Hennepin in Minneapolis, but desperately needed larger quarters. Therefore, the Scottish Rite purchased the Fowler Church building on January 1, 1915. It's been their home ever since.

After acquiring the building, the Order added rooms to the side of the structure and constructed a dining room, kitchen and office in the lower level. Further additions were made in 1923 and again in 1948. In 1978, the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Order is committed to preserving the building for its historic and architectural distinction.

Things you probably always wondered about:

What goes on in the building? While the Scottish Rite is the owner and primary group using the building, there are several additional organizations that meet in the building, including two Masonic Lodges, several York Rite groups and even the Minneapolis Boys Choir.

Is the building open only to members? While a number of events are open to non-members, most of the activities of the Scottish Rite are limited to members. Member families are often invited to special events.

Who is the Scottish Rite? What do they do? Can I join? The Scottish Rite is one of the major branches of Freemasonry. Before one can become a member, he must join a Masonic Lodge and take the first three Degrees of Masonry. After that, any Mason is eligible to join the Scottish Rite. To join, a candidate participates in a series of 29 Degrees designed to teach moral lessons and educate members. These are normally presented over several months.

"Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere, our ultimate goal." – The Scottish Rite Creed

Are they a religious organization? NO – While the first requirement to become a Mason is a belief in a supreme being, Masonry, and specifically the Scottish Rite is not a religion or a religious organization. The moral lessons that are taught are often taken from

the world's great religions. However, rather than presenting an expected belief system, the Scottish Rite teaches men to think for themselves and to make their own informed choices in their lives about what they want to believe.

Men only? Most Masonic organizations are limited to men only. This is done to provide an environment for men to work to improve themselves and become better husbands, fathers and citizens. Group dynamics in an organization are different if it's only men, or only women, versus including both men and women. If you are asking men to learn and commit themselves to improving themselves, the most effective environment is often in a group of men. Masons also promote family events, charitable activities and many members also participate in Masonic groups which do include women as well as youth.

Are they local people? The Minneapolis Valley is one of five Scottish Rite groups in Minnesota. They have approximately 1,400 members, most of which are from the greater Minneapolis area.

Do they have any involvement in our community? Masons are very active in community activities, especially in charitable causes. Masons in Minnesota, contribute millions of dollars annually to a wide variety of groups throughout the community, as well as across the state. The primary charity of the Minneapolis Scottish Rite is RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul. The primary mission of RiteCare is to provide children with speech and language disorders the opportunity to reach their full potential by providing financial grants for treatment. RiteCare has helped hundreds of children improve their lives.

The next time you're having a Sebastian Joe's ice cream, be sure to take a minute to admire this historic building.

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Joyce Aprea Murphy at Hopkins Center for the Arts



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Happy Coincidence at Hopkins Center for the Arts

Joyce Aprea Murphy's Hill and Lake Press cartoons now on display at Hopkins Center for the Arts help celebrate the Hill and Lakes Press 40th Anniversary. The show of her HLP cartoons runs until June 26 in the Hopkins Center for the Arts gallery. The center is located at 1111 Main Street in Hopkins MN.

Commentary: What about the Lakes?

By Susu Jeffrey

Local governments are pushing light rail development primarily “because the federal government is offering money for it,” claims Randal O’Toole, transportation expert from the libertarian Cato Institute.

The DFL response to “losing” \$895-million in federal matching funds is the number one argument in favor of the most expensive public works project ever proposed in Minnesota. No matter that the Southwest Light Rail Train (SWLRT) is designed to avoid populous urban areas like Uptown or the Northside, or that it would operate at 47 percent of capacity (every passenger gets two seats) or that it would not reduce auto traffic until 2050.

SWLRT is about moving money not people. From Eden Prairie to downtown Minneapolis, passengers would spend twice as much time each trip as bus riders who currently use the extensive southwest bus service.

Room for an LRT was designed into Interstate 394 west out of Minneapolis with suburban parking lots and fly-over bridges but that space devolved from HOV (High Occupancy Vehicles) to toll lanes. In the nearly 20-year saga that has been SWLRT planning the route was squeezed past apartment and condominium developments, or schools, or into lesser used railroad right-of-ways or dumped into parklands.

Then the heavy freight rail lines shuffled between St. Louis Park and Minneapolis and landed in the Kenilworth corridor that a million bike commuters use annually. The Kenilworth commuter trail put Minneapolis at the top of American bike-friendly cities.

As freight rail traded locations so did the freight those trains were carrying. Running highly flammable ethanol trains next to electric spark-shooting light rail is concerning to thousands of people living in the blast zone. I live in the blast zone.

If this SWLRT plan is actually built, 44 acres of

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urban forest would be sacrificed, the Kenilworth bike trail would be rerouted, reduced, possibly disappeared. Freight rail tracks would be moved and moved again, requiring new heavy rail construction. However, two lawsuits challenging the SWLRT are tracking through the courts.

Meanwhile appointed and elected government proponents have spent \$130-million on a plan that could be ruled illegal.

Who's Minding the Water?

Governor Mark Dayton, minding his political legacy, is facing the big jobs-vs.-environment projects from PolyMet copper-nickel mining in the BWCA watershed to SWLRT through the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes. While the governor proclaims a "water quality ethic" every light rail project threatens Minneapolis parkland and the waters that drain into them.

The Hiawatha line stripped Coldwater, the last natural spring in Hennepin County, of more than a third of its flow, down from 130,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 84,000 gpd with a gradual continuing decline. Hiawatha shaved Minnehaha Park as would the proposed Bottineau line beside Theodore Wirth Park. SWLRT is planned through the Chain of Lakes.

A half mile long tunnel would be excavated between Cedar and Lake of the Isles, from north of Lake Street to the Kenilworth cut linking Cedar to Isles. Cedar used to empty northeast into Bassett Creek but was rerouted in the early 1900s for the row boat craze. Minneapolis decision-makers have been rearranging water since the 1890s.

The SWLRT tunnel would be 35-feet wide, 30-feet deep sinking into the water table with solid steel sides driven 55-feet down to anchor the construction and to help waterproof the electric-powered train. Dewatering the tunnel would funnel 9,000 gpd into Lake Calhoun and the Kenilworth Channel with another 14,000 gpd pumped into nearby sanitary sewers.

The expected dewatering is estimated at 24,000 gpd, every day, and is based on predicted 100-year storm events. The incidence of "mega-rains" is increasing with climate chaos.

Since water obeys gravity and most of Minneapolis drains into Minnehaha Creek and the lakes, water quality is at stake. There was so much particulate matter suspended in Cedar Lake last summer, at the top of the Chain of Lakes, that I could not see my fingers at the ends of my hands with swimming goggles on. Lake Hiawatha is closed to swimming down at the bottom of Minnehaha Creek before it rolls over the falls into the Mississippi.

Our lakes are not for sale. What is the City of Lakes without fishing and swimming? We already suffer clean water scarcity. Our parkland is being squeezed, our lakes reduced to scenery. The reality of Minneapolis lakes falling to development belies the city's reputation as having the best parks in the nation.

All the small lakes are lost to contamination: Brownie, Isles, Spring, Loring, Powderhorn, Diamond and now Hiawatha. Only Wirth, Cedar, Calhoun, Harriet and Nokomis remain safe except 48-hours after a rain event when bacteria wash in through storm water outfalls. There are 22 storm sewer outlets ringing Calhoun.

City water is piped into the Quaking Bog at Theodore Wirth Park because Interstate 394 requires a hard, dry foundation resulting in dewatering of 2.5-million gpd. The Great Medicine Spring and historic Glenwood Spring were both permanently dewatered for I-394.

The further loss of 24,000 gpd for a SWLRT tunnel at the top of the Chain of Lakes, continued development rerouting water into pipes instead of allowing groundwater to be "scrubbed" going through the earth—this modus operandi is threatening our identity as a place of clean water ethics.

Before Memorial Day this year blue green lake algae made news. The first action in a crisis is do no more harm. There is more federal money out there but no more lakes.

Please contact Gov. Mark Dayton, 651-201-3400 (800-657-3717) <http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/>. Is being "the water governor" political rhetoric or is it real?

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Kenwood Elementary Students Commune with Nature, Create Memories in East Cedar Lake Woods

By Dr. Angela Erdrich

One day in 1988, on the northeast area of Cedar Lake, a large sign appeared. It said, "Land for Sale", offered by the Glacier Land Co. The asking price was \$1.8 million, and the size of the parcel was a staggering 47 acres, within walking distance of downtown Minneapolis. A group of concerned citizens started the Cedar Lake Park Association, raised money and awareness and were able to direct funding toward saving the land for a public nature park. Due to the dedication of these activists, the land was restored and saved from being developed into condos with a shoreline view of Cedar Lake.

Now, a new generation is bonding with Cedar Lake Park and enjoying a shoreline view of up to 23 turtles in one setting. Kenwood Elementary School and Cedar Lake Park are in the process of forming a partnership to get Cedar Lake Woods designated as a DNR School Forest. The school is excited to be taking advantage of the park because walking there is a quick field trip that does not involve the disruption and expense of busing. The School Forest Coordinator is Cynthia Quehl, the choir teacher who demonstrated on a rainy day that children could go down, hold an impromptu concert in the woods and be back in an hour.

The unique small trails of Cedar Lake Woods and the un-manicured natural shoreline create a wilderness feeling which gives kids the sense of being deep in the woods after only a few steps off the main trail. This is like no other park experience in Minneapolis- it's just so wild yet so accessible. Students learned through a watershed curriculum that the natural shoreline creates habitat and filters water to protect Cedar Lake.

In April, the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) started a season of outdoor learning by announcing the winners of an essay contest about East Cedar Lake Woods. Out of appreciation for the students' feedback about the park, CLPA sponsored a trip to Sebastian Joe's for the entire 5th grade class and also \$160 cash prizes.

Top Prize was awarded to Julia G. of Ms. Goepfrich's 5th grade class.

During the month of May, neighbor volunteers helped students install an oriole feeding station near East Cedar Lake Beach. Near the feeders, the call of orioles filled the woods and the public was able to enjoy a nice view of these beautiful birds.

During the final month of school, 10 of 17 classrooms walked to Cedar Lake Woods to observe the song-bird migration, listen to nature at Linda's Spiral, climb the newly restored man-made Mound area to enjoy a view and hike small paths to explore "Buckthorn Village" which is a series of lined trails that form a possibly one-of-a-kind art/habitat repurposing of the invasive species. Contrary to popular belief, the stately retired gentleman with the fine European beard who crossed the path of one classroom does not live in Buckthorn Village. One veteran teacher described the experience as amazing because the woods are so close and the bird calls were "unbelievable, I thought, where have I been?" Students climbed and re-climbed the Mound and slid down creating an exhausting work out. Several teachers remarked that they felt they were on a tropical island with the bird calls and students told volunteers it was the best field trip of the year.

The following is an excerpt from the top prize winning essay by Julia G of Ms. Goepfrich's 5th grade class:

"When I first went to Hidden Beach, I thought it was a secret club or some type of circus... I think Cedar Lake is important because it is a place where nobody gets judged and everyone can be themselves without any worries. I love to sink my feet into the squishy cold mud, splash into the water to grasp minnows and pretend I am a mermaid with my sister. Cedar Lake is magical. I love the nature there, especially the cattails. But most of all I love the weirdness. Everyone is different and special in their own way. I think the message I am getting from Hidden Beach is be yourself."



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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Susie Galiano

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Present Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President; Suzanne Shaff, Susie Galiano, Jimmy Fogel, Toni D'Eramo, Scott Shaffer, Thomas D. Huppert, Sarah Janecek, Emily Beugen, Baygan Hartzheim, Clint Conner, Jennifer Bickett.

Present- Guests and staff: Craig Wilson, Cathy Powell, John Getsinger.

1. Call to Order. President Phil Hallaway called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. A quorum was present to vote on all material matters.

2. Approval of minutes. Mr. Huppert moved and Mr. Fogel seconded approval of the May 3, 2016, minutes. All approved.

3. Community Announcements. Ms. Goodman spoke about the June 29, 2016, Lunch with Lisa Field trip to tour of Givens' Violins. Anyone who wishes to go should contact Ms. Goodman. Lunch with Lisa will be on hiatus during the summer months and will resume in September of 2016.

Ms. Goodman also indicated that the Vineland/Groveland intersection would open soon and the Groveland intersection would soon close.

Ms. Goodman spoke about sidewalk replacement. White dots on the sidewalk indicate that panels will be replaced. The work is schedule to be completed this year. Anyone who has a question about sidewalk replacement may call 311.

Ms. Goodman indicated that she was working with the 807 Kenwood Parkway residence, which required variances before it could begin construction.

Finally, Ms. Goodman spoke about the request for new building construction adjacent to 1900 Colfax, and the appeal by developers. The parties have reached a compromise in the matter.

4. Treasurer's Report

President Phil Hallaway communicated on behalf of Treasurer Dan Aronson that the expenses for the LHNA Annual Meeting had been paid, money had been donated to the Kenwood Carnival, and that LHNA has a current cash balance of \$\$29,650.

Ms.Schaff moved and Mr. Huppert seconded that Rebecca Graham, Michael Cockson, and Mr. Hallaway to be added as signatories to the LHNA checking account, and to have Mr. Aronson eliminated as signatory. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Election of Board Officers

LHNA Board Member Baygan Hartzheim made a motion for the following individuals to be elected into office. Sarah Janecek seconded the motion. No one opposed and therefore the following officers were voted in to the aforementioned positions:

Officers

President Phil Hallaway was re-elected as President. Michael Cockson was re-elected Vice President Rebecca Graham was elected treasurer Susie Galiano was elected secretary.

6. Appointment of Committee Chairs

Michael Cockson and Clint Conner are chairs of the Zoning and Planning Committee. Scott Schaeffer volunteered to serve on the committee.

Toni D'Eramo and Emily Beugen volunteered to participate in the Environmental committee. Ms. Beugen will chair the committee. Susie Galiano resigned as chair.

Thomas Huppert and Evan Stern will chair the Events Committee

Sarah Janecek and Baygen Hartzheim will chair the Neighborhood Priorities Committee.

Toni D'Eramo suggested that the board create a Communications Committee. The LHNA expressed interest in the formation of such a committee but deferred further action until the next meeting after fur-

ther fact finding had occurred.

Jennifer Bickett and Suzanne Schaff will chair the Crime and Safety Committee and Jimmy Fogel will serve on the Committee.

7. Committee Reports

Environment The LHNA expressed interest in contributing money towards the Thomas Lowry Park. Ideas included contributing towards irrigation and repaving the walkway. The group discussed an email from Mr. Lazarus that set forth days in Saturday to assist working in the park.

Zoning and Planning

a. 1900 Colfax. As stated above, Ms. Goodman spoke about the 1900 Colfax Building, and the appeal. The parties have reached a compromise in the matter.

Burch Restaurant and Bradstreet Crafthouse (Valet and Delivery Issues). Mr. Connor discussed a plan to approach the city regarding the location and/or timing of the delivery trucks, which are often double parked in the driving lane to change the location of such trucks. Mr. Connor indicated that the committee would review permits to determine the zoning parameters.

1774 Girard demolition/new house construction. The board discussed that this house was scheduled to be torn down and has not been yet.

III. Crime and Safety

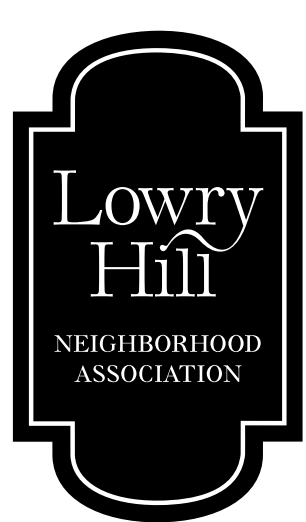
Block Leaders. A discussion was held regarding a need for block leaders and Ms. D'Eramo suggested that the need be expressed on the Next Door Lowry Hill Website.

Monthly Crime Report The committee has been receiving the crime report, after a short hiatus.

Mr. Huppert discussed a peeping tom incident in one of the rental buildings and the need to report such

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Don't miss the
**Lowry Hill
Ice Cream
Social!**



Tuesday, July 12th
at **Thomas Lowry Park** (Colfax & Douglas)
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Mingle with your neighbors and enjoy
some yummy ice cream.



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LHNA 2016 Annual Meeting Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple Tuesday, May 17, 2016 By Janis Clay

President Phil Hallaway called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Donald Nolley welcomed everyone on behalf of the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple, gave a presentation on the Scottish Rite branch of Free Masonry and the building's history, and offered tours of the building following the meeting.

Anita Tabb, Fourth District Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner, gave a presentation on the historic 800 million dollar long-term funding plan for the City's neighborhood parks and streets, recently approved by the City Council.

Phil Hallaway discussed the makeup and functions of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, and introduced the chairs of the LHNA committees.

Rebecca Graham and Jennifer Bickett are co-chairs of the Crime and Safety Committee. They work with the Minneapolis Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist to gather and disseminate information on crime and safety issues in the neighborhood. Block leaders play an important communication role in the Minneapolis crime alert system. About half of the 31 blocks in Lowry Hill have block leaders. Anyone interested in becoming a block leader should contact LHNA.

Events Committee co-chairs Mark Brauer and Tom Huppert talked about events the LHNA sponsors in Lowry Hill and surrounding neighborhoods. These include the January Ice Skating social, May Annual Meeting, June Shakespeare in the Park, July Ice Cream Social, September Kenwood Carnival, October Thrill Kenwood, and Thanksgiving Pie and Ice Cream for the 5th Precinct.

Neighborhood Priorities chair Sarah Janecek gave an update on possible projects using funds available to LHNA from the Community Participation Program and Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Possibilities include improving the Hennepin Avenue/Douglas median, which could be transformed

into a much-improved entryway to the Lowry Hill Neighborhood following completion of the Hennepin/Lyndale reconstruction and the Walker Art Center renovation; improvements to and maintenance of Thomas Lowry Park; and historic signage for the neighborhood. She welcomed input and ideas from Lowry Hill residents.

Zoning and Planning co-chair Michael Cockson explained the committee's work reviewing zoning and construction issues in the neighborhood. Recent issues have included parking, valet, and delivery truck issues near the Burch Restaurant, and the 4-story, 5-unit construction project proposed for 1900 Colfax Avenue.

Susie Galiano discussed the Environment Committee, the purpose of which is to preserve and safeguard the natural resources of Lowry Hill, and keep abreast of Park issues.

Phil Hallaway introduced Jean Deatruck, Managing Editor of the Hill & Lake Press, and congratulated her on the paper's 40th anniversary this year.

Chris Madden handles communications. She sends out a monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, and sign up to receive the E-Blast. Look for LHNA's monthly informational ads in the Hill & Lake Press.

Dan Aronson presented the Treasurer's Report. LHNA operating expenses are funded primarily through contributions from neighborhood residents and businesses and from the City of Minneapolis Community Participation Program. Expenditures for the past fiscal year totaled \$8,606 for event and program expense, donations and outreach expense and administrative expense. Funds received totaled \$11,746, leaving a surplus of \$3,139. The bank balance as of year-end was \$32,326.

Board of Directors Election

Four individuals are stepping off the Board because they have reached their term limit of three two-year terms: Dan Aronson, Janis Clay, Raj Dash, and Mark Brauer. Phil Hallaway proposed a slate of potential candidates and asked for any additional nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were offered. Maureen Sheehan moved and Helen Baer sec-

onded the following slate of candidates:

Returning Board Members:

Sarah Janecek
Phil Hallaway
Tom Huppert

New Board Members:

Toni D'Eramo
Jimmy Fogel
Suzanne Shaff
Scott Shaffer
Evan Stern

The slate was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Phil Hallaway thanked everyone for coming, and welcomed anyone who would like to get involved with the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association or make a tax-deductible contribution. Evan Stern moved to adjourn, and Mark Brauer seconded the motion. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Shawn Smith

June 2016 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met June 6th, 2016 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Mike Bono, Mark Brown, Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Absent: Josine Peters, Jack Levi. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, Jean Deatruck, Amanda Vallone, Jody Strakosch, Mark Holtey and two neighbors.

Opening Activities

Angie moved for approval of the agenda and it was approved unanimously.

Board members conducted a brief introduction to begin the 2016-2017 term.

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa is complete for the season. There will be a "Lunch with Lisa Field trip on Wednesday, June 29th, touring Givens Violins, which is a renowned repair business for cellos and violins. If interested, please call Lisa's office to book one of the two tours for that day.

Hennepin/Lyndale reconstruction continues and has entered the paving phase. Please contact Lisa's office to be placed on an email list to receive weekly construction updates affecting the Twin Cities.

Sidewalk repair has come to Kenwood this year, part of a 10 year cycle. White dots mark the sections that will be replaced. Homeowners will be assessed \$250-\$400 per square for the repair. Call 311 to discuss whether sections need to be replaced, or if they do not need to be replaced. Please direct questions regarding how unique situations, such as tree root heaves, to 311. All affected homeowners should have received a letter from the city; please refer to it for FAQs.

Election of Officers

Jeanette volunteered to remain Chair; Larry volunteered to remain Vice Chair; Matt Spies volunteered to become Treasurer; and Shawn volunteered to remain Secretary. Unanimously approved.

Matt asked for resolution to relocate the KIAA bank accounts to US Bank. Jeanette moved in favor, passed unanimously. Matt asked for an additional resolution to transfer, check writing authority, opening accounts, deposits, and withdraw funds; from Ed Pluimer to himself. Jeanette to be the second signatory. Shawn

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activity to the appropriate authorities. Also, the board noted that according to the Next Door Lowry Hill site, planters and chairs had been taken from front porches. The Board agreed that leaving a porch light on would help to deter such activity.

IV. Events

Annual Meeting Review- By all accounts the meeting was successful. It was heavily attended and the group received positive feedback.

Ice Cream Social- The Ice Cream Social will occur on July 12, 2016 at Thomas Lowry Park. Mr. Huppert and Mr. Fogel agreed to get ice cream, root beer and set up tables. Mr. Connor moved and Ms. Galiano seconded that \$200 be authorized for a musical group at the Ice Cream Social. The motion passed unanimously.

Hill and Lake 40th Anniversary- The Party to celebrate the Hill and Lake Press's 40th Anniversary will be held at 72 Groveland Terrace on June 14, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m. All LHNA residents are welcome.

Shakespeare in the Park. LHNA has not been contacted regarding sponsorship for this event this year.

V. Neighborhood Priorities

a. Douglas Median Irrigation. This topic was moved up after Community Announcements so that Craig Wilson could present. Mr. Wilson spoke about the Hennepin/Lyndale landscaping project, specifically the Douglas Median at the entryway to Lowry Hill. He has, alongside the city, been working on a green design. The median needs funding for irrigation. The Walker Art Center has agreed to provide the water supply for irrigation. LHNA then discussed allocating funds for

running a water conduit the Douglas Median.

Following this discussion, LHNA Board Member, Sarah Janecek, on behalf of LHNA made a motion to allocate \$10k for running a water conduit from the Walker water main to the Douglas median underneath Groveland Terrace. Mr. Fogel seconded this motion. There were none opposed.

Mr. Wilson indicated that he would update LHNA regarding the project at the next LHNA meeting.

b. New Neighborhood Signage. The group agreed that this topic would be discussed in further detail later.

c. Possible Funding of Tennis Courts- There was a discussion regarding the possible funding to aid in the maintenance of the tennis courts at Kenwood Park. The Board decided that further research needed to be done before any further action was taken.

VI Communications

a. Hill and Lake Press- a discussion was held re: the 40th anniversary party- see discussion above.

7. New Business

Mr. Hallaway asked all LHNA members to review the bylaws, in particular the part of the bylaws that mandates the secretary maintain a roster of members in the association. Mr. Hallaway suggested that this requirement be removed as not practical.

8. Adjourned.

Mr. Fogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huppert seconded. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

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moved, passed unanimously.

Jeanette once again recognized Ed Pluimer for his years of service.

Memorial Bench for Jim Gilroy – Angie Erdrich

Angie reported that \$1550 has been donated to the Estate of Jim Gilroy for the purposes of a memorial bench on Lake of the Isles, near 21st St.. Jean Deatrack will send an e-blast as a reminder for any other residents that would like to contribute.

Angie moved that KIAA donate \$300 towards the memorial bench to recognize Jim as a sitting board member at his death. Funds will come from KIAA Money Market Account. Approved unanimously. As funds are in the account about to be closed, motion was approved to allow Ed Pluimer to write the check.

Financial Report – Matt Spies

Matt is preparing a 2016-2017 balance sheet to ensure income and expenditures are clearly documented. Mark, Larry, Matt, and Mike will form a finance subcommittee to inform a finance update at KIAA July meeting. Motion approved to establish said committee.

East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Matt Spies/Amanda Vallone

Amanda (from ARTrageous) shared that the Summer Solstice Party will be held at ECLB on June 20th from 6:30-8:30. This will be a potluck event. ARTrageous will provide henna, face painting, and a Creation Station for families. The event will be cancelled in case of rain. The event is open to all.

Matt presented a new proposal for a Pop Up Adventure Playground series. Matt agreed to go renegotiate lower costs in order to run a pilot, vs investing in 3 events this year.

Activities including a Summer Solstice Potluck,

Pirate/Mermaid Beach Party were identified for funding for \$800. A discussion was had regarding source of funds and how much to spend. The board approved the expenditure unanimously.

Amanda and Matt were approved to work together to spend up to \$400 to place an ad in Hill and Lake Press to announce summer activities at ECLB.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Jody Strakosch, Shawn Smith

Jody represents KIAA on the Community Advisory Committee. The CAC met in May. Jennifer Munt stated that the Met Council would find funding to move ahead with SWLRT. The FEIS was reviewed; Nani Jacobsen recognized Kenwood for providing feedback that drove changes from the SDEIS to the FEIS. Further, station art was approved for the West 21st St Station, which is what the Kenwood station will be named. The next meeting will be June 28th.

Shawn has coordinated a meeting on June 13th for the Met Council to present the FEIS and take questions from residents. This meeting was supported by the board.

Shawn presented the FEIS draft and will circulate a soft copy to the board and Jody to be reviewed and approved as an action between meetings. The deadline for submission is June 13th for any comments, and must be done in writing to the Southwest Project Office.

New Business/Action Taken Between Meetings - All

Parking at the Kenwood Corner continues to be a challenge, with visitors parking too close to the alley and to corners and blocking access. Jeanette called the city to determine the cost of parking signs. Action to

be taken between meetings.

Kenwood Corner Raingarden Signage was approved as an action taken between meetings. The Raingarden is now installed and the sign provides good information about the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. KIAA thanks Angie Erdrich for her work to beautify the corner.

Louise Erdrich is taking the space formerly occupied by Stephen Dean for a business to be announced shortly.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 9:10 p.m.

Updates: If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at kiaa55405@gmail.com. Also please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org to learn more. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, July 11th 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

East Cedar Beach

(hidden beach)

summer event series!



Pirate & Mermaid Party

Set sail for a Hidden Beach adventure!

Come dressed as a pirate or mermaid and join us as we make our own treasure maps, search for gold coins, create Jolly Rogers flags or Mermaid wands & enjoy family and friends in our community. Mermaid lemonade & Pirate Booty will be provided. Face painting and fun surprises await!

Saturday, July 16th 1-4pm




This event is sponsored by KIAA & Kenwood Park.
Hosted by ARTrageous Adventures.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Donna Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator

East Isles Residents Association

Board Meeting

June 14, 2016

Board Members Present:

Andrew Degerstrom- President

Julia Curran-Vice President

Nicole Engel-Nitz- Secretary

Brian Milavitz- Treasurer

Nancy Johnston

John Grochala

Peter Mason

Steve Havig

Mike Erlandson, excused absence

Bruce Larson, excused absence

Guest present

Betsy Allis-Chair Green Team

Council Member Lisa Goodman

Michelle Basham, Bridge for Youth

Joan Countryman, Bridge for Youth

Mark Fangmeier, Bridge for Youth

Staff: Donna Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator

Ward 7 report

Council Member Goodman updates:

Lunch with Lisa will have two tours of the new Givens Violin Studio on Wednesday, June 29. 12:00-12:30 and 12:30 – 1:00

Hennepin/Lyndale construction update.

There was a Pedestrian Overlay District Meeting on Wednesday June 8 to discuss a POD on Hennepin and Lyndale Avenues.

No drive throughs

Entrance on street side not just parking lot

Floor area ratio (FAR) to prevent one story buildings.

Speaker: Michelle Basham, Executive Director, Bridge for Youth

EIRA has given Bridge for Youth (BFY) NRP dollars in the past for new windows on their offices located at 1111 West 22nd St. Michelle is the new Executive Director and she wanted to come to one of our meetings to introduce herself and BFY to new board members.

BFY helps youth in crisis. Ages 10 – 24. BFY provides emergency services and shelter, extended- stay shelter, health assessments, counseling walk-in and by appointment, and weekly support groups.

Homeless youth statistics:

4000 kids every night are homeless in the state of Minnesota.

Only 140 shelter beds available in the Minnesota, majority are in the metro area, for kids each night.

50% of homeless kids are LGBT

Within 72 hours of leaving their homes, the kids are propositioned for sex.

Annual fundraiser is Thursday, September 29, 7-9 pm, Lake Calhoun Event Center, 3450 Irving Ave. S.

Committee Reports

Social Committee

Ice Cream Social will be on Thursday, July 28 at Triangle Park. Reuter Walton will donate ice cream and root beer for floats. Also, there will be a petting zoo and a bounce house at the festival.

The Uptown Art Fair would like EIRA to provide a volunteer for a soda booth. EIRA will receive 10% of the profits. We could make up to \$500.

Transportation committee

Discussion on making the Midtown Greenway intersections with Humboldt and Irving Avenues safer for all users.

Green Team

Solar Tiny house tours at the ice cream social July 28.

Super (Yard) Sale-September 10.

President's Report

Andrew attended the Pedestrian Overlay district meeting on June 8. Minneapolis City Planner Brian Schaffer gave the presentation at the meeting. City Planner Aaron Hannauer and City Council Policy Aide Patrick Sadler were available to answer questions. Drawings were available at the meeting to view the three PO districts. The City has proposed Hennepin, Lyndale and Nicollet Avenue districts. The Hennepin Avenue district boundaries will be Franklin Avenue to 28th Street. Currently, the PO districts are going through the City Community Planning Economic Development process and should be approved by the City Council by the end of 2016. Andrew's hopes are the PO district will prohibit 24 hour drive-ups, will encourage the main entrance of new commercial parcels to be on Hennepin, and address floor area ratio to encourage density and discourage one story commercial buildings.

Coordinator's Report

Director's & Officers insurance application was submitted and completed

Quickbooks is up and running smoothly

Working on changing our website host and domain to DreamHost.

Conflict of Interest forms

Each board member and committee chair was asked to read and sign the EIRA conflict of interest form. Donna collected them.

Renter Outreach

Donna was told at the SW Coordinators quarterly meeting Steve Gallagher from Stevens Square has a very good renter outreach system. She contacted him last week to get more information.

Stevens Square (SS) neighborhood population is 75% renters. The key to their success has been building relationships with the landlords of the apartment buildings.

SS has contacted the landlords directly and have suggested to them if their tenants are happy and involved with the neighborhood and its events they will stay in their apartment longer. Outreach into this community is the key. The landlords like the idea of tenants staying longer so they are open to SS suggestions. Some of the landlords have given the neighborhood group a key to their buildings so they can door knock and hand out flyers.

The landlords include a neighborhood permission slip with the signing of each lease asking tenants if they would like to receive SS newsletter and/or information on neighborhood events each month.

SS and the landlord encourage participation by giving the renter \$5 off their rent for every hour they spend volunteering or participating in neighborhood committees/events.

Stevens Square events appeal to the renters. There are lots of artists and musicians in the neighborhood. When SS has their music/movies in the park, they will use local musicians.

Also, when they have their Red Hot Art Festival in July, they encourage the artists to show their art. All events have a SS booth.

Last of all, Steve has a "square" device on his smart phone for folks who want to donate at the events and want to use their credit card.

Donna will be on vacation from Friday, July 8-Sunday July 24. I will check my emails periodically.

Discussion items:

Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission District 6 election.

District 6 voter guides were handed out.

Motion: to send Andrew Degerstrom to the election from EIRA. Approved

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BY MONICA SMITH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 8, 2016

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Lowell Berggren, Barbara Lunde, James Reid, Karen Stublaski, Vern VanderWeide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Announcements

Public hearing to amend the minimum lot area for two-family dwellings in R2 and R2B districts: June 13, 4:30 pm, Room 317 at City Hall.

Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services will host a community forum on voting in Minneapolis on June 15, 5:30 – 7:00 PM at Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38th Street.

Board Member Expectations

The CIDNA Board mission and board member expectations were reviewed.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The Lunch with Lisa on Wednesday, June 29 is a field trip to Givens Violins (sign up required).

Sidewalk replacement is happening in CIDNA this summer. Call 311 with questions.

Administrative review for applications to increase the

height of garages at 2728 Chowen and 2732 Chowen.

Construction on Hennepin/Lyndale is expected to be completed by the fall.

CM Goodman and CM Gordon will co-author an ordinance to allow Intentional Communities to share housing in Minneapolis. Current zoning prohibits more than three unrelated adults from living together (five adults in higher-density areas). A community meeting to share information will be scheduled.

Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), Denis Houle, District 2

NCEC is the commission that advises the Mayor and City Council on community engagement issues, oversees the city funding for neighborhood organizations, and works to broaden participation and representation on advisory boards and commissions. The NCEC is also working on Neighborhoods 2020, an initiative to discuss the future of neighborhood funding when the current funding source expires in 2019.

Denis Houle, president of Armatage Neighborhood Association, is running for reelection for the seat in District 2. Rosanne Halloran volunteered to serve as CIDNA's elector for the June 16th election.

NRP/PPP Report, Monica Smith

The NRP Committee reviewed the draft of the guidelines for the 2017-19 Community Participation Program

(CPP).

The Park Board will fund two trail projects in CIDNA this summer: ADA ramp at Dean Parkway and Lake of the Isles Pkwy (starting June 13) and a connector trail on the west side of Cedar Lake.

The Cedar Lake South Beach design process has been completed and the contract will be closed.

Neighborhood organizations met to discuss the future of neighborhoods when the dedicated funding source from the City expires. The next meeting will be July 19.

The committee began working on a process to help the board evaluate projects for the Park Dedication Fee funding. The process will be presented to the CIDNA Board for approval.

The next Beach Clean Up Crew event is June 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at South Beach.

The next gardening day is June 25, 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Park Siding Park.

The next committee meeting is June 22, 3:30 p.m., location to be announced.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Richard Logan of West Calhoun

The committee advocates for improved safety for

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Blue Zone Recipes

By Madeleine Lowry

If you want to live to be 100 you should live a low stress life, eat mostly vegetables, fruits and beans, drink lots of water, stay physically active and socialize daily.

That's the conclusion Dan Buettner draws in his study of five international longevity hotspots known as "Blue Zones" which include the Greek island of Ikaria, the Nicoya Peninsula in Costa Rica, Okinawa, Japan, the Ogliastra region of Sardinia, and Loma Linda, California.

To help you get started, here are a few simple recipes from The Blue Zones Solution by Dan Buettner.

Blue Zones Smoothie – 2 servings
A quick nutritious breakfast.

- 1 cup frozen blueberries
- 1 cup unsweetened almond or soy milk
- ½ Tbsp. honey
- ¼ tsp vanilla extract
- 1/8 tsp ground cinnamon

Combine all the ingredients in a blender. Cover and blend until smooth. Serve cold.

White Bean Smash – makes 3 cups

Enjoy this hummus-like condiment from Sardinia for lunch in a tortilla wrap with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes.

- 1 ½ Tbsp. minced garlic
- ½ tsp salt
- 3 cups Cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Ground rosemary or sage

Smash the garlic and salt in a mortar with a pestle until a coarse grainy paste is achieved. Scrape into a large bowl.

Add the beans, oil and lemon juice. Use a potato masher to create a thick smooth spread.

Serve with a dusting of rosemary or sage.

I am living with my husband and ex-husband and their girlfriends. These women sneak their red underwear in with my whites in the laundry and now we all have pink clothing! I try to talk to them but they gang up on me. Don't suggest I leave; it is my house!

(Signed) Pinky

One of the many ways I irritate those closest to me is by occasionally speaking with a heavy Scandinavian accent, though it is not my heritage. I do it only as homage to the original movie Fargo. Think Jerry Lundegaard (William H. Macy), trying to impress his wheeler dealer father-in-law with his business acumen: "I tell you, Wade, this is a really sweet deal." While I was dining out with friends recently, the server offered us the Happy Hour Special (two for one hors d'oeuvres) despite it being 9:00 pm, three hours after the happiness was to have ended. To the embarrassment and chagrin of all I replied in full accent, "That would be a really sweet deal."

I have always thought writing a nationally syndicated advice column would be a really sweet deal. I'd call it Talk to Tom, with an accompanying picture of me caring about others (it would need to be Photoshopped). To get started, I planned to solicit or make up a few letters from troubled souls. I'd have one a bit spicy (PG-13), such as an inquiry from a newlywed whose husband insists on bringing a pet goat into their bedroom.

Some letters would not even need much of a response. Take "Marilyn of Widows Peak, Georgia." She enclosed a powerful poem she found tucked in a Gideon Bible at a truck stop motel where she was about to throw away her sacred vows and, as she put it, have "carnival relations" with a dried fruit vendor from Cincinnati. I only need thank Marilyn, extoll her bravery and reprint the poem in its entirety. Boom, another whole column. (Ka-ching \$\$\$)

I was getting excited about helping the downtrodden, lonely, and misunderstood. The rewards of syndication barely crossed my mind. A fancy degree is not required to give advice to the lovelorn, just a little common sense, which admittedly is not my strong suit. Mostly you need to be kind, caring and genuine, which I can fake. Another helpful ingredient is a collection of wise but vague sayings and parables. Don't sugar coat the truth but wrap it in a pithy, humorous but knowing manner. To close, suggest the writer seek out a therapist/counselor/clergy person. That is the "playbook." The referral is the safe, middle of the fairway, don't get sued response.

Before I could begin my venture I was disheartened to learn Dear Abby, Dr. Laura, Miss Manners, Dr. Ruth, Ask Amy, Dear Ann and the rest have large staffs working tirelessly to help lost souls. They have offices, copy machines, consultants, accountants, lawyers and a staff handling thousands of requests. My bubble was burst. Suddenly it was looking like a real job. I opted to take a nap and remain a fan of the genre.

I enjoy my guilty pleasure, and freely admit to reading the Dear Abby letters in the newspaper on a daily basis. To clarify, I call all the advice mavens Abby as Minneapolis' Abigail Van Buren (Pauline Phillips) was the gold standard. JoAnne and I attempt to guess "Abby's" response and verbally craft a better one. It is not one of my stellar traits but I feel a tinge of smugness comparing my problems to those who write in to the paper. I do on occasion wonder where all of the concupiscent young women with poor judgment and raging libidos were when I was much younger. They certainly didn't live in Pennsauken, New Jersey in the 1960s and frequent the Cherry Hill Mall, or the Nassau Diner. Unless my friends and I were not as cool...Nah.

When the upper crust mother of the bride thinks the new in-laws may be stealing her silver and it is a month before the wedding, I have to chortle. One woman wrote that her boyfriend played around so much she did not know if the child she was expecting was his. My favorite was a young man who rationalized that because he had delayed choosing a career; at 28 he worried that he was too old to start medical school and face ten years of training. Expecting sympathy he concluded, "After all, I'd be 38 when I finished, isn't that a little ridiculous?" Dear Abby responded, "If you don't go, how old will you be in ten years?"

I find myself muttering incredulously at the unfathomable and exasperating situations out there. "No seventh chances!" "Leave the lying weasel immediately." "Run! As far and as fast as possible!" I cannot believe some of the "writers" are in the same phylum as the rest of us. It does however help explain the ascension of donald trump.

Tom H. Cook feels like he is playing "Whack a Mole" with the medical profession. No sooner does he complete an appointment than another arises.

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pedestrian, bicycles and automobiles in the Lake and Excelsior area.

Next event: A gathering on June 10, 4:45 p.m. at the Dean -Lake St intersection to show the neighborhood's concern about the dangerous intersection.

Transportation Committee, Craig Westgate

The legislative session ended without agreement on a transportation bill (funding was not designated for Southwest LRT). The governor is expected to call a special session.

A metro area sales tax is being considered to fund Southwest LRT.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was released in May. The comment period closes on June 13.

The Metropolitan Council Southwest Project Office will give a presentation regarding the Final Environmental Impact Statement on June 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. This is not an official hearing and will not be considered public testimony on the FEIS.

August 7 is the deadline for the Met Council to submit final paperwork to the FTA for the Record of Decision.

Land Use Committee, Bob Corrick

The Land Use Committee passed a resolution urging Trammel Crow and its contractors to expedite its efforts to evaluate and repair all damage caused to Loop Calhoun and Calhoun-Isles during construction of their project on the former Tryg's site. The committee recommends the resolution for approval by the CIDNA Board at its July 13th meeting.

Calhoun Village has submitted an application to add a drive-through facility. The CIDNA Board approved a resolution drafted by the Land Use Committee opposing the drive-through at Calhoun Village citing concerns about increasing automotive traffic. The resolution commends plans to reduce the number of automobile lanes, the addition of a dedicated bicycle path and proposed landscape improvements. The resolution recommends: enhancements to the dedicated bike path, an east-west pedestrian trail on the northern edge of the property, additional landscaping, lighting, and way-finding signs.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the Calhoun Village drive-through on June 27, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

Support the Coalition by becoming a member and participating in their largest fundraiser, Greenway Glow on June 18.

Alcott Triangle, Mike Wilson

The Park Board installed a park sign at Alcott Triangle.

Hill and Lake Press, Mike Wilson

The neighborhood paper is celebrating its 40th anniversary. There will be a celebration on June 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Anita Tabb's home.

Game Night at Park Siding Park

The Game Night will be held at Park Siding Park on June 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

New Board Member Election

The board approved the election of Karen Stublaski to the CIDNA Board.

CIDNA Website

CIDNA's newly redesign website will go live soon.

New Business

Board member Ed Bell has moved out of his neighborhood and resigned his seat. The board approved a thank you gift for Ed for his many years of service on the board.

The CIDNA Board approved a gift card to thank Gary Lange for his help with the redesign of the CIDNA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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



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Tomato, Artichoke and Fennel Salad – serves 4
Three staple Sardinian vegetables are combined to make this refreshing salad.

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. orange juice
- 1 Tbsp. grated orange zest
- 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 2 medium tomatoes, cut into small wedges
- 2 small fennel bulbs, trimmed and chopped
- 1 14-oz can artichoke hearts in water, drained and chopped
- 2 Tbsp. mint leaves, chopped

Whisk oil, orange juice, orange zest, vinegar, salt and pepper in a bowl. Add the tomatoes, fennel, artichokes, and mint leaves. Toss gently to coat.

Picadillo with Mango and Pork - serves 4

A popular Costa Rican stew of ground meat, vegetables and potatoes is usually served over rice. Great for dinner, or double the recipe and bring leftovers to work for lunch.

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. sliced almonds
- 8 oz lean ground pork
- 1 onion, thinly sliced

1 red potato, peeled and diced

- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 1 cup tomato salsa
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 ripe mango, peeled and diced
- 2 cups long-grain white rice, cooked
- fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the almonds and toast them until browned and fragrant, about one minute. Set the almonds aside to cool.

Add the olive oil to the skillet over medium heat. Crumble in the pork and cook until browned, about 4 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove the meat to a paper-towel lined plate. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat from the skillet.

Add onion and potatoes to the hot skillet, still over medium heat. Cook until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté for 20 seconds. Stir in the salsa, cinnamon, coriander, cumin and oregano. Bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered until thick, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the pork and mango. Cover and cook until thick, rich and blended, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Serve over rice, topped with toasted almonds and garnished with cilantro.

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1425 W 28th St #110	\$ 119,000	\$ 2,000	69	\$ 109,000	C	1/1	786	\$ 103,000	\$ 1,790	1986	
2706 Humboldt S #101	150,000	-	36	150,000	C	1/1	686	134,000	2,128	1963	
1901 Emkerson S #102	169,900	-	246	169,900	C	2/1	863	112,500	2,000	1964	
2885 Knox S #403	194,900	13,463	47	184,000	C	1/1	900	124,500	1,553	1979	
3141 Dean Crt #305	232,500	4,464	69	209,300	C	2/2	1,013	181,500	2,940	1983	
3104 W Lake St #203	299,500	-	14	277,500	C	1/1	957	199,000	2,896	2007	
3116 W Lake St #427	369,900	-	13	400,000	C	2/2	1,661	378,000	5,757	2007	
3317 St Paul Ave	459,900	-	70	420,999	TWN	4/3	2,250	425,500	6,751	1984	
2431 W 22nd St	449,900	-	0	460,000	H	3/1	1,736	384,000	6,358	1923	
2008 Sheridan S	549,900	5,000	46	485,000	H	4/2	2,534	448,500	7,080	1929	
2811 France S	525,000	6,250	151	516,250	H	3/3	2,455	477,000	7,576	1994	
2401 Irving S	749,900	-	673	575,000	H	5/4	4,701	1,031,000	19,124	1905	
93 Groveland Terrace	725,000	-	21	710,000	H	3/3	2,749	850,000	14,849	1969	
1728 Logan S	865,000	-	0	855,000	H	5/3	3,778	761,000	13,091	1898	
2809 Irving S	1,100,000	-	27	1,126,018	H	5/5	4,005	610,000	10,555	1907	
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Anita, Jean and Mike:

• Thank you to you and your husband, Anita, for hosting the jubilant Hill and Lake Press 40th anniversary party in your beautiful home on Tuesday evening. It felt as though the guests had been yearning for something to celebrate, and they found it last night.

• Thank you Jean, for managing the publication of the Hill and Lake Press, and for being the steward of its heart and soul.

• Thank you Mike, for being a tireless promoter and contributor to the HLP. Your passion for researching and sharing the history and stories of our communities enriches the lives of all who live here.

After I left the party, I knew I had been at a magical event. A spirit soared within the space, dashing from guest to guest, encircling the elements that drew this herd together. At a time when most of us fear what folly man will next commit, the Hill and Lake Press relentlessly records the best of what we are, individually and together.

There are many others for whom gratitude is due, but you are the three I know best among those instrumental in achieving this landmark Hill and Lake Press anniversary.

Thank you; may the beat go on.
Rosanne Halloran, CIDNA



Open Eye Figure Theater visits East Cedar Beach



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The sun came out to the delight of an enthusiastic audience for the 2nd annual Driveway Tour puppet show at East Cedar Beach (Hidden Beach). "Molly and the Magic Boot" offered laughs and surprises for kids and grown-ups alike. Since 2003, the Driveway Tour has brought original scripts and music to communities around the Twin Cities through the magic of puppetry.

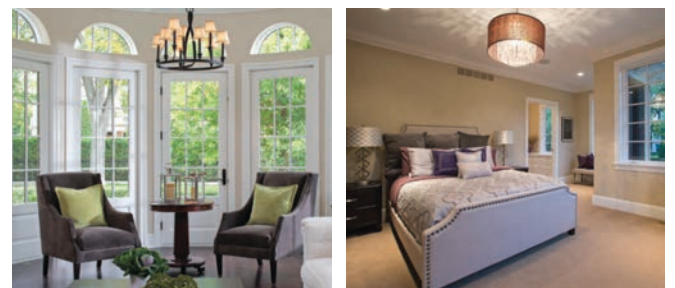
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