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CIDNA opposes three Brickstone options; parties seek common ground.

By Bob Corrick

Public meeting January 26 at 6 p.m.

Brickstone Partners has proposed a 200-unit apartment project on the site of the Ministers Life Building at 3100 West Lake Street. The site is located between Lake Point and Loop-Calhoun Condominiums. The developer has presented three design options for the community’s consideration, and has released new aerial perspectives to help the public understand the designs and massing concepts. Brickstone favors the 13-story option.

CIDNA Opposition: In preliminary discussions, the CIDNA Land Use and Development Committee has opposed all three designs. As Craig Westgate, President of CIDNA states, “A 13-story building would create a big precedent problem for our neighborhood because we have other sites nearby to be developed.” Edgewater and Lakes Residences, both 84 feet, are the tallest projects on Lake Calhoun since our zoning code was passed 25 years ago. Lake Point and the Calhoun Beach Club Apartments are not precedential because they were built prior to the zoning code. The site is located in the Shoreland Overlay District limiting height to 35 feet. The Committee also opposes 10-, 11- and 12-story versions. The Committee agrees with developer that the 13-story option would offer the best design and materials.

The Committee also opposes the 6- and 9-story designs, which locate 4- and 6-story walls 30 feet from the south Loop building. The 6-story option is particularly unattractive for the Committee reflecting poor design, large size, and low-quality building materials.

Lake Point Perspective: Lake Point residents are very concerned about the 9- and 13-story designs. Rodge Adams, Lake Point resident, says, “With the 13-

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13-story tower with a 100+ foot side yard facing Loop-Calhoun Condominiums.

Source: Brickstone Partners and ESG Architects



9-story tower with westerly 4-story extensions facing Loop-Calhoun Condominiums

Source: Brickstone Partners and ESG Architects

Lake of the Isles Skating Rink Opened a Little Late this Winter



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Skaters and walkers and dogs with their owners enjoyed the rink at Lake of the Isles on a pleasant winter day. Minneapolis Park Board Employee Albert Ware, in charge of the warming hut and ice grooming on weekends, reported that the rink was not ready to be opened this winter until January 11th. The opening day usually occurs in mid December. In time for the Annual Ice Skating Party on Sunday, February 12 - as their invitation suggests, "come and enjoy skating and socializing with your neighbors. Get warm by the fire. Drink hot cocoa and coffee. Eat cookies and puppy dog tails. Have Winter fun!"

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- Jan. 22, 1-3pm Skating Party at LOI
 - Jan. 23, 6pm Parent night at Kenwood School
 - Jan. 25, Lunch with Lisa
 - Jan. 26, 6pm Jones Harrison, CIDNA Land use Committee meeting.
 - Jan. 29, 4:30 Northern Lights, Barbette
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The CIDNA Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing for the project on Thursday, January 26, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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Meet Your Neighbor Josie Owens

Craig Wilson interviews Josie Owens about bringing Shakespeare to local youth, life in Minneapolis after a move from San Francisco and her appreciation for education and the arts.

Where did you grow up? I was born in Ohio but grew up in South Carolina.

What brought you to Minnesota? My husband was offered a job here, and we were ready for a new adventure after living in San Francisco for 12 years.

Why did you choose the Hill Lake Area? I enjoy being part of the city and love to walk. I like talking to people and being close to the museums and theaters. It is important for me to be involved in my community.

Tell us about your family? We are a family of four as well as one cat and one dog. Emma is 17 and performs circus arts at Xelias Aerial Arts. Jack is 14 and enjoys cooking, fencing, and krav maga. Brian is an avid golfer and has taken up paddle. We also enjoy traveling and are looking forward to a trip to Italy in the spring.

How do they like Minnesota after San Francisco? We moved to Lowry Hill on December 23, 2014 just at the start of the polar vortex. After the initial shock and an investment in warmer clothes, the family got involved in the community and embraced all the things to do here. We miss San Francisco but enjoy Minneapolis so much. We have all made great friends here and pursued new hobbies and interests.

What is your educational and work background? I am an educator and most recently worked as a teacher librarian in San Francisco. I currently am training to be a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts ("Mia"). What an amazing museum and gift to this city!

What is Minnesota Shakes and how did you come to found it? Emma was a Shakespearean actor in San Francisco through San Francisco ("SF") Shakes. She loved acting year round. When we couldn't find a

similar program here, we decided to work with SF Shakes to start one. It has been a rewarding experience. Fortunately, I connected with two incredible talents – Kate Powers, a recent New York transplant who is a Shakespearean scholar and director, and Adam Gauger, a young local actor who trained with Shakespeare & Co. We are so appreciative of our grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council for the upcoming session!

How can Hill Lake readers help further your mission? I hope that our neighborhood can spread the word about the program to interested students. Information at www.minnesotashakes.org. One of the nicest parts of SF Shakes was that it had students from all over the city. We seek to get that dynamic in our program.

What are your hobbies? A great way to meet neighbors and get to know your community is with a dog. My lab Sebastian loves his walks around the lakes and neighborhood. I have learned so much about Minneapolis and this neighborhood from chatting with other dog owners. I also have just taken up cross-country skiing! What a great way to enjoy the winter. Of course, when I am not outside, I spend lots of time at museums and the local theaters!

Considering the presidential inauguration this week and your background, what is your hope for education and the arts under a Trump administration? I hope that the arts will continue to bring people together. At Mia, I see incredible art from different backgrounds and cultures and connect with different visitors when discussing the art. In theater, I appreciate new interpretations of classics, such as *The Children at Pillsbury House*, and plays on new subjects, such as *The Oldest Boy* at *The Jungle*. The Saturday after the election, Minnesota Shakes performed *Romeo and Juliet*. I



Josie and Brian Owens taking their dog Sebastian for a walk around Lake of the Isles

was empowered as I looked at our audience. Over half were the Hispanic relatives of three of our actors. Some of the relatives were still learning English, yet they came together because of Shakespeare!

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SWLRT and the Urgency of Climate Change

By Cathy Deikman

There is widespread alarm regarding the negative impacts associated with climate change. The alarm is shared by many locally and strong warnings about environmental catastrophe appear regularly. After the Paris Climate Agreement was concluded in December 2015, an editorial by Lt. Governor Tina Smith in the Star & Tribune, posted on the Met Council website, celebrated the Agreement and reviewed the negative impacts of climate change in Minnesota:

Much of Minnesota has experienced spring like temperatures this December, often in the 40s. Warmer weather has become the norm; since 1998, the Earth has experienced 10 of the warmest years on record. And 2015 is expected to break last year's record as the warmest yet.

Gov. Mark Dayton and I strongly support bold action to tackle climate change. Doing so will be good for our environment, good for our health and good for our economy.

People say that patience is a virtue. However, it's not my virtue, especially when it comes to climate change. We need to move decisively" (Smith, "How tackling climate change will pay off," StarTribune, 12/23/15).

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) issued an urgent report in July 2016. It found the state is not on track to meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) and carbon emissions goals set by the bi-partisan 2007 Next Generation Energy Act. The Lt. Governor introduced the report with a strong endorsement, "Minnesota needs bold action to meet these goals." The report warns against "business as usual" and declares "meeting state greenhouse gas reduction goals will require both near- and long-term planning and additional actions that must begin now."

Last month at a 2017 legislative preview hosted by the Environmental Initiative, DFL panelists said, "Climate change is something on which society needs to take action and could have disastrous effects on future generations" (Golieb, "Legislators Talk Energy Policy at Pre- Session Forum," Green Digest, Southwest Journal," 12/29/16).

One legislator on the panel warned, "As long as we're in denial, we can't make the policies that are necessary to move us forward."

SWLRT and GHG

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Southwest LRT was prepared by the Met Council and the FTA. The Air Quality section includes a table (FEIS Table 3.11-3) detailing regional GHG in 2013, regional GHG in 2040 without building SWLRT, and regional GHG in 2040 if SWLRT is built. Regional

GHG declines from 2013 to 2040, the No build condition. However, total annual GHG is higher in the SWLRT 2040 Build condition than in the 2040 No Build condition. The SWLRT FEIS finding on GHG has previously appeared in the Hill & Lake:

"The Project operation will increase the GHG emission in the Twin Cities area by approximately 2,000 metric tons per year in 2040, compared to No Build alternative" (SWLRT FEIS, p 3-2004).

That is, SWLRT adds to the annual projected regional total of GHG. In terms of meeting the state's GHG reduction goals, then, it will be a net benefit to Minnesota not to build SWLRT.

At the Environmental Initiative event mentioned above, transportation was cited as the fastest growing source of GHG and a sector where the most "bang for the buck" is to be had in reducing emissions. SWLRT produces no GHG bang for over \$900 million in local transit spending, and in fact worsens the climate change problem. (The initial outlay does not include the over \$30 million annually in operating expenses and major future replacement costs.) SWLRT climate change performance is so remiss that it is better in terms of GHG reduction goals to leave the 6500 cars on the road that SWLRT is projected to remove.

In addition to the net gain of 2000 metric tons GHG CO₂ annually produced by SWLRT operations, SWLRT construction would add 70,838 metric tons of GHG CO₂ annually for the 3 years projected for construction. This yields a total of over 220,500 metric tons of GHG CO₂ added to the atmosphere from SWLRT construction (FEIS Table 3.11-5).

The language in the FEIS reveals there has been an awareness and minimization of the GHG additive nature of this LRT project for some time. The GHG from SWLRT, yet to be built, is already included in the regional transportation plan (RTP) of the Met Council.

If amortized over the life of the Project, the GHG emission from this project is minimal. In addition, the Project is included in the regional RTP and TIP, which consider climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience for sustainable development of the region. Therefore, GHG emissions from the proposed Project will not hinder the region's emission reduction efforts (FEIS P. 3-205).

Citizens concerned about climate change are in a dissonant world encountering the Met Council's endorsement of the Lt. Governor's exhortation to take impatient, decisive action to stop climate change while learning that the Met Council has known about and is insisting on a massive transit project that increases, not

reduces, GHG emissions.

Denial is usually associated with those who reject scientific evidence for climate change and so block needed actions by defining them as unnecessary. It is difficult to understand how the avoidance and minimization of the negative GHG outcome for SWLRT is not another form of climate change denial. SWLRT GHG outcomes have not merited public attention by project backers, even as climate change is simultaneously decried by elected officials in dire terms requiring immediate, bold action. The extraordinary expenditure of transit dollars for SWLRT sacrifices the time-critical opportunity to actually impact climate change through major transit spending and investment. At the same time, this expenditure monopolizes scarce resources that could be used for a list of critical public needs that are forever on hold.

Bold Action

Nonetheless, bold action and careful attention have gone toward funding SWLRT. In 2015, Met Council Chair Duinck promised the legislature in writing that the Met Council would not, absent legislative approval, utilize a SWLRT financing scheme relying on the sale of Certificates of Participation. When the legislature refused to approve the state's portion, backers' requirement to fund SWLRT did not waver and caused the breakdown of a Special Session. Governor Dayton, the Met Council, and Hennepin County rapidly developed a funding plan that did in fact use COPs, with the balance of non-federal SWLRT costs to be paid by Hennepin County, with no state assistance.

Hennepin County and the Met Council have intensified the scramble to fund SWLRT without any state participation. The breakup up of the Counties Transportation Improvement (CTIB) is under serious consideration and likely. Doing so would allow Hennepin County to raise its transit sales tax by another ¼ cent in order to pay for all LRT and transit projects without state involvement. The Minneapolis transit sales tax would then be ½ cent. A substantial portion of the additional revenue would be used to construct and operate SWLRT, though the massive project is GHG additive. Now it can be seen that tackling and slowing climate change is not a criterion for SWLRT, and therefore not a criterion for how transit tax funds will be spent. It seems that in the insistence on building and funding this particular transit project, the importance of global warming disappears.

Mina Fisher: Nadia and Mina: works in progress.

By Harriet Horwitz

Mina Fisher holds up a photo of music legend Nadia Boulanger saying "She looks just like my grandmother."

Likely the connection goes deeper. Fisher's reverence for the famous French music doyenne (1889-1979) who shaped the skills of the 20th century's most lauded musicians, composers and conductors is palpable.

And bringing Nadia's life to the stage is a new and

thrilling venture for this cellist-turned-playwright.

On February 5, the Bakken Trio gala fundraiser includes a sneak preview of The Nadia Project, a biography with music, featuring Christina Baldwin as Nadia, violinist Stephanie Arado and Michael Kim, piano. After a workshop Feb. 13-14 at the Nautilus Music Theater, it will premiere next fall on the Bakken Trio series.

A native of Hershey, PA, Mina came to Minneapolis in 1979 when, at an open audition, conductor Neville Marriner chose her for the cello section of the Minnesota Orchestra. Soon Mina met husband Fritz Nelson and, along with kids Alex and Christina (now 27 and 25), became longtime residents of East Isles.

But in 2011, her amazing 31 year Minnesota Orchestra career ended. Diagnosed with Lyme's disease, acquired during a summer vacation in Wisconsin, caused painful arthritis-like symptoms and carpal tunnel, which Mina worked to cover by refiguring portions of the music. But over a period of several years it became apparent her career would take reassessment.

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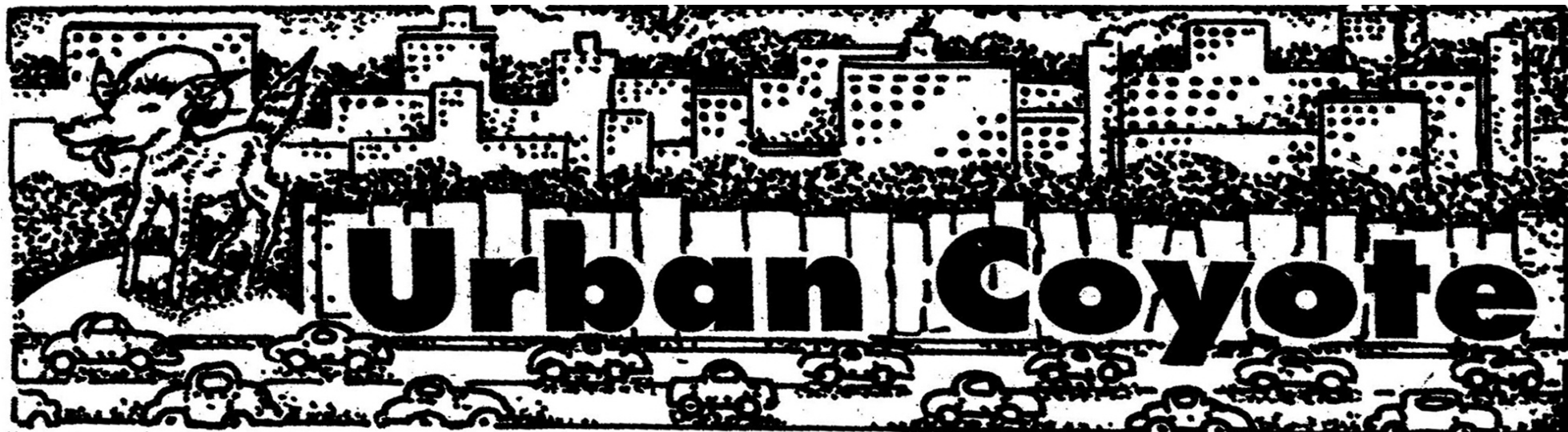
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Happy Holidays from Monster Truck Minnesota

By James P. Lenfestey

I am writing this the morning of December eleventh as eight inches of fluffy new snow exalts the neighborhood. I facebooked photos of flakes as hopeful messages to the outside world that winter still exists, at least in Minnesota, at least for a few more years.

Last night as the snow began to fall in earnest, I planned to attend the Winter Book release party at Minnesota Center for Book Arts [MCBA] in the Open Book center on Washington Avenue downtown. Kenwood neighbor Heid Erdrich was to be the star of the show, the poet whose text was chosen to inspire artistic fire among a cadre of book artists to design and build a limited edition work of art.

I am an unabashed member of the “tiniest lunatic fringe in America,” as artist Leonard Baskin once mused about those of us who love books in every imaginable form, so I visit MCBA often. The drive from the corner of Girard and Lincoln to MCBA’s home in Open Book, five blocks from The Guthrie, takes no

more than ten minutes. Last night it took thirty. Washington Avenue was gridlocked. In the long wait for winter, had Minnesotans lost their ability to drive in snow?

As I idled on Chicago Avenue waiting to access col- luded Washington, I noted a stream of families - fathers holding the hands of little children – heading from parking lots toward downtown. How wonderful, I thought, families attending the Holidazzle parade! But wait, Holidazzle has moved to Loring Park. What other family entertainment could be so attractive?

I recalled recent TV ads showing pickups with roll bars and six-foot tires flipping over each other in roars of horsepower and exhaust! “Monster Truck rally at US Bank Stadium!” These families are delighting in the dinosaur remnants of the Age of Fossil-Fuels, teaching their lovely children to love those same old bones.

I love all people, including Monster Truck families and the poets and artists who make a limited edition

book that will live long after the Monster trucks are shredded for scrap. I do not feel compelled to love Monster Trucks.

Instead, in this new snow season, I will lay my body down in the full embrace of the arts, and make snow angels with my grandchildren.

Poet Robert Bly, our neighbor on Girard Avenue, leaves us the best advice for times like these, in the last verse of his poem, “Listening?”

The hermit said: “Because the world is mad, The only way through the world is to learn The arts and double the madness.” Are you listening?

My holiday wish is that winter be so persistent, snowy and cold, that it refreshes the Greenland glaciers and Arctic and Antarctic ice. But since that is unlikely, as monster trucks continue to run wild, let’s “learn the arts and double the madness.”

Mina Fisher

room. “I’ve had 7-year-olds and 70-year-olds,” she says.

Sharing the philosophy of Nadia, “I get great satisfaction showing students their strengths.”

Then came the truffle business, 5 years of stirring, tempering and packaging. Inspired by a recipe from New Orleans, Mina poured her creativity into world class confections called Tour de Chocolat, sold at Kowalski’s, Orchestra Hall and special orders. “I especially liked pairing fruit and herb flavors like basil-lime, cayenne-cinnamon, and the beer truffles with Russian Imperial stout.”

As Nadia would say: “Life is practice...Without joy, zero.” Mina holds these lessons dear.

Poet-Publisher Emilie Buchwald Reads for Literary Witnesses, Feb. 19, noon, at Plymouth Congregational Church

Literary Witnesses presents poet-publisher Emilie Buchwald, reading from her new poetry collection, *The Moment’s Only Moment*, on Feb. 19 at noon at Plymouth Congregational Church (1900 Nicollet at Franklin). The event is free, with plenty of free parking. Buchwald’s book will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Is there anything literary Emilie Buchwald has not yet accomplished? She is the founder of the exquisitely designed literary journal *Milkweed Chronicle*, then literary publisher Milkweed Editions, then Gryphon Press. She has won nearly every publishing award Minnesota offers, including the Kay Sexton Award for lifetime achievement, and the National Book Critics’ Circle Award for Lifetime Achievement. Books she has edited have received more than two hundred awards.

Now she joins the front ranks of poets with *The Moment’s Only Moment*, a superb collection of poems published by another legendary Minnesota publisher, Nodin Press.

Buchwald’s lyrics are about time, and it’s about time listeners heard Buchwald’s own voice, rather than the hun-

dreds of writers her editing skills have made better.

Hers is a voice rich with well-earned, often wry wisdom, no better expressed than in her timely masterpiece, *Minnesota, Windchill -50 degrees: Theme and Variations*. This sequence of short, pithy poems chills to the bone. “Pity is frozen in my fingertips,” she writes, while mysterious sounds echo “in the stone cathedral of cold.”

Poet Jim Moore says of this collection, “Emilie Buchwald had the heart of a lyric poet and the soul of a storyteller.... What a privilege to be able to read poems that bear witness to the joys and sorrows of “living in the moment’s only moment.”

Buchwald’s accomplishments are timeless, but, as her poem “Beating Time” acknowledges, we live in “the immaculate now,” and that “Memory is a paradise no on can expel you from.”

Literary Witnesses, a program of Plymouth’s Fine Arts Board, hosts readings by local and nationally known poets whose work draws on and illuminates the life of the spirit, including four US poet laureates and both MN Poet Laureates.

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Developers move ahead with five-story luxury condo building on east shore of Lake Calhoun

By Michael Wilson

CPM Companies have submitted plans to the city for a mid-rise building containing 17 high-end, luxury condominiums on the 3000 block of East Calhoun Parkway, behind Tin Fish and the boat launch.

Two single-family homes and a triplex would be demolished to make way for the development, the first on a parkway since the Shoreland Height ordinance was passed by the City Council in 1988, creating today's Shoreland Overlay District.

Nick Walton, CPM co-founder and co-principal along with Daniel Oberpriller, is the developer. The project is being designed by Snow Kreilich Architects.

The property owner is Basir Tareen, who has lived at 3021 E. Calhoun Pkwy. since 2011. Tareen bought the property to the south (3025) in October and has purchased the property to the north (3017) on contract. Tareen also purchased a house at 2701 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy. in September, 2015.

The developers are seeking to rezone the three houses from R2B and R3 to R4. They are also seeking a Conditional Use Permit to exceed the Shoreland Overlay height limit of 35 feet or 2½ stories, whichever is less. The R4 zoning they are seeking is, according to the city's website, a medium-density district that allows for a range of housing densities with most development occurring at no more than four stories.

Minimal consultation with neighborhood.

The five-story, 55-foot project was first presented to the East Calhoun Community Organization (ECCO) board's Livability Committee on October 17. CPM highlighted in their presentation how their proposal stepped back the fourth and fifth floors (only on the Lake Calhoun side, however, not on the alley side).

CPM was questioned about the scale and character of the project and was asked to justify their reasoning for requesting both a change in zoning and a conditional use permit instead of building a development that conforms to the existing zoning and character of the neighborhood. According to several East Calhoun residents present at the meeting, CPM's response was stated as simply "financial."

Following the October 17 meeting, the ECCO Livability Committee asked CPM in writing to present a revised plan which scaled the project down from 55 feet to meet the current underlying zoning requirements and Shoreland Overlay height limits of 35 feet or 2½ stories. Instead, at a December 12 Livability Committee meeting, the developers returned with plans that raised the height to 57 feet and eliminated the fourth-floor setback. People at the meeting recall questioning CPM about the disappearance of the setback but receiving no explanation, just a nod.

The developers have no further meetings scheduled with the community. On January 17 they formally presented their plans to the city and are pushing ahead with the approval process.

According to neighbors and other members of the community, Tareen and the developers have said that the 17 condos will start at \$1 million and go much high-

er. Plans provide parking for 2.0 vehicles per unit. The building would be accessed via a narrow alley with a steep grade and a tight, 90-degree turn at the north end, at the base of the Edgewater building.

When asked about the near-impossibility of having two dozen or more additional vehicles using the alley, neighbors and other members of the community report, Tareen replied that such concerns were overstated because people who can afford a condo in his building will use it as "a second or third home" and won't spend a lot of time at their Lake Calhoun condo.

Neighbors and other members of the community report that Tareen has said that, as an ECCO resident himself, he would not put forward any project that might be detrimental to the neighborhood. They say he has indicated that he has been approached by several other developers over the past few years. CPM said during a presentation that other developers would likely go higher than five stories. Neighbors and other East Calhoun residents state that they view talk of "other developers" as a threat – either go along with our project or be prepared for something much bigger and taller.

ECCO board and Livability Committee members as well as many East Calhoun residents stress that they support a growing city and increased development and density in their neighborhood, pointing for example to the new buildings on Holmes Avenue. The size and scale of the lakeside condo project, they assert forcefully, make it NOT appropriate for that site.

Project would 'gut' Shoreland Overlay District.

The East Calhoun development is being fiercely opposed not just by neighbors and other ECCO residents. It is seen by park advocates as a critical litmus test of whether the Shoreland Overlay District has any meaning at all.

While six residential buildings exceeding 35 feet have gone up since passage of the Shoreland Height ordinance in 1988, these structures have all been on a major traffic and transit corridor – West Lake Street. The four projects built in CIDNA involving six different developers have all involved protracted, intense and often heated negotiations.

The East Calhoun project, by contrast, is the very first one proposed for a parkway in the Shoreland Overlay District. "If this project goes forward as proposed," says Park Watch co-founder Arlene Fried, "it will gut the intent and language of the ordinance. The Shoreland Overlay District will effectively cease to have any real meaning."

East Isles resident Harvey Ettinger, an EIRA board member and longtime parks advocate, stresses the power of precedent. "This isn't just about Lake Calhoun," Ettinger says. "If the East Calhoun project is approved at 57 feet, then it will be hard for the city to say no to a 57-foot condo building on Lake of the Isles."

"It will become open season on every lake and waterway in the city for developers to push to demolish homes and build five-story condo and apartment buildings in their place," Fried states. "Then high rises, not trees, will define the horizon on our lakes, which the Shoreland Height ordinance was intended to prevent."

East Calhoun residents Jenny Walter and David Tompkins are creating a petition for people to register their opposition to the project. Walter and Tompkins are hopeful that a great many of the people who account for the 5.5 million annual visits to the Chain of Lakes will rally to protect the shoreline and the irreplaceable park settings of Lake Calhoun and every other waterway in Minneapolis.

Watch for your February Hill & Lake Press for further information on this project, including directions on how to sign the petition.

Seven of 10 top-taxed Minneapolis homes are on Lake of the Isles

By Michael Wilson

Eight of the ten most expensive single-family residences in Minneapolis are in our Hill and Lake neighborhoods, seven of them on Lake of the Isles, according to a review of Hennepin County property tax data in a December 27 Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal article. These ten top-taxed Minneapolis residences paid a combined total of \$751,070 in property taxes in 2015.

The top-taxed residence in Minneapolis sits at 2528 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway. With a 2015 total market value of \$4.675 million, the home's 2015 property tax bill was \$88,995.

The tax bill for the residence at 3811 Sheridan Ave. S., on the west shore of Lake Calhoun, was only \$185 less – pocket change – than the tax bill for its Lake of the Isles sibling. 3811 Sheridan had a 2015 total market value of \$4.65 million, with a 2015 tax bill totaling \$88,810.

Rounding out the top ten, with the 2015 total market value and 2015 property tax bill:

#3 – 2358 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy.
\$4.27 million / \$81,458

#4 – 2427 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy.
\$4.1 million / \$77,457

#5 – 2424 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy.
\$3.82 million / \$72,148

#6 – 2706 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy.
\$3.75 million / \$70,708

#7 – 301 Kenwood Pkwy., Unit 801
\$3.68 million / \$69,471

#8 – 700 Second St. S., Unit W100
\$3.65 million / \$68,862

#9 – 2740 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy.
\$3.48 million / \$66,703

#10 – 2655 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy.
\$3.49 million / \$66,453

Are Minneapolis property taxes higher?

Is the Pope Catholic?

Comparing property tax bills on two houses in different municipalities ignores the complexities of assessments and levies, yet we've always just known that our property taxes in Minneapolis are higher than what we'd be paying for a similar house in the suburbs. So what do the owners of Minneapolis' top-taxed home see as they look westward?

In Wayzata, a community which, like our Hill and Lake neighborhoods, has a lake, several upper-bracket homes, and a good restaurant or two – but no longer a bookstore like our Birchbark – the owners of 1410 Shoreline Drive paid \$89,218 in 2015 property taxes on a lakefront home with a 2015 total market value of \$6.359 million. In other words, they paid only \$223 more in taxes on a home with \$1.684 more in market value than 2528 W. Lake of the Isles.

The home at 1265 Bracketts Point Road, with a superb view of Lake Minnetonka, was assigned a market value in 2015 of \$4.823 million, \$148,000 more than 2528 W. Lake of the Isles, but its owners paid \$21,553 less in property taxes (\$67,422) than did the owners of 2528.

The takeaway? An obvious one is what we already know: we all pay a premium for the privilege of living in Minneapolis. Another one is that our elected city leaders – and all those looking to unseat them in next November's elections because they think they can do a better job – need to remember as they strive to ensure economic opportunity and housing affordable to all

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A City that Works for Everyone

By Shawn Smith

Our city’s elected officials reiterate often that Minneapolis should be a city that works for everyone. This is a worthy platform. All people that live here should have equal opportunity to live their lives in liberty and pursuit of their dreams. But, will the Minneapolis 2017 budget and increased property tax levy truly work for all of us?

In Mayor Hodges’s recently approved 2017 budget, there are line items intended to work for everyone. Increasing police enables foot patrols and engagement. Hiring small business navigators is a noble initiative to help small businesses navigate the perhaps too-complex city licensing and regulations. Providing resources to improve economic and educational outcomes is inspiring to many. Street paving programs will keep cars out of the tire shop. It is hard to argue against these.

But even within some of these priorities and others not mentioned, can we afford to increase spending by \$90M in 2017? What will be the breaking point for residential property owners and taxpayers? The city is flush with cash due to all the recent housing construc-

tion downtown, but is choosing to spend it (and then some) rather than giving taxpayers a break.

In fact, city leaders have imposed a steady march of increased property taxes over the years, with the only exception this century being 2014. Taxes for many in Minneapolis increased 50% or more from 2007 through 2012 due to declining home values and a sluggish commercial base. Residential homeowners were asked (#notasked) to shoulder the burden to balance the budget. For homeowners, these were painful years because escrowed monthly mortgage payments increased, putting pressure on household budgets. We had to cut back, and the city government continued to spend on whatever it desired.

But now values are up. Hundreds of shiny new condos are online downtown. Office space is near capacity. Where is the relief and payback for shouldering the burden of those lean years? As I said, in 2017 the city is choosing to spend \$90M more, +7.6%, adding 59 new government positions. Opinions will vary on whether each new spending item is outrageous (some are) or justified (some are). But while no one budget item is overtly outrageous to most taxpayers, it is the sum total that should be.

Property taxes are a real problem. Just talk to people. It is a problem regardless of whether the voter is a downtown Millennial or a Kenwood near-retiree: Democrat, Republican, or Independent. Real estate agents talk about how taxes are a reason not to buy in Minneapolis, and is driving buyers to Edina, Golden Valley. Many of my neighbors look at the future and wonder if they will be able to live in their family homes even after the mortgage is paid. Cities that we model, such as Portland, Seattle, and Denver have tax rates less than 1/2 of what we pay (as a percent of value).

And then there is the issue of transparency. In the Truth and Taxation notice, the city chose to say, “Thanks to growth in the tax base, 1/3 of all residential

properties may see a decrease or no increase in the city portion of their property taxes.” But this phrasing clouds reality: 70% of residential property owners will bear an increase or see no decrease. Was tax relief ever a consideration at City Hall?

Even if we don’t get a tax cut, consider these points on how the city has set its priorities:

The city has millions when it comes to bicycling infrastructure, but our alleys are in disrepair and even unpaved.

The city is spending millions to fund neighborhood “equity” but our schools have to be funded by a special voter-approved levy.

The city is adding positions at City Hall when most mature companies require that head count be kept neutral.

The city is retrofitting our streets with pedestrian bump-outs but we are assessed to repair our sidewalks.

Hennepin County doesn’t fare much better on transparency. The Truth In Taxation notifications are inaccurate. At first glance, total property taxes appear to be going down. But on closer inspection, the notices do not include the voter approved school levy. A Correct “Final Truth in Taxation” notice isn’t coming. This means that many homeowners will not know their true level of taxes until it is time to pay them.

Back to Minneapolis. We need a city that works for all of us. I’m sure that we all agree that many need some help along the way, and we need good programming to keep our city vibrant. But that must be balanced with working for the people that own homes and make these initiatives possible.

The city responds to citizens that take the time to engage. JStudy your Truth in Taxation statement so you know where your money is going. Vote with your voice before you vote with your feet. The city will work for all of us when all of our views are listened to, including fiscally conservative citizens.


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that if that premium becomes too great, many will decide that they are no longer willing or able to pay it.

A third takeaway is appreciation for all the Hill and Lake residents – not just the property owners, or just the top-bracket homeowners – who continue to keep our four neighborhoods vibrant and beautiful. We could all live just as well elsewhere for less money, but we choose to make Minneapolis our home.

NOTE: all information in this article is public record. Google “Hennepin interactive property map” for similar information, including owners’ names, for all properties in Hennepin County – including your own.


To view the Business Journal article, google <bizjournals.com/twincities” and type “Minneapolis residential taxes” in the search bar.




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story as presently designed, both Lake Point and Loop residents would face a massive structure taller than the east wall of the new Calhoun Beach Club Apartments.”

Favoring the 13-Story: A minority of the Committee favors the 13-story design. Twelve residents are on CIDNA's Committee with representatives from throughout the neighborhood including two from both Lake Point and Loop Condos. As Karen Stublaski, Loop resident, says: “The taller tower design would provide the community with an open green space between our properties. We are also advocating for the greatest possible setback distance from the Loop because of the recent construction damage to our property from Trammell Crow development. Lastly, the 13-story option would have the highest quality construction and provide the most access to sun, light, and air.” The architects on the Committee also favor the 13-story option reflecting their perspectives on design and urban planning.

CIDNA Compromise: The Committee has discussed a 9-story counter-proposal that would seek compromise between the homeowners associations, the larger CIDNA neighborhood, and the Shoreland community:

1. Eliminate at least the westerly 50 feet from the two 4-story extensions on the west side of the 9-story tower. This modification would increase the minimum west side yard from 15 to 65 feet.
2. Move the building slightly to the north, away from Lake Street, to improve the pedestrian environment and the visual connection with Lake Street.
3. Reduce floor area by 15% as a result of 1 and 2. No other floor area would be added.
4. Make the entire project of Type 1 steel and concrete construction.



6-story wood frame building with west wall close to Loop-Calhoun Condominiums

Source: Brickstone Partners and ESG Architects



13-story tower with large wall that would face Lake point and (on the west side) the Loop

Source: Brickstone Partners and ESG Architects

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5. Improve the design so that both the podium and the tower present an elegant, integrated, and attractive appearance, comparable in quality to the Edgewater and Lakes Residences projects.

With this counter-proposal, CIDNA would make a significant concession to exceed the 84-foot height precedents of Edgewater and Lakes Residences.

Brickstone Response: The developer is working on possible solutions. Dan Otis of Brickstone says: "While we believe the 13-story program allowed the greatest opportunity for CIDNA to most efficiently reach its goals, we are committed to further exploring the other two options with the committee. The request for a reduction of size related to the 9-story option makes it extremely difficult for us, and likely impossible, to deliver the concrete and steel construction that CIDNA would like to see. The type-1 construction of concrete and steel is significantly more expensive and requires a terminal density that was originally proposed of close to 200 units. After studying the requests made by the committee, we believe there are variations to the original proposed 9-story concept that would accommodate our baseline need to keep the density consistent to our original proposals and also the committee's desire to modify the massing."

Floor Area: Should Brickstone fall back to wood-frame construction, CIDNA would oppose the 6-story design in part because it would be too large for the site. Informing this discussion would be the floor area that Brickstone could build without a significant conditional use permit to exceed the 35- and 56-foot height limits. Conditional use permits require the developer to consider factors such as shading, access to light and air, and character of the surrounding neighborhood. To satisfy these criteria, height of the fabric building should be reduced to 5 stories in order to respect heights of the adjacent south Loop building and Lake Calhoun Flats. In addition, to obtain a CUP that would exceed the Shoreland height limit, Brickstone should respect the same 25-foot westerly setback as Lake Calhoun Flats. By CIDNA's calculations, Brickstone should reduce its floor area by 18% to meet these criteria.

Brickstone argues that its 6-story design should be permitted because it would be the same height as the Trammell Crow building to the west of the Loop. CIDNA rejects this argument. At 64 feet, the North Loop Building is the same height as Trammell Crow, with a 50-foot building separation. The south Loop building is only 55 feet high, compared with Trammell Crow's 64-foot height, but with a side yard separation of 100+ feet. On the east side of the 5-story south Loop building, Brickstone is proposing a 6-story building with only 30 feet of separation. A 6-story Brickstone building should have much more side yard to exceed the height limit and to be one floor higher than the south Loop building.

Environmental Impact: Beside design, there are several other issues to be studied before CIDNA takes a final position on the project. The most salient issues include:

Traffic The existing entry to the site will be moved to the eastern property line, which could change traffic patterns at the Dean Parkway and Market Plaza intersections. In addition, residents are deeply concerned about traffic congestion and safety on Lake Street as a result of all the development that is being added in the area.

Mechanicals As with other projects, CIDNA will closely review auditory and visual impact of mechanicals including heating and air conditioning, emergency generators, and roof overruns for elevators and other mechanicals.

Excavation and Construction Methods The Loop Condos are very concerned about construction

Brickstone Options concluded on page 16

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Shawn Smith

January 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met January 9th, 2017 at the 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, Angie Erdrich, Mark Brown, Will Stensrud, Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Directors Absent: Jack Levi, Josine Peters, Mike Bono, Treasurer Matt Spies.

The Agenda was unanimously approved

City of Minneapolis Update – Lisa Goodman, Council Member Ward 7

Snow Emergencies are communicated via Facebook, Instagram, Email/text alerts, City of Minneapolis Mobile App. All residents are encouraged to sign up for alerts to be aware of when Snow Emergencies are declared.

Road Sand is available from the City Public Works Sites, to be placed in a barrel in areas that are needed. Please contact Lisa's office to request a barrel of sand.

Christmas Trees are recycled by the city. Please put your trees at your regular pickup site. Old Christmas lights can also be recycled; go to www.recycleminnesota.org.

Lunch with Lisa is January 25th at St Thomas Opus Hall. The topic is Public Art, including a sneak preview of the Nicollet Mall art. Lisa is always interested in constituents' ideas for topics.

Jeanette brought to Lisa's attention NRP survey results to get her perspective on what is within the city's ability to address. Many issues raised in the survey, including noise and excessive speed are regulated and difficult to enforce. Any public works issues such as alley defects should be directed to Lisa's office. Jeanette will follow up with Lisa to address the continuing parking and alley access problem by Downtown Kenwood.

Lake of the Isles Warming House – Kathy Spraitz

Kathy shared that a volunteer group with representatives from CIDNA, Lowry Hill and East Isles, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, MPRB staff and local architects are considering that the warming house should be replaced, in part based on age (18 years old). The cost to bring the structure in and out by crane is increasing to \$20K per year; a new structure designed to be more easily transported could make moving it less expensive. The idea being discussed is to change the structure into one that can be used all year, across different sites, for different purposes. There will be a design competition and funds raised. KIAA supports the idea of replacement but there was a discussion as to whether it's appropriate for KIAA to contribute neighborhood funds.

Treasurer Report – Jeanette Colby

Several contributions were received in January (\$398) as a result of the Fall Newsletter. KIAA appreciates the support and Matt will work with Jean to send acknowledgement letters to the donors.

Lake of the Isles Skating Party

Angie will provide via cookies for the party funded by KIAA. The party is January 22nd from 1-3PM.

Rain Garden Grant Application – Angie Erdrich

KIAA will help manage the process for Rain garden applications and awarding grants from MetroBlooms. This year is the third year of this partnership, and this year there will be no cost to KIAA. KIAA will make an in-kind donation of time and resources to promote the initiative. More information will be provided by the end of January. Rain gardens support our NRP initiative of protecting the lakes and environment.

Cedar Lake Orioles Project – Angie Erdrich

Angie is leading engagement with Kenwood School to reinstall Oriole feeding stations this spring. Last year, orioles were abundant and several classes visited Cedar

Lake Park to see them, accompanied by teachers and neighborhood volunteers. This initiative is important because it drives more family and educational opportunities at Cedar Lake. Angie requested \$200 for laminated signs and feeding station supplies (food). Jeanette moved to approve, unanimously approved.

Annual Gathering Planning Kickoff – Angie Erdrich

The annual gathering will be May 1st in downtown Kenwood, which includes food and election of KIAA officers. In order to keep costs in check, other food options will be explored.

Communication Committee – Jeanette Colby

Will, Mark, and Jeanette will work with Jean regarding a communication committee and communication plan.

Southwest Light Rail – Shawn Smith

Shawn shared that CTIB is likely in the process of self-dissolving so that Hennepin County can raise the transit sales tax to .5%, to fund the missing \$140M state share of funding.

There was a discussion whether to contact the FTA regarding Met Council compliance to 2012 Certification Requirements for Federal Funding, and without a vote KIAA determined not to take any action.

The Met Council is contacting three LRT- adjacent property owners to discuss construction. These are the only houses at 21st St that the Met Council deems to be impacted by LRT operations.

Neighborhood Priority Plan – Mark Brown

The top 5 priorities from the survey were identified – SWLRT, Lakes/Parks/Environment, Kenwood Rec Center events, Hidden Beach Safety, and Kenwood School. Jeanette wrote a summary report to share with anyone interested.

New Business - All

East Calhoun Association is asking KIAA to support opposition to a 54 foot tall residential building to be built adjacent to Tin Fish on Lake Calhoun (replacing 3 existing homes). The proposed structure would be within the Shoreland Overlay District which has a height restriction of 36 feet. As an action taken between meetings, the proposal will be reviewed and voted on whether to support or not support the opposition.

Park Board Police Chief Ohotto will be invited to attend the KIAA February Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:50 p.m.

KIAA needs new board members. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact us or come to a monthly meeting. Being a KIAA board member is an excellent way to serve our community and stay informed on issues that are, or will, impact our neighborhood.

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, February 6th 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.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Nicole Engel-Nitz, EIRA Secretary

Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting

November 15, 2016 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Andrew Degerstrom (President), Julia Curran (Vice-President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Nicole Engel-Nitz (Secretary), Bruce Larson, Nancy Johnston, Amy Sanborn, Peter Mason, John Grochala, Steve Havig, Carla Purdue

Staff: Diana Schleisman

Guests: Lisa Goodman, Council member & Kathy Spraitz, Lowry Hill Neighbor

EIRA President Andrew Degerstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Ward 7

Street sweeping is complete city wide. The equipment for street cleaning is also used for yard waste pickup and snowplowing, so the yard waste pickup deadline is this week.

Hennepin Lyndale construction continues but it is almost done and roads should be open soon. Concerns were mentioned regarding lighting and pedestrian safety. The construction company does not appear to place this as a priority, seemingly placing more importance on completing the project. Other issues with sewage and gas lines may have received more attention.

The Truth In Taxation public hearing is 11/30/16, residents are encouraged to attend and speak.

The Minneapolis final budget hearing will be voted on 12/7/16, residents are welcome to attend.

Noise issues regarding the Mansion were voiced again. City Licensing is working with owner Steve Hark. It has quieted down a little which could be due to pressure from the city and/or colder weather and closed windows.

A pertinent Minneapolis Rental Property Owner, Mr. Frenz, is going through the license revocation process, which could take upwards of a year or more. He owns approximately 50 buildings with nearly 3,000 units and almost \$40 million in annual revenue. Some of his buildings are in EIRA. If he is unable to sell his buildings before his license is potentially revoked, thousands of tenants could become homeless through no fault of their own. A way to avoid this possibility is to encourage the presiding Judge to order a Receiver, which would allow the City to make necessary repairs and sell the buildings at market rate. Lisa asked if the EIRA BOD would consider taking a formal stance on the issue. Steve Havig motioned for the BOD to take a position, Bruce Larson seconded the motion. After discussion, the BOD favored the Receiver. Bruce Larson motioned to write a letter affirming such, Nancy Johnston seconded. The vote was a near unanimous approval with Peter Mason voicing concern over the immediacy of the city needing the letter and desiring more information.

Open Forum

Kathy Spraitz, a Lowry Hill Neighbor, joined the meeting to talk about the warming house on Lake of the Isles. The current structure is nearly 18 years old and requires a crane to move it. At a minimum, she proposed rejuvenation. Ideally, she suggested a new structure that would also have an off season use, e.g. birding and planting seminars at Wirth Park.

Funding is an issue, so she is getting the project on the radar of adjacent communities. Possibilities include seeking an equity partner, obtaining corporate sponsorship, soliciting individual donations, and getting funds from neighborhoods. One point mentioned is that the location is in a Regional Park, and that NRP funds may not be available. Since there are no definitive next steps, it was left as a possibility for future discussion.

REPORTS

Green Team

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

By Susannah J. Galiano, Secretary.

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Andrew reported the only news update from the Green Team, that Betsy will be taking a temporary leave for 4 months.

Social Committee

The Ice skating party is scheduled for Sun Jan 29th 1-3pm at the Lake of the Isles ice skating rink. Amy requested \$200 for expenses. Nancy motioned to approve and Steve seconded. The BOD approved unanimously.

NRP Committee

Bruce summarized the highlights of the NRP meeting with Adam Arvidson, specifically focusing on the Park Board's Southwest Area Plan in 2018 that will include EIRA project funding. Although EIRA may choose to begin and fund a new project before the plan is approved, there would be an approximated 12% additional Park Board administrative costs to implement it early. As such, it may be best to wait for any new permanent projects.

Regarding general maintenance of parkland, stewardship is strongly encouraged. Basically, permission is granted from the Park Board to be a caretaker park property. It allows people who want to volunteer to utilize their abilities while alleviating some of the burden on the Park Board staff and funds.

Concern over losing funds was mentioned, Diana stated roughly \$305 Phase I, \$24,000 Phase II, and \$25,000 Phase III funds are available with an expiry date of 12/31/16 that can be extended by asking Jack Whitehurst.

Treasurer's Report

Diana left the room for the BOD to have a closed discussion. Brian certified that she was indeed awesome and recommended she work with him on accounting matters. The BOD approved.

Staff Report

Diana met with Jack Whitehurst with the City of Minneapolis, and prepared the CPP application as her first priority, as it is due Fri Nov 18th. She minimally updated the website, removing the job position and posting zoning committee minutes. Next tasks include obtaining an email address, regaining administration on the website domain, and more. She requested \$400 to purchase a laptop and back up drive for EIRA use only, so documents and pertinent information could be centralized. The BOD unanimously approved.

President's Report

Andrew asked the BOD to review the CPP application. Diana used the previous year application and edited it as necessary. However, as she is new in the position she asked the BOD to confirm specific information as current and relevant. The BOD requested minimal corrections on page 3, sections 4, 5, & 6. The BOD approved submitting the application with the changes.

The Attorney General (AG) was initially filed in 2015, and was supposed to have been filed already for 2016. A letter was sent from the AG notifying EIRA of the past due status and a \$50 late fee.

Amy volunteered to help file the report and will work on it with Diana. Diana will request the fee be waived.

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

Reminder: The next East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on January 12, 2016 at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. 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 coordinator@eastisles.org at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

January 3, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Kenwood Recreation Center

Present Board Members- Michael Cockson, Jimmy Fogel, Scott Schaffer, Tom Huppert, Clint Connor, Evan Stern, Emily Beugen, Phil Hallaway, Susie Galiano.

Guest Members and Staff. Council member, Lisa Goodman, Kathy Spraitz

Call to Order. Phil Hallaway called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approval of Minutes.

Mr. Cockson moved and Mr. Huppert seconded that the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Announcements Council

Member Goodman.

Ms. Goodman explained that Christmas trees will be picked up by the city on recycling day and will be recycled and composted. Also holiday lights will be picked up on recycling day. People need to shovel snow when it snows. Individuals may call or email 311 to complain if neighbors do not shovel. If blocks are icy, use sand and salt. If an alley or street not plowed correctly, call it in before it becomes a problem. There is a lunch with Lisa on Jan 25, 2017. The topic is public art. Individuals may sign up for snow emergency alerts 612-348-snow or online.

Treasurer's Report

a. Current financials. Treasurer's report deferred until next month.

Lake of the Isles Warming House (Kathy Spraitz).

Park board has approved of the Lake of the Isles warming house project replacing the current warming house. The project is being driven by a partnership between MPRB, Warming House Advisory Team, Minneapolis Parks Foundation and Neighborhood Associations. Put consulting group together. There will be a timetable with a finished project next November. Update and request for funding. Project manager was able to identify another group that put in request for non-winter mobile classroom. The warming house could be used in another park to be used year round and will save storage costs. Found a partner with an authentic need for facility. The building will be a modular building. It will not need a crane to bring it in.

There are two phases- a design phase and building phase. Need \$10k to go forward with the design part of the project. Project would qualify for NRP funds for the project.

Ms. Spraitz verbal intent/committing to give \$750 for design phase. The Minneapolis Park Fund will manage funds for project. Mr. Cockson moved and Mr.

Fogel seconded that LHNA allocate \$750 for the design phase of the Lake of the Isles Warming House Project. Motion approved on unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Environment (Beugen, D'Eramo).

No new news. Thomas Lowry Park on hold until spring.

Zoning and Planning (Cockson, Conner, Shaffer)

No new news.

Crime and Safety (Bickett, Shaff, Fogel)

a. **Monthly Crime report.**

No report available at this time.

b. **Block leader update.**

Nothing to report. Mr. Hallaway reported that he has invited the head of the 5th Precinct, Inspector Kathy Waite to attend next month's meeting. Board members can be Prepare list of topics and forward to Mr. Hallaway.

Events (Huppert, Stern)-

a. **Ice Skating Social- Jan 22, 2017 from 1-3 p.m.**

We will be responsible for the fire pit. Other neighborhood associations will donate refreshments and treats. All welcome.

b. Annual meeting-

Propose to meet at Dunwoody or Temple Israel. Venue will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. **Letter received from Walker art Center notifying LHNA that Rock the Garden will be held on Saturday July 22, 2017.**

Neighborhood Priorities (Janecek, Hartzheim)

"Paint the Pavement" program (Scott Shaffer) -

Scott spoke to friend who is doing creative crosswalk. Application process begins in April for painting to occur in June, 2017. Has to be a professional artist creating design. Franklin and Freemont. Ballpark is \$4k-\$5k per crosswalk. Mr. Hallaway will check on use of CPP funds for this purpose.

Next month, Craig Wilson will update the LHNA re: the Hennepin/Douglas median project.

Communications/Outreach (D'Eramo, Madden)

a. **Hill & Lake Press** - Mr. Hallaway and Ms. Madden will coordinate this month's ad. Will focus on ice skating social and will include a notice that Ms. Waite will attend next month's meeting.

9. Corporate Registration & Bylaws-

LHNA has been reinstated and in good standing with the Secretary of State. No cost because we are nonprofit corporation. Updating of the organization's bylaws will be addressed at next month's meeting.

10. New Business. No new business.

11. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 upon motion to adjourn Michael Cockson, and seconded by Jimmy Fogel. 7:59 p.m.

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

By Monica Smith

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, January 11, 2017

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Stephen Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Jan Nielsen, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

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

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward Seven

There are a number of ways to stay informed about Snow Emergencies:

website (minneapolismn.gov/snow), hotline, text, Facebook, and Twitter. A Snow Emergency begins tonight at 9:00 p.m.

Residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks shoveled. Remind a neighbor if their sidewalks aren't shoveled or call 311 to report a problem.

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, January 25, Noon at the University of St. Thomas. The topic will be public art.

MnDOT will be starting two major freeway projects this winter: I-94 bridge preservation (west of downtown Minneapolis) and I-35W (43rd St to downtown Minneapolis).

Macy's and Barnes and Noble are closing their downtown stores.

Gangs are responsible for recent shootings in downtown Minneapolis.

Announcements

The annual Ice Skating Party is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Lake of the Isles.

Hennepin Ave reconstruction project (from Lake St to 36th St) Open House is Wednesday, January 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant Ave. S.

The annual Community Connections Conference will be held on Saturday, April 1st. More information will be available next month.

Neighborhoods 2020 is a group working on the future of neighborhood organizations beyond 2020 when the current city for neighborhoods expires. Community meetings will be held in April and May.

NRP/ CPP Report, Monica Smith

The CIDNA Board approved a plan modification for NRP Phase I, Park Improvements, Other, to add the words "Lake of the Isles" and reallocate \$1000 from Events & Programs to Park Improvements, Other, to help support a new warming house at Lake of the Isles. Funding for the warming house is contingent upon the balance of the project funds being raised. The warming house will be community-funded and built as a mobile unit for year-round use (winter at Lake of the Isles and as a flexible classroom/programming space at North Mississippi Regional Park for the other three seasons).

2017 CPP budget: the CIDNA Board approved shifting \$2200 from the Meeting/Community Building to Professional Services for a speaker series.

Cedar Lake South Beach project: The Park Board is working on the contract for CIDNA's NRP contribution for the project. A community meeting will be held in late February (tentative date is February 28) to review the project details with the new feature of a restroom.

Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan, Monica Smith

The draft of the Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan will be released on January 18 for a 45-day comment period. The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will hold a public hearing prior to approval.

Land Use Committee, Bob Corrick

Brickstone Partners presented three design options for a 200-unit building at 3100 W Lake St at last month's board meeting.

The Land Use Committee has concerns about each of the options. The committee will offer a counter-proposal to the 9-story option that includes a larger side-yard setback on the west side of the property.

The CIDNA Board approved the following resolution:

Whereas, Brickstone Partners has provided certain renderings about its project at 3100 West Lake Street to CIDNA, but it has restricted release of these documents to the public.

Resolved, that CIDNA requests Brickstone Partners to release to the public aerial rendering and height studies of its three design options. This information is important for the community to compare and understand these project options. In particular, CIDNA requests for public release pages 5 through 10 of the confidential document.

CIDNA has not taken a position on any of the proposals at this time. The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing for the project on Thursday, January 26, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

For more information about the project, go to cidnalanduse.wordpress.com. Public comments are welcome.

Transportation Committee, Craig Westgate

The January 4th meeting of the Southwest LRT CMC provided little new information. Construction is expected to begin in late 2017. The contractors (not the Met Council) will decide how the construction will be staged.

The CAC will meet later in January.

The change in leadership in Washington is not expected to impact Southwest LRT because the federal funding has been approved for the project.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Midtown Greenway Coalition is working on a connection from the new transit access station (that will be built at I-35W and Lake St during the reconstruction project) with the Midtown Greenway.

Mike is willing to step down if there is another resident interested in serving as CIDNA's representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition board. Please contact info@cidna.org if interested.

Bylaws Insight, Rosanne Halloran

The CIDNA Board is interested in having diverse representation on the board. Ideas were discussed to get underrepresented groups involved.

New business

The city has two proposals open for public comment:

Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing Preservation Fund

Infill Housing Strategy

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 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.

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 14, 2016

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

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

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward Seven

The left turn signal was installed at Dean Pkwy (Lake St intersection) and will be activated soon.

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, January 25, Noon at the University of St. Thomas. The topic will be public art.

CM Goodman did not vote for the 2017 City budget because of her concern that the Truth in Taxation notifications did not include the tax implications of the school referendum. CM Goodman successfully offered two amendments: transfer \$250K from Meet Minneapolis to public safety and shift funding for Greater MSP to focus on small-medium size business recruitment and retention.

The intentional communities ordinance has been approved.

Announcements

The annual Ice Skating Party is scheduled for Sunday, January 22. (This is a change from the originally reported January 29).

Construction will begin in the spring for the Calhoun-Harriet improvements. For details, go to: minneapolisparcs.org and search Calhoun-Harriet Trail and Access Improvements.

NRP/ CPP Report, Monica Smith

The Cedar Lake South Beach project was included in the CIP that was recently approved by the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board. Minneapolis Parks Foundation will serve as the fiscal agent for the anonymous donation to the project.

The NRP Committee recommended that the CIDNA Board approve \$1,000 of NRP Phase I funds for a new community-funded warming house at Lake of the Isles. The board will formally vote on the recommendation and plan modification at the January 11 meeting. The warming house will be designed as a mobile unit for year-round use (winter at Lake of the Isles and as a flexible classroom/programming space at another park for the other three seasons).

The expenses of the 2014-16 CPP funding were reviewed.

Fall Festival recap, Monica Smith

The final expenses for the 2016 CIDNA Fall Festival were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report, Roger Klimek

The CIDNA Board reviewed and adopted the annual report to be submitted to the Attorney

General.

Land Use Committee, Bob Corrick

ESG Architects and Brickstone Partners presented three design options for a 200-unit building at 3100 W Lake St (replacing the existing building formerly known as Ministers Life).

All three designs include the same density (200 units) & floor area ration (FAR), eliminate one curb cut, and shift the other curb cut further east. Building options are: 6-story, 9-story, and 13-story.

CIDNA has not taken a position on any of the proposals at this time. The Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing for the project on Thursday, January 26, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

For more information about the project, go to cidnalanduse.wordpress.com.

Art Mart, Amanda Vallone

Art Mart was held on November 26 and featured 16 artists. Expenses were reviewed. Special thanks to Amanda and to the Jones-Harrison Residence staff.

Transportation Committee, Craig Westgate

There were no meetings for the Southwest LRT CAC or CMC in the past month. A small group of residents is meeting with elected officials about SWLRT.

Barbara Lunde reported on the US Department of Transportation's public hearing related to the certification review for the Twin Cities metropolitan area as a

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federal transportation management area. The purpose was to ensure that the metropolitan planning process is carried out in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. Approximately 70 comments were filed; mostly related to SWLRT.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Midtown Greenway Coalition met with the project manager for the I-35W reconstruction project (from 43rd St to downtown Minneapolis). Construction is expected to begin in August 2017.

Bylaws Insight, Rosanne Halloran

CIDNA's bylaws state that all board, member, and committee meetings shall be open to the public except as permitted by law and only for personnel and legal matters.

Contract renewal

The CIDNA Board approved an employment contract with Monica Smith for 2017.

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

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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Seniors can apply for FREE exterior house painting

Metro Paint-A-Thon, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, helps income eligible seniors and people with disabilities continue to live independently in their own homes, enriching their lives and their neighborhoods.

Every summer, more than a thousand volunteers scrape, prime, and paint homes in Hennepin and Ramsey counties and neighboring cities at no cost to the homeowner. This year, volunteers from companies, congregations, civic groups, and schools will paint homes throughout the summer, with the primary focus coming the weekend of August 5-6, 2017.

To qualify for Paint-A-Thon, homeowners must:

- Own and occupy a single-family home (NO two-story homes, please), in need of painting, but not major repairs
- Live in Hennepin or Ramsey counties or neighboring cities
- Be 60 years of age or older, or have a permanent physical disability (if under 60)
- Meet monthly income guidelines

If you have a neighbor, friend or family member who could benefit from this program, or if you yourself are an eligible homeowner, call the Metro Paint-A-Thon office at 612-276-1579 or email mchandler@gmcc.org for further information or to request an application.

The deadline to apply is April 14, 2017.

Northern Lights.mn and Barbette Present B-Lectric: a Celebration of Art and Light, a part of The Great Northern Festival January 29 from 4:30pm-9pm

B-Lectric is proudly a part of The Great Northern festival, 10 days of signature events and new programming in the Twin Cities. Showcasing the North at its wintry best, this collaborative festival aims to give residents and visitors

Porky's and Putt-Putt – those were the days!

By Michael Wilson

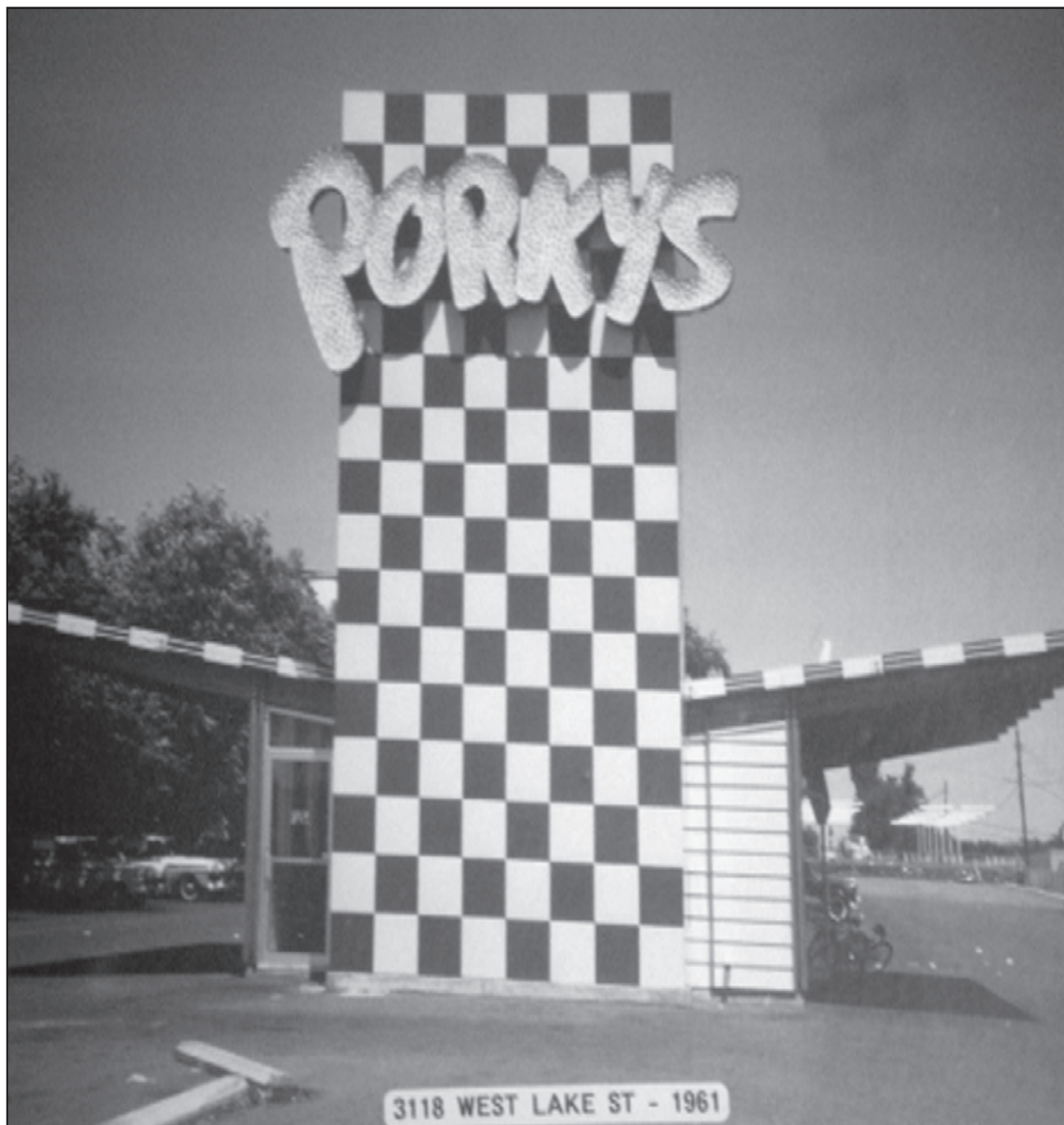


Photo via Pinterest.

Stories in the October and November Hill & Lake Press about Calhoun Village and Thompson Lumber have elicited fond recollections from many folks about Porky's Drive-In and the Putt-Putt mini-golf course behind it. The Truelson family operated a Porky's on East Lake Street as well as one on University Avenue, which miraculously survived changing times until the family closed it on April 10, 2011, and sold the site to Episcopal Church Homes.

Paul Walsh and Rochelle Olson wrote about the closing in the StarTribune, calling Porky's "the Twin Cities' signature drive-in restaurant" since 1953. The University Avenue Porky's "has always been doing OK [and] was not losing money," Nora Truelson told Walsh and Olson. They recount that Nora began at Porky's as a carhop in 1957. She became the owner's girlfriend and eventually his wife and business partner until Ray Truelson died in 1994.

Our West Lake Street Porky's apparently did not boast the marvelous, iconic, neon-lit face of the chain's signature pig, but that didn't keep high-schoolers, families, and virtually everyone else in CIDNA from savoring the burgers and the malts – and the onion rings. Porky's was emblematic of a different social scene, a different way of enjoying time with friends and family. Was it better than today's club scene and slick drive-thrus? That's for each of us to judge – but we do miss those burgers, malts, and onion rings!

Did the West Lake Porky's ever have an illuminated pig? What are your memories of the CIDNA Porky's? How much was a meal? Send your stories and information to us at hillandlakepress@gmail.com and we'll print a follow-up story in your favorite neighborhood newspaper.

a reason to get outside, get active, and enjoy the incredible winter season. Northern Lights.mn, the producers of the Northern Spark festival, sees winter as a defining key to our cultural imagination, one that must be cherished even as its existence is threatened by global climate change. For B-lectric, Northern Lights will construct custom ice walls that at sunset will become projection screens for a variety of light-based projects. B-Lectric: Sunday, Jan. 29 from 4:30-9pm CT, snow or shine Projections begin at 5:30pm. The Great Northern: Friday, Jan. 27 to Sunday, Feb. 5. Outside at Barbette. www.blectricnorth.com

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Letters

To the Editor:

This Sunday afternoon, January 8 I went to a concert at Temple Israel that featured a group of local musicians who play in an orchestra called MNSinfonia. This concert was free. Their featured musician was a Russian violinist named Ilian Kaler. First I will write about Mr. Kaler. He was wonderful, so wonderful that words fail me to describe him. He is a genius talent. One had to listen to experience how amazing and beautiful was his ability. He played two pieces by Paganini a master violinist from the nineteenth century who in his time he wrote and played what I would call virtuoso pieces for violin and piano.

We are always told how wonderful the concerts are in major cities and yet here in Minneapolis was a great talent playing right in our neighborhood, walking distance from my home no less. The audience was almost a sellout crowd and was as enthralled as I was in the presence of this great talent. Standing ovations and shouts of "Bravo" were the order of the day.

After Mr. Kaler's music the MnSinfonia orchestra took over and played Beethoven's Symphony Number One. Here once again they too were excellent, talented, and wonderful. As I listened I thought of all this music that was created by a deaf man who could not hear what it was that he created. He only heard this music in his head. I think that is how it was but I do not know for sure. I only know that the room was filled with the gift of beautiful sounds that surrounded our ears. Once again standing ovations and bravo were the call of the day.

It was a wonderful way to end a cold day and weekend with the warmth of beauty talent and pleasure. Many thanks go out to Temple Israel for providing this opportunity to listen and experience the pure pleasure of music. If you gentle readers of the Hill and Lake Press want to have this experience the concerts are announced in the Star Tribune arts section. The Synfonia number is 612-871-1701 and their email is mnsinfonia.org This information will give one a heads up about when and where the next concert will be so you too can experience what I have experienced.

Joyce Murphy, East Isles

Letter written in response to a recent article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune by James Lileks.

Yes, Mr. Lileks, you're right. Tall buildings are not welcome around Minneapolis' lakes. (December 31).

Unless, of course, you are a developer. For decades, games of Highrise Whack-a-Mole have threatened the unique beauty of our open, tree-lined lakeshore.

But you are wrong; it is not only 'the neighborhood' that cares. In 1988, the Minneapolis City Council's unanimous vote to pass the Shoreland Height Ordinance was a response to constituents from every ward reacting to a proposed 25-story addition to the Calhoun Beach Club. Sailors and windsurfers had charts showing the effect of wind changes; environmental groups such as Izaak Walton League rushed to protect our urban jewels. As one council member, a nordeasterner, said, "If I don't vote for this, my family won't let me in the door."

Preservation vs. profits is always a tough choice. In the early 70s, when the U.S. economy was bad, Lake Pointe's developer found a Japanese backer. In spite of the Park Board's vote not to grant a curb cut onto Dean



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Where we are Now!

By Jean Deatrck

We were in Miami and Miami Beach recently where we joined East Isles friends Gisela Corbett and Peter Hyman for dinner and a concert. And who was performing? None other than our wonderful Minnesota Orchestra. The Knight Concert Hall at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County was nearly full as Osmo Vänskä conducted Aho, Beethoven, and Sibelius on January 10. The South Florida Classical reported that Vänskä and the Minnesota Orchestra brought musical power and unique chemistry to Arsht Center. It was a truly exciting concert.

In this issue we report on important issues of concern to our residents: threats to the Shoreland Overlay District, a large planned development near Lake Calhoun, and high real estate taxes in our neighborhoods.

January has not been a good month for enjoying winter in Minnesota. I am lucky to have missed it. Please continue to patronize our advertisers. Business tends to drop off in January so our advertisers need encouragement to stay with us.

And saving the best for last!! We are now in our 41st year of continuous publication of Hill and Lake Press. Thank you to all the advertisers, the contributors, and the readers for making this a worthy celebration.

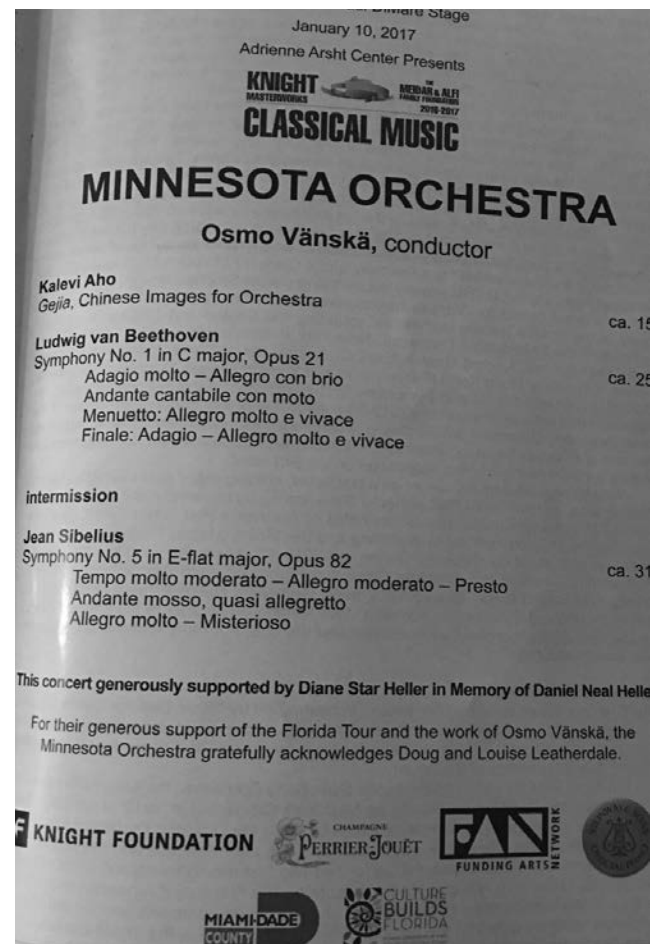


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Gisela Corbett, Eldon Feist, and Jean Deatrck at the Fontainebleau in Miami Beach

Goodbye Macy's

By Madeleine Lowry

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye to Macy's downtown, a store that had briefly been Marshall Field's, and before that the Dayton's flagship going back to the year 1911.

Years ago, when I worked downtown, my commute took me through the Dayton's skyway. It's a bustling place, and the closest thing to New York City hustle you can find in the Twin Cities. Sure, there were other stores downtown, but Dayton's was the anchor. It was the center of my mental map for the corner of the skyway system I utilized each day. Now what will it be? Target?

We will miss the annual Holiday Show, spectacularly staged each year by Dayton's, and simplified by Macy's, but still enjoyable. The Oak Grill was the place to eat with the family afterward. The resplendent red dining room was cozy and full of good cheer and is also closing later this month. Our children loved the kid-friendly menu and the popovers that were so filling that they were no longer hungry by the time their entrées arrived.

The Dayton's Flower Show was a harbinger of spring each year. The lavish display of colorful blooms

was a balm for winter-weary Minnesotans and a showcase for Bachman's artistic chops. A morning visit with lunch at the Skyroom was our family routine each March.

We seem to be saying goodbye to a lot of landmark businesses these days. Since Wuollet Bakery closed their location on Hennepin there is no place in the neighborhood to get a perfect Princess Torte. La Belle Vie was shuttered some months later leaving a hole for special occasion dinners. We also lost Vincent and Masa, both great places to meet before an Orchestra Hall concert.

D'Amico and Sons original location on Hennepin closed at the end of last year as well. A favorite restaurant of ours for many years, it offered a brilliant combination of kid-friendly food, healthy and tasty meals to please adults and quick service. We probably ate there once a week when the kids were young.

The trouble seems to be that our lifestyles are changing. I thought the changes were unique to our family's evolution of lifestyle and tastes, but the failures

of these businesses suggests otherwise. We don't shop at department stores, except maybe at the holidays or when formal clothes are required. Most of the time we find what we need at Target or on Amazon.com. Barnes and Noble will close this spring as well—another casualty of online shopping? Could Magers & Quinn or Birchbark be far behind?

When it comes to restaurants, we're often distracted by new restaurant openings or ethnic offerings we want to try. There are a few places in our neighborhood I hope will never close and the message I'm taking from this is that we must support local business we want to see stay.

Perhaps the way to start the New Year off right is to make a date to meet friends for dinner at your favorite local eatery. And, on your way, stop by your handy neighborhood bookstore, movie theater or specialty shop!

Thank you, Betsy Cowie and George Anagnostakos

We are grateful for the generous contribution from Betsy and George. Betsy is Michael Wilson's daughter and she sent this contribution as a Christmas gift to her father and as a thank you to him for his generous writing and research for Hill and Lake Press. We are indeed grateful for his New York's daughter's support of her father and of Hill and Lake Press.

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Parkway, promise of job creation and tax revenue brought in political clout at the highest level. It should not become "the new normal", but developers see it as a permission slip.

A digression about Paris: The 59-story Maine-Montparnasse office tower, completed in 1973, was the tallest skyscraper in France. After 2 years of criticism for being out of place in the city's urban landscape, construction of buildings over 7 stories high were banned in the city's centre. It is said the view from the top is the most beautiful in Paris because it is the only place from which the tower cannot be seen.

A digression from Theodore Wirth: In 1945, the father of our park system wrote "Sticking out and marring the beauty of the otherwise pleasing and harmonious landscape, the still unfinished building of the Calhoun Beach Club is a monument to the blunder which allowed its erection on private property on the north shore of Lake Calhoun. Certainly, proper zoning of this area would have prevented this very evident mistake and would have saved the margin of our lakes from such encroachment."

Area neighbors don't care about the lakes because they live there, they live there because they care about the lakes. They are first defenders of our city's treasure, which, by the way, is designated a regional park and accommodates over 2 million users each year. Hopefully, that pride and responsibility should be shared by everyone.

Once our Minneapolis logo said "City of Lakes and Parks"; it no longer does. So what's our branding? City of tall buildings? City of Stadiums and Bike Lanes? Yes, there is room for everything, but the lakeshore, Mr. Lileks, is not the right place to go tall.

Harriet Horwitz, Longtime Minneapolis resident and lake-lover.

Happy New Year from the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association.

The Lake of the Isles Skating Party has been
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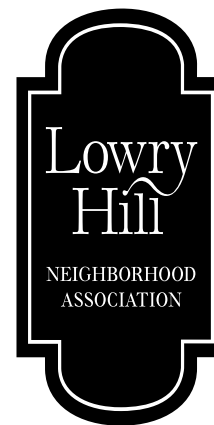
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Meet Inspector Kathy Waite, new head of the
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Remember to "Leave A Light On" to help
deter crime in our neighborhood.



Questions or concerns about neighborhood issues? Contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org

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damage to their building. The Trammell Crow project, which CIDNA and the Loop supported in 2015, has caused \$1.8 million of damage to the Loop. A lawsuit is pending. Brickstone is in discussions with the Loop regarding excavation methods and solutions. The developer also is seeking aerial and ground rights from the Loop for customary construction activities including a building crane.

Next Steps: CIDNA will continue its dialogue with Brickstone and the community. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend CIDNA's public hearing on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Jones Harrison Residence, Lakeview Room, 3700 Cedar Lake Avenue. The latest information and drawings will be presented at this public meeting. Please follow Committee activities, postings, and announcements at <http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com>. Readers are encouraged to submit comments and ideas to corricksidna@gmail.com.

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



9-story tower with wall that would face Lake Point

Source: Brickstone Partners and ESG Architects



6-story wood-frame building from the southeast

Source: Brickstone Partners and ESG Architects



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