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Kenwood/CIDNA Bus Service

by Adam Platt

You may have seen the bus stop signs being removed from France Avenue. Or maybe you noticed the decline in buses traveling through Kenwood. But more likely, these milestones passed without notice. That’s because fewer of us than ever are using local public transit and Metro Transit is responding accordingly.

Late August marked another series of cuts to Kenwood and CIDNA’s shrinking bus service, as Metro Transit reorganized routes to better serve the West End development and prune thinly patronized existing runs. The result is that Hill & Lake Press neighborhoods are at a new low in transit service in the post-streetcar era.

There was a time when the Kenwood bus ran at least hourly from sunup to early evening and a few times on Saturday, while CIDNA was served via a spur of the Cedar Lake bus once an hour. The August cuts deleted all #9 service on France and Ewing Avenues, while rerouting the #25 Kenwood service to originate at the St. Louis Park JCC (replacing the discontinued #649 Cedar Trails express). Buses now pass through Kenwood in one direction only but use I-394 for the “deadhead” to/from downtown.

What this all means is one can no longer ride the bus into Kenwood in the AM or downtown in the PM, and that CIDNA has lost all its bus service (13 weekday trips, one Saturday). Though Hennepin Avenue and Lake Streets remain richly served with buses, the inner Hill & Lake Press neighborhoods are a one-mile walk from public transit outside the core of rush hour.

Residents are not using the bus and it hasn’t escaped a resources-strapped Metro Transit’s attention. According to senior transit planner Steve Mahowald, the France/Ewing segment of the #9 route averaged three daily riders, while the six cancelled #25 reverse commute trips carried an average of one rider each.

The reroute discontinues #25 and #9 service to the bus station at the growing collection of apartment buildings at France and Lake. Those riders still have frequent route #17 service, but the change will further depress #25 patronage, which Metro Transit already deems low. And it’s unclear whether Cedar Trails/JCC riders will put up with being the last stop on a long Kenwood trip after years of being among the first stops on a now-eliminated express bus.

Though Kenwood and CIDNA constitute part of Metro Transit’s core service area, which calls for lines spaced no more than half-a-mile apart, that standard is only met roughly six hours each weekday. Mahowald says Metro Transit’s benchmarks are predicated on the belief that customers will walk no more than a quarter-mile to catch a bus and a half-mile for a train.

Mahowald notes that transit service in HLP neighborhoods will be reorganized when Southwest LRT arrives—a speculative prospect given current budgetary and legal challenges to the line. The current reality is that this bus service has been caught in a vicious cycle of atrophy for more than two decades. Though transit service into this affluent and low-density corner of the

city has never been robust (Kenwood was one of the first routes to lose its streetcars), past ridership was better and funding formulas were not under such stress.

Twenty years ago, reverse commute “deadhead” buses carried domestics to jobs on Lake of the Isles and revelers to evening activities Downtown. The drip, drip of service cuts—first Saturday, then midday, then rush hour fringe, now the deadhead buses, have driven many riders, including this one, to park near Hennepin Avenue to have access to the greater frequency and flexibility the #6 bus offers.

The causes for declining ridership go beyond the vicious cycle of service cuts driving down ridership engendering more service cuts. Kenwood and CIDNA have lost bus riders to the booming cycling phenomenon while the Kenwood route labors under the effect of nearly three years of Nicollet Mall closures, which have detoured the bus to a congested and frequently narrowed Hennepin Avenue. The result has been a double-digit percentage ridership drop, likely due to delayed PM rush trips and the chaotic and increasingly unsavory Downtown bus stops.

Ridership data from 2015 (pre-Nicollet Mall closure) shows an average of 94 inbound #25 riders each day from Kenwood/CIDNA, with 52 riders returning home on the route. But nearly half used stops at Lake & France or Douglas & Bryant, where alternate service exists (this explains some of the disparity in inbound and outbound ridership data). Two years later, in spring 2017, during the Nicollet closure, total ridership was 71 inbound and 43 outbound each day.

The data is stark: Currently there are only 40 riders boarding the Kenwood bus each morning from stops west of Bryant Avenue and 30 returning home. That’s roughly \$175 in fares supporting 10 bus trips.

State transit funding, tied to a vehicle sales tax and general fund appropriations from a transit-hostile GOP state legislature, has been flat or falling since the recession, as Minnesotans replace cars less often and state legislators play out a rural/urban political battle by squeezing public transit. The millennial predilection for bikes and Uber portend further atrophy. Though Mahowald says Metro Transit has no plans to end service to Kenwood and CIDNA, already low ridership combined with continued funding declines are an ominous portent.

“It’s a self-fulfilling prophecy,” says 7th Ward City Councilperson Lisa Goodman. “You can’t build transit ridership by making it inconsistent and unreliable.” Goodman is frustrated by a sense that by the time Metro Transit seeks public input on service reorganizations, the die has already been cast. Yet Goodman acknowledges most of the constituent feedback she has received about bus cuts has come from Bryn Mawr, which lost a portion of its route #9 service as well.

The only good news is that the #25 will return to Nicollet Mall when the street reopens late this year, which should improve the bus’s PM rush reliability, as well as bus stop security. Longer-term, a failure to build a 21st Street LRT station (which could become a hub for reorganized bus service to serve the line) could prove the greatest threat to local service, because it’s hard to see the Kenwood bus surviving many more years of the current atrophy.

The real question for Hill & Lake neighborhood residents is whether they value transit access enough to

FALL COLORS



Photo by Dorothy Childers
West Lake of the Isles Parkway

Your Hill and Lake ‘how-to’ guide to Ranked-Choice Voting 3.0

By Michael Wilson

By 8:01 pm on November 7, about 80,000 of us in Minneapolis will have voted for a mayor, 13 City Council members, nine Park Board commissioners, and two members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. It’ll be our third municipal election using Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV), so we’ve got the whole RCV process pretty well mastered, right? Well, yes and no.

Mastering the first part of RCV — what to do when you’re handed your ballot — is easy. StarTribune columnist Lori Sturdevant wrote recently that it’s not hard to figure out how to mark a ballot with choices one, two and three. “Voters told exit pollsters in 2009 and 2013 that they’ve got that part down,” Sturdevant wrote.

Mastering the second part of RCV — how the votes are tabulated — takes some study. You don’t need to know how the winners are determined in an RCV election, but it does help if you want to make the most effective use of your ballot choices.

For the three races out of five on our ballots that will produce one winner, determining that winner is straightforward. Go to <vote.minneapolismn.gov>, the city’s marvelous one-stop website for everything you need to know about voting. Click on the red “See How

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start using the bus. Metro Transit is focused on meeting demand and serving the transit dependent. There is very little of either in Kenwood and CIDNA and it may not be long until even the elderly and mobility impaired are expected to walk a mile or more to get access to the region at large.

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**Lunch with Lisa
October 25, 2017**

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October 26, Hennepin Lake wine tasting at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

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Nov. 12, 2:00pm St. Mark's Cathedral

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Meet Your Next Park Board Commissioner...

Craig Wilson, of the Hill Lake Press, and David Tinjum, of the Mill City Times, interview Minneapolis Park District 4 Commissioner candidates Jono Cowgill, 29, of the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood (a.k.a., the “Wedge” Neighborhood) and Tom Nordyke, 54, of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood about their vision for the future of the Minneapolis Park System. (Please note that each candidate was given the same questions, same amount of time to respond and a total copy limit of 2000 words, which they both met.)

What experience will you bring to the Park Board?

Jono Cowgill



I am an urban planner who leads comprehensive plans for cities throughout Minnesota. For the past two years I have been a board member for the Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association, chairing the Open Spaces Committee. Previous to my planning work, I have led policy-related initiatives for a variety of public and non-profit organizations including the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and the MN Legislature’s nonpartisan House Research Department. Before that I founded a glass blowing education program for underserved youth in San Francisco, CA. I grew up in Minneapolis, attending Kenwood Elementary, Anwatin Middle, and South High schools. I will bring my professional planning perspective, my lifelong experience in the parks, and my evidence-based progressive values to the Park Board.”

Tom Nordyke



“I served on the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board from 2006-2009, and I was elected as President of the Park Board from 2008-2009. During my years on the Board and under my leadership as President we were able to bring the Board together after years of acrimony and difficult relationships with senior MPRB staff. We were able to heal the differences with the staff and to bring unity to the Board around common visions and goals for the Park System. One of my greatest strengths as the MPRB President was my ability to bring Commissioners together around shared goals in spite of what were often very different visions and agendas of the various Commissioners. Some of the successes of my time on the Park Board were:

- MPRB Comprehensive Plan 2007 – 2020
- Launched the Minneapolis Parks Foundation
- Extensive renovations of Lake of the Isles Park and Parkway
- Repaved Kenwood Parkway
- Initiated plans to renovate the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden at the Walker Art Center
- Renovated Parade Field/Stadium and Parkway

Over the years I have also served on many other civic boards including the Minneapolis Planning Commission, the Minneapolis Institute of Art board, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation & chairing the Minneapolis Arts Commission, as well as a number of arts and affordable housing non-profit boards. Professional, my almost 30 years of experience in the unique field of “Affordable Housing and Real Estate Development for the Arts” has given me a good objective outlook of what it takes to turn an initiative from an idea to a finished project. My understanding of government relations along with historic preservation, and affordable housing financing over the past twenty years has made me a leader in this field. I successfully help the revitalization of a number of cities through historic preservation, economic development and the arts and affordable housing development. As a vanguard in this field, I have spearheaded over 30 arts focused real estate projects with over \$1.5 billion in financing across 26 states and Canada. My work demonstrates a history of creating win-win strategies that benefit preservationists, developers and the arts community. I am committed to building creative communities that support and sustain the arts. I began my career in this creative work as Vice President for Artspace, the national leader in the field of developing affordable space that meets the needs of artists, but since 2003 as W+Noordijk, inc. As a small business owner I have provided independent consulting on issues of real estate acquisition, finance, design and marketing. My clients have included many of the major cities and foundations across the United States. I have worked internationally as well on projects as far flung as the University of Belgrade in Serbia and Gallery Magazine in Guangzhou, China. It’s an exciting job!”

What diversity do you bring to the Park Board?

Tom Nordyke – “I was the first openly gay President of the Minneapolis Park Board. That is some-

thing I am proud of and one of the reasons I jumped into this campaign. We are seeing less diversity in this year’s local election cycle than we have in years. Regarding the LGBTQ community, we are looking at less representation in local government than we have seen in a very long time. I believe as a gay man and member of our LGBTQ community I have a unique and diverse voice to bring the Park Board.”

Jono Cowgill – “The diversity I bring comes from wide variety of people and experiences that have shaped me. I am the son of teachers, I grew up in a racially and economically diverse Minneapolis neighborhood where I learned to recognize my privilege early on, and where I have built friendships with people from a variety of identity backgrounds. I have lived in London, Tacoma, Washington D.C. (as a page under Martin Olav Sabo), and San Francisco. I am also a trained urban planner who uses empirical data to inform decisions. I am an old soul who loves Rogers and Hart, but I am also a millennial. I would bring all these influences with me to the Park Board.”

What examples do you have collaborating, working and problem solving with others?

Jono Cowgill – “Currently I work with communities to solve long-term issues ranging from infrastructure planning and bonding initiatives to persistent crime and community disinvestment. I work with city leadership, community members, and business stakeholders to come up with concrete, long-term solutions that have collaborative buy-in. I have done this work in places as far-flung as International Falls. A premier local example of my collaboration has been working with the City of St. Paul, neighborhood development organizations, the University of Minnesota, and citizen leaders to reevaluate the City’s capital investment program with a racial equity lens. That work has been effective in completely transforming the City’s process for allocating capital dollars equitably throughout St Paul.”

Tom Nordyke – “My time on the Park Board and particularly being President was a constant exercise in collaborating, working and problem solving with others. Our work on the Park Dedication Fee and the repaving of Kenwood Parkway both required difficult negotiations with the City, which were eventually successful. Our work on the Lake of the Isles renovation, Parade Field and the Sculpture Garden required work with the City as well as the State Legislature, and again these were all successful. Being able to work with other institutions in a way the not only gets things done, but does so in a way that is a win for the Park Board is at the heart of being an effective Commissioner. It is why I believe that experience really does matter when we look to who will represent us on the Park Board.”

The 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20) is a historic agreement that establishes additional funding to maintain and revitalize neighborhood parks through 2036. Extensive work has been done by the Park Board to ensure that funding is allocated based on racial and economic equity. Do you intend to honor NPP20 and

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the dollar allocations that have been made based?

Tom Nordyke – “I absolutely intend to honor the NPP20 initiative! It is a well-developed plan with a great deal of community input. It is important to understand that the NPP20 document was developed in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and goes hand-in-hand with the \$11 Million dollars a year of funding over the next 20 years. There are a number of candidates for the Park Board that have stated that they will reopen or disregard the NPP20. That is an incredibly irresponsible position to take and would be a disaster for the initiative and its funding as well as the MPRB’s relationship with the City.”

Jono Cowgill – “I completely support the historic 20-year neighborhood park plan including the funding allocation framework and look forward to responsibly administering those dollars. I applaud the many community leaders who advocated for this historic agreement.”

What would you specifically change and how it would positively impact racial and economic equity in our community?

Jono Cowgill – “I will not change anything to the NPP20 plan, I will only add that it is important the Park Board is diligent and responsible in how it communicates these important investments to community members. As a commissioner I plan to be a public face that will ensure that all of our neighborhoods are well-informed about the progress of the spending of our NPP20 dollars.”

Tom Nordyke – “The Park Board adopted the NPP20 plan, which includes a racial equity matrix in decision making for resource allocation and also adopted the Racial Equity Action Plan for 2017 – 2018. The Racial Equity Action Plan is in essence a plan for creating a plan. Both of these plans are being implemented right now. They should be monitored to ensure they are having the desired outcomes and if those outcomes are not being achieved the plans should be modified. On the outside chance that it is determined that one or both of these plans is simply not working, then we should look at ending them and starting anew. There are a number of candidates who have tried to label the MPRB as a racist organization with no concern about racial equity or justice. That is simply not true. The MPRB, like other public institutions has work to do on many fronts. The plans mentioned above are an excellent start to addressing these issues.”

The RiverFirst project is a multi-decade effort to transform 11 miles of once-industrial north Mississippi Riverfront to public parkland, which will effectively complete the Grand Rounds through north and northeast Minneapolis. Do you support the RiverFirst project on the Central Riverfront?

Tom Nordyke – “I do yes. I am honored to be endorsed by the current 4th District Commissioner and current MPRB President Anita Tabb, who has been a huge leader in the Park Board’s work with the RiverFirst

initiative. I am planning to be a leader in this initiative as well.”

Jono Cowgill – “Yes, I do. The RiverFirst vision is critical to the sustained vitality of Minneapolis as a regional urban center. It has been a transformative vision that began in 1987 when the first section of what is now James I. Rice parkway first broke ground. We cannot stop now!”

Specifically, do you support the northeast at Hall’s Island and expanding the riverfront access along the river as well as the Upper Harbor Terminal with the Joint City/Park Board venture?

Jono Cowgill – “Ever since I was very young I have wondered why for so long Minneapolis turned its back on the River. Both the Upper Harbor Terminal and Hall’s Island are key aspects of that vision, enhancing access, recreational, and entertainment opportunities for north and northeast residents.”

Tom Nordyke – “I very much support the continued development of the River Front for all residents, particularly Northeast and North Minneapolis. I support the current concept design for Hall’s Island and Scherer Park and will work to refine the plans and move ahead with the project. I also support the Park Board working with the City to redevelop the Upper Harbor Terminal and support joint City/Park Board work to make it a reality.”

Crown Hydro is a controversial hydroelectricity facility proposed for the Mississippi River front near St. Anthony Falls. Many area residents are concerned about impacts on water flow over the falls and nuisances such as vibrations from a plant while its developers see it as an opportunity to bring more renewable energy to Minneapolis. What is your position on Crown Hydro?

Tom Nordyke – “I do not support the Crown Hydro project. I voted against this project TWICE while on the Park Board and I would vote against it again. The main concern I have is the flow of water over the St. Anthony Falls. In the four years I was on the Board the developers of this project were never able to definitively prove to me that the project would not adversely impact water flow over the Falls or that there would be a remedy if it did. Diminished or non-existent flow over the Falls is simply too much of a risk.”

Jono Cowgill – “I echo Congressman Ellison’s concerns about Crown Hydro given last year’s Environmental Impact Statement. I do not currently believe that Crown Hydro has a compelling reason for their proposed site at St Anthony Falls. The environmental risks and direct conflict with the RiverFirst initiative (Water Works in particular) are enough to greatly outweigh any vague potential energy benefits.”

What is your position on pesticide use in the park system? Is there an appropriate time to use pesticides in the park system or should all pesticides be banned?

Jono Cowgill – “There are a few viable models for severely reducing the amount of pesticides we use in

the parks, including Kings County WA, Portland OR, and Toronto. We can realize a more environmentally-friendly and safe park system by responsibly moving towards a severe reduction in pesticide use through the reevaluation of our Integrated Pest Management Plan. It is broadly recognized that our current use of pesticides is unsafe for our already fragile waters, our pets, and our children.”

Tom Nordyke – “If we wish to have the kind of Park System that our community demands in this heavily built urban environment, then we will need to continue the very limited use pesticides for the foreseeable future. There is simply no other way right now to deal with the invasive species that clog our waters and trails and obstruct or views and access to the Lakes and River. It should be noted that the Park Board is extremely judicious about the use of pesticides. I absolutely support the goal of moving toward a pesticide free system. But to do so now would cause damage to our system that our community would not accept.”

What should the role of urban agriculture and community gardens be in the parks? What is the balance between keeping parkland public and allowing private gardening?

Tom Nordyke – “The Park Board adopted an Urban Agriculture Activity Plan back in 2014. This plan was created with a great deal of community input and was intended to compliment the City of Minneapolis’ efforts including “Homegrown Minneapolis” and the City’s Urban Agriculture Policy Plan. Frankly, the MPRB has been slow to implement this plan and I will make it priority to do so. I think the decision to set aside park property for community based gardening and agriculture is a case-by-case process. I do not see an inclusive and accessible community based garden as ‘private gardening.’”

Jono Cowgill – “There is a wonderful opportunity to support the rollout of the Park Board’s Urban Agriculture Plan. This plan provides the framework for allowing public gardens in parks. These public gardens would be open for all to use and would be more environmentally friendly than mowable land. The key to success for the Urban Agriculture Plan is developing sustainable partnerships with neighborhood organizations, the Minneapolis Public Schools, and recreation leaders to steward gardens effectively.”

The Park Police have been credited with creating a safer Hidden Beach at Cedar Lake. There has been discussion in the past of merging the Park Police with the Minneapolis Police Department to conserve resources. However, the fear is that parks will not be a priority for the City’s police department and that parks will suffer and become less safe. What is your position on the Park Police? What would you like to see change, if anything?

Jono Cowgill – “I support maintaining a strong, separate park police force. The issues that park police face are unique, and having a dedicated force allows for tailored approaches to ensuring our parks are safe. I support broadening the tools that our park enforcement has to successfully keep our parks safe for everyone. I am supportive of mental health training for the force, successfully rolling out the new comprehensive use of body worn cameras, and expanding the role of mental health professionals in helping our mentally-ill neighbors in the parks.”

Tom Nordyke – “The idea of merging the Park Police with the City Police force is pretty much a City idea. I can’t recall a Park Board Commissioner that ever supported that idea, and for good reason. The Park Police can and do have a more proactive approach to policing and it shows. Less than 2% of our City’s violent crime happens in our parks. That is a pretty stunning statistic particularly if you compare that with other metropolitan areas where the parks are the problem, not the exception.”

There is a distinct possibility that green space will be lost to Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) along the Cedar Lake and Kenilworth Trails unless representatives can work with the Met Council to develop a solution. What is your experience working with agencies like the Met Council? What is your strategy for SWLRT?

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Tom Nordyke – “I worked with the Met Council a lot when I was on the Park Board. The Met Council is a funding partner with the MPRB in areas like the Regional Park System, land acquisition funding and other funding streams. I worked with the Met Council and others when I was on the MPRB developing the Metro Green Line and the intense debate about routing the Green Line through the U of M and across the Washington Avenue Bridge. I have also work with the Met Council in my professional life as a developer of affordable housing. The Met Council is a funding partner in affordable housing and in Brownfields cleanup and other environment funding. I have generally had a very good and productive experience in my work with the Met Council. SWLRT is another story however. I do not support the current route selected for the SWLRT, and I never have. Nor do I support the “process” that lead to the selection of the current route. Having said that, the only possibility at this point for halting SWLRT as designed and to change the route is the lawsuit currently in process by The Lakes and Parks Alliance. If that suit is successful then it is a whole new ballgame. If not, then the only thing the Park Board can do is work to mitigate any negative impacts of the SWLRT on the Grand Rounds and our other park assets. So, things pretty much hang on the lawsuit right now.”

Jono Cowgill – “It is very unfortunate that the Met Council’s SWLRT alignment goes through the Kenilworth Corridor. I personally believe it is a bad alignment. Currently the Park Board has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Met Council wherein the Park Board agrees to “facilitate the approval and construction of any LRT project.” It also calls for close coordination between MPRB and the Met Council on final design considerations around the bridges of the Kenilworth Channel. The Final Environmental Impact Statement estimates that the MPRB will lose a total of 0.7 acres of green space for a trail realignment in Bryn Mawr Meadows Park and for modifications to the rail alignments along the Kenilworth Corridor. We cannot afford to lose any more green space due to poor project management or revised designs. In this vein, I will closely monitor this proposed loss of green space and work with the SPO and Met Council to mitigate these losses. I have worked with Met Council staff on housing and transportation related work and as Commissioner will develop strong relationships with the current Council while advocating for my constituents and the Park Board. Within this project new issues arise consistently, including the lawsuit brought by the Lakes and Parks Alliance, the rebidding of the construction contract, and unstable federal matching funds. Should the MOU be revisited by the Park Board, I would listen to my constituents - especially those most affected by line construction - to make an informed decision on any and all agreement parameters.”



FIXING ELECTORAL CONFUSION, VERSION 2017

By James P. Lenfestey

Few voters I know can make sense of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Yes, getting rid of local primary elections, where voter turnout can be less than the Domino pizza orders that day, saves money and time. Yes, RCV means that in theory voters, by making first, second, third or more choices, insure the winning candidate has the favor of more than half the voters, thought counting ballots is more complicated and expensive and the complexity seems to somewhat deter, not enhance, voter turnout.

Still, from the public policy and service point of view, RCV can seem a distinct improvement over the traditional winner-take-all even if the winner does not receive a majority of the votes (in a race with three or more candidates). The old way is how Jessie Ventura won with 39.9 percent, for example.

The problem, it seems to this geezer voter, is that RCV requires too much of the common voter. Once we could decide our selection via party affiliation and endorsement and primary contest. Now we have to be strategic. Voters really should have #2 and #3 preferences, which make them more likely to win if their #1 choice does not get a majority. That is the point of the RCV exercise.

It is also why the public election conversation seems muted. Have you seen/read/heard a single candidate pointing out direct differences? RCV driven political amity creates a problem for voters who need to differentiate opponents.

A coalition in St. Paul has had enough of RCV, and is petitioned the City Council for the old system. I like it better too – two choices, rarely a third, only vote for one. But RCV remains the law in both cities. Minneapolis first RCV election proved a circus, with more than 30 candidates. This year there will be 16.

On Nov 7 I’ll mark my mayoral ballot as follows: First choice, Tom Hoch, whose experience would make

him the best mayor; Jacob Frey, whose energy makes him best citywide candidate; incumbent Betsy Hodges, tested with wobbles. All three are green, progressive, smart. My distinctions are informed by conversations I have had with citizens who know a lot more than I do about the candidates and the needs and requirements of operating a major city as the economic, cultural and green political engine of our state. Sometimes called party elites, these citizens are in fact those who PAY ATTENTION and want to WIN for the city.

How will you discern your candidates? When you know, early voting is underway at the Early Voting Center on 3rd street. Or you can meet your trusted neighbors at your Ward 7 polling place on Nov 7 and have a chat.

Oops, my wife wants me to comment on the Council and Park Board races, and so I must. The Bernie Sanders’ Our Revolution, more motivated than the rest of us, and rightly fed up with sluggish progress on climate change and racial justice, stormed the DFL caucuses, the only ones that matter in Minneapolis, and were either endorsed or denied endorsement of more experienced candidates. Unfortunately, these bright young voices sought to turn out all hands, including skilled and effective legislators such as our council person Lisa Goodman, as not green enough, while according to retiring Park Board member Anita Tabb she “saved” the parks by passing a crucial multimillion dollar deal with the city. The existing crop of skilled park board members, were also denied DFL endorsement, even though under their stewardship Minneapolis parks have been ranked #1 in the nation 5 years running by the Trust for Public Land. Many of us, disturbed by this loss of effective leadership, continue to support Tom Nordyke for our district 4 representative, and Meg Forney, LaTrisha Vetaw and Mike Derus as at-large representatives, as a slate whom we believe will be more effective than the challengers (you can vote for 3 at-large). These days I sometimes feel like a fuddy duddy. But in this case I believe I am right.

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Your Hill and Lake 'how-to' guide to Ranked-Choice Voting 3.0 continued

It Works" button and you'll be taken to three short videos. The first two show how in successive tabulation rounds the lowest vote-getter is eliminated, with that candidate's second- or third-place votes (if any) going to other candidates still in the running.

My favorite is the MPR video with Post-It notes.

Two of the five races on our ballots, however, will produce more than one winner — three At-Large Park Board commissioners and two Board of Estimate and Taxation members. The third video, "How Instant Runoff Voting works 2.0: Multiple Winners," makes a fine attempt to show how we end up with multiple winners, but it's complicated. I've watched the video a dozen times, and I think I'm beginning to understand it — sort of.

The third part of RCV — strategy, or how to use your ballot to elect as many of your preferred candidates as possible — doesn't get talked about very much, so we'll try to do that here. But first, go to <myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us> and follow the instructions to see a sample of the ballot everyone in the four Hill and Lake neighborhoods will be getting.

Two old-fashioned races.

We'll be electing a new District 4 Park Board commissioner due to current commissioner and Park Board president Anita Tabb's departure in January for Florida, taking with her our gratitude for her friendship and for her two terms of stellar service on the Park Board.

Our ballots list just two candidates running to replace her, Tom Nordyke and Jono Cowgill. Vote for one. The winner will be determined after the first round, like in the old days. There's no point in voting for one and making the other your 2nd choice, since there will be no second round of ballot-counting. Your ballot has a third column for your 3rd choice, but using all three columns would mean voting for one candidate twice. You can't do that. The machine will reject your ballot when you try to feed it in.

The race for two seats on the Board of Estimate and Taxation is even easier because there will be only two people to vote for — incumbents Carol Becker and David Wheeler. As with the Cowgill-Nordyke race, our ballots will have three columns for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. You can vote Wheeler #1 and Becker #2, or vice-versa, or just vote for one of them. What you cannot do is make Becker or Wheeler your 3rd choice as well as your 1st or 2nd choice. That's double-voting and the machine will reject your ballot.

Mayor: 16 candidates, one winner.

In 2013 mayoral race 35 candidates vied to replace outgoing mayor R.T. Rybak. Betsy Hodges was in the lead right from the start, but successive rounds of tabulation were required because she never quite made it past the threshold of 50 percent + one. Finally, after 33 rounds of tabulation, Hodges was declared the winner — with 48.95 percent of the votes cast.

Although one of the advantages of RCV is that winners ultimately emerge with a majority of the votes cast instead of just a plurality as often happens with tradi-

tional voting, that's not always the case. Because of the large number of "exhausted" ballots by Round 33 — ballots whose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice candidates had all been eliminated — Hodges won without quite crossing the threshold. (Mark Andrew finished second with 31.44 percent of the votes cast.)

In 2014 we voters approved a City Charter amendment raising the filing fee for mayor from \$20 to \$500 or 500 signatures. Partly as a result, this year the candidate count is down to 15.

When you look at the mayoral race on your ballot, keep in mind that you CAN vote for three candidates, but you don't HAVE to. In fact, the ballots say, "2nd (or 3rd) choice, if any." It's unwise, however, to "bullet vote" — vote just for one candidate — unless all the other 14 candidates are totally unacceptable to you.

You may think your preferred candidate is a shoo-in because s/he combines all the best qualities of Amy Klobuchar, Al Franken, and Martin Sabo. But if your candidate falls by the wayside as successive rounds of tabulation proceed, you've lost any chance of helping to decide the ultimate winner if you haven't made at least a 2nd choice.

This year's race includes a handful of front-runners, several moderate-shot candidates, and a larger number of long-shot candidates. It's fine to pick your three choices from among all three groups, but people who've mastered the RCV tabulation process advise voting for at least one front-runner whom you could live with as mayor. Voting for only medium- or low-likelihood candidates may feel good, but when your ballot is exhausted — as it almost surely will be — you've lost any say in determining the ultimate winner.

City Council: four candidates, one winner.

Four candidates are running for the Ward 7 seat currently held by Lisa Goodman. Two are front-runners and two are spirited long-shots. By all means vote for one or both of the long-shots if you wish, but also vote for one of the two front-runners lest your ballot become ineffectual when it's declared exhausted. If you make one of the long-shots your #1 choice and if the totals of the two front-runners are close after Round 1, your front-runner selection as choice #2 or #3 is likely to have an outsized impact on the final result.

Barring a stunning come-from-behind victory by one of the two long-shot candidates, the winner will be one of the two front-runners and will be determined in Round 3. Vote for both front-runners if you wish, but it'll have no effect on the outcome.

Park Board At-Large:

nine candidates, three winners.

The last time we elected the three At-Large Park Board commissioners without RCV, in 2005, the six contenders' totals were tightly bunched, ranging from 14.1 to 19.2 percent of the votes cast. The difference between the third-place finisher (who won) and the fourth-place finisher (who lost) was a mere 1.1 percent of the votes cast.

Under RCV the threshold for victory in a one-win-

ner race is 50 percent + one. The victory threshold in a three-winner race is 25 percent + one because once a candidate crosses that threshold, it's mathematically impossible to lose. The tabulation process for getting there, however, is not the same.

In the mayoral race, if no one achieves victory after Round 1, Round 2 starts with eliminating the bottom vote-getter and distributing that candidate's 2nd choice votes. The process repeats until 13 of the 15 candidates have been eliminated and a winner can be declared.

In the At-Large race, one candidate may cross the threshold in Round 1, or it may take one or more rounds of eliminating the bottom vote-getters for a candidate to cross the 25 percent + one threshold and be declared one of the three winners.

Here's where it gets tricky. Once a candidate crosses the threshold, a redistribution of her/his votes takes place. The candidate's total number of votes is divided by the number of votes in excess of 25 percent + one, yielding a fraction. (The video shows 12 total blue votes divided by two excess blue votes, yielding a fractional redistribution of one-sixth of each blue vote's next-choice candidate.)

In 2013, under RCV, there were 10 candidates. The first winner crossed the threshold after Round 4. Winners 2 and 3 weren't determined until Round 9, after seven of the 10 candidates were eliminated. The final winning percentages? Winner 1 had 25%, Winner 2 had 23.4%, and Winner 3 had 18.5%.

In a multiple-winner race your 1st-choice vote is extremely important, but so are your 2nd and 3rd choices. The reason? If your 1st choice makes over the threshold, a fraction of your 2nd (or 3rd) choice vote gets redistributed. "Sympathy" or "on principle" 2nd- or 3rd-choice selections may yield a result you weren't really planning on.

Here's a HUGE lesson to be learned for past elections: in 2013 fully one-quarter of all voters — 20,638 people — did not vote for any At-Large candidates at all. The 2017 Park Board elections are crucial. Visit the candidates' websites. Watch for lawn signs around our Hill and Lake neighborhoods. Take this year's Minneapolis DFL endorsements with a grain of salt. And be sure to vote for Park Board At-Large.

City Clerk Casey Carl has promised that most if not all results should be known by Wednesday evening, November 8 — sooner than in the past — because of a few procedural and ordinance changes. So be sure to VOTE on or before November 7, then study and learn from the results. The 2021 municipal elections will be upon us before we know it.

LAKE OF THE ISLES HISTORIC LIGHTING - An Illuminating Subject

Kathleen Kullberg LHENA Historian

More than a century ago, on July 5, 1911, what would seem like any ordinary summer event today was celebrated with extraordinary pomp and circumstance, and hailed as a major engineering achievement. That grand day in 1911 marked the official connection of the lakes in the center of Minneapolis into a beautiful string of jewels: the waters of Brownie, Cedar, Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun were merged to form a beautiful chain that no other American city can match.

The actual planning of this extraordinary event was set in place 25 long years before in 1886 and after some serious setbacks and economic downturns finally culminated that July day in 1911 with a whole week of celebratory activities.

Lake of the Isles originally consisted of mostly low lying swampy marshes and four small islands left behind after the last glaciers had deposited their detritus and melted away. Then in the early years of the 20th century, the rolling hills surrounding the chain of lakes was becoming a most desirable place to live. The Minneapolis park board's plan was to dredge the swamp in the middle of the chain into a real lake, to an overall depth of 16 feet, and to use the dredged material to fill

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Lost Bryn Mawr

By Neil Trembley

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Did you know that the Bryn Mawr bluffs once extended to the several hundred feet south of its present ridgeline? That the Bryn Mawr neighborhood once contained streets with fanciful name like Manitoba and Granada? Or that they were obliterated over a century ago? Not renamed, mind you. Obliterated. The story of how this happened is all part of Bryn Mawr's historic link to Cedar Lake and the railroads.

A little background: in 1883 the *St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway* under James J. Hill, built an earthen causeway through the north end of Cedar Lake, to run its mainline rail tracks out to Lake Minnetonka. (The line is still extant.) In 1890, Hill consolidated several of his roads into the legendary Great Northern Railway (predecessor to the BNSF). For over a century, the Great Northern controlled the north end Cedar Lake.

In the early 1900s, the Great Northern needed additional infrastructure to handle the swelling grain shipments pouring into Minneapolis. The nation's population was continuing to expand and Minneapolis' flour mills required more wheat to grind to feed the nation's hungry mouths. In response, the Great Northern sought to expand its Cedar Lake Wheat Receiving Yard to handle the burgeoning grain shipments. But there was a problem.

A pre-glacial branch of the Mississippi River had run from just north of the city to Cedar Lake. While the retreat of the last glacier had filled in much of the low-lying area, there were still vestiges of that old watercourse in the form of ponds, springs, and marshes. (Spring Lake, just north of Kenwood Blvd, is a remnant.) In the early 1900s, the area was a treacherous place, where animals sometimes disappeared into pockets of quicksand. To lay more tracks, the Great Northern needed to stabilize the land in this area. To do that, it needed fill—lots of fill.

Throughout 1905, Great Northern land agents qui-

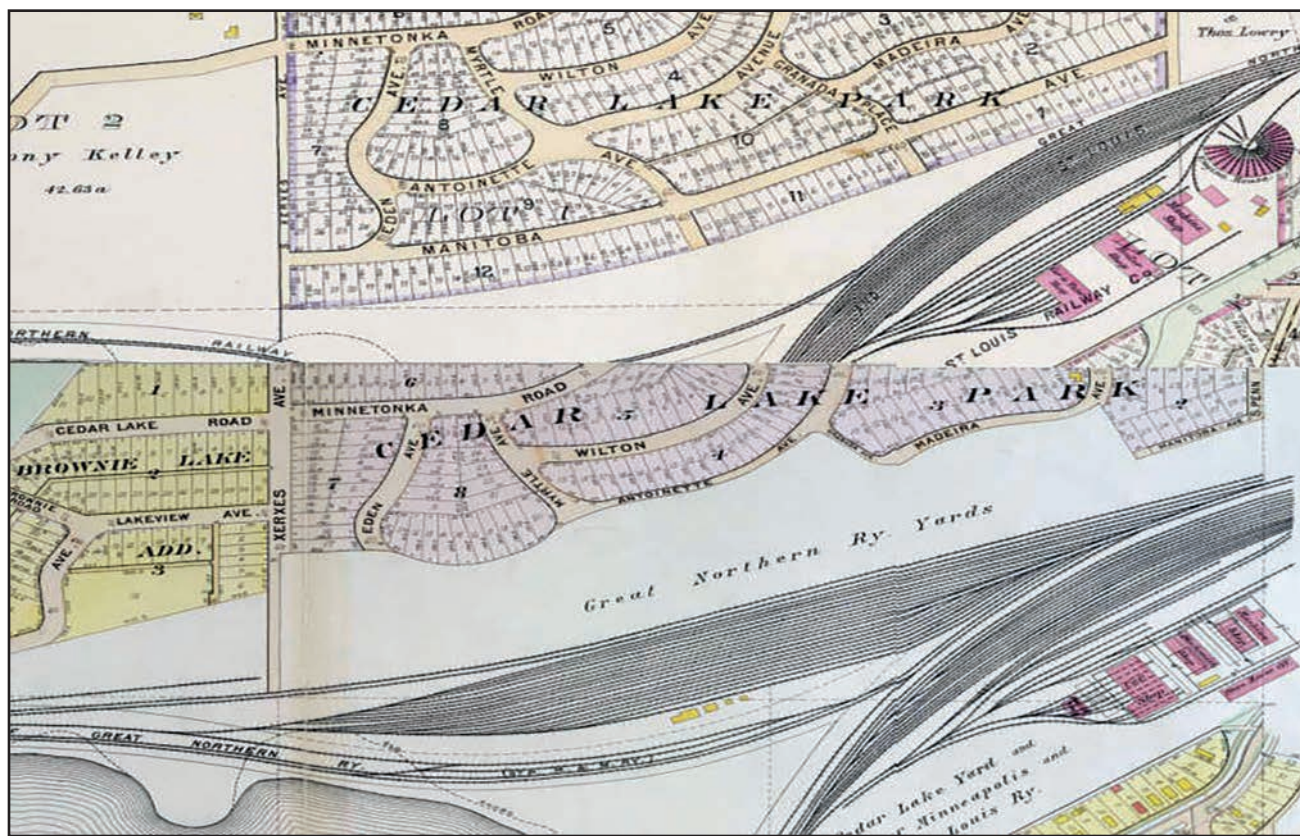
etly bought up private land from a dozen property-owners on the southern edge of the Bryn Mawr bluffs. (Although the land had been platted, there appears to have been no permanent dwellings there.) By 1906, the Great Northern had acquired twenty-two acres of land on the Bryn Mawr bluffs. Soon, steam shovels began carving into its slopes. On August 26th of that year, a Minneapolis Journal reporter wrote:

"With the cutting away of the sand bank towards Bryn Mawr the face of the district is being changed greatly and the picturesquely platted addition called

Cedar Lake Park...is disappearing under the stress of steam shovel demands.

Manitoba Avenue has dropped on to the flatcars and has been consigned to final burial in the Bryn Mawr bog. Eden, Myrtle and Granada avenues have lost their extremities and Antoinette and Madeira avenues appear to have an inclination to follow Manitoba Avenue to the bottom of the sandpit."

All told, the Great Northern excavated over 600,000 cubic yards of the Bryn Mawr bluffs. The maps below show the area before and after the big dig. On the 1898



The 1898 map on the top shows the southern edge of the Bryn Mawr bluff prior to GN's removal of land. The 1914 map on the bottom shows the bluff area lost. Maps courtesy Minneapolis Collection, Hennepin County Library.



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map, notice the sections numbered 9, 10, 11, and 12 as well as the rounded look of the bluff. On the 1914 map, these sections are gone and the bluff line has assumed an irregular shape. Below the newly contoured bluffs, twenty newly minted sets of tracks appear. A large chunk of the Bryn Mawr bluffs was wiped out.

Meanwhile, and perhaps not coincidentally, the Great Northern touted plans for a major upgrade to the Cedar Lake Yards. In a huge scoop, the *Minneapolis Tribune* reported that the Great Northern would abandon its St. Paul facilities and move to Minneapolis! It would construct a vast complex of roundhouses and repair shops at Cedar Lake that would become the new nerve center of the Great Northern's nationwide operation. It would add seven to ten thousand workers to the city's tax rolls. It would bolster the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. It seemed too good to be true.

The company's public relations department successfully blunted any efforts to curb the Great Northern's voracious appetite. Opposition to the digging and filling was sporadic and uncoordinated. In 1905, a city alderman charged the company with attempting to dupe the city, so it could get a favorable deal on city-owned land. In 1906, the city council took further steps. A September 29 article in the *Minneapolis Tribune* noted:

"Alderman [P. D.] Walker of the eighth ward secured passage of a resolution directing the city attorney to take such actions as he deems necessary to prohibit the Great Northern Railway company [sic] from encroaching upon the shores of Cedar Lake.

According to the alderman from the eighth, the railway company has pre-empted much of the shoreline of



William Wallof. *New Great Northern Railway Tracks at the base of the Bryn Mawr Bluffs, 1900s.* Courtesy Minneapolis Collection, Hennepin County Public Library.

this beautiful body of water and is entertaining plans to fill up as much the lake for purposes of increasing its trackage acreage."

Throughout 1905 and 1906, the city's two major newspapers: the *Minneapolis Tribune* and the *Minneapolis Journal* vied for coverage of this significant story. The *Tribune's* articles waxed enthusiastically about the gains Minneapolis would see when the Great Northern moved its facilities from St. Paul to the Mill City. Meanwhile the steam shovels kept digging and the Bryn Mawr bluffs kept retreating.

On August 26, 1906 the *Journal* ran this brief note,

"Excavation began this week for construction of a forty-stall roundhouse for the Great Northern Railway near Cedar Lake." It seemed this was the beginning of the long-awaited relocation of the Great Northern's facilities. A few weeks later, however, the *Journal* dropped a bombshell: the company had decided *not* to move its facilities from St. Paul to Minneapolis—and it was blaming the about-face on Minneapolis city officials.

For years, the Great Northern had held that the city was responsible for constructing and maintaining public bridges over rail tracks and yards. The city finally went to court to compel the railroad to pay for bridge maintenance and repair and the suit pended before the state Supreme Court. The Great Northern may have hoped the carrot of relocating its rail facilities to Minneapolis would persuade city officials to drop the suit (as well as the issue of the city-own land). But the council refused to take the bait, and now the company had withdrawn the carrot.

Ultimately, the GN did greatly increase trackage throughout the Cedar Lake corridor; it also built a few switching facilities at the north end of Cedar Lake. But no roundhouses, maintenance facilities, or repairs shops, ever materialized, nor did thousands of Great Northern workers ever make their way to Minneapolis.

William G. Wallof's photograph, taken some time after 1906, reveals the results of the bluffs' excavation. Looking west, one can see the curve of the Great Northern's double track line below the Bryn Mawr bluffs. To the north, the gash in the bluffs is still fresh. A railcar sits underneath, marking the base of the new bluff line. A part of Bryn Mawr had vanished forever.

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LAKE OF THE ISLES HISTORIC LIGHTING - An Illuminating Subject
By Kathy Kullberg, LHENA Historian

in the gaps between the two southern most islands, creating a continuous drive around the lake and connecting the lake to the rest of the city's parkways. The Minneapolis park board spent well over the then enormous sum of \$100,000 to build the six bridges and two canals which connected Lakes Cedar and Calhoun to the Lake of the Isles. Today this sum would equate to more than \$3 Million.

Ten long years of actual planning, dredging swamps, bogs and mosquito infested waters resulted in the crown of jewels that assures Minneapolis's place at the top of the nation's best system of parks.

The July 6, 1911 Star Tribune reported that the "Linking of the Lakes Day" began below the new Lake Street bridge over the canal between Calhoun and Lake of the Isles: "A small set of gates symbolically blocked the entrance to the Lake of the Isles channel. Speeches were delivered, dedicatory odes recited, water from the two lakes was ritually mixed in a golden loving cup. At that moment the gates were raised and the "Maid of the Isles" bedecked with garlands and flags, passed under the bridge....A throne had been erected on a platform on the larger of the two islands of the lake [Lake of the Isles], and here five young women in appropriate costumes impersonating the spirits of Minneapolis, Lake Harriet, Lake of the Isles, Cedar lake, and Lake Calhoun, reviewed the parade of ships - replicas of ancient water craft illuminated and manned by crews in picturesque historical costumes. The island was also attractively illuminated, and after the water parade, a brilliant display of fireworks climaxed the eventful day."

The aqueous jewels of the city were thus connected. The wide boulevards were completed surrounding Lake Harriet, Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles. Bridal paths along with the pebbled broad roadways offered recreational equestrian pleasure on all days of the week. Cycling and boating enthusiasts could easily navigate the lakes and enjoy a picnic on the sandy beaches.

Unfortunately, it was, however, a different story in the evening. In the push to reach the grand opening

week in July, some projects had to be shelved. There were cost overruns during the decade previous and the wing walls on the fourth bridge on the west side of Lake of the Isles over the Cedar Lake canal had to be rebuilt. In addition, a law suit between the park board and the dredging company consumed time and money to resolve.

One of those projects shelved included the string of lamps lining the new boulevards and the bridge lighting for bridges No. 3 and No. 4, around Lake of the Isles. On all the park board plans, the four major bridges between Lake Calhoun and Cedar Lake were numbered thus: No.1 was the Lake Street bridge; No. 2 was the railroad bridge over the Calhoun lagoon; No. 3 was the bridge at the southeastern corner of Lake of the Isles; and No. 4 was the bridge on the western shore spanning the Cedar Lake canal.

After a contest and bids solicited designs of the four major bridges, Messers Vroman and Lincoln Rogers of New York City won the bid for No. 1 - the Lake Street Bridge. Mr. William Pierce Cowles and Cecil Bayless Chapman of Minneapolis were selected for their simplistic but elegant solution using locally sourced stone for bridges No. 3 and No 4. Chapman was then contracted to be the park board's chief engineer overseeing the building of the bridges. Bridges 3 and 4 incorporated pedestals at either end to be capped with identical lamp posts. Bridge No. 1 featured a more simplistic approach.

However, at this time, new technology in lighting was coming into play and the decision of which would be more cost effective was a bone of contention amongst the directors of the park board. They could not decide between traditional gas lights nor the newer electric lights. And if electric, should the source be powered by park board generators or purchased from the Minneapolis Gas Light Company franchise? Contributing fuel to this indecisiveness, was the board's small annual budget, the extra cost to rebuild bridge No. 4 wing walls, and a law suit with the dredging com-

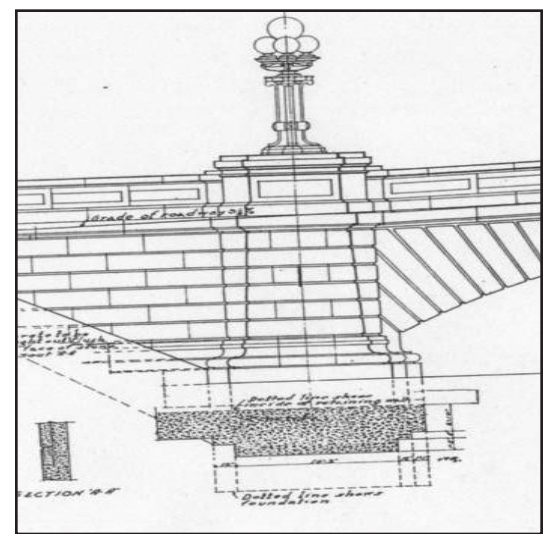
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pany.

Research on the park board annual reports for the Chapman bridges has turned up the drawings for the missing lamps. The design for Bridge No. 1 shows a tall, plain cast base with a single large lamp on top. Bridges No.3 and No. 4 outlines a more sculpted base with a more elaborate lighting design featuring a large center light bulb and four subservient bulbs.

In the end, the lovely lighting designs for bridges 1, 3 and 4 were never purchased nor installed. Whether there are electric or gas lines running into the pedestals is presently unknown. If one looks on the top of the pedestal bases, there are obvious circular holes marking the locations where the lampposts would have been installed.

Although, July 8, 1911 marked the end of this period in the history of park land acquisition and uniting the city parks with a grand celebration the Grand Rounds is not truly completed. Perhaps one day, the two bridges of the Lake of the Isles will be finished as designed - illuminated in the elegant splendor as once dreamed and planned of by Chapman and Cowles.



Bridges No. 3 and No. 4 lamp pedestal and lighting.

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By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, October 11, 2017

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Interim Chair Amanda Vallone, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Stacia Goodman, Rich Heichert, Barbara Lunde, Jan Nielsen, Taylor Pentelovitch, James Reid, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Interim Chair Amanda Vallone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, October 25, noon at University of St. Thomas. The topic is Super Bowl 52.

Street sweeping will begin October 16. Details at minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping. Do not rake leaves/yard waste into streets.

Dean Pkwy, between Thomas Ave and Lake of the Isles Pkwy, will be closed for four days beginning October 16. Watch for detour signs.

A watermain connection will be installed on St. Louis Ave, between W 29th St and St. Paul Ave. Construction begins on October 16 and will take 2-3 weeks.

The Southwest LRT Wall Committee held their first meeting. CM Goodman appointed Margaret Anderson Kelliher to serve on the committee.

Announcements

Public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission on Monday, October 16, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 317, for the following:

To amend land use application fees, regulations affecting uses subject to site plan review, and standards governing changes to approved applications

To amend regulations related to parking garages

Thrill Kenwood, Amanda Vallone

This free, family event will be held on Saturday, October 28, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center. Proceeds from this year's event will go to hurricane relief.

The CIDNA Board approved \$200 for printing and supplies (CPP allowable expenses).

Wine Tasting Fundraiser, Monica Smith

The fundraiser to support CIDNA and Uptown area neighborhood associations will be held on Thursday, October 26, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave S. Tickets are \$25 in advance and CIDNA keeps 100% of proceeds from tickets we sell (CIDNA's fundraising goal is \$1500). CIDNA needs to fill eight volunteer shifts on the day of the event.

Contact info@cidna.org to purchase tickets or go to handlwine.eventbrite.com.

NRP/CPP Report, Claire Ruebeck

CIDNA Speaker Series was held on October 1 with Ifrah Mansour, an internationally recognized Somali artist and educator.

Cedar Lake South Beach update:

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 317, to allow for improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach in the R1/Single Family and SH/Shoreland Overlay District:

Conditional use permit to allow for development on a steep slope for a public park in the Shoreland Overlay District.

Variance to reduce the required front yard setback to allow for a new restroom building, new terrace, and other improvements.

Right of way vacation to vacate an unpaved portion of Cedar Lake Ave.

The Park Board received eight bids for reconstruction of South Beach; the lowest bid was \$159K over budget. We are waiting to hear whether the budget shortfall will be met by existing funding sources. The next deadline to award the construction contract is October 19.

All are invited to an Open House for Rita's House on Thursday, October 26, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at 2200 Emerson Ave S.

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Transportation Committee, Mike Wilson

Calhoun Village construction for access and parking improvements continues. The wall at the NE corner of West Lake and Market Plaza will be removed in Spring 2018.

Southwest LRT:

The September issue of the Hill & Lake Press featured seven articles about Southwest LRT.

Lakes and Parks Alliance lawsuit: the hearing for the motions for summary judgment was held on October 4; waiting for the decision from the judge.

Met Council is seeking new construction bids for Southwest LRT (the shallow tunnel remains in the plans).

BNSF is planning for future expansion of track near Target Field.

A sales tax increase for transit went into effect on October 1.

The Transportation Committee will begin holding monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at Rustica. All CIDNA residents are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 2.

Pedestrian & Safety Committee

The Safety Walk will be held on Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., meet at Caribou Coffee, Calhoun Commons. The focus will be on the safe movement of walkers, cyclists and vehicles around the West Calhoun neighborhood.

CIDNA Neighborhood Yard Sale, Amanda Vallone

Jones-Harrison raised \$5,200 from their Rummage Sale in September. Three CIDNA homes hosted sales. Jones-Harrison has indicated they want to hold the event again next year. CIDNA will work to encourage more neighborhood residents to hold their own sales.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was held on October 8. Thanks to Chair Elaine May and all the volunteers.

The costs were \$82 over budget due to increases in the cost of printing and distributing the post card. The CIDNA Board approved the additional unbudgeted expense and to reimburse Mike Wilson for a \$20 gratuity he gave to the equipment delivery person.

Ward 7 Candidate Forum, Mike Wilson

The forum was held on September 28. CIDNA's expenses are expected to be about \$85.

Lake Calhoun Name Change, Mike Wilson

The Hennepin County Board will hold a public hearing on renaming Lake Calhoun on Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. at Hennepin County Government Center, Room A-2400, 300 S 6th St.

CIDNA Committee Review, Rich Heichert

Rich Heichert, Amanda Vallone and Rosanne Halloran met to review CIDNA's existing committees and discuss new committees. The group created a Committee Mission and Action Plan document. The board will discuss further before any action is taken. Rich will bring a new committee proposal to pilot the new template document and process to the November or December meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair

We continue to search for a permanent Chair and Vice Chair for the CIDNA Board.

Amanda Vallone will serve as Interim Chair until November 8. Jan Nielsen will serve in the role from November 9-December 13 and Stacia Goodman will serve from December 14-January 10.

Art Mart, Amanda Vallone

Art Mart is being planned for Saturday, November 25, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison. Space for 25 vendors is available. Contact AmandaVallone@live.com if interested.

Renter Outreach, Monica Smith

A renter outreach event will be discussed at the November board meeting.

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Amanda Vallone will serve as Interim Chair. Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Diana Schleisman, Administrator

Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting September 12, 2017 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Brad Ash (President), Mike Erlandson (Vice-President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Peter Mason, Julia Curran, John Grochala, Steve Havig, Carla Pardue, Amy Sanborn

Board members absent: Andrew Degerstrom

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), Michael Gold (resident), Kathy Waite (Minneapolis Police Inspector), Jennifer Waisanan (Crime Prevention Specialist)

Welcome & Call to Order: Brad Ash, EIRA President

Guest Speaker, Lisa Goodman, City Council Member

Lunch with Lisa, Wednesday, September 27, 2017 (12:00-1:00), Opus Hall; room 202, Peavey Plaza Update

Fall Street Sweeping

Will begin, Monday, October 16

The full city process takes four (4) weeks to complete

More specific details and information will be available as the time is nearer

2740 Humboldt Ave S: On Thursday, September 14 (4:30, in City Hall, room 317) the Board of Adjustments will hear a variance request to allow a fourth dwelling unit on a lot under 5,000 square feet in an R5 District

Mayor Hodges Delivered 2018 Budget Address on September 12 at 12:00 Noon

A recommended budget was delivered to the City Council and the Board of Estimate and Taxation on Aug 15

The formal budget address will be held in Council Chamber at City Hall

Council Members will consider the budget from now through early December

Final approval of the 2018 budget is scheduled for December 6

Ballot Set for November 7 Minneapolis Elections

Candidate filing for the upcoming municipal election has now closed

Candidates for Mayor, City Council, Park and Recreation Board, and Board of Estimate and Taxation that will be on the ballot are known, those can be seen at: www.vote.minneapolismn.gov/candidate/FILING

This election will use ranked-choice voting.

Voters rank up to 3 candidates for each office, for more info: www.vote.minneapolismn.gov/RCV

Additional election information can be found at: www.vote.minneapolismn.gov

First Full Year of Organics Recycling Data

More than 45,000 households signed up to participate

Diverted almost 4,000 tons of organics from the trash, that's 175 pounds of organics per household

Solid Waste Customers can sign up at www.minneapolismn.gov/organics

Participants may also reduce the size of their garbage carts and save money

Minneapolis Convention Center Awarded LEED Green Building Certification

LEED is an internationally recognized certification system that measures how well a building or community performs in areas including energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

Examples of ongoing notable sustainability initiatives include:

Offsetting energy use by 100 percent with solar and wind power

Recycling 60 percent of waste in 2016

Collecting 160 tons of organics for hog feed and

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

By Diana Schleisman, Administrator

composting

Donating 4 tons of food per year

Creating a pollinator garden that is inviting for bees, butterflies and other essential pollinators

MnDOT Has Begun Work on the 35W Project

To learn more or to get more detailed information, check out their web sites at:

www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis
www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis/

Also note two (2) specific bridge closures:

Franklin Av Bridge: over I-35W scheduled to close for reconstruction Sept 2018 through mid-2019

Portland Av Bridge: over I-94 and I-35W is anticipated to close for pier work in late Sept for 2 mos.

City Council Approved Nomination of Medaria "Rondo" Arradondo for Police Chief

August 31, the full City Council voted to approve the nomination. The official swearing in ceremony was held on Friday, September 8, 2018. Arradondo joined the MPD in 1989 as a patrol officer in the 3rd Precinct. He has served as a School Resource Officer and a North side beat officer. He also has internal affairs and property-crime investigation experience. He served as inspector for the 1st Precinct, and was most recently deputy chief and chief of staff. He is the first African American Police Chief in the City of Minneapolis

MPD Announces Change to Body Camera Policy

The new policy requires all officers to begin recording when they respond to a call for serving, whether dispatched or self-initiated.

Acting Police Chief Arradondo says he believes the change strengthens expectations of body worn camera activation and set a clear direction for all officers to activate consistently and appropriately.

Minneapolis Strengthens Law on Flavored Tobacco

City Council voted August 4 to help protect young people's health by restricting sales of all flavored tobacco products including menthol, mint and wintergreen to tobacco shops and off sale liquor stores.

The regulation will take effect in August 2018, reducing availability of these products from 318 tobacco outlets to 23 tobacco product shops and 24 liquor stores.

Minneapolis Posts Deleted EPA Climate Change Data

Minneapolis has joined cities around the country in posting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's deleted climate data.

The posted data is a snapshot of the EPA Site before climate change information was removed.

Recognizing that climate change is real, the City is helping make sure people have access to information.

The City is committed to taking action to adapt to climate threats while reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

Guest Speaker, Kathy Waite, Minneapolis Police Inspector

Kathy Waite presented the current state of crime, patrolling and resources in the 5th precinct. She mentioned that a suspect was arrested they believe was tied to several recent robberies in East Isles. She also believes that the slight uptick in violent crime is all linked to the bar areas in Uptown and that area now attracting a younger [and more intoxicated] crowd.

The best resource/assistance EIRA could provide to MPD to help with crime prevention in East Isles are:

1) call 911 and report every incident so that it is on record

2) sponsor a camera near the library in Uptown - Mike Erlandson is working on it.

Open Forum (N/A)**Committee Reports**

President's Report (postponed until Oct meeting)

Secretary's Report

Debbie Gold will be looking into the logistics of possibly of starting up a Farmer's Market 2018 on the Mall and will report back to the BOD.

Social Committee

Amy Sanborn reported that the Wine Tasting Fundraiser (scheduled for October 26th) planning is going well. Petersen Keller and Hennepin Lake Liquors are premier sponsors. Tickets are being sold for \$25 each. EIRA benefits from the fundraiser in two ways: 100% of all proceeds from tickets sold directly and 25% of proceeds from ticket sales at the door. Board members were encouraged to sell tickets. Historically, East Isles has had the lowest representation at this event, so we'd like to change that. Board agreed to place small ad in HLP. For more information please contact info@eastisles.org.

- Super Sale was a huge success with over 41 homes participating from East Isles. This year was in partnership with Lowry Hill. While the neighborhood really appreciates the sale, it is a huge undertaking and MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for next year.

Transportation Committee/Midtown Greenway (N/A)**Zoning & Land Use Committee**

Carla Pardu reported that the Sons of Norway Project is underway and they will be holding a neighbor open house from 4-6PM on September 14th. Brad Ash has agreed to attend and represent EIRA. The next Zoning Committee will be held on Tue, September 19th from 7-8:15pm at Grace Church.

NRP Steering Committee

Miike E. met with Park Board to discuss various Lake of the Isles projects.

Chess tables on the Mall have been approved for purchase and installation. Timing TBD.

Plantings on the Mall are a work-in-progress.

Discussion of Triangle Park tree replacement or other shade providing options ensued.

Permission granted to hire contractor for Lake of the Isles clean-up

Park Board gave permission to work with Jim Smart, a local architect who has volunteered his time, to re-imagine the warming house. Options for refreshing under consideration include: re-roof, new windows, new doors, paint, possible shutters. Cost is a consideration and budget set aside is \$25,000.

The Bridge is hosting an Open House for Rita's House on October 26th from 4-6PM.

Discussion Items

N/A

President Brad Ash adjourned the meeting.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on October 10, 2017 @ Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at info@eastisles.org at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.

Respectfully Submitted by: Debbie Gold, Secretary EIRA Board of Directors

LOWRY HILL EIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Phil Hallaway, Acting Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes October 3, 2017 at the Kenwood Rec Center

Board Members Present: Phil Hallaway, Bob Hinck, Tom Huppert, Evan Stern, Toni D'Eramo, Lee Switzenberg, Jimmy Fogel, Michael Cockson, Sarah Janecek, Sam Ellingson

Others: Lisa Goodman, Krishna Dorney, Jennifer Breitlinger, Michael McLaughlin

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Michael Cockson moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded that the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Announcements: Council member Goodman reviewed the following:

Last Lunch with Lisa for this year will be October 25 at University of St. Thomas Opus Hall 202, noon to 1 PM. Super Bowl host committee head will talk about benefits for residents and family friendly activities for kids.

Street sweeping is starting, dates for specific streets can be found online.

Early and absentee voting is now open. Elections this year will be ranked choice and information is available from Ms. Goodman's office.

The City has exceeded \$1 billion in development projects this year.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$8,089. Mr. Hallaway reported that he has submitted the executed contracts to the City for \$51,500 of NRP for funding of the Hennepin/Lyndale median and Fremont/Mount Curve projects.

Director Vacancy: Jennifer Breitlinger stated that she was interested in serving as a Director and provided a brief bio on herself. Michael Cockson moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded that Jennifer Breitlinger be elected to the Board to fill the outstanding Director vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Committee Chairs: Bob Hinck volunteered to chair the Environmental committee.

Zoning and Planning Committee: Variance request for 46 Summit Place has been approved by the City for a small addition, replacement of retaining wall and landscaping. A sub group of the board will meet with Jean Rottman of Nolan Properties concerning Burch delivery trucks and valet problems.

Crime and Safety Committee: Lee Switzenberg reported that he contacted Jennifer Waisanen, interim Crime Specialist for Lowry Hill, and she stated that a full-time Crime Prevention Specialist will soon be appointed for our area. Mr. Hallaway reported that car break-ins continue to be a problem and residents must be encouraged not to leave anything in their cars.

Events:

The 7th Ward Candidates Forum held on September 28 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church was very well received. The League of Women Voters was instrumental in making the event a success. Other neighborhood associations will share cost of the event.

A Ranked Choice Voting Workshop will be held on **LHNA to page 12**

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October 25, 2017 from 7-8:30 PM at the Kenwood Rec Center. Michael Cockson moved and Sam Ellingson seconded that Mr. Hallaway be authorized to organize this event. Motion passed unanimously. Communications Committee will publicize the event.

Thrill Kenwood requested \$500 in support from LHNA for 2017 event. This is the same amount LHNA has contributed in the past. Michael Cockson moved and Toni D'Eramo seconded that LHNA contribute \$500 to this event. Motion passed unanimously.

Dunwoody tour event will be moved to Summer 2018 per request from Dunwoody Institute

Sculpture Garden tour moved to Spring/Summer 2018

Lake of the Isles Historic Walking Tour was well received, residents who were unable to attend have asked the board to repeat the tour in 2018.

County Commissioner Marion Green contacted Phil Hallaway seeking feedback on the proposed wall to be built as part of the SWLRT project. She hopes to organize a field trip to educate residents on the location and scope of the wall project. Communications committee to publicize the details of this field trip when they become available.

Events committee, on behalf of LHNA, will be doing the pie and ice cream Thanksgiving thank you to the 5th precinct fire and police again this year.

Neighborhood Priorities:

Michael McLaughlin, Community Innovation Fund Consultant provided information about the Hennepin/Lyndale and Douglas median projects. He stated that 1200 feet of 1" pipe has been installed within 4" sleeves to provide water supply for all medians within the Hennepin/Lyndale corridor. Valve boxes equipped with standard garden hose faucets have been installed at 32 surface grade locations at the end of each water pipe. Total cost of this work was \$16,000. He stated that this work, approved in advance by LHNA representatives, was necessary because to have done it at a later date would have been much more expensive. Because the piping was installed by LHNA, the organization will be responsible for ongoing maintenance. However, annual maintenance costs for the entire corridor is proposed to be funded by a coalition of stakeholders. Piping has been installed for the Douglas Median, but the design and implementation of the irrigation system within the Douglas Median has not been undertaken because it is not included as part of the Community Innovation Fund grant scope of work. Installation of an irrigation system within the Douglas Median will be an additional cost to LHNA. Mr. McLaughlin did not know the cost for this work. Michael Cockson questioned why LHNA was responsible installing the 32 valve boxes throughout the corridor and for their ongoing maintenance. Mr. Cockson stated that the Board had previously authorized the installation of piping only to the Douglas median and not to the entire corridor. In addition, he asked if LHNA's responsibility for ongoing maintenance was based on a contract or city ordinance. Mr. McLaughlin replied it was LHNA's responsibility since they had installed the supply infrastructure. Additional discussions will be needed to understand where this project stands and its costs.

Neighborhood beautification project at the Fremont/Mount Curve Triangle has been completed.

Historical:

Krishna Dorney reported that the committee is considering an event or walking tour to showcase historic homes in the Lowry Hill Neighborhood. Hopefully this can be organized for October. The board was very receptive to the idea. Committee will do further planning and see if feasible.

Communications: New LHNA web site will be ready for launch in October. Print ads sharing LHNA news will run in the Hill and Lake Press in October and November.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Jack Levi

October 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 10/02/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors that are present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Mike Bono, Carl Goldstein, Jeremy Nichols

Absent: Kyle Leier, Jeanette Colby, Mark Brown

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

October 25 is Lunch with Lisa at noon at St Thomas Opus Hall, in room 202. The head of the Super Bowl committee will be there to talk about family events during the Super Bowl.

October street sweeping: Starts October 16 and will last four weeks

1988 Sheridan will be applying for a variance for an addition to the existing home

Early voting for the November 7 elections has started for "City Municipal" elections for Mayor, City Council, Park Board, and Board of Estimate and Taxation

City of Minneapolis exceeds \$1 billion in permits for 2017; this number excludes the stadium.

Budget – Matt Spies, Shawn Smith

Shawn learned about regulations concerning CPP funds from the City of Minneapolis. They need to be identified as part of the NRP funding application. The board approved proactively allocating the money in the next three year cycle vs having a public notice and 21 day waiting period any time monies would be allocated.

Shawn spoke to Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto and asked for his perspective on the 95 police reports written in 2017; even though this number is higher than 2016, the Chief found this not alarming because in 2017 they were watching the beach more carefully, including observing activities from a distance with binoculars and that extra surveillance drove the increase. KIAA allocated \$5000 for the 2017 season for extra police hours, of which \$2820 was used.

The Board emphasized the importance of starting the patrols early in 2018 in order to establish a presence early to have a safe start to the 2018 beach season.

The KIAA annual meeting food expenses are not reimbursable by the City. Matt is in favor of reducing food expenses for the KIAA annual meeting and to put more effort, throughout the year, towards raising more money for expenses not reimbursable by the City.

Community Oven – Angie Erdrich

Kingfield built a community oven and they keep it on the ground of the communities' Arts Building; the purpose of this oven is to foster community building and it has been successful. KIAA is considering a temporary oven to be used at the annual gathering to reduce food expense.

612 Sauna Society – Will Stensrud:

The portable saunas from the "612 Sauna Society" are set to go on the 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th of October at Hidden Beach. They will be open 3 sessions each of those evenings; each session will accommodate 8 reservations online. The cost is \$20 for a spot.

Hidden Beach – Will Stensrud:

Will has had conversations with Keith Prussing regarding a concert at Hidden Beach; Keith is in support of live acoustic music at the beach in 2018. The aim is to have 100-150 people attending.

Randolph Findley of the Shakespeare production Company has agreed to have some of the productions for the summer of 2018 at Hidden Beach.

Will is looking at scheduling a committee meeting; the committee currently consists of Mark Brown, Matt Spies and Will Stensrud.

Community Communications – Shawn Smith:

KIAA current has a paid consultant to manage the KIAA newsletter, the website, and other communications. The annual stipend is \$5000. As the current consultant contract has expired, KIAA is opening up a search for any interested individuals to apply. Please email Chair Shawn Smith at ssmith288@me.com by

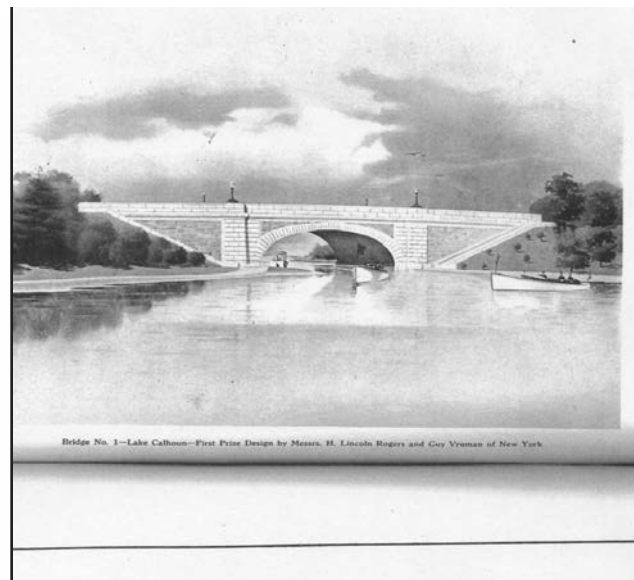
October 23rd if interested in applying.

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

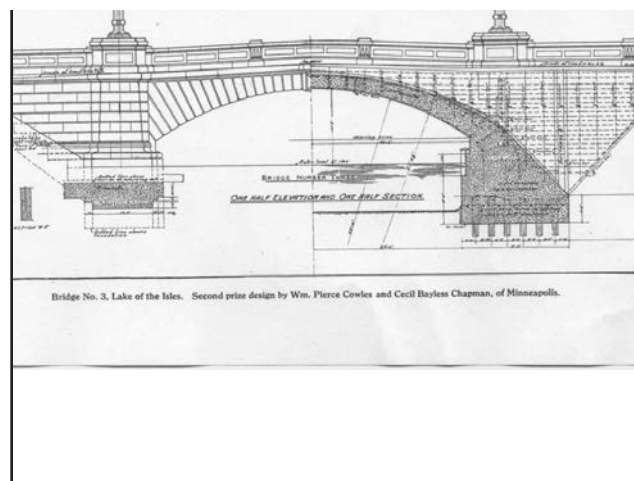
The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is on November 6, 2017, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

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Lake Street Bridge, No. 1



Bridge No. 3 Lake of the Isles



Lake of the Isles pedestal base for lampposts, bridge No. 4 Kullberg



sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

I owe my life to the doctors, nurses, and support staff at the University of Minnesota Hospital. My delicate and at the time pioneering emergency heart surgery was performed as JoAnne (the editor) was giving birth to our daughter Rachael at HCMC hospital. It was fall 1979, our second year in Minnesota. I was teaching in Bloomington and we lived in a cozy house on 34th Street between Humboldt and Irving. Thanks to new friends and neighbors, the three of us regained our balance. In the summer of 1982 we added (with considerably less chaos) another child, our dear son Ben. In 1985, needing more space, we moved north ten blocks to a house again just off Humboldt, this time near Lake of the Isles. That was the wonderful growing-up home that the kids remember. We have happy memories, many centered around Barton Open School, a K-8 adventure that provided Rachael and Ben with an excellent foundation of learning.

In about fifth grade our daughter began modeling for the Susan Wehmann agency near Loring Park. This led, a few years later, to an introduction to a fairy godmother who provided her acting opportunities in Hollywood. Meanwhile Ben decided on UC Santa Cruz for college (Go Banana Slugs!). JoAnne and I were frozen empty nesters. Rachael settled in Los Angeles; with very little encouragement we followed. In 2004 she married New Zealand actor Daniel Gillies. Many years later, I am still writing for my dear friends, the writers and readers of the Hill and Lake Press, while living in southern California.

The Twin Cities Film Fest in St. Louis Park (October 18-28) is showing A Midsummer Night's Dream. Rachael plays Hermia. She has been invited to the October 28th screening. The Film Fest folks did not realize this would unleash a Kunta Kinte Roots-like reaction in our family. The adults have been back a number of times, but now there are fresh young eyes and two big new reasons to come home. Charlotte is four and full of questions, and Theo at two is just full of... zest. (I had to promise not to immerse the children in the lake before being allowed to come). We are very excited to show them where mom and uncle Ben grew up.

We hardly know where to start: Uptown, skyways, bridges, Triangle Park, Lake of the Isles, the Sculpture Garden, Minnehaha Creek, our old house... I am voting for train and bus rides and other unique non-LA activities. If you see a winded older man chasing two children racing through the neighborhood while kicking autumn leaves, the old guy might be me. We want to show the kids a land that is not palm trees and traffic. And dare we hope for rain? Whatever the weather, we are excited to introduce Charlotte and Theo to the town that nurtured us, and that we still call home.

Tom H. Cook is aware that his daunting and ambitious plans for the visit could be undone by crankiness and the need for naps. Tom has vowed to do his best.



Theo and Charlotte

CIDNA Fall Festival: It Takes a Village

by Elaine May

The CIDNA Fall Festival, held on October 8, was a resounding success again this year, and could only have happened with the concerted effort of neighbors and CIDNA board members. Some working behind the scenes, some in plain sight, our group pulled together to create another wonderful afternoon for children and adults.

As the sun began to shine on a crisp, idyllic autumn Sunday, Board Member James Reid was spotted helping to oversee the delivery of tents and tables, and helping to position all structures in the right place for the festival. For many years, he has provided a real backbone to our efforts. His home adjoins Park Siding Park, and for each

festival he's kept watch from start to finish, making sure all is in order and running over to his house for any forgotten item we need to make the day run seamlessly.

And when Neighborhood Revitalization Program Chair Claire Ruebeck arrived, handily wielding her tent-stake-driving mallet, we knew that the tent-raising task would be taken care of in short order. Board Member Mike Wilson appeared soon thereafter, and in no time a bare park had been transformed into colorful festival grounds. Tables were unloaded and put in place, and the stage was set for an enjoyable day.

Next on the scene was neighbor Scott Abbott, who for the past several years has taken on the responsibility

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The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Wants You To

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To Help Deter Crime In Our Neighborhood.

We encourage residents to leave the front light and back porch lights ON ALL NIGHT.

Light is a BIG deterrent to criminals. It will not cost you more than a few dollars on your monthly electric bill.

Other tips we encourage are as follows:

- Lock all first floor or easy access windows.
- Close and lock garage doors and car doors.
- Don't leave anything visible in cars or items of value on porches or in yards.
- Lock bikes with a U-lock in the garage.
- Make sure alarm systems are armed at all times.
- Get to know your neighbors, exchange phone numbers in advance and watch out for each other.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

RANKED CHOICE VOTING WORKSHOP AT KENWOOD REC CENTER,

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Free workshop. All residents are encouraged to attend. Fair Vote MN will help residents understand how the ranked choice voting on this year's ballot will work.

THANK YOU TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON LAKE OF THE ISLES

They were our gracious hosts for the recent 7th Ward City Council Candidate Forum.

THRILL KENWOOD HALLOWEEN EVENT Saturday, October 28, 2017, 4:00 p.m. at Kenwood Park, Rain or Shine!

This family event sponsored by the neighborhood associations KIAA, LHNA and CIDNA is the ultimate Halloween block party. Activities include: zombie make overs, caricatures, music, ARTrageous Creation Stations, a bounce house and other activities. The event will include a Global Simultaneous Thriller Dance at 5 PM. <https://goo.gl/mpcCV4>

CRIME & SAFETY: BLOCK LEADERS, APARTMENT CLUB LEADERS

It doesn't take a lot of time to be a Crime & Safety Leader but it can make a huge difference in our Lowry Hill neighborhood. See details at <http://bit.ly/2y1el8e> or contact our 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist at Jennifer.Waisanen@minneapolismn.gov

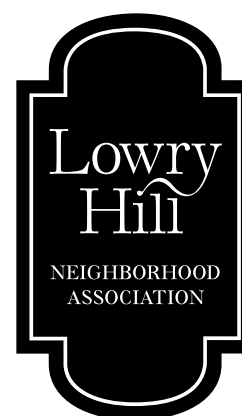
The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Meet at the Kenwood Rec Center. All Lowry Hill residents are welcome.

An agenda will be available on the LHNA web site prior to the meeting.

Your neighborhood Board is committed to serving you. If you have a concern, question or wish to be on the agenda, contact us at

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

I want to thank Michael Wilson and the Hill and Lake Press for the comprehensive coverage of the upcoming October Hennepin County Public Hearing for the controversial proposed name change for Lake Calhoun. It is a complicated process and Michael successfully sorted it out for those who are following the issue.

Arlene Fried, Bryn Mawr

Where we are Now! By Jean Deatrck

I learned yesterday that my late husband John Gridley's cousin Stephen Alderson died on Saturday. Steve, his wife, Annette, and his sister Marianne Leighton who lives in SAn Diego were loving supporters of John and me through the years. Even after John passed, I was included in emails and get togethers. A lunch with Steve, Annette, and Marianne was a joyful time filled with good conversation and lots of laughter. I will miss him. Steve lived in South Minneapolis, but not in the Hill and Lake area, yet he dutifully read the paper each month...and he contributed occasionally. He believed in Minneapolis and supported our many neighborhoods. He will be missed.

And now we are getting ready to vote. Please read Michael Wilson's article on voting and also Jim Lenfestey's. It is very important that we vote so that we don't have another catastrophe like last year. Learn about your candidates and remember that it is important to vote for your local candidates.

And don't forget about Hill and Lake Press. We need your support AND your contributions.

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of grilling all of the hot dogs for the festival. Dressed the part in a white chef's hat, white shirt, and white pants with a smart-looking black apron, Scott staked his claim for a grilling spot in the shade. Soon he had assembled a tidy grilling "man cave" with two grills, two comfortable camping chairs, a service table for all of his neatly-stacked supplies, and a serving table where the neighbors could pick up their hot dogs.

Board Secretary Rosanne Halloran, another Fall Festival pillar, and neighbor Maria Jordan (who has also been our Moon Walk Maven for the past several years) arrived to put the finishing touches on the set-up. A few well-placed weighted balloons on the colorful yellow table cloths, and it was a celebration waiting to happen.

Next, Board Member Rich Heichert arrived with 60 pounds of ice for the pop and the container of coffee donated by Caribou. Board Member Stacia Goodman was there to help him set the food and beverage tables up to be ready for our first guests. And when Board Member and Jones-Harrison CEO Lowell Berggren appeared with the hot dogs and buns (generously donated by Jones-Harrison) we knew that the festival would soon be in full swing!

With the scent of grilling hot dogs wafting through the air, the guests started to trickle in, and the festival was off to a good start. While their parents and grandparents visited with fellow neighbors and CIDNA board members, children waited for their turn at the Moon Walk and lined up to get their faces painted. The other big attraction for the kids was an art table generously provided by Board Member Amanda Vallone, of Artrageous Adventures. And with elections coming up this fall, our festival was graced by Mayor Betsy Hodges, Mayoral Candidates Jacob Frey and Tom Hoch, and Park Board Commissioner-At-Large Meg Forney.

The afternoon flew by, and before we knew it, it was time for the prize drawings for adults and children. Neighbor Cheryl LaRue was a valuable addition to our festival this year. She used her expertise in gaining donations from local merchants to obtain contributions of bottled water from Walgreens and a large box of cookies from Cub. She also assembled a collection of donated gift cards and coupons for our drawing the likes of which our festival has never seen before! And much to the delight of neighborhood children, Board Member Taylor



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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT
1901 Emerson S #303	\$154,000	\$3,720	57	\$148,900	C	1/1	758	\$126,500	\$1,947	1964
3104 W Lake St #110	229,000	0	118	229,000	C	1/1	960	193,840	3,020	2007
2885 Knox S #708	270,000	0	36	270,000	C	1/1	875	219,000	3,202	1979
918 Lincoln Ave	299,900	0	17	289,000	H	2/3	1,466	232,000	3,572	1989
2421 Grirard S #2	310,000	0	36	325,000	H	3/1	1,408	265,235	4,108	1908
824 Summit Ave	374,900	0	40	361,900	H	2/2	1,750	304,475	4,707	1990
3116 W Lake St #521	449,600	0	56	415,000	C	2/2	2,262	384,590	5,925	2007
2308 Humboldt S	625,000	0	1	600,000	C	3/3	2,850	514,500	8,012	1912
1956 Sheridan S	850,000	1,000	15	825,000	H	4/4	3,589	652,500	10,487	1914
1704 Knox S	1,100,000	10,000	56	950,000	H	5/3	3,275	816,000	13,618	1900
1809 Fremont S	1,095,000	0	54	1,044,500	H	5/5	4,237	830,500	13,889	1906
1620 Kenwood Pkwy	1,395,000	1,500	207	1,000,000	TWN	4/5	4,152	1,367,000	21,893	2002
2425 Irving S	1,575,000	9,500	64	1,375,000	H	6/6	5,887	1,102,000	18,982	1909
2104 Kenwood Pkwy	2,895,000	0	1843	1,450,000	H	7/9	9,500	2,354,000	39,160	1900
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CIDNA Fall Festival



Scott Abbott serving hot dogs to David and Talia Lissauer.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Pentelovitch was there to organize and execute a drawing of autumn-themed toys and games for them.

Then it was time for neighbors to go home, well-fed on hot dogs and snacks, many with prizes in hand. Board members and neighbors joined forces to take down

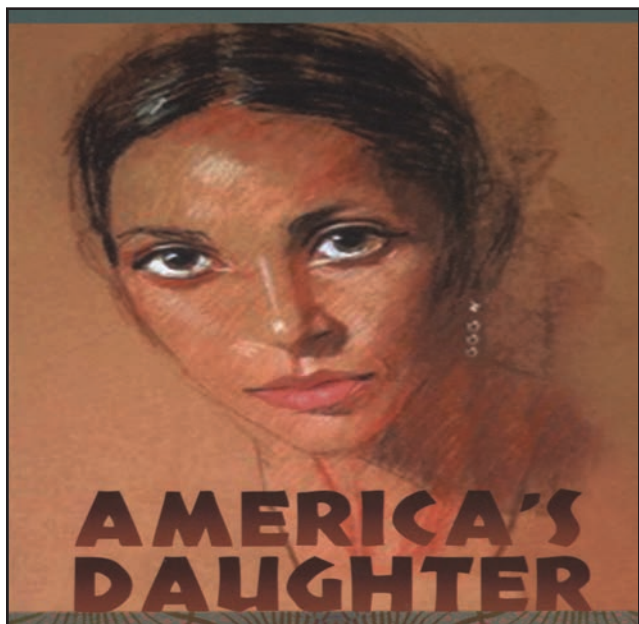
tables, chairs and tents in record time. (Much gratitude to all the neighbors who pitched in to lend a hand!) It was a memorable day thanks to the memorable group of people who made it happen.

Au Revoir, Lucia's

CIDNA Resident Launches New Book



Nhambu Photo: Dancing Twigs



America's Daughter by Maria Nhambu

By Madeleine Lowry

Goodbye Lucia's Restaurant. We will miss you. We'll miss the wholesome and creative yet elegant food. We'll miss the professionalism of the staff and the French blue accents. We'll miss the restrained décor that let that food shine. You've been an institution in our neighborhood for so many years.

We've celebrated birthdays and anniversaries with you by candlelight and a backdrop of hushed conversations. We've had quiet weekday lunches with spouses and friends at your tables with sunlight streaming in the windows.

The addition of the informal To Go café was brilliant—we loved the fluffy frittatas, the succulent roast chicken and your tasty hot crepes. And the wine bar was great too.

We've enjoyed taking long walks around the lake to dine at your establishment. And the opportunity to meet old friends and catch up over meals.

Of all the great food I've tasted from your kitchen over the years, there was one dish I liked so much that I had to come up with a home version. Originally published in 2011 on my cooking blog, The Fanciful Fig, I offer it as a tribute to your culinary contribution to our neighborhood.

(Almost) Lucia's Squash Pancakes

Serves 6 - makes about 18 small (3") pancakes

□

18 oz butternut or hubbard squash, peeled and cubed

1/2 cup milk

4 Tbsp melted butter

2 eggs

1 cup flour

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

2 Tbsp brown sugar

1/2 Tbsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

In microwave safe bowl, combine the squash and 3 Tbsp water. Microwave for 5 minutes on high, stir, then 5 minutes more.

In a food processor, combine melted butter, milk and eggs. Pulse until combined. Add flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, brown sugar, baking powder and salt. Pulse again.

Mash the cooked squash with a potato ricer or a large fork. Add it to the food processor. Process until you have a smooth batter.

□ Fry the batter in quarter-cup portions in a buttered skillet over medium heat. Makes about 18 small (3") pancakes.

Serve with cranberry relish and toasted pepitas, as they used to at Lucia's Restaurant.

Maria Nhambu, author of the newly released *America's Daughter*, the second of three books of the *Dancing Soul Trilogy*, is also a speaker, dancer, and educator. *America's Daughter* continues the story of a biracial girl who was born in Tanzania, East Africa, and raised in a German orphanage until age 19, when she came to Minnesota with her adoptive mother, Catherine Murray Mamer. In her new country, she shared the riches of African culture and dance by performing, teaching African studies at Central High School, and creating the popular African dance workout *Aerobics With Soul*. She also introduced thousands of children to African dance and culture, as a presenter with Young Audiences in Minnesota.

Nhambu is working on the third book in her trilogy, *Drum Beats, Heart Beats*, which she hopes to publish in 2018. *America's Daughter* is available at marianhambu.com and at the Smile Network's Inspire Store smilenetwork.org, and Barnes and Noble. Books and ebooks are also available on Amazon.com

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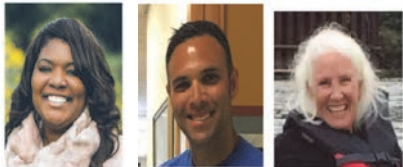


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- One was fired from the Park Board for just cause (Civil Service Commission Decision- March 5, 2010)
- One wants to take guns away from the Park Police. (Our Revolution screening, posted on Facebook on June 9, 2017).
- One doesn't consider buckthorn and garlic mustard invasive and questions whether we should control them in parks. (Facebook posts, August 11, 2017 and September 28, 2017)
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