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LPA Loses SWLRT Lawsuit, Considers Appeal

Funding and railroad agreements remain elusive

By Mary Pattock

Responding to a three-and-a-half year local effort, Federal District Court Chief Judge John Tunheim ruled on February 28 for the Met Council and against the Lakes and Parks Alliance in its environmental lawsuit over Southwest Light Rail.

Acknowledging that it was a “close case,” Tunheim based his decision on the enforceability of the memorandums of understanding the Met Council signed with the City of Minneapolis and St. Louis Park. He said they were “promises that can be broken.”

If the MOUs had been binding, he wrote, then they would have prematurely committed the Met Council to a single route (the Kenilworth route) in violation of the Federal Environmental Protection Act, as charged by LPA.

But, he said, the Met Council “did not irreversibly and irretrievably commit itself to a specific light-rail route, despite giving the appearance that it did.”

LPA board members said they were extremely disappointed, especially at Tunheim’s determination that the Met Council can break promises to the City that the City intended to be binding — as then-Mayor Betsy Hodges stated explicitly in an email to then-Met Council Chair Adam Duinick.

LPA now must decide whether to appeal the decision.

Funding prospects grow murky

The SWLRT funding plan is based on a 50 percent federal match. But in mid-February the Federal Transportation Administration recommended against funding any projects that didn’t already have full funding agreements.

That put SWLRT — and all other Minnesota transit projects — on the no-funding list. SWLRT has experienced numerous delays and is well behind its original schedule, which called for it to be in operation by 2015.

Although Congress will vote the funding recommendation up or down, ultimate approval of individual projects remains a matter of FTA discretion.

The funding plan also made the State of Minnesota responsible for 10 percent of the local match. But in 2016 the legislature, unconvinced of a positive SWLRT cost-benefit, withdrew its support.

Then the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), a Metro transit-funding mechanism slated to contribute 30 percent of the local contribution, dissolved itself for the purpose of backing out of the project as well.

Those State and CTIB actions leave Hennepin County taxpayers on the hook for the full local share — \$929 million. In June the county board voted to raise sales taxes to pay for SWLRT, Bottineau and other transit projects. At the time, Board Chair Jan Callison estimated that the increase would cost an additional \$23 to

Opening Night at the Quarter Gallery



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Joyce Aprea-Murphy and Chris Childers at the University of Minnesota's Quarter Gallery's opening reception of their exhibition. The gallery featured twenty-five drawings by Joyce, a long-time Lowry Hill resident, and twenty-five paintings by Chris, a City Letter Carrier in the Kenwood area, who grew up in Lowry Hill. The event was well attended.

\$60 a year for a household earning \$37,000.

With a price tag of at least \$1.9 billion, SWLRT would be the costliest public works project in Minnesota history.

Railroad negotiations fall apart

Before applying for federal funds, the Met Council is required to conclude agreements with freight rail companies affected by SWLRT on issues such as indemnity, rail easements, trackage rights, and track siding to off-load freight cars not in use.

But negotiations with TC&W Railroad have broken down. Now the Met Council says that in order to avoid a potential lawsuit, it is preparing to offer the company a settlement of \$12 million. The payment would pay any TC&W claims and require its cooperation and coordination with the Met Council during construction.

The settlement would also require TC&W to support the Met Council’s upcoming application to the Surface Transportation Board, a federal regulatory agency, to become a common carrier authorized to own and manage freight rail assets along the SWLRT route. This would happen via a proposed joint powers agreement with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority.

Activists and some legislators characterize the proposal as “mission creep,” pointing out that it adds railroad management to a list of Met Council roles that already far outnumber those of any other regional planning body in the nation.

Days before the settlement proposal was made public, Met Council Chair Alene Tchourumoff justified it in an email to Met Council officials, saying that TC&W had made unacceptable demands of the agency that would require it to cover negative changes to its business — even if they were caused by factors unrelated to light rail, such as an economic downturn or lost revenue.

TC&W’s president, Mark Wegner, was out of the country and unable to respond to either the settlement proposal or the email.

Some observers note that Tchourumoff’s comments did not seem aimed at creating a positive environment for discussing the proposed settlement.

A note from the peanut gallery

Hill and Lake Press readers who have followed the long and torturous story of SWLRT may have detected a persistent freight-rail theme.

In fact, many of the problems that continue to plague the Met Council stem from its failure — starting with the initial scoping of the project — to acknowledge and plan for the extensive role freight rail plays in SWLRT.

That failure explains why, seemingly out of the blue, BNSF railroad demanded a 10-foot-high concrete safety wall be built in Bryn Mawr, requiring a new environmental impact study.

It’s why we face the dangerous prospect of electric SWLRT wires suspended mere feet away from explosive ethanol freight trains.

It’s why TC&W got the legislature to pass a law that would, in the event of a catastrophic accident involving the train and light rail, indemnify them beyond \$3 million and leave victims (i.e., us) and taxpayers to absorb losses of life and property.

It’s why the plan was modified to build a costly tunnel through the sensitive Chain of Lakes area, and why, as a result, 200 residents of the Calhoun Isles Condominiums fear that vibrations from tunnel construction and LRT operation will damage the structural integrity of their high rise.

The Met Council’s decision to ignore pesky reality — by means of a bureaucratic sleight of hand — is one for which they continue to pay dearly with constant change, delay, rising cost, and project flaws. The pity is, so do we.

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7th Ward News

Council Member **Lisa Goodman**

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LUNCH WITH LISA
March 28, 2018

Join Council Member Lisa Goodman for lunch and conversation.

This month we welcome **Mike Kennedy**, Director of Transportation, Maintenance & Repair who will share information about Snow Plowing, Street Sweeping, Potholes and other street related City Services. You will also learn about the criteria used to determine the time frame of these events.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
March 18, 2:00pm Finalist recital of 7th annual SPCO Youth Chamber Music competition, Hamline Sundin Hall.
March 28, noon Lunch with Lisa
March 28 7pm Birchbark Books Reading Series

Neighborhood monthly meetings
CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

The Birchbark Books Reading Series continues its 9th season on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Reading will be Diane Wilson, Anthony Ceballos, Susan Power, and James P. Lenfestey. The reading will be at The Bockley Gallery, 2123 W 21st Street, Minneapolis (couple doors down from Birchbark Books). The series is curated by Michael Kiesow Moore and Ardie Medina.
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: Olivia, one of the facilitators, with cats and clients.



Photos by Dorothy Childers

A Purrfect Addition to the Neighborhood
By Harriet Horwitz

Stretching out, surrounded by admirers, Tinkerbelle knows she is the queen kitty. A nine-year-old spotted calico who came to The Cafe Meow from a rescue, chances are good she will soon find a forever home; just 3 weeks



Tinkerbelle

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HOLY SATURDAY
March 31
Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection
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Meet your Neighbors “semi-retired” Steve and his sidekick Paul of Kenwood Barbers.

Craig Wilson interviews Kenwood Barbers’ “Steve” and “Paul” about Steve’s semi-retirement, customers who bite, and the future of Kenwood Barbers.

How long ago did you join Kenwood Barbers and how has it changed over the years? (Steve) I came in May 1981....38 years ago! I remember working seven days a week back then for first few years...and one week I only made 18 bucks for the whole week! I had to work a fulltime job besides working here fulltime for first two years!

What types of stores were around back then? (Steve) Oh boy, next door, at Sebastian Joe’s, was Moore Real Estate...Kenny’s Market was in Patina...a post office was on the corner where the dry cleaners are, which was across from Burch Pharmacy, of course...and Sherman Electric was where the beauty parlor is on Hennepin.

How has the neighborhood changed over the years? (Steve)...well it’s got a lot busier and there are a lot more younger people! Some things are still the same, like Liquor Lyle’s. Honestly, it’s always been a great neighborhood...it’s just nice people all the way around, decade after decade.

There is a rumor that you will be spending more time up at your cabin? (Steve) That rumor is correct! I will start to do that sometime around the fishing opener, mid-May.

So what does “semi-retirement” mean exactly for you, Kenwood Barbers and your clients? (Steve)...Well for me it means I’m gonna be dropping down to two days a week, Fridays and Saturdays. My customers will probably have to plan ahead more, which most of them do anyway. It’s going to be a little bit tougher for me to fit everyone in, and I apologize for that. But Paul’s going to be here and hopefully will find somebody else who will help pick up some of the slack the days that I’m not here.

What is Paul’s experience? (Steve) Paul’s been with me for nine years and joined with the idea that he’d take over the shop someday. Well that day has arrived so we’re looking to him to continue the tradition of lots of jokes and fun and a few good haircuts.

Paul, what’s your plan for the store? (Paul) I will change very little about the shop...why reinvent the wheel?

Will you keep all the fishing memorabilia and



Steve



Paul

police patches? (Paul) No, I think Steve will slowly take that to his cabin. That part will probably change but the rest will stay the same... the service, the phone number... but with Steve gone, the jokes will likely get better.

It will be interesting to see how you change things and make your own mark. (Paul) I’ve been here nine years now and got to know a lot of Steve’s customers...I really hope that the flavor of the place stays very much the same.

So if I somebody wants a haircut? (Paul) They just call the store at 612-872-2280...the same as it’s always been and we’ll fit you in... eventually.

Do you have a favorite type of haircut? (Paul)...not particularly (haha)...I like haircuts that make customers happy.

Has anyone ever bitten you or done anything really strange? (Paul)...no, some very odd conversations but never anything like a bite. (Steve)...if someone tried to bite me, I’d bite back!

Anything that you want to say to the Hill Lake community Steve? (Steve) I want to thank everybody

for making my job a lot of fun...it’s been a great time...I’ve loved my job! And I’m glad it’s been a welcoming, fun place for people. The community and my clients have been fantastic. And also thanks to our landlord, Sebastian Joe’s, for keeping things reasonable for us to be able to stay here...for a little two-man shop. It can be very hard to find a place to make a go of things in this day and age. They’ve been very good to us over the years.

What will you miss? (Steve) I’m going to miss EVERYBODY but I’ll especially miss giving people a hard time and causing trouble.

What do you look forward to? I look forward to giving my old knees a break. If they weren’t bothering me so much, I’d still be going strong. But it’s just life. I look forward to living in my lake home fulltime and spending time doing things that I haven’t had time for, like volunteering at my local nursing home and such. I also look forward to seeing the new staff come on board and for our little business to continue on...cutting hair and horsing around for years to come.

Lynlake Design Workshop

I’m excited to engage in a community-led, public-realm centered design process and event more excited to approach the City of Minneapolis development process in an entirely different and holistic way.

Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lynlake-design-workshop-tickets-42610968554> The workshop is open to anyone interested in the collaborative placemaking process. We especially welcome people with a unique perspective on urban planning niches like: Public Art, Sustainability, Walkability, Stormwater, Streetscape, Transit, Accessibility, Affordable Housing, Affordable Commercial, Diversity, Parking, Circulation, etc.

April 7 from 9am to noon. Springhouse Community Space, 610 W. 28th Street.

The Finalists Recital of the 7th Annual SPCO Youth Chamber Music Competition, sponsored by the Friends of The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, will take place on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 PM. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear the classical music stars of tomorrow! This year we’ll also be featuring an amazing jazz quintet—first place winners in our new Creative Category. This event is free and open to the public. Sundin Hall at Hamline University, 1531 Hewitt Ave., Saint Paul 55104 visit: spco-ycmc.org

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Sunday, April 8:

Isles Ensemble's 'two-hour tour' features grand chamber music

By Michael Wilson

The musicians of the Isles Ensemble are inviting us to take a (musical) tour on Sunday, April 8 -- the last one of the season. The S.S. Minnow will board at 2 pm at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. Skipper (and cellist) Tom Rosenberg promises it won't take three hours.

The tour begins with "Suite in the Old Style" by Alfred Schnittke, one the most recognizable composers of the 20th century. Pianist Ivan Konev, who will perform the "Suite" with violinist Helen Chang-Haertzen, notes that in many of his other pieces Schnittke attempted to fill out old forms with modern language. "Suite in the Old Style" is remarkable in this respect, however, according to Konev, because apart from some dissonances in the last movement nothing indicates this is a piece written by 20th-Century composer.

"People hearing 'Suite in the Old Style' for the first time when Helen and I play it on April 8 will think it could have been written by Bach, Handel or any other late Baroque masters," Konev says. "Schnittke even used symbolic musical language to underline its religious connotation (such as the 'Cross' theme in the Fugue). I think the audience will enjoy finding a few quirks that give away the stylized manner of this music."

Konev adds that Schnittke's "Suite" has made it into the repertoire of some of the famous violinists of our time and is often performed with orchestra accompaniment instead of the piano.

Mendelssohn C-Minor Piano Trio.

Konev returns with violinist David Leung and cellist Laura Sewell for the program's second piece, Mendelssohn's Piano Trio #2 in C-minor, Opus 66. The second piano trio was composed and premiered in 1845, only two years before Mendelssohn's death at age 38. It is the last chamber work that he lived to see published.

The second piano trio makes great technical demands on its performers, none more so than the pianist. Mendelssohn himself was a fine pianist and often gave the piano the lion's share of the work in his chamber music.

Sewell says that she is very happy to be performing the C-Minor Piano Trio for us on April 8. "It's one of my all-time favorite chamber works," she states. "This piece is truly a masterpiece! It has everything one could wish for in a piece: gorgeous melodies, a fantastic

Scherzo movement which is devilishly difficult, and very fast, beautiful, virtuosic writing for all three instruments. Performers and audiences alike are always stirred by the majestic finale, which contains the famous 'Doxology' hymn within the movement. It is a completely satisfying work to play and to listen to."

Dvorak String Quartet in G-Major.

Our April 8 "tour" concludes with Dvořák's String Quartet No. 13 in G Major, Opus 106, performed by

Stephanie Arado and Helen Chang-Haertzen, violins; Tom Turner, viola; and Tom Rosenberg, cello. The <antonin-dvorak.cz/en> website describes this work as "unusually melodic" and "demonstrating supreme technical sovereignty and a masterful grasp of all the expressional devices at Dvořák's disposal."

But let's ask Skipper Tom Rosenberg, who will be steering the ship back to port after a successful two-hour tour, what he thinks. "The Dvorak Quartet in G major is a perfect piece to end a spring concert," Rosenberg says. "Life, energy and beauty burst forth from the pages of the music. He wrote it in 1895, shortly after his return home from America, and he just seems genuinely happy! It is a big piece, full of great melodies, magnificent harmonies, rich textures and lots of dance-like elements.

"I'll bet many people in the audience on April 8 will not have heard this piece, or at least not have experienced the excitement and energy a live performance of it brings. I am envious of that, as they will experience the delights and surprises this masterpiece has to offer for the first time!"

Stay for the reception after the concert and get autographs from the Skipper, Mary Ann, Ginger, Thurston and Lovey Howell, the Professor, and of course Gilligan. Tell them how much we appreciate their bringing glorious chamber music into the heart of our Hill and Lake neighborhoods four times a year. And go to <islesensemble.org> to read their (real-life) biographies.

NOTE: this month's "Gilligan's Island" photo is the creation of Isles Ensemble member Sifei Cheng, who in his spare time has been part of the Minnesota Orchestra viola section since 1995.)



Alfred Schnittke - Suite in The Old Style, Helen Chang-Haertzen, violin; Ivan Konev, piano;
Mendelssohn - Piano Trio #2, in C Minor, Opus 66, David Leung, violin, Laura Sewell, cello, Ivan Konev, piano
Dvorak - String Quartet No. 13 in G Major, Opus 106, Stephanie Arado & Helen Chang-Haertzen, violins, Tom Turner, viola, Tom Rosenberg, cello

Here is Sifei's latest creation for our final concert with this tag line. We are using this for Facebook, so feel free to use it as well! "Come take a tour of the Isles for the last time this season. We promise it won't take 3 hours!"

Cedar-Isles-Dean may be uniquiest of city's 87 neighborhoods

By Michael Wilson

There are 87 neighborhoods in Minneapolis, according to David Rubedor, director of the city's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. People live in 84 of them, and 70 of them have neighborhood associations. They're like an extended family to him, Rubedor would say, all of them special in their own way.

Are any neighborhoods more special than others, somewhat unique perhaps? Like any good parent, Rubedor won't go that far. They're all special, each in their own way.

But here in Hill and Lake land, we don't have to be so circumspect. We know that our four neighborhoods are highly unique, extremely unique even. They'd better be (right?), given the sky-high rents and property taxes we pay. Backing up that appraisal with facts, though, is something we rarely do.

The case is easily made, however, that Cedar-Isles-Dean is the uniquiest of Minneapolis' 87 neighborhoods. The facts are irrefutable.

Chowen Place — truly unique.

For starters, Cedar-Isles-Dean is the only neighborhood in the city to encompass parts of three lakes — Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles, of course, and also the north 10 percent or so of Bde Maka Ska (also known as Lake Calhoun). (It is true that a pond develops in Kenwood Park during spring snowmelt season or after heavy rains, but until the pond is given an actual name, it doesn't count.)

Then there are the street names. Cedar-Isles-Dean has the longest list of names — thirteen! — that occur nowhere else in Minneapolis:

- Dean Parkway *
- Dean Court *
- Depot Street *
- Benton Boulevard *
- Burnham Boulevard *
- Chowen Place *
- St. Louis Avenue
- St. Paul Avenue
- Sunset Boulevard
- Cedar Lane
- Cedar Lake Avenue
- Basswood Road
- Park Lane.

The six asterisked Cedar-Isles-Dean streets are unique still: they're the only roadways with that name in the entire state of Minnesota. St. Louis Avenue almost got an asterisk, but there's a tiny stub of a street with that name out in Deephaven, with just one house.

Burnham Road exists nowhere else in Minnesota but has to be left off the list entirely because the eastern end of Burnham protrudes a few feet into Kenwood. But no matter. When you're as unique as Cedar-Isles-Dean, you don't have to fudge the truth.

Special recognition is due to the extraordinarily unique Chowen Place. It's the only street with that name in the entire world! Infrastructure geeks have been known to travel from across the globe just to photograph the Chowen Place street sign and add it to their life lists.

Four Triangles - a unique endowment.

Another area where no other Minneapolis neighborhood comes even close to Cedar-Isles-Dean's uniqueness: the number of its parks. More exactly, the number of its tiny Triangles.

As Parks historian David Smith told us during his February 25 CIDNA Speaker Series talk, the park system has 39 tiny parks — 37 Triangles, one Circle, and one Oval. Distributed evenly across the city, that's a little less than half a tiny park per neighborhood. Cedar-Isles-Dean, however, has been handsomely and uniquely endowed with four tiny parks: Alcott Triangle, Chowen Triangle, St. Louis Triangle, and West End Triangle.

At Smith's February 25 talk Rosanne Halloran, CIDNA's meticulous and diligent board secretary, was able to name and locate three of the Triangles. St. Louis

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after opening on February 16, 8 cats have been adopted. Tink is one of the 15-member “staff” of cats who provide entertainment, therapy or companionship for visitors to this coffeeshop-cum-cathouse.

“Get caffeinated” is the very appropriate motto at [2323 Hennepin](#). Whether your need is cappuccino or catnip wine (really!), a friendly purr or like-minded catmunity, The Cafe Meow is a wondrously welcoming place.

Partners Danielle Rasmussen and Jessica Burge had their ‘aha moment’ at the Walker’s Cat Video Festival in 2014. Combining considerable skill of research and graphic and web design, the women presented their business plan in a very impressive Kickstarter campaign. Although operating as a for-profit business, The Cafe Meow has the soul of a social worker. Coffee and goodies are locally sourced, ‘gift shop’ items benefit local shelters, artists are invited to showcase cat-related works. The atmosphere is as calm and low-key as it’s delightful residents. Fundraisers and cat yoga events may also take place.

Sunday afternoon found the smallish space quite crowded. Who are these people, willing to pop ten bucks for an hour of hanging with furry critters? Abby and Allen drove in from Northfield, where she stashes a kitty in her dorm room and he is, shall we say, accommodating her whims. Bill from Bloomington brought his daughter and grandkids. “It’s like being in a relaxing movie,” he said. Another guest said her boyfriend had allergies and here she could be among cats. A mom from Eden Prairie said, “We just love animals.” And a couple from Bismarck, North Dakota had to see the place before leaving town.

Triangle, right at the intersection of Chowen Avenue and West Lake Street, was the elusive fourth one. Go to minneapolisparks.org and type “Triangles & Other Tiny Parks” into the search bar to read Smith’s histories of all four Cedar-Isles-Dean Triangles, plus Levin, Smith, Fremont, and Vineland Triangles.

While you’re on the Park Board website, type “Southwest Service Area” into the search bar to learn more about the major project just getting started to develop Improvement Plans for all neighborhood parks in the southwest quadrant of the city. A SW Service Area Master Plan Project map is available there too.

And a closing note to folks in Kenwood, East Isles, and Lowry Hill: while Cedar-Isles-Dean is demonstrably and unsurpassably unique, the other Hill and Lake neighborhoods are quite unique as well. Write an article for Hill & Lake Press and tell everyone why!

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“Can Poetry Save Your Life?” 20th Anniversary of Literary Witnesses, with poets Gregory Orr and Susan Deborah King, April 8-9, Plymouth Congregational Church

By Jim Lenfestey

The 20th anniversary of Literary Witnesses will be celebrated at Plymouth Congregational Church April 8 and 9 by the return of founding poet Susan Deborah King for a reading of her own work, and for a conversation on a topic that has long compelled her, “Can Poetry Save Your Life?” with award-winning Virginia poet Gregory Orr. Literary Witnesses is a program of the Fine Arts Board at Plymouth, 1900 Nicollet Ave. All events are free and open to the public, with plenty of free parking.

On Sunday, April 8, at noon, King will read from her own work in the Plymouth chapel. At 4pm, King and Orr will lead a public discussion on the question: “Can poetry save your life?” On Monday, April 9, at 7pm, King will introduce Orr for a public reading. A reception and book signing follow all events.

Poet Gregory Orr is founder of the Creative Writing program at the Univ. of Virginia, a former editor of Virginia Quarterly Review, and the author of more than eleven books of poetry and criticism, including the influential book-length essay, “Poetry as Survival” and the memoir, “The Blessing.” Jailed and severely beaten during the civil rights movement, he later told NPR, “I believe poetry is a way of surviving the emotional chaos, spiritual confusions, and traumatic events that come with being alive.” About his 2005 poetry collection, “Concerning the Book That Is the Body of the Beloved” (Copper Canyon Press), reviewer Ted Genoways said, “Sure, the trappings of modern life appear at the edges of these poems, but their focus is so unwaveringly aimed toward the transcendent—not God, but the beloved—that we seem to slip into a less cluttered time. It’s an experience usually reserved for reading the ancients...”

Susan Deborah (Sam) King is a writer, teacher, and national leader of groups on creativity and spirituality. She is the author of four books of poems. A former resident of Minneapolis, she now lives on the coast of Maine.



Sam King



Gregory Orr

Literary Witnesses will also publish an anniversary anthology of poems by all the poets who have appeared in the series the past decade, including winners of the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes and both Minnesota Poet Laureates. A commemorative keepsake of a Gregory Orr poem, printed by letterpress artist C. B. Sherlock, will be available at his reading April 9. All events are free and open to the public.

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Compass Rose Brass Ensemble returns to St. Mark's on April 7;

St. Mark's Passion' on March 30

By Michael Wilson

St. Mark's Cathedral will ring once again on Saturday, April 7, to the brilliant sounds of Compass Rose Brass Ensemble as they present a broad range of music for brass choirs ranging from Renaissance Italy to 21st Century Latin America.

Compass Rose performed at St Mark's in 2015 to great audience acclaim. "To us, St Mark's is the real deal," says the group's artistic director, Larry Prescott. "Most venues require some sacrifice in dynamic contrast (particularly the louder end), particularly for brass players. Also, most venues don't have the breadth of space to perform antiphonal music. Coming back to St Mark's is the highlight of our year."

Brass choirs immediately bring to mind that other St. Mark's Cathedral — the one in Venice — where Giovanni Gabrieli astonished the world in the late 1500s by placing his players in separate groups within that great stone space and composing music for them to play antiphonally, sometimes separately and sometimes in unison. It was the late Renaissance version of "surround sound," and it dazzled.

"When we were invited to perform again as part of the St. Mark's Music Series, I immediately began thinking of pieces that would fit the environment," says Prescott. "Antiphonal music was at the top of the list. Second is music that contains huge dynamic variation and color. St Mark's is a treasure. The space there is as much a part of the presentation as the ensemble."

Compass Rose has programmed three antiphonal pieces, including Allegri's famous, haunting "Miserere mei, Deus," for many people the most magnificent of all choral compositions. The transcription for antiphonal brass has separate choirs calling and answering from the front of the cathedral back to the rear loft.

"We will perform the 'Miserere' in very low-lit conditions with candle lights," Prescott says, "with the intent



Photo by Rachel Adolphson

The musicians of Compass Rose Brass Ensemble, who last delighted listeners at St. Mark's in 2015, return on Saturday, April 7. The Cathedral Choir will sing Charles Wood's "St. Mark's Passion" on Good Friday, March 30.

to recreate the conditions that listeners may have had in the Sistine Chapel circa 1650. There is also an intriguing story about the writing of this piece that we will share with the St. Mark's audience."

Mozart's Queen of the Night pays a visit.

Benjamin Britten's "Fanfare for St. Edmundsbury" is another antiphonal piece that the Compass Rose players are eager to perform for us on April 7. The work is for three solo trumpets in opposing corners of the cathedral, each performing their own diverse call. The finale then has all three calls played over the top of one another. "It is a very cleverly written piece," Prescott says.

A special treat will be the famous "Queen of the Night" soprano aria from Mozart's "Magic Flute," with Prescott on piccolo trumpet. "This piece gives me the opportunity to play very high notes, which I enjoy

doing!" Prescott says. "St Mark's is a perfect venue for this colorful and dramatic piece."

The previous week, on March 30 (Good Friday), the Cathedral Choir will sing Charles Wood's "St. Mark's Passion," directed by Canon Musician Raymond Johnston. Answering a request from Eric Milner-White, then Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Wood completed his setting in 1920. It is written in a romantic style for choir and soloists, and includes hymns for congregational participation.

Both events begin at 7:30 pm. Tickets for Compass Rose are \$10, available at the door. There is no admission charge for the "St. Mark's Passion," but a goodwill offering will be taken. Visit <compassrosebrass.com> to learn more about the group and the players. Visit <our-cathedral.org/music-series> for information on the season's final two concerts.

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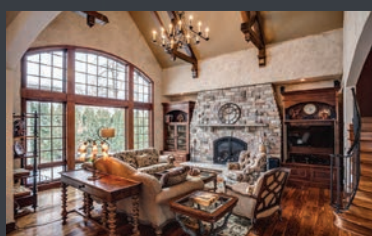
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Four Triangles -- a unique endowment"

By Michael Wilson



St. Louis Triangle Intersection of Chowen Ave. and West Lake St. Transferred from the city council to the park board May 19, 1927. The park was officially named on November 18, 1931 for the intersecting street, St. Louis Avenue. (Photos and captions: Michael Wilson. Histories: David C. Smith, "Triangles & Other



West End Triangle -- West 28th St. and Cedar Lake Ave., overlooking Cedar Lake. On Nov. 11, 1911, the Park Board accepted Alfred Dean's offer of two triangles platted as parks in the West End Addition and thus became the owner of West End Triangle and Chowen Triangle. The cost for two triangles? Fifty bucks.



Alcott Triangle -- St. Louis Ave. and West 29th St. Platted as a park in 1887. The Park Board turned down the city's offer to give them the Triangle in 1927, stating the property was "apparently of no use as a park." Alcott School stood just to the west of the Triangle from 1921 to 1940. Park board records do not indicate when the board officially accepted title to the land from the city.



Chowen Triangle -- Chowen Ave. and West 28th St. Alfred Dean and his brothers had donated most of Dean Parkway to the Park Board when in 1911 he made an offer the board couldn't refuse: two triangles for \$50. Chowen Triangle was curbed, graded and seeded, and a sidewalk was laid on one side in 1915. Trees and shrubs were planted in 1916.

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Emily Beugen, Secretary

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2018 First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55403

Board Members Present: Phil Hallaway, Emily Beugen, Krishna Dorney, Tom Huppert, Bob Hinck, Michael Cockson, Jennifer Breitinger, Toni D'Eramo, Craig Wilson, Lee Switzenberg, Sam Ellingson

Others: Council member Lisa Goodman, Tim Roehl (First Unitarian Society)

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Tim Roehl gave a brief welcome on behalf of the First Unitarian Society and stated that they were glad to be able to provide meeting space to LHNA for the next few months.

Approval of Minutes: Michael Cockson moved, and Tom Huppert seconded that the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Announcements: Council member Goodman reviewed the following:

Lunch with Lisa with Mike Kennedy, the "Snow Guy" for the city of Minneapolis. Kennedy will talk about pot hole filling, snow plowing, etc. March 28th at St. Thomas University in room 202.

The City is a few weeks late for mailing of the tax value notices. Review your statement immediately if you have any questions and wish to contest valuation.

Two-yard workshops are coming up. "Planning your resilient yard" and "Turf alternatives and what they are" workshops to held in April, May, and June through MetroBlooms.

Reinforced city's point of view on gun violence. The city has a commitment to reducing gun violence and responsible gun ownership.

Treasurer's Report: D'Eramo reported LHNA is in good shape. Several additional donations received for Sarah Janecek fund. Current bank balance showing approximately \$19,000.

Appointment of Director: Michael Cockson moved and Toni D'Eramo seconded that Kathleen Bottini be appointed to fill Directorship previously held by Scott Schaefer. All approved.

Approval of 2017 CPP Annual Report: Michael Cockson moved, Toni D'Eramo seconded that the 2017 CPP Annual Report as amended by Mr. Hallaway be approved for submission prior to March 30, 2018. All approved.

Committee Reports:

Environment: Lowry Hill has the largest gypsy moth infestation ever seen in the state of Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture will be updating residents regarding treatments with an organic, biological pesticide to be applied to trees in mid-May. LHNA will explore having brush and wood picked up from the quarantine area and taken for incineration.

Zoning and Planning: Nothing to report.

Crime and Safety: Lee Switzenberg stated that there was nothing to report.

Events: Annual Meeting - Mr. Hallaway led a discussion of the upcoming Annual Meeting. It will be held at the First Unitarian Society on May 15th. Bob Hinck moved, and Jennifer Breitinger seconded that Mr. Hallaway be authorized to enter into a contract, execute a waiver agreement and pay \$500 to the First Unitarian Society for rental of space for the Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The format for the meeting will be the same as in prior years. Social hour with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar from 6 to 7 PM. The business meeting, with an update from the Board, guest speaker and election of Directors will be from 7 to 9 PM. Catering will be provided by the Lowry. Toni

D'Eramo moved and Sam Ellingson seconded that Jimmy Fogel be authorized to negotiate catering contract with the Lowry in an amount of up to \$2,500. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual meeting invitation letter from the President will have to be sent in the next few weeks. Craig Wilson moved, and Sam Ellingson seconded that up to \$1,500 be authorized for printing and mailing of invitations to the Annual meeting.

A total of eight Directors will be up for election, three of which will be new Directors.

Neighborhood Priorities: Craig Wilson reported on the recent Hennepin-Lyndale Space Coalition discussions. Green Minneapolis has agreed to be a program participant in the MNDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program. Green Minneapolis will utilize the financial support of the Coalition to install the landscaping and maintain it in the Hennepin-Lyndale corridor. For this reason, Green Minneapolis has been added as a signee on the letter of intent to enter into agreement with the City of Minneapolis for the funding of the landscaping for this project. Mr. Wilson stated that the goal is to be able to move the letter through the City Council in the next cycle, which will need to be scheduled by next week. In addition, a new partnership agreement is being drafted between Green Minneapolis and the members of the Hennepin-Lyndale Public Space Coalition.

Historical: The committee will continue to research conservation districts.

Communications: Hill & Lake Press Ad to include gypsy moth quarantine information and notice of Annual meeting.

New Business: No new business.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Diana Schleisman, Administrator

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, 2/13/18 7:00 p.m.

Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street

Minutes

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

Board members absent: Amy Sanborn, Andrew Degerstrom, John Grochala

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), Nancy Johnston (Outreach & Nominations Chair), Carol Dines (ECCO), Tony Barranco (Ryan Companies)

Welcome & Call to Order: Brad Ash, EIRA President - 7:00pm

Guest Speaker: Lisa Goodman, City Council Member

Residents can sign up for the tree lottery system at www.treetrust.org, good quality trees can be purchased at a discount, limit 1 per household. Renters can also purchase and plant with property owner approval.

The Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is having a public meeting to discuss guidelines for funding neighborhood organizations on Thu Feb 27th 5-7pm at the University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Av N.

The Green Business Cost Sharing Program is offering solar energy rebates, more info is on the city website.

MNDOT I35@94 project updates at www.dot.state.mn.us/35W94

Guest Speaker: Carol Dines, ECCO: Sons of Norway Development

Note: These are the speaker's comments and do not reflect fact checking or similar.

ECCO borders are 36th to Lake & Hennepin to Lake Calhoun

Sons of Norway Development will grow neighborhood by 25% bringing 400-500 new residents (ECCO estimates)

60-70% of rentals in the neighborhood rely on street parking. Parking proposed is shared with residents as well as patrons and visitors. (It was noted by an EIRA resident that the development has more parking available than is normally the case for this type of residential development.)

No affordable housing is considered for 325 units planned.

ECCO estimated 2,176 daily trips would contribute to congestion and accidents. Public Works had concerns about traffic study, done late October. Seasonal summer traffic is significantly higher in summer. The area is already congested 5 months out of the year.

Maintaining current zoning is requested by ECCO.

It was reported that Hennepin & Lake is the 4th highest corner for pedestrian accidents. Motorists making left hand turns is a factor.

It was noted that Hennepin & Lake is one of the worst particle pollution areas in the city. Adding traffic congestion will make the problem worse.

R4 is the current zoning, allowing 32 apartments at a min sf of 1,250 square feet each and four stories. R6 is being requested by Ryan Construction to allow 109 apartments with a minimum 400 square feet each and five stories.

At a recent ECCO meeting and estimated 40 mem-

bers of ECCO neighborhood opposed Ryan's proposal.

ECCO believes that if variance and rezoning precedent are set, it could be a downward spiral that may affect other neighborhoods.

ECCO is not opposed to the project in its entirety. Rather focusing on the 31st Street side which abuts a residential corridor. The request is for a slightly smaller scale and density within reasonable current restrictions.

ECCO asked for the EIRA's to support maintaining the zoning and not allow height variances.

A letter was requested for the appeal hearing.

Guest: Tony Barranco, Ryan Companies

Current R4 zoning would allow a 4 story 56 ft tall bldg. of 54-59 units.

Zoning request would allow 3 additional feet of height accommodating 1 additional story to make way for an additional 35,000 square feet of space.

Parking below is one level due to water table concerns.

7 stories on Lake St side for the project is not opposed.

The only retail space will be on Lake Street.

The building would create 3,500 square feet of restaurant space.

The current plan calls for 15,000 square feet of open green space.

The project itself could be abandoned if it cannot be built as proposed.

A motion was made and seconded to support ECCO in their appeal. BOD members discussed varying opinions on the information presented. The motion failed on a voice vote.

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

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Committee Reports:

President's Report

SW Master Plan: Park Board is seeking advisement, a separate eblast will be sent

Earth Day registration is complete, volunteers needed, will be included in next newsletter

Postcards may be sent to promote events, Steve will check on prices

Annual meeting is Tue Apr 10th, Hill & Lake ad to be placed should include Facebook & Instagram

Treasurer's Report

Year end financials, generally net income evens out over the past few years

Cash flow is tight due to advances that need to be "repaid" to the city

Unrestricted funds help tie over cash flow

Outreach & Nominations

Andrew and Brian will term off the Board in April. With the current vacancy, there are three BOD positions available

Please invite neighbors to meetings and seek board nominations

Time commitment varies from 2+ hours per month depending on level of engagement

Brad is willing to remain President

Social Committee

Ice skating party was a success, the weather was perfect, the new warming house carpet was in for the event, efforts towards the refresh were clearly appreciated

The annual meeting is scheduled for Tue Apr 10th, with current plan to hold the meeting at Isle Buns and Coffee.

Diana and Nancy are helping Amy with the planning. Steve and Mike will extend invites to elected officials

Zoning & Land Use Committee (N/A)

Transportation Committee (N/A)

NRP Steering Committee

Conversations continue around police cameras

Efforts being made to complete warming house funding

ECCO board voted to contribute up to \$2,162 toward warming house

Action Items: NRP/ CPP contract plan modifications were both approved unanimously by voice vote.

Proposal #1: The NRP Committee and EIRA Board have already approved allocating funds to help support a refresh project to the warming house on East Isles. In order to accommodate support for such a project, a Plan Modification to EIRA Phase 2 NRP strategy (7.4.1, Public Space Improvements) is necessary. This NRP strategy aligns with the goals of supporting public space improvements and improving parks and green spaces in the community. The plan modification is necessary to move dollars into this account to fund activities to refresh the warming house. Specifically, the proposed plan modification would shift \$3,500 of funds:

From – 2.1.1. Affordable Housing Loan Program
To – 7.4.1. Public Space Improvements

The Affordable Housing Loan Program has generated over \$125,000 in program income from loan repayments, so we believe some these funds can be invested in another project with a public benefit – the Warming House refresh.

Proposal #2: Contract #10447 from NRP has a balance of \$7,855.57. However, only \$305.57 of costs can be reimbursed as the remaining \$7,550.00 was an advance that still needs to be "repaid" (receipts submitted without reimbursement). Line items not pursued since 2011 include a Design Guidelines Booklet, Housing Intern, Crime Prevention Flyers, and Graffiti Elimination. Some of those were discussed at a previous BOD meeting. One of the line items within the contract is Action Plan Implementation – which covers operating and staff expenses. A payment request could

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 14, 2018

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

Interim Chair James Reid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, February 28, noon at University of St. Thomas. The speaker is Civil Rights Director Velma Korbel who will discuss the 2017 Disparity Study and what the City is doing regarding fair housing and hiring standards.

Enter a lottery to purchase a low-cost tree for your property at treetrust.org/minneapolis-tree-sale-lottery; deadline is March 9.

The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission is holding a listening session for Neighborhoods 2020 (the future of neighborhood funding) on Tuesday, February 27, 5:15 p.m. at Urban Outreach and Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Room 107.

Stay informed about the I-35W and I-94 construction project at dot.state.mn.us/35w94.

Council Member Goodman signed a resolution approved by the CIDNA Board honoring Stephen Goltry and Barbara Lunde for their service as members of Super Bowl Team 52.

Drew McGovern, Hennepin County, Lake St and Excelsior Blvd Improvement Project

Drew McGovern attended the meeting to present a design concept to realign W Lake St to intersect with Excelsior Blvd at a 90% angle. The project is in the preliminary design phase. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.

Jono Cowgill, Park Board Commissioner, District 4

Superintendent search: Community listening sessions will be held; commissioners will attend a retreat in March to identify priorities.

Commissioner Cowgill's priorities: community participation, support priorities from the past board (i.e. riverfront initiative), expand Team Teamworks, and hire a superintendent.

Legislative priorities: protect local government aid and legacy funding.

Employee retirement fund and the minimum wage increase are impacting the Park Board's budget.

Work with CIDNA on completing the Cedar Lake South Beach project and mitigating impacts of Southwest LRT.

The Park Board is beginning a master planning effort for the Southwest area, which includes all neighborhood parks south of I-394 and west of I-35W. A Community Advisory Committee will be formed; the

be made with already incurred 2017 expenses to cover the advance and collect the \$305.57 balance and close the contract. As such, it will be requested to move funds from the un and underutilized categories mentioned above to Action Plan Implementation in order to close out this older contract.

Open Forum: The Minneapolis Park Board is meeting on the possibility of collaborating with East Isles on a farmer's market pilot. A proposal to manage the East Isles farmer's market has been received by Debbie Gold. She will be soliciting others. All proposals will be forwarded to the BOD for discussion. Conversations have taken place with the Minneapolis Food Council, who supports the initiative. Vendors are in high demand for markets and creative solutions are being pursued, It may be a draw for vendors if the market is held on a week day evening in an area with high resident density.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

application process is now open, go to minneapolisparcs.org and search: Southwest Service Area Master Plan.

A copy of the Superintendent's Annual Report 2017 was shared.

Announcements

CIDNA Speaker Series on Sunday, February 25, 3:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. The speaker is David Smith; the topic is "Linking Shrinking Lakes, a Deadly RR Crossing, and the Northwest Passage: CIDNA's Rich Park History." The CIDNA Board approved up to \$75 of unrestricted funds for refreshments at the event.

The Park Board will host a Volunteer Appreciation Open House on Tuesday, April 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Bryant Square Park.

The Park Board is accepting nominations for Volunteer of the Year Awards through March 9. Go to minneapolisparcs.org/volunteer_and_give.

Verizon applied for a permit to temporarily reallocate the cellular antennas at 3100 W Lake St. to a 75-foot temporary, free-standing wood pole to be installed at the northwest corner of the property from April 1, 2018 – April 2021 or until the new building is completed.

The Directors & Officers insurance policy yearly renewal date is March 1.

CIDNA's annual contribution to Hill & Lake Press is due. The contribution has increased from \$900 in 2017 to \$1,000 for 2018.

Treasurer Update, Rich Heichert

The bank account has been updated to include Rich Heichert and Rosanne Halloran as authorized signers.

The CIDNA Board acknowledges that Edwin Bell who is listed as "Key Executive" with control of the finances, is no longer involved with CIDNA or the account and should be removed as such, and replaced by the new and current treasurer, Rich Heichert.

Secondly, Thomas George Buck, who is listed as "employee" is no longer involved with the CIDNA Board and should also be removed from the account. The status of "employee" is no longer used by Wells Fargo on these business accounts.

A 1099 form has been submitted to Monica Smith and the IRS.

NRP/ CPP Report, Claire Ruebeck and Monica Smith

The committee is drafting the 2017 CPP Annual Report that will be presented at the March board meeting for approval.

All are encouraged to attend the Neighborhoods 2020 Listening Session on February 27 (see details under Council Member Goodman's report).

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Proposed development is expected to impact pedestrian movement around the Lake St and Excelsior Blvd area.

Transportation Committee, Mike Wilson

The Met Council will be conducting a vibration study for the impacts of Southwest LRT on the Calhoun Isles Condo Association.

The judge has not yet ruled on the SWLRT lawsuit. West Calhoun Neighborhood Council is reviewing proposals for a boutique hotel on the BP site and 715 new apartments next to Calhoun Towers.

The board reviewed a resolution regarding the Lake St/Dean Pkwy intersection that was approved by West Calhoun Neighborhood Council. The CIDNA Board voted (vote 8-1) to accept the resolution as presented.

CIDNA Events, Amanda Vallone

Amanda Vallone is compiling a master calendar of CIDNA events with the goal of hosting at least one event every season.

The Events Committee will meet on Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Community Connections Conference

The annual conference hosted by the City was held

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Letters

Public Letter to All Concerned Citizens and Neighborhood Communities

Are So-called Progressive City Councilors Wolves in Sheep's Clothing?

As someone who has been involved in progressive and green causes all my life, I am particularly disheartened by what's happening in the city right now, a kind of zealotry for "density," with no willingness to compromise, build consensus, or hear opposing viewpoints. All over the city, the only vision being promoted is unbridled "density," with no impetus to demand developers include affordable housing or scale their buildings to be compatible with existing neighborhoods and our fragile environment.

On Thursday, February 15, the zoning and planning committee of the City Council met to consider an appeal submitted on behalf of East Calhoun Community Organization (ECCO), regarding some unfortunate decisions of the City Planning Commission to allow the up-zoning of a property (Sons of Norway) on a residential corridor. Once again,

this Commission ignored the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan that was meant to protect neighborhoods from encroaching high-density development. In fact, the approved building will be dense, high, and completely incompatible with the neighboring community and lakes. These expensive apartments will start at \$1,200 a month for a small unit under 400 feet and will no doubt incite more real-estate speculators to come and do the same thing, making all our neighborhoods vulnerable to the highest bidder. This development is not about affordable housing, nor is it about our neighborhood trying to keep people out. It is about money and profit for the speculators, and this is why the ECCO neighborhood appealed the planning commission's decision to grant the up-zoning to the developer, allowing a residential street to be treated more like a commercial corridor and preventing any kind of transition into the neighborhood.

However, the zoning and planning committee denied the appeal. There were about 40 to 50 concerned neighbors from the ECCO Neighborhood at the February 15 meeting who supported the appeal, including members from other wards, who are experiencing the same difficulties with high-density development in their districts. About 15 to 20 ECCO members (limited to only two minutes each to speak) testified clearly why the five-story segment of the building was ill-conceived and would set a dangerous precedent for further speculation and incompatible development along neighborhood corridors. There is already too much traffic and congestion on the Lake-Hennepin corridor that will become worse when the city renovates Hennepin Avenue later this year. If the denial is upheld by the full City Council, it will serve as a terrible precedent for neighborhoods all over the city with adjacent streets like Central Avenue, University Avenue, Nicollet, Franklin, Lyndale and Broadway, as well as other neighborhoods.

Since real estate speculators are not providing affordable housing, their upscale buildings will continue to make housing throughout Uptown more expensive. In Uptown, we are already seeing old buildings bought and superficially renovated, jacking up prices so renters who have been in this neighborhood for years are forced to move. (They will not be able to afford one of the 319 apartments in this new building.) The density of Uptown is already the highest in the city for any retail area, 12,000 per square mile according to the city's recent study. Parking is already difficult and expensive in Uptown, and cars from people living outside the ECCO and Uptown neighborhoods will continue to flood the streets, along with the four to five hundred new neighbors this development will bring, causing more air pollution in our neighborhood and around the lakes. The real estate speculators, many of whom do



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1425 W 28th St	\$ 125,000	\$ 0	37	\$ 125,000	C	1/1	780	\$ 118,000	\$ 1,874	###		
50 Groveland Terr	C202 179,000	2500	16	179,900	C	1/1	820	186,500	2,126	###		
2928 Dean Pkwy	#4A 250,000	0	97	220,000	C	2/2	1,079	208,300	3,025	###		
3151 Dean Crt	#903 299,900	0	217	285,000	C	2/2	1,375	267,187	3,558	###		
1921 Emerson S	330,000	0	2	326,000	TWN	3/3	1,694	312,105	4,465	###		
3116 W Lake St	#413 330,000	0	54	325,000	C	2/2	1,357	328,455	4,538	###		
2950 Dean Pkwy	#1406 420,000	0	28	410,000	C	2/2	1,160	339,900	4,679	###		
2524 Burnham Road	468,888	0	37	420,888	H	2/2	1,711	425,000	6,074	###		
1927 Lincoln Ave	459,900	0	35	445,000	TWN	3/3	2,316	321,915	4,615	###		
1214 W 22nd St	574,900	0	92	562,500	H	4/3	2,240	584,000	8,475	###		
3405 Saint Louis Ave	614,000	0	49	589,000	TWN	2/3	2,152	430,000	6,381	###		
2635 Humboldt S	#101 609,000	764	2	604,000	C	4/3	2,493	466,500	7,181	###		
2862 James S	699,000	0	247	579,750	H	3/2	2,542	579,750	11,714	###		
2012 Sheridan S	769,000	0	139	729,000	H	3/4	3,138	637,000	9,631	###		
2423 W 22nd St	949,000	7,000	157	908,275	H	4/3	3,133	824,500	13,777	###		
1607 Mount Curve Ave	990,000	0	15	970,000	H	7/6	5,710	#####	20,552	###		
1635 W 26th St	1,150,000	0	70	995,000	H	4/3	3,753	#####	23,130	###		
2526 Thomas S	1,150,000	3,650	641	1,085,000	H	5/5	4,557	#####	20,907	###		
2701 Dean Pkwy	1,125,000	8,700	89	1,035,000	H	4/3	3,420	#####	17,043	###		
3323 Cedar Lake Ave	1,300,000	0	17	1,240,000	H	3/4	4,223	#####	18,939	###		
1725 Dupont S	1,448,000	0	59	1,260,000	H	5/5	5,158	#####	21,657	###		
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not come from Minnesota, are more interested in profits than community and many will flip buildings once they receive the price they want for it and the buildings are rezoned.

The decision by the city council to deny the appeal was not a surprise since many have accepted contributions from developers and real-estate companies for the political campaigns, creating an implicit bias in the political process. Judging from my own experience in the appeal process, the deck is highly stacked against neighborhoods. At the recent meeting dealing with our ECCO appeal, Councilor Gordon disappeared into thin air and did not vote. Council Member Bender disparaged the ECCO neighbors by insinuating they were all wealthy and were opposing the development to keep others out of the neighborhood when nothing could be further from the truth. Seventy-percent of the population in the ECCO neighborhood are renters, and many neighbors are from other parts of the country and world and choose to live here because ECCO is welcoming to people of diverse backgrounds.

(Incidentally, Bender, who is the ward representa-

tive, has not attended a meeting of the ECCO Board for over five months, and she has stopped responding to our emails and phone calls, leaving our neighborhood with virtually no representation.) Whether our progressive councilors are in the pockets of speculative real estate investors, or simply are not interested in preserving the strong communities they represent is a matter for debate. I, for sure, —and I also believe that the great neighbors in ECCO — would be very pleased to debate this matter. Our roots are deep, and our concern for our neighborhood and other communities in Minneapolis is sincere.

Jack Zipes
Concerned ECCO neighbor and Professor Emeritus of the University of Minnesota

Irving Ave. S.

For information about The Sorcerer's Apprentice, please contact:
http://press.princeton.edu/titles/10942.html

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Camped

By Madeleine Lowry

on February 10.

James Reid presented information about Cedar Lake South Beach at a session titled “Awesome Neighborhoods in 120 Seconds or Less.”

Interim Chair

Schedule for the Interim CIDNA Chair:

March – Taylor Pentelovitch

April – Steve Goltry

May – Amanda Vallone

CIDNA Annual Members’ Meeting Planning

A group of board members will meet to discuss ideas for the Members’ Meeting and present the ideas at the March 14 board meeting.

New Business

A representative from the City will be invited to a future CIDNA Board meeting to present the City’s new search engine (Legislative Information Management System – LIMS) that tracks local legislation, calendars/agendas and the activities of public advisory boards and commissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Taylor Pentelovitch will serve as Interim Chair.

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

There is only one parenting responsibility that makes us Minnesota moms act like New Yorkers competing for daycare spots — registering for summer camps.

I understand the drive to make sure that little Johnny and little Janie have scheduled activities for at least part of the summer. Been there, done that.

Believe it or not, the challenge actually increases as your children grow to become tweens. When my kids were small I could sign them up for anything, catering to my own schedule, budget and driving demands. As they approach the pre-teen years, however, they demand to be consulted and involved. For every dozen camp ideas I submit, only one might meet my youngest child’s approval. Plus, he now requires that I recruit a friend to accompany him. If these demands are not met, he will lie around the house moaning and groaning all summer. No pressure!

Much like a NASA space launch, camp planning requires much preparation in the form of coordinated conversations between my son’s friends’ parents. This ultimately evolved to include texts, group emails and a groupware spreadsheet to orchestrate camp preferences across eight weeks for half a dozen boys. Vacation schedules, camp interests, and daily schedules had to be considered by all parties.

Trying to organize this at all seemed sheer folly to my mind, since the traditional mail-in process usually resulted in a phone call from the Community Education office to tell me that half the camps my son selected were overbooked. And then perfect summer would

slide into summer of torture.

The drill usually went like this: “Hello, Ms. Lowry, I’m sorry but Flag Football for the afternoon of week three is full.”

Me: “What’s available for a rising 8th grader?”

“We still have openings for Polish Your Brass Instrument, Advanced Sock Mending, and Etiquette for Large Family Gatherings.”

Me: [Sigh] “I guess we’ll take the spot in brass instrument polishing.

Guess who’s going to be in the doghouse tonight?

But wait! My fellow parents tell me that online registration is available this year and I can be a hero by just parking myself in front of my computer at the moment registration opens! So, there I sit at 4:55 pm on a Sunday afternoon with a completed spreadsheet, strong internet connection, robust credit card and nimble fingers waiting for the Super Summer Program enrollment to go live. Ready, steady, go!

In the end only two weeks of summer could be satisfactorily scheduled, leaving ten more weeks at risk. Gah!

Next up: Twin Cities Tennis Camp registration involving an entirely different set of mothers. Here we will have to consider vacation schedules, work schedules, lunch plans and skill levels. Hopefully we can skip the spreadsheet this time.

There should be an app for this, no?

For my next magic trick, I’m going to tackle our taxes. Piece of cake.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association News

Don’t miss the LHNA Annual Meeting on Tuesday May 15th at the First Unitarian Society.

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a social hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar) followed by our annual meeting with Board updates and elections at 7:00 p.m.

Gypsy Moth Quarantine continues in the same area of Lowry Hill as last year. See LHNA web site for links to pictures and details. Most Lowry residents will soon receive a postcard from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture with information regarding treatment to be carried out in May. Branches and other wood material pruned from trees and shrubs in the quarantine area must stay on the property until further notice.

Pothole Repair is complaint driven for now. Call 311 or use the app to report.

The next LHNA Board meeting is Tuesday April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, Dietrich Room. All residents are welcome.

LHNA reminds you to “Leave A Light On” to help deter crime in our neighborhood.



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David Bueide, longtime resident of our neighborhoods and a contributor and advertiser to Hill and Lake Press died recently. We regret his passing. I greeted and chatted with him at Barbara Carlson's recent party at the University Club in St. Paul. He was his usual handsome self and I would never have guessed that he was in ill health.

We will miss him and are grateful for his many contributions to our neighborhood and to our newspaper.

And check out the photo on page one Joyce Murphy and Chris Childers. Chris is a son of Dorothy Childers, our longtime photographer.

Jean Deatrack, Editor

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MAP

MINNEAPOLIS

Join your neighbors
at the EIRA Annual Meeting
Tuesday April 10th
6:30p Social Hour
hors d'oeuvres
7:00p Program
Isles Bun & Coffee
1424 W 28th Street

Get updates from City Council Member Lisa Goodman
Meet the new Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey
Learn about projects in your neighborhood
Discover volunteer opportunities
Provide your input on priorities
Vote for Board Members
Talk with your neighbors

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



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