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Crunch Time for Neighborhood Parks



Kenwood Park: more activities coming
By Larry Moran

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By Craig Wilson

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is preparing for the future of the parks, trying to determine what, if anything, needs to change in order to meet the needs of residents for the next 20 years. To that end the MPRB created a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) nearly 18 months ago for the purpose of reviewing all 43 parks in the southwest quadrant of the city (not including the regional parks like Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake). I have been part of that committee helping to represent the interests of the neighborhood, along with Craig Wilson of Lowry Hill.

Over the last 18 months we have held 14 public meetings to discuss guiding principles for the planning process, the needs of each park, specific needs of different athletic organizations, and what changes may come about with a growing and growingly diverse population. MPRB staff visited many neighborhoods to solicit opinions and many of the CAC members took a bus tour of the parks being considered.

After collecting this input, MPRB staff created two alternative plans for each park and released those plans at the end of January. Following an initial wave of comments and neighborhood meetings (including one at Kenwood Rec Center on April 2), staff created their preferred proposals for each park and released them at the end of May. The CAC has been reviewing each proposal in public meetings since then.

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Over the past year, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has been rolling out plans for improvements at all 43 neighborhood parks in the southwest quadrant of the city, part of a huge planning process throughout the entire city for implementing the 20-year Neighborhood Parks Program. Adopted unanimously by both the Park Board and City Council in 2016, NPP20 provides an additional \$11 million annually over 20 years for rehabilitation and capital improvements. (Google "Minneapolis parks NPP20" for more information.)

The Southwest Service Area Master Plan's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has met 14 times since June 2018. CAC member Craig Wilson has represented parks in East Isles, Kenwood, Lowry Hill, and Bryn Mawr south of I-394. Larry Moran has represented the same neighborhoods plus Cedar-Isles-Dean. Jana Griffin has represented Cedar-Isles-Dean.

Proposed designs for the Southwest Service Area's 43 parks have gone through a number of revisions over the past year and consensus has been reached on most of them. Two of East Isle's three neighborhood parks, however, are still very much under active discussion: Smith Triangle (across from Temple Israel) and The Mall (the four-block-long linear park between Hennepin Avenue and East Calhoun Parkway).

'Preserve, Protect and Maintain?'

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As odd as it may appear, "The Parade" is considered by the Park Board to be a "neighborhood" park. It has thus been part of the Southwest Service Area Master Planning (SW Master Plan) Community Advisory Committee (CAC), a planning initiative by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to plan the next generation of neighborhood parks in Southwest Minneapolis. The last time this was done was 50 years ago, so the decisions that are made through this effort will have lasting impacts.

Parade Park is located in Lowry Hill and consists of Spring Lake, Parade Ice Garden and parking lot, MPRB maintenance facility, Parade Road, Parade Field, the Auggies Stadium, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and parking lot, and the lower section of Kenwood Parkway.

Due to the complexity and regional focus of the Parade Park site, the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) initially requested a separate planning process and CAC independent of the Southwest Service Area planning process and CAC. The Park Board declined, citing cost constraints. Last month, the LHNA board expressed frustration in a letter to staff that the Park Board was not authentically engaging the community in their outreach efforts.

Neighborhood park or regional destination?

If The Parade is indeed a "neighborhood park," LHNA asked the Park Board, how does it serve the

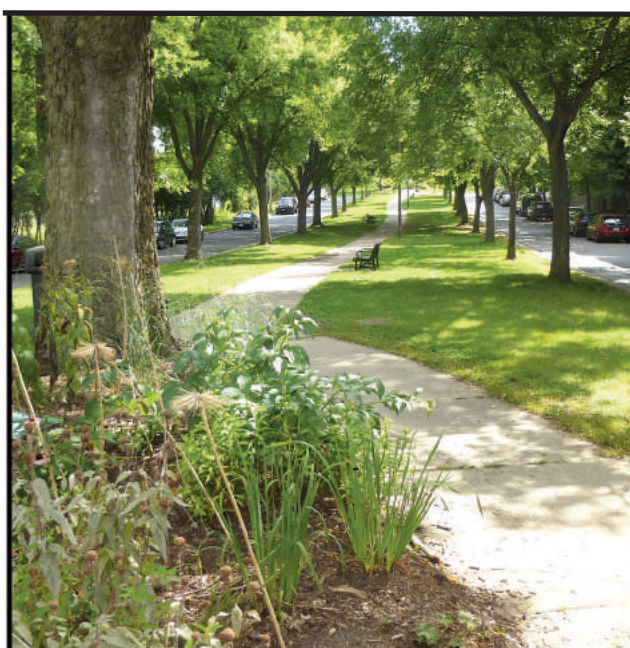
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Kenwood Parkway



Kenwood Parkway will remain unchanged between Morgan and Lake of the Isles. The Peavey Fountain island will be enlarged slightly and the median reconfigured.

The Mall



The Mall may be transformed from a quiet four-block-long, tree-lined promenade into an active sports venue on its lower two blocks.

Photos and captions: Michael Wilson.

Thomas Lowry



The next Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, September 25 and feature four Ward 7 residents who serve on city boards/commissions

Minneapolis College of Art and Design Honors Cy DeCosse.

The Many Faces of Cy De Cosse: A Retrospective Exhibition continues in the Main Gallery until September 22, 2019. The exhibition traces the highly successful advertising, publishing, and photography career of DeCosse, a long-time Kenwood resident. His numerous creative enterprises, which have evolved over more than six decades, demonstrate a keen talent for recognizing significant technological and cultural shifts at the intersection of art, design, and media. An art discussion with Cy Decosse and Weisman Art Museum Director and Chief Curator Lyndel King will be held on Thursday, September 12, at 1:00 p.m. in Auditorium 150.

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.

East Isles Super Sale Surprise



Photo by Roger Childers.

By Harriet Horwitz

"It's like seeing a friend," said Dorothy Childers, long-time photographer for the Hill and Lake Press.

Last year, browsing through garage sale treasures along Irving Avenue, she was startled to see a photo of portrait artist Richard Lack. Taken for a story in the September 1990 issue of HLP, Dorothy had donated the original for a benefit. Anastasia Faunce (right) was the buyer, but now into downsize mode, was ready to say goodbye. "Please take it," she said. Dorothy eagerly accepted, giving it to her son Chris, who studied at Atelier Lack.

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is looking for volunteers to help keep it beautiful.

First Saturdays, 10:00 am – noon, Sept 7, Oct 5. Tools, gloves, and water provided.

Meet at Thomas Lowry Park, 900 Douglas Ave South, corner of Colfax and Douglas.

Woman's Club Events

Sunday Brunch – Every Sunday
 Jazz in the Lounge – September 4
 Breakfast Networking – September 12
 Meet the Artist Reception – September 12
 For more information please contact the Front Desk (frontdesk@womansclub.org or 612-813-5300)

Park Siding Park Gardening

Saturday, September 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3113 W. 28th St. Join CIDNA's volunteer gardening team. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided.

The Understory at Downtown Kenwood



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Check out The Understory, an expansion of Birchbark Books and Native Arts, located in the former Stephen Dean Taylor's shop. Books, novels, Native graphics, science fiction, games and gifts are featured. Bockley Gallery has collaborated to sell some amazing pieces of art in The Understory, and art prints will soon be for sale by local artists. There are cozy spaces to sit and read in this grotto-like setting. Hours are 11 - 6 Tuesday through Sunday. Closed on Mondays. (31) Birchbark Understory - Home

Landscape Artist Melody Allen Exhibits Work at The Woman's Club



The Woman's Club of Minneapolis is continuing its time-honored tradition of hosting talented local artists. The show titled Water, Light & Shadow: Minnesota Shorelines and California Coast features works created by Melody O'Connor Allen. Melody is a retired academic surgeon who paints pastel landscapes depicting scenes for which Melody has personal emotional connections, derived from time spent on the shores of Minneapolis' chain of lakes or on the beaches of Southern California.



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SENIORS SAVING THE SEVEN POOLS.

A conversation with The Kenwood resident, Patricia Kasimor.

By Tom Trondson

Patricia Kasimor likes to sit on the bench in the northwest corner of Thomas Lowry Park. You can see why. The bench faces the urn garden and the top of the park where locals walk dogs, sit near the pools, or hang in hammocks between the trees.

Patricia is an energetic, soft-spoken ninety-five-year-old resident at The Kenwood, the retirement community on Summit Avenue. This expat Brit turned American citizen moved to Minneapolis four years ago to be closer to her daughters, who live in Lowry Hill. Patricia, like many residents at The Kenwood, frequents the park daily, especially during the warmer months, to walk the pavers, talk with friends, or enjoy the solitude. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP) Board President Elizabeth Shaffer first met Patricia last summer while watering a new urn FTLP had installed.

"I was struggling to reach my bucket to the top of the planter, when Patricia smiled in amusement at my effort, sitting on her usual bench. She told me, 'You know, these gardens in Thomas Lowry Park are nice, but not as nice as Munsinger Gardens. You probably haven't heard of those.' But I had. We soon realized her husband was an executive at a bank in St. Cloud that helped my father purchase a concrete business in the 70's. Our parks are truly platforms for relationship and community."

Ms. Shaffer is the driving force behind the "Save the Seven Pools" capital campaign, a community-led fund-raising project focused on raising money to help rebuild the almost one-hundred-year-old pools. Ms. Shaffer, along with FTLP Board members Suzanne Payne, Jeanne Scheiderer and Barry Lazarus, met with The Kenwood residents last week to answer questions about the capital campaign.

"We were humbled by the interest and response of The Kenwood residents, as they wanted to do whatever they could to support the Seven Pools project. After our informational presentation, the residents generously gave \$3,000. Not only that, they pledged to continue to talk about the opportunity with other residents, as well The Kenwood management."

Ms. Shaffer believes community support will con-



Patricia Kasimor

tinue to snowball. "We still need significant gifts, but we are hopeful other multi-unit building owners around Thomas Lowry Park, together with Lowry Hill individuals, will step up to make this project a reality. The Kenwood and Colonial Properties have led the way in our multi-unit participants to date."

Back at Thomas Lowry Park Patricia Kasimor is telling us about life at The Kenwood. Even as we chat, another woman Patricia knows, Dolly, comes by with the Thursday walking group. You get the idea Patricia is proactive, talking up programs and welcoming new residents, the sort of person we wish to grow into as we age.

At ninety-five, Patricia has few complaints. She talks with her sister every night. She spends time with her seven children, thirteen grandkids, and nine great-grandchildren. Patricia also participates in The Kenwood knitting group, knitting hats, gloves and scarves for Alliance Housing, Inc., an organization seeking to find longterm solutions to low-income housing.

Patricia lives life with a zest we can all learn from. "Sometimes we need to get on, and not be an old person." Words to live by.

Donations to The Thomas Lowry Park "Save the Seven Pools" campaign can be made thomaslowry-park.org. All donations are tax-deductible.

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EIRA RESIDENTS MUST TELL PARK BOARD: DON'T DESTROY MALL QUALITY OF LIFE!

by Jill M. Waite

Long ago, a unique type of park known as a promenade was built in the Uptown area. Ever since, it has been a serene oasis in the heart of a busy City, a reader's outdoor alternative to Walker Library, a place for an unhurried after-dinner stroll. In short: a place we must preserve.

I had the privilege of serving on the EIRA Zoning Committee when Harvey Ettinger, Rich Harrison and other Parks Committee members came to us with the idea to upgrade the Mall.

That planning process resulted in many good ideas for improvements: community gardens, rain gardens, an area for chess and other quiet games and activities.

Not once during that process did any EIRA member suggest that we change the character of the Mall. Our goal was to enhance it, not to turn it into something it was never intended to be.

Now it feels as if the planning process has been hijacked by the Park Board's Community Action Committee (CAC). Its latest proposal will destroy quality of life on the Mall in three significant ways:

1. MANY TREES WILL BE REMOVED. A huge number of massive trees will be removed, and an entire ecosystem will be destroyed. Those trees provide a crucial sound buffer that protects EIRA from the noise of Uptown. Insects, birds, squirrels and other types of wildlife will be evicted from their homes and pollution and global warming will accelerate.

2. MANY PARKING SPACES WILL BE REMOVED. A significant number of parking spaces will be removed and some streets will be closed off. Parking is vital for parks, and for hundreds of tenants, condo and homeowners who live along the Mall. Having fewer through streets will slow emergency vehicles critical to keeping thousands of Midtown Greenway Bike path users safe.

3. LAKE ACCESS WILL BE OBSTRUCTED. Lake access will be obstructed by insertion of an incompatible use: namely, volleyball courts and sports fields. These uses are at odds with the quiet, inviting nature of the Mall. These courts and fields are guaranteed to make the Mall an under-utilized asset, since users and observers will only be able to play a few months out of the year, but courts and fields will obstruct lake access all year long. When those courts and fields are in use, there will be plenty of noise, which will disrupt other activities on and around the Mall. The Mall is the front yard for all of us who live on or visit the Mall. We should dress it up, not destroy it!

ALL OF US WHO VALUE THE MALL MUST ACT. I beg you to overwhelm the Park Board with the negative feedback this shortsighted proposal deserves.

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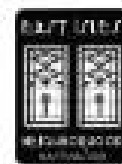
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lowryhillneighborhood.org.



Kenwood Park from page one**Initial plans add 11 new features.**

The proposal for Kenwood Park released on May 30 calls for adding 11 new features. To view the Kenwood Park plans as well as those for all the neighborhood parks in Lowry Hill, East Isles and Kenwood, google "Minneapolis parks southwest plans." Once on the project page, go to "Parks Concepts" and click on "Northern Parks Grouping: Revised Version 2."

Added later to the Kenwood Park plans were proposals for a full-court basketball court and multiple pickleball courts (separate from the tennis courts).

In order to determine the neighborhood's opinion on this proposal the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization compiled a simple survey asking for people's opinion (from strongly disapprove to strongly approve) for 12 elements (pickleball was not included) and sent it to their email list. Nearly 90 people responded and overwhelmingly were in favor of improved pedestrian crosswalks all around the park. Eight of the elements had neither strong approval nor strong disapproval. People responded unfavorably to three elements: a sand volleyball court, a 3-hole disc golf course, and a full-court basketball court.

Kenwood Park seen as 'underutilized.'

I believe, after attending most of the public CAC meetings and talking with CAC members, that the MPRB sees a greater demand for its park space over the next two decades and wants to optimize its use. For many parks that belief results in adding different activities and even reducing some of the current uses.

I also believe there is a strong sentiment among CAC members that more elements need to be added to Kenwood Park. One CAC member expressed the feeling that Kenwood Park is one of the largest in the southwest part of the city and that it is underutilized.

Craig Wilson and I have advocated to keep the middle of Kenwood Park (on top of the hill) completely passive. Currently, there is a plan to add a paved trail through the middle of that section along with a 3-hole disc golf course. Craig has suggested a solution that provides access to the hill without running completely through it. I have suggested moving the disc golf course to the space along Oliver Avenue between Franklin and Douglas. We will continue to advocate for a passive space on top of the hill in the middle of the park.

The three new sporting activities (sand volleyball, basketball, and pickleball) all seem to be competing for limited space. Most recommendations place all of these additions in the southeast corner of the park (near Franklin and Logan) without interrupting any current activities. We have explained that area floods easily and may not be a useful alternative. We have also recommended that sand volleyball be relocated closer to water where it is usually found.

Pickleball, basketball advocates pushing hard.

Finally, while people at the meetings have advocated for both pickleball and basketball I have not heard of strong support for either from neighbors (either through the survey or from direct comments from people). While we have pointed out the apparent lack of demand, both MPRB staff and CAC members seem intent on adding these elements to the park.

I have discovered during this process that people are passionate about the parks in their neighborhoods. People in Kenwood and Lowry Hill are no different. I have heard from many neighbors about many of the proposed changes along with some changes they think should be implemented but have not been listed.

The challenge the park board faces is one of a growing population putting a greater demand on its parks. Our challenge is to help in that planning process without changing the essential character of a neighborhood park like Kenwood Park.

I strongly recommend that if you have strong opinions about the proposed changes, comment directly to the MPRB at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW_revised_concepts. To read others' comments, on the project page under "Key Documents" click on "Comments on Revised Concepts - Online Survey Results." And by all means attend the remaining CAC meetings (dates, times and places TBA) and express your opinions in person.

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As regards both parks, one thing is becoming clear: the MPRB mission statement says "To Preserve, Protect and Maintain," but it appears that their strategy with Smith Triangle and The Mall is not based on preservation and protection but rather on transforming two small and very historic parks to sports venues.

The primary focus of Smith Triangle is the historic Thomas Lowry statue and monument, erected in 1915 at Virginia Triangle (near the Walker Art Center) to honor one of our city's most pre-eminent citizens. It was moved to its present location in the late 1960s due to construction of the Lowry Hill tunnel.

As a direct result of a strong lobbying effort by the group City of Skate, Park Board staff want to redesign this quarter-acre park by removing a wide swath of green grass along Hennepin Avenue to construct a mini skateboard park. Mary Lerman, MPRB's former chief horticulturist for over 30 years, was appalled to hear about these planned changes at Smith Triangle. She recently opined that it is a very small park and that a "patterned floral beds would be a great use of the space and brighten up a dreary portion of Hennepin Avenue."

The Mall, a median of green spaces, walking paths and park benches providing a respite from the busy Uptown business-entertainment district, was acquired by the Park Board in 1912 at the same that the Calhoun-Isles channel and Walker Library were completed. It was planned as a parkway connecting these two noble examples of civic progress. Acquisition was also intended to forestall imminent industrial development along this stretch adjoining the railroad tracks.

The Mall's roadway intersection with Hennepin Avenue was closed when the underground Walker Library was built in 1981, thus giving us the quiet, leafy "urban oasis" that so many have come to cherish for decades.

Major transformation of The Mall.

Revised plans for The Mall presented on July 25th call for a major transformation of the lower two blocks by stripping out the roadway on both sides and constructing sand volleyball courts. Planners claim that none of the 24 mature, healthy trees and eight saplings on these two blocks will need to be sacrificed to build the beach volleyball courts, but it's hard to see how that can be accomplished, especially since Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority property begins just north of the roadway. (Look for the "little brown signs" to see the approximate property line.)

The proposed transformation of The Mall's lower two blocks will eliminate parking for residents of the adjacent older apartment buildings which have little or no off-street parking. Also affected will be people who come to enjoy the tranquil beauty of The Mall but are unable to skateboard or bike to get there.

Rich Harrison, a landscape architect and long-time apartment resident along The Mall, commented on the proposed alterations: "At first glance, my gut reaction is to say I am opposed to the idea and would strongly argue to keep it open to auto traffic, parking, and pedestrians, allowing for multi-use activities on the center boulevard that runs from the Lagoon (at Lake of the Isles) to Hennepin Avenue.

"Secondly, this park has a lot of history! I'd highly urge everyone to read about it on the Minneapolis Park Board website," Harrison continues. "Today, with the very active Midtown Greenway to the north, I feel The Mall should remain a passive, Leisure Walk. This type of high-quality green park space is needed within the more urban parts of the city now more than ever before. I believe this was the original design intent in 1912 and it should remain as such in perpetuity."

The center Promenade sidewalk would be severed by the installation of volleyball courts and with the loss of many trees, the historic character of The Mall would be forever sacrificed for a seasonal use.

Appropriate improvements could include a "pollinator" corridor, more benches and chess tables (already approved by EIRA Board), and even some sculptures which could be added in a manner that facilitates the multi-use nature of the space for activities such as the Uptown Art Fair and the successful Farmers Market.

In conclusion, this is NOT a NIMBY issue. The majority of East Isles residents are not opposed to

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interests of Lowry Hill and Kenwood residents in what resembles a regional destination park? We have yet to receive an answer.

To date, the Park Board has proposed:

- a mountain biking path in a wildlife area;
- a paved walking path around Spring Lake;
- major expansion of Parade Ice Garden and elimination of its parking lot;
- a new maintenance building with the elimination of a parking lot;
- a multi-story structured parking ramp;
- a reorientation of Parade Field with a dome-top;
- expansion of the Auggies stadium with an "open plaza," and
- the elimination of the Sculpture Garden parking lot, where Blake School students park during the school year.

One of Lowry Hill's principal concerns is traffic management. Hennepin-Lyndale is the only route to access our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods from the north, with Kenwood Parkway and Parade Road providing crucial links with the interiors of our neighborhoods. Due to limited infrastructure and geography, the area routinely experiences traffic bottlenecks. Lowry Hill is concerned that an expansion of Parade offerings, a new light rail stop only one-eighth of a mile from the proposed parking ramp, and increased density due to the 2040 plan will further traffic congestion and worsen the bottleneck.

Lowry Hill also expressed their frustration that the Park Board appears to have millions of dollars for additional infrastructure at The Parade but doesn't have funds to replace the 100-year-old Seven Pools fountain, the beloved cornerstone in a vital neighborhood park in Lowry Hill.

Faced with one MPRB planning option to tear out Seven Pools fountain entirely and a second option to wait perhaps twenty years and see if funds might be available then, the LHNA board and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park decided to step into the breach and raise funds for rehabilitating Seven Pools ourselves.

CAC subcommittee created for Parade – finally.

Responding to increasing tensions over the Parade planning process, the Park Board agreed to set up a Parade subcommittee of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan CAC. The Parade subcommittee held its first meeting on August 19, attended by about a half dozen CAC members and an audience of 30-40 people. There was a mix of area residents concerned about traffic, environmental impacts, project costs and ongoing maintenance. There were also recreation advocates from around the region pushing for campus expansion, mostly for hockey and field sports. Considering this, the meeting was very civil and constructive.

A "preliminary" traffic study was performed and presented by The Park Board's lead consultant presented a "preliminary" traffic study. Using 2011 traffic data, the most recent available, and projecting a 1.5% annual growth rate to arrive at estimated figures for 2019, the consultants reported that the roads are way under their design capacity (underused) and suggested that the current Parade bottleneck at rush hour is a result of 35W construction avoidance.

The study did not take into consideration future density trends from the 2040 plan or the impacts of the future SWLRT station, one-eighth mile away from the proposed parking ramp. When asked about the uses and needs of area institutions, staff commented that the Park Board's concern is for park users, not institutions.

Realigning Parade Road may make more sense.

A CAC subcommittee member argued that Concept

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skateboard parks and volleyball courts when there are viable, alternative locations not far from either of these parks without having to transform Smith Triangle and The Mall.

For information about the history of both parks, go to minneapolisparcs.org and enter either "The Mall" or "Triangles & Other Tiny Parks" in the search bar.

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B, a plan originally presented by staff but dismissed due to its road realignment and parking structure, made more sense than the current plan. The two plans were compared and debated by CAC members. It became obvious that Concept B, which realigns Parade Road, would create much more space for additional, and much needed, athletic fields, rinks, etc.

The CAC subcommittee asked for Concept B to be reevaluated and suggested that the maintenance yard be relocated to allow for surface parking to avoid a costly and potentially high-maintenance parking ramp. The CAC also asked for a version of a dome or field house that limits light pollution.

Finally, the CAC subcommittee agreed that the area around Spring Lake should remain passive with a completed walking path around Spring Lake and more open sight lines following Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) standards. Members stated that if The Parade is going to become a regionally-focused campus of various building complexes and limited open space, Spring Lake should remain as passive and natural as possible, with a commitment to improving water quality.

My Personal Opinion.

I live in Lowry Hill, serve on the LHNA board, and have been the Southwest CAC representative for the for the Kenwood, Lowry Hill, East Isles and Bryn Mawr (south of I-394) neighborhoods.

Through serving on this CAC, I've learned that there are lots of competing interests for park land (tennis, skateboarding, soccer, baseball, pickle ball, bocce ball, passive use, natural areas, playgrounds, splash pads, rec centers, etc.). Most parks in the Southwest quadrant of the city are pretty tiny with heaps of programming and are at full capacity. Simply put, there is extreme demand for limited space.

The Park Board's primary concern is access to their parks and using parkland for recreation (which means that things like providing parking spaces for Blake School, parking on the Mall for area residents, and mitigating bottlenecks are low priority).

While I appreciate the effort to provide a preliminary traffic study, I do not think it was particularly accurate. But I've come to realize that, given Park Board prioritizes, it really doesn't matter. With the 2040 Plan and increasing area density coupled with geographical barriers, we are headed for a bottleneck no matter what we do.

While I'm not particularly thrilled with the idea, I'm now questioning if traffic management devices, like the roundabout originally proposed by Park Board staff, will actually help with traffic flow. Could it be better than the stop sign at Parade Road and Kenwood Parkway? We see how well that's working now....

As for the ramp, I think it's a bad idea, but people need to be able to get to the facility one way or another—and many of these people are families with kids and equipment. For the foreseeable future, they will be driving their own cars. So...it's looking like we're headed for an imperfect compromise. **We'll see where things land at the next Parade Park subcommittee meeting on Wednesday, September 11, from 6-8 pm at Kenwood Rec Center.**

Residents Register Concerns on SWLRT Safety

By Mary Pattock

Some 40 residents gathered at Kenwood Community Center on August 27 to register their concerns about SWLRT safety issues.

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) and Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) co-sponsored the meeting.

Resident concerns will be presented to the Met Council for resolution at a meeting to be convened by the City under new legislation authored by Rep. Frank Hornstein and Sen. Scott Dibble. That meeting is expected to be held in late September.

Issues raised included train speed, hazards resulting from traffic reroutes, disaster planning, liability limits in case of accident, the difficulty of fire vehicles from Fire Station 22 trying to fight their way through ever-worsening traffic, and more. CIDNA and KNO will formulate the questions and distribute them in advance of the "City meeting" to the community and involved government agencies.

Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel described how his department constantly moves rigs about the city in response, not only to emergencies, but also to road closures and traffic situations that could impede service — and how that system will be used during construction.

Attending the meeting from the Met Council were Chair Nora Slawik and staffers David Davies and Andy Caulum; from Hennepin County were Board Chair Marion Greene and Dan Anderson of emergency management; Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill; Linday Sowmick representing Rep. Frank Hornstein; Rick Kruger, head of Minneapolis Transportation Management.

The meeting had been requested by residents who attended the CIDNA-KNO March 20 meeting with the Met Council's Southwest Light Rail project team.

East and West Lake Calhoun Parkway signs changed to East and West Bde Maka Ska Parkway signs.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) workers are installing new placards changing East and West Lake Calhoun Parkways to East and West Bde Maka Ska Parkways.

The first sign scheduled for replacement is located at the intersection of Richfield Road and West 36th Street. Note: Green street signs will be changed by the City of Minneapolis at a later date.

The signs are being updated in accordance with the anticipated August 21 second and final reading of a resolution approving an amendment to Chapter 9, Article X of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Code of Ordinances. The ordinance renames Calhoun Boulevard West, Calhoun Drive, East Lake Calhoun Parkway, and West Lake Calhoun Parkway to Bde Maka Ska Boulevard West, Bde Maka Ska Drive, East Bde Maka Ska Parkway and West Bde Maka Ska Parkway, respectively.

Replacement of parkway signs around Bde Maka Ska updated to reflect their new Bde Maka Ska Parkway name.

Where: Intersection of Richfield Road and W 36th Street (parking available in nearby lot)

MacPhail Center for Music is now open for Fall Enrollment for all ages (six weeks to 100+ years) at all of our locations in the Twin Cities and online! We also offer instruction in 35 instruments plus voice being taught by more than 200 teachers - there's something for everyone!

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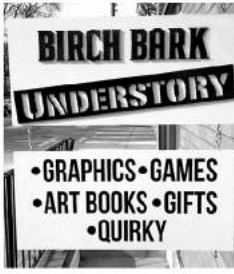
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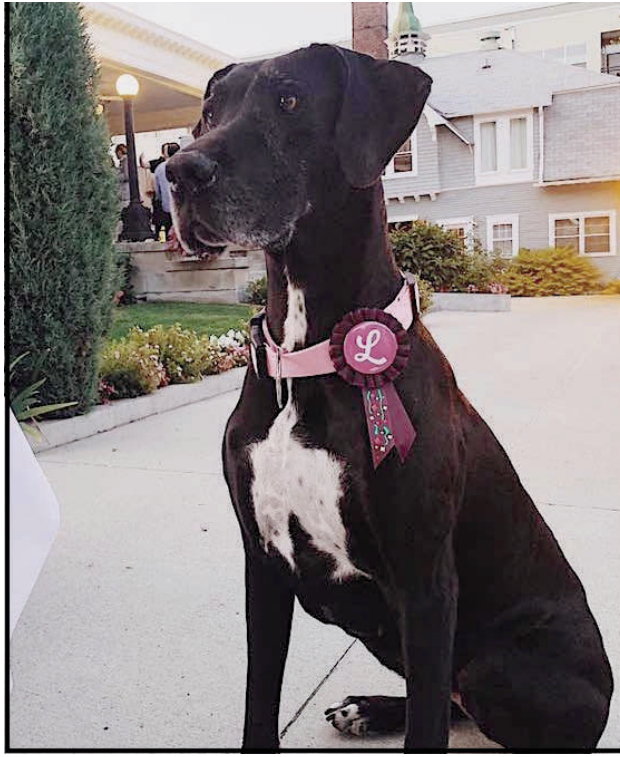
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(Caption: Michael Wilson.)

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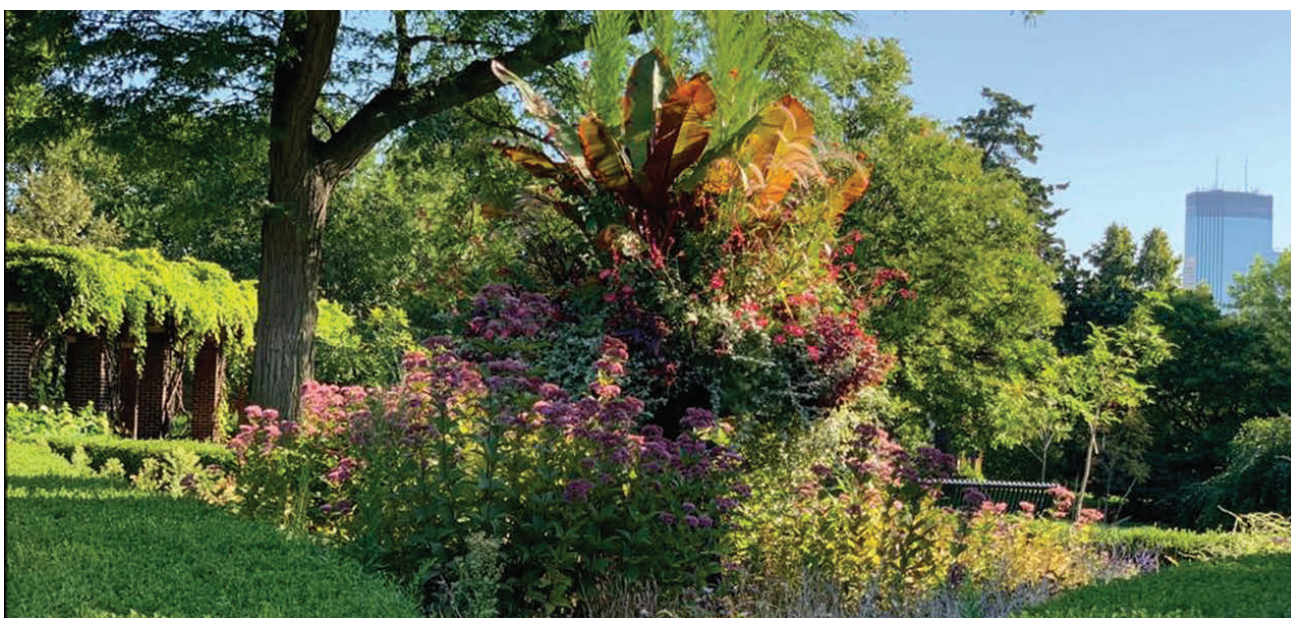
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Monarch butterflies are everywhere at beautiful Thomas Lowry Park.



Craig Wilson captured the beauty of the flowers and butterflies at Thomas Lowry Park.

Boy playing at Thomas Lowry Park



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Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social attracted a large crowd of neighbors for an evening of fun and ice cream.

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East Isles Residents' Association

Respectfully Submitted by Molly Fleming, Coordinator

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, 8/13/19 7:00 p.m. Grace Trinity Community Church 1430 W 28th Street Minutes

Board members present: Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mackenzie Nelson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), John Morrow, John Grochala, John Barnett, Emma Erdahl, Steve Havig, and Julia Curran

Board Members not present: Mike Erlandson
Alternates present: Kate Svitavsky
Alternates not present: John Erlandson
Staff: Molly Fleming

Guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Assistant Superintendent of Planning, Michael Schroeder, members of the public.

Welcome & Call to Order: 7:00 by Ellen van Iwaarden, President

Guest Speakers:

Lisa Goodman, City Council Member, reported that the next Lunch with Lisa will feature people who serve on community boards and committees in the Ward. Council Member Goodman gave a quick update on a teardown on James Ave that will be replaced with a new house. The old house being removed is not designated historic. She then gave an update on the "Drive Thru Ban." She authored the bill and wanted to stress that no drive thrus will be removed, the new rules would just prevent new ones from being built. This is a livability and pedestrian safety issue according to her and many constituents. She reported on the Dedicated Bus Lanes on Hennepin project, which will begin on September 6. The dedicated lanes will only be in effect during peak traffic times during the day (rush hours). This project is predicted to reduce traffic congestion and neighborhood traffic, since planners believe fewer people will avoid Hennepin.

Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent of Planning, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board came to the meeting to give a brief presentation on the steps for planning and putting in a shade structure at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. The East Isles Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Committee will be heading up the planning and residents are encouraged to join the Committee if they'd like to help with the planning. If the planning begins this fall and continues on schedule, the new structure could be installed as early as June 2020. Assistant Superintendent Schroeder feels that it is better to get this done right then get it done quickly. After a design is selected, there will be a significant engagement process with community members. Other things for the neighborhood planners to consider are whether the shade structure will be a year round structure and what materials should be used so that the Park Board maintenance staff can easily maintain it. The budget for this project is currently set at \$40,000, but additional funds could be procured through grants or NRP dollars.

Assistant Superintendent Schroeder then offered some comments on the Mall Park proposed redesign. He reiterated that the process is ongoing and that every version of the plan for this park seen so far has been a draft. He predicted that the online comment portal for the designs of this park will be open through October, and encouraged people to use it as well as attend the upcoming Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on August 19 at the Kenwood Rec Center. This fall, he hopes, the CAC will present a final plan to the Park Board, and there will be a 45-day comment period. After the comment period ends, the MPRB planning staff takes a month to sort and analyze comments before going to the Planning Committee to present. Once a plan clears the Planning Committee, then it will go to the Park Board Commissioners for a vote.

Public Comment on Mall Plans

17 members of the public chose to make a comment about a suggested draft sketch of The Mall as a part of Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) proposals for the Southwest Service Area Master Plan. Each had one minute to speak and generally focused on things they did not like about the sketch. Before the comment

period began, all present were reminded that the EIRA board is not the decision-maker on the sketch for The Mall park, the CAC will make their recommendation, and then the Park Board will make the decision after a period of public comment. Due to the Park Board's method for determining the priority of projects, Assistant Superintendent Schroeder also guessed that any changes to The Mall park would probably come in 8-10 years.

Commenters were also reminded to comment on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board website, where there is a comment portal. Assistant Superintendent Schroeder assured the crowd that he would take notes and pass along the comments to the Park Board staff and CAC as well. He also noted that the most important comment period will be the 45-day period just after the CAC makes a final recommendation to the Park Board, which he expects to happen this fall.

Committee Reports

President's Report

Ellen van Iwaarden, President, reported that a sub-committee interviewed three candidates in their search for an independent contractor or accounting firm to help EIRA with its accounting needs. They are waiting on a bid, but will have a recommendation for the board soon.

Built Environment and Transportation (BET)

Andrew Degerstrom, Chair, reported that the Committee has not yet drafted an official committee description for the board's review, but one will come soon. The Committee has received information on some upcoming construction in the neighborhood, including the proposed teardown on James Avenue, but thus far none have been significant enough to require BET Committee comment. The BET Book Club is still in its pilot phase and the committee will continue to make plans and adjustments. The next BET meeting was scheduled for Aug 20th but will be cancelled or moved due to the Ice Cream Social.

Farmers Market

Debbie Gold, Farmers Market Director, reported that the Dog Days of Summer event at the Market broke an attendance record with 1086 people counted at the market. Lunds and Byerlys Uptown donated 12 dozen hot dogs and buns and these were handed out by EIRA board and volunteers. Debbie then reported that as Director of the Farmers Market, she hopes that the final Mall design allows the Farmers Market to stay in its current location and not need to move a block east toward Hennepin, where it would be on an incline. She then reported that Farmers Market ads have now appeared in the Southwest Journal and the Hill and Lake Press. August 22 market will feature a happy hour with live jazz and a Beer Garden as part of a partnership with LynLake Brewery.

Outreach and Nominations

Emma Erdahl, Chair, reported that the first Outreach Committee meeting was held on August 1st. The Committee discussed setting goals for increasing participation and turnout from residents, and to get more board nominations in the future. The committee also discussed using Community Participation Program (CPP) funds to boost social media events and increase turnout so that the board can capitalize on social events to get people more involved in committees. The board discussed finding board training for themselves and people considering being on the board. A motion was made to approve paying to send board members and neighbors interested in becoming board members to board training, and the board approved this motion.

Social Committee, Green Team (no reports this month)

General Items

Coordinator Updates

Molly Fleming, Coordinator, reported that the grate painting with Aeon for Ocean is set to go forward on August 24. Planning for the Supersale is going well, and registrations are coming in. An ad has been placed in the Hill and Lake Press as well for this event. The summer donation mailer just went out, and included both a

Super Sale registration form and an Ice Cream Social Flyer. The Ice Cream Social will be next week, Tuesday, August 20 from 6-8 pm at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. Interested volunteers should contact Michael Gold, Ice Cream Social Chair or email info@eastisles.org. Molly then passed out flyers to every board member for the Hennepin and Lake Wine Tasting on Thursday, October 10 and asked them to hand them out to neighbors and friends. The flyer directs people to buy tickets online.

Open Forum

The board as a whole discussed the public comment period that had taken place earlier in the meeting. The board was split over whether or not to make an official comment on the issue of the proposed design for The Mall park. Ellen van Iwaarden, President, wanted to make clear that she did not expect a vote on the design itself at this particular meeting, given how little notice neighbors had been given to comment to the board. Many board members agreed that more discussion needed to occur, and more engagement with the neighborhood, before writing a letter of support or dissent. After more discussion and a determination that if the board voted to make a comment on this issue, the comment did not necessarily have to be binary and could include comments both for and against various ideas in the plan. The board's vote was 8-2, with the majority voting to make an official comment. The board will make that comment at a later date after an engagement period with the neighborhood is conducted.

Adjourn Ellen van Iwaarden, President, adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Sep 10, 2019, at Grace Trinity Church. EIRA invites all residents to participate. Should you require an accommodation to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at info@eastisles.org.

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Dan Hill presents his book *Two Cheers for Democracy: How Emotions Drive Leadership Style*, on Thursday, September 19, at 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers (3038 Hennepin Ave. S., Minneapolis 55408, 612-822-4611, www.magersandquinn.com).

Not only in America, but around the globe democracy is under siege. In an era personified by Donald Trump, illiberal—increasingly hollow—democracies, and "strongman" dictatorships, it's time to take a closer look at the nature of the leaders who shape our world. The policies or positions that leaders adopt may change, but rarely their personalities. All of us have signature facial expressions that reveal the emotions we gravitate to most often over time. The difference is that in leading a country, the head of state's feelings can hold sway over events likely to impact every citizen's life and well-being.

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Two Cheers for Democracy comes richly illustrated with photographs and charts, and includes an epilogue.

Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 14, 2019

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Clem Foltz, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, Michael Wilson.

Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Gabriel Andrews, Evan Carlson, Claire Ruebeck. Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board approved the minutes from the July 2019 board meeting.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Judy Sherin has replaced Ruth Weakly in the Ward 7 office.

The next Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, September 25 and feature four Ward 7 residents who serve on city boards/commissions.

The revitalized Peavy Plaza has reopened.

CM Goodman and Rep. Frank Horstein are working to schedule a Southwest LRT public safety meeting in September for all stakeholders.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

CIDNA and Kenwood Neighborhood Organization are planning a Southwest LRT Safety meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the SWLRT construction safety meeting mandated by the new state law authored by Hornstein and Dibble, which says the meeting is to be convened by "the City." Our meeting, by contrast, is for the community to identify what concerns they want to be brought to the City meeting.

CIDNA Priorities for 2019-20, determined by recent board retreat: 1) Complete the planning process (including survey results), 2) strengthen the association (increase visibility, establish committees to work effectively and develop discretionary funding), 3) strengthen neighborhood bonds and celebrate neighborhood with events/communication, 4) manage relationships with City and Park Board and serve neighborhood needs relating to SWLRT.

Paul Junek was elected to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) for District 2; he has been invited to the September CIDNA Board meeting.

The Governance Committee will review and prioritize requests from individuals who would like to make guest presentations to the CIDNA Board.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

Financial activity for July 2019 was presented.

The City will select a consultant to complete the process of furthering the Neighborhoods 2020 framework and developing program guidelines. Once a consultant is selected, the timeline will be revised to ensure enough time for community engagement.

Monica Smith will not be renewing her contract when it expires at the end of the year.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Clem Foltz

Family Housing Fund has created a guide of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations governing Twin Cities municipalities. ADUs can generate rental income for property owners while expanding affordable housing options. View the guide at fhfund.org/adu.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

A pedestrian was injured by a vehicle at Lake St/Market Plaza at 8:00 a.m. on July 2. Steve Goltry will obtain a copy of the police report.

Nancy Nikora will research options for enhanced

safety measures in the Lake/Excelsior area.

Changes will be made to the alignment of Lake/Excelsior to accommodate the 10-story hotel and mixed-use building that will be built on the BP station site. Steve Goltry to report on the changes at the September meeting.

Communications Committee, Mary Pattock

The committee is working on a survey to get feedback from residents to help prioritize the board's work.

The idea of renaming Park Siding Park as Henry David Thoreau Park was raised. Board members discussed doing more to promote the history and significance of the existing name.

Social Committee

Amanda Vallone presented ideas and a budget for CIDNA Art Mart. The board approved a budget of \$700 for Art Mart on Saturday, November 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Elaine May presented a budget for the CIDNA Fall Festival. The board approved a budget of \$2,648 for Fall Festival to be held on Sunday, September 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The 2019 Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Thursday, October 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Premier sponsors are Ackerberg, Yellow Tree, Hennepin Lake Liquors and Lake & Irving. Featured sponsor is Bridgewater Bank. Tickets are now available for purchase; contact a board member, info@cidna.org or purchase online at HandLwine.eventbrite.com.

Amanda will create a postcard to be mailed to all CIDNA residents to promote these fall events: Fall Festival, Wine Tasting and Art Mart.

Environmental Preservation Committee

Concerns were raised about losing the City's tree canopy and creating an urban heat island due to increasing development, tree disease, and destruction from storms and tornadoes. Canopy was reduced from 31.5% in 2009 to 27.8 percent in 2015. CIDNA will write a letter to MPRB President Brad Bourn asking him to reappoint Don Willeke, CIDNA resident and tree expert, to the Tree Advisory Commission.

Southwest Service Area Master Plan update: The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is Monday, August 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center. Proposals to remove parking and add volleyball courts on The Mall will be discussed.

The Park Siding Park gardeners will meet on Saturday, August 24, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Transportation Committee, Mike Wilson

Mediation will begin in September to resolve the dispute between Met Council and Calhoun Isles Condo Association (CICA) about vibratory impacts of Southwest LRT. CICA is asking for a contract guaranteeing limiting noise/vibration to the baseline levels.

The committee plans to research the substation along the Kenilworth Corridor and plans for dewatering.

Old business

Clem Foltz is interested in learning more about the role of the Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jones-Harrison Residence.

Notes to CIDNA residents: Contact info@cidna.org

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If you are interested in serving on one of our new committees, If you are interested in being a board member (there are four open seats).

The CIDNA board has provisionally approved these minutes, and will give them final approval at the next board meeting.

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New Laws Will Help Keep Minnesotans Safe on the Road

By Governor Walz

Whether driving up to the cabin, carpooling kids to camp, or towing your boat to the lake, Minnesotans spend much of the summer on the road. From these busy final weeks of summer to the dead of winter, we must do everything we can to ensure our families arrive where they're going safely. That is why I signed three bills into law this year that will help keep Minnesotans safe behind the wheel. They are effective as of August 1, and here's what you need to know.

Clocking many miles driving my daughter to soccer games, I know firsthand how frustrating it is to get stuck behind a car going slowly in the left lane. Not only is it annoying, it poses a safety hazard by disrupting the flow of traffic. Minnesota has long had a requirement that slower-moving motorists use the right lane and allow others to pass when practicable. But to ensure this is being followed, this law has been modernized to make clear that slow drivers must move over to the right lane, and could be subject to a fine if they create a traffic hazard. The law doesn't give folks permission to speed, but will help mitigate traffic hazards and road rage.

We all know summer in Minnesota is also known as "construction season." And that is not just a saying. In fact, there are more than 220 active work zones scheduled throughout our state this season. These work zones present different traffic patterns, changing speeds, and even road obstacles. Over the past three years, 31 Minnesotans have died and over 120 have been seriously injured in work zones. A new law effective August 1 allows police officers to issue a citation to drivers who violate instructions from work zone flaggers based on a report from that worker. It will help reduce crashes in work zones, provide a safer workplace for construction workers, and ensure the people who build our roads and bridges get home safely to their families.

Finally, I am honored to have signed a law this year to help prevent distracted driving. One of the most emotional moments of my time as Governor so far was the signing ceremony for this bill. Surrounded by the families of Minnesotans who have lost their lives due to distracted drivers, it was a time to acknowledge how they have turned personal tragedy into advocacy. Distracted driving, on average, plays a role in one in five crashes in Minnesota. Too many of these crashes have resulted in deaths. That is why we worked with these brave families to pass a law that prohibits drivers from holding a phone while driving. The law allows cell phone use, but only in hands-free mode or using one-touch activation. While these families know there is no way to get back stolen graduation ceremonies, birthday parties, and wedding days, this law will help ensure more Minnesotans make it home to their loved ones.

There's not much better than the open road during the summer—driving up 35W for a weekend on Lake Vermilion or down MN-60 to visit friends in Mankato. Kids laughing, windows down, and Tom Petty on the radio is the backdrop of some of my favorite memories. That's the way it should be, and I am proud of these new laws to help keep Minnesotans safe on the road. Stay safe out there, and enjoy these final days of summer. See you at the Fair!

Come join us at Art Works and learn to express yourself through music! No experience needed! With instructor Tim Cheesebrow, you will be given all the tools and help you need to find that hidden songwriter in you! Tim is a capable musician with six full-length solo albums under his belt, and a published book on songwriting! He studied the craft in earnest while getting his degree in classical music composition, and cemented his style while volunteering at a monastery and school near New Orleans. As a finale to the class, participants will have the option to have their compositions played by a professional band. For those students that would like to hear their compositions performed, there will be a dress rehearsal on November 1st, in preparation for a live performance scheduled at Art Works on November 3rd! "This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund."

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The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale Announces 11th Season

Minneapolis/St. Paul, August 27, 2019 — The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale (TCJC) will hold a pre-season get-together for current, former and interested singers on September 18, 7:00 p.m., at the Sabes Jewish Community Center. TCJC welcomes all singers, regardless of their religious affiliation or ability to read music. Rehearsals for the Chorale's 11th season will begin on Wednesday, October 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (convenient location to be determined) and will continue on most Wednesdays through spring. Several community-based programs are planned for fall. A major concert is planned for spring.

The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale is a volunteer group of singers devoted to learning and performing Jewish choral music. Its mission is to share with the Twin Cities community a full range of Jewish choral music through concerts and short outreach events, so that audiences experience the beauty, variety and affecting nature of this music, and at the same time become more knowledgeable about Jewish music and lyrics and their connection to their lives. TCJC is conducted by artistic director Gary Wolfman and accompanied on piano by Chris Brand. TCJC is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization and welcomes contributions and donations.

For more information, contact board members Bill Torodor, btorodor@gmail.com or Marilyn Weisberg, mweisberg0@gmail.com, or go to www.twincitiesjewishchorale.org

Readers might be interested in a new, free, opportunity to experience theater, offered at Plymouth Congregational Church, which is located at Franklin & Nicollet.

This autumn, Theater 45° will present:

Step Back, Listen Up—Stories we all need to hear: We recognize people at the margins in our society who have stories that are effectively invisible. This new series will allow groups from outside the dominant culture to tell the stories that they feel need to be made visible. Theater 45° would not tell the stories but rather provide space and resources.

Performers include: Blackout Improv (Sept. 9), Irreducible Grace Foundation (Sept. 23), Interact Theater (Oct. 7), Alliance of Minnesota Latinx Artists [ALMA on the attached flyer] (Oct. 21), Washburn High School (Nov. 4) and zAmya Theater (Nov. 18)



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2124 Fremont S	695,000	15,820	89	650,000	H	4/3	3,156	740,500	10,687	1900	
2732 Upton S	799,900	0	125	696,300	H	4/3	2,321	845,000	12,558	1925	
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Seth Patterson, who is organizing the program and making the links with community groups, says: "At Plymouth Church, music and visual arts have long served as foci for revealing the sacred and the Divine, for which we are grateful. . . . Through Theater 45, we will continue to expand the ways that we use our God-given creativity as a means of self-reflection and mean-

ing-making."

Thank you for considering these theater events—free, the \$15 suggested donation is just that: suggested. People are asked to order free tickets simply to save them seats in the Chapel. (It holds about 100.)

From 1911 to the present, East Isles residents have advocated strongly for The Mall



1911 was a momentous year in the East Isles neighborhood. On June 13 the sparkling new Walker Library held its grand opening, and on July 5 the Calhoun-Isles lagoon and channel was ceremoniously christened opened amid great citywide hoopla. Area residents, led by the Lake District Protective Association, determined that the the five blocks between the two new exemplars of civic progress, on the south side of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway tracks, deserved a stately parkway link, and on October 16 the Park Board designated the land for improvement and acquisition at a cost of \$123,349 (about \$3.3 million today), to be paid entirely by property owners in the surrounding district. Initially called 29th Street Boulevard, it was formally named The Mall on December 17, 1912.

Civic pride wasn't the only motivator. The five blocks were a prime location for industrial development as had already happened along the rail corridor east of Hennepin Avenue. The undated photo above, likely from the 1930s or 1940s, looks west from the Hennepin Avenue bridge with the Calhoun Beach Club in the distance. There's a boxcar on a siding at a loading platform, adjacent to the West High School athletic fields. The apartment buildings on the four upper blocks all date from 1915-16.

Joe Quigley's aerial photo (above) shows The Mall and its East Isles and Uptown neighborhoods in about 1930. The Mall's dual roadways connected to Hennepin Avenue. Lagoon Avenue, a major streetcar route heading out to Cedar-Isles-Dean and points farther west, ended at Hennepin Avenue.

The Mall's connection with Hennepin Avenue was closed in 1981 when the new underground Walker Library was built, thus creating the tranquil stretch of green that we have come to cherish amid the ever-increasing activity and noise of the Uptown business/entertainment district. The railroad is gone, replaced by the Midtown Greenway on land owned by Hennepin County, which extends to within a few feet of the north roadway. (The little brown HCRRA signs mark the property line.)

East Isles and Lowry Hill are having a Super Sale.



Register Now for the LHNA Neighborhood Super Sale on September 7th from 9am-3pm. See ad on page three and eleven.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has been conducting public engagement over the last year and developing a master plan for 43 neighborhood parks in Southwest Minneapolis.

Appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members asked at July public meetings that concept designs for four parks be brought back for a second round of design consideration in August. The following will be discussed for possible changes to the revised designs:

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park proposed: add bike pump track, adjust courts, diamond, amphitheater & gardens

Lyndale Farmstead Park proposed: add bike skills course & backstop, adjust basketball & community garden

Mueller Park proposed: adjust basketball, plaza, & arbor; remove nature play

The Mall Park proposed: remove parking, add field & courts

In addition, the following parks are planned to receive their first round of discussion in August if time allows: Washburn Fair Oaks Park, Waveland Triangle, Kenwood Park, Kenwood Parkway, and The Parade Park (via subcommittee).

Learn more, read minutes, review concepts, and leave your feedback online at www.minneapolisparcs.org/sw

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Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SW Parks Plan)

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

Friend: "So what you been up to?"

Me: "I started pickleball classes."

Friend: "Congratulations!"

Me: "It's not a big deal..."

Friend: It just means you are officially old."

My friend may tease me all she wants. We have been close since the mid-80s and she always has a spare bed or couch for me when I return to Minneapolis. She is also right about the makeup of my classmates. They are old but, as I learned, feisty and competitive. Sharing informally before our first session almost everyone was describing and displaying the scars from their past life in real sports. Most were former jocks: skiers, golfers, equestrians and tennis players, not to mention contact sport veterans. All had succumbed to broken patellas, bad rotator cuffs, mangled meniscuses, cracked ulnas, slipped disks, hip replacements, fractured fibulas, or pin-filled ankles. The scars are their badge of honor. They speak with an air of sadness and pride as they recount accidents and crazy risks undertaken in their "hell for leather" days.

I started to say something about being a collection of broken toys but thought better of it. Our pickleball class was a mix of beginners and intermediates. It was high school all over again, and not in a good way. Nothing like being tisk-tisked by a 75 year old grandmother because I was unable to learn the scoring system which was laid out by Hammurabi. It became clear that I wasn't there because of a competitive fire to compete. I never laid my body out on the gridiron for old Pennsauken High, reasoning that an institution that sanctioned bullying, assigned homework and detention was not going to get my 5'6" 125-pound body for practice fodder. I hadn't "earned my (bone) spurs" from a debilitating sports injury because I was always picked near the end. While decently coordinated, I was not as tough as my teammates even on our championship coached slow pitch softball teams in college.

Our instructor (a former tennis player with an impressive scar running across her shoulder and upper arm) rode me pretty hard. We were not just hitting a whiffle ball with a paddle. Pickleball was a game of

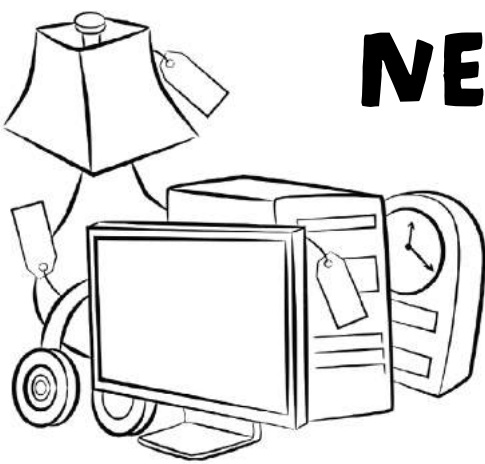
strategy, teamwork and occasional power. After a miscue she raised her voice at me. I didn't respond, so she goaded me. "What's the matter? Do I sound like your ex-wife?" "No" I responded "You are actually much nicer." She smiled and while she continued to be firm it did not bother me. Besides learning to score, stay out of the kitchen (a pickleball court area), and move in tandem with a partner, I was happy to have the four-week session end. The group felt cold and unfriendly.

To my astonishment I re-upped for the second term in part because a friend was in it but I mostly because I wanted a Groundhog's Day do-over. This group was much warmer and supportive. They "got me." As I have done my whole life, I used humor to build bridges. I was the foil for many of the instructor's jibes: "Karen, come on, you're hitting like Tom! Racket up!" A number of my fellow students spoke with me out of teacher earshot and thanked me for bringing lightness and humor to the class. I am glad I stayed with it. Perhaps some late life maturity is finally kicking in.

Tennis, while beautiful and requiring great skill, can be a bombastic grunting dialogue with an exchange of 100 mph serves. It is often like cable news with two loudmouth blowhards trying to "hold serve" by screaming over each other. Pickleball is a fun, challenging mental game. A player may not cross the seven-foot line (the kitchen) which runs parallel to the net and just slam shots back. Pickleball is like the parry and thrust of fencing. It is stimulating dinner party conversation with all participants encouraging each other. After a long rally with many artful saves, all four players feel they have contributed and the point winner is secondary. Pickleball is mysterious. Every evening is not Camelot, but even the most competitive players seem to respond to the synergy that the sport provides.

Tom H. Cook is always promoting something. This month it is Netflix. Huge in France is a comedy series about a famous French comedian who seeks to escape the Parisian celebrity limelight. He does too good a job and can't get a break or a cab in L.A.

Lowry Hill and East Isles

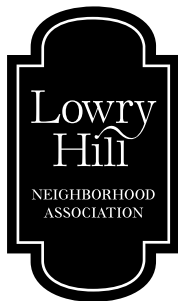


NEIGHBORHOOD SUPER SALE!

**Saturday September 7th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

- Sign up to sell
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- Get a yard sign
- Get unsold item pick up

Lowry Hill residents can register online: donorbox.org/lhna-garagesale-2019
A \$10 registration fee covers ads, yard signs and neighborhood maps of participating garage sales. Disabled American Veterans will pick up unsold items on Monday after the sale. Just check the box when you register.



LHNA Board Meetings

AUGUST: Summer hiatus, no meeting.

SEPTEMBER: Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. All residents are welcome.

To learn more about LHNA, visit us at lowryhillneighborhood.com

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