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Thomas Lowry Park Seven Pools Reconstruction



Commentary: Half built, SWLRT spent entire contingency fund

by Mary Pattock

Our area legislators, Rep. Frank Hornstein and Sen. Scott Dibble, have asked the State Legislative Auditor to conduct an “expedited special review” of Southwest Light Rail costs, overruns, delays and management. Both legislators have historically supported the project.

The review is something we urged them to do as the SWLRT contingency fund dropped to zero even though the construction was only 50 percent complete and the Met Council was asking Hennepin County (the project’s chief local funder) for \$200 million more to cover costs for situations they describe as “unanticipated.” The county has approved the additional cost.

The reality is that, much (perhaps most) of the “unanticipated” situations were in fact anticipated by citizen groups such as LRT-Done Right and the Lakes and Parks Alliance. In testimony, meetings, letters, and comments in the various versions of the Environmental Impact Statement, they warned of:

Complications of building the tunnel only 18 inches away from the Calhoun Isles Condominium buildings; the Met Council’s costly solution is to protect the building with expensive underground “secant walls”;

The dangerous co-location of building light rail only feet away from a freight train that carries explosive substances; the costly solution is to build the multi-million-dollar concrete Bryn Mawr wall;

The dangers of building in such a tight yet complex site. There have been two instances of safety flaggers failing to warn construction workers of oncoming freight trains, and a collapse of a crane that would have crushed a condo if, by luck, a piece of equipment hadn’t been in the way. The project has a worse safety record in its category than the national average; the solution is that the council promised to establish better safety protocols;

Unstable geology in the lakes area; the Met Council had to hire divers to grout between underwater sheet pilings;

Contaminated soil; now there is a need for “unantic-

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Hello Friends of Thomas Lowry Park,

We have had a whirlwind last couple of weeks in the Seven Pools construction! For those of you who haven’t had a chance to stroll by all the activity, I thought you would enjoy this picture of the artisans hard at work last week. Right now, they are saying the pools will be done by the first week in September and we are ready to celebrate!

Please plan now to stop by Thomas Lowry Park the weekend of September 25 and 26, 12-4pm for a chance to see the new Seven Pools functioning up close, chat with friends, enjoy live music, play games, eat delicious food and just relax! We will send out more details about the music line up and food options as we get closer, but we wanted you to save the date.

Thank you again for your part in making this all happen! It’s amazing to see it all come together!

Grateful,

Elizabeth Shaffer for the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board

Kathleen Bottini, Shirley Cardozo, Kobi Conaway, Kathy Gaskins, Barry Lazarus, Suzanne Payne, Paul Pender, David Piper, Jeanne Scheiderer, Mark Tierney, Tom Trondson, Craig Wilson



7 Pools reconstruction photos

By Elizabeth Shaffer and Dorothy Childers

Construction of the 21st and Penn Station of the SW LRT



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Neighborhood Meetings

From Meg Forney, Park Board Commissioner
 We are planning on doing a group candidacy filing for Park Board Candidates on the 27th at 1 PM. We are meeting up first at the Public Service Center, 250 S. Fourth St., Room 200, Minneapolis, MN 55415 to file.

Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles
Outreach Collection Saturday
28 August 2021 – 10:00am-4:00pm
future dates: Sep 25, Oct 23

This month, Saint Paul's has added another outreach partner! Each year as the summer winds down and families begin to focus on the school year ahead, we look for ways to help those who may be struggling to prepare their children for school and the teachers who give so much to make sure the children in their classrooms have the things they need to be successful. We are pleased to once again be supporting the Jefferson Community School Supply Drive. See below for their list of needed items.

We are so thankful for the support of our neighbors and parish members. Through your generosity we have been able to make so many wonderful donations. We hope you can join us this month for our Outreach Collection Saturday to help us continue this important work.

We will again be checking all donations at the curb so please check the list below carefully before gathering your donations. Thank you for thinking of your neighbors -locally and throughout the world.

Jefferson Community School • #2 pencils (Ticonderoga are preferred) • colored pencils • crayons • watercolor paints • pens (blue or black) • washable markers • highlighters • glue sticks • blunt-tipped scissors • pencil box/pouch • pencil sharpener • spiral notebooks • graph paper • tissues • backpack

• children's size (3-5 year) disposable face masks (The district provides standard masks, but the small size works best for their youngest learners!)

Because of the coronavirus, we are staying home, staying safe, and meeting by the internet, telephone, Zoom, and other virtual meetings. Please check for changed meetings times for KNO, LHNA, EIRA, and CIDNA on their websites or in monthly minutes. We can again socialize, but please be careful and wear masks when indoors.

Super Sale

Joyce Uptown A vessel for cash donations will be on-site to support their bulk purchasing efforts. Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Food Shelves no used, opened, or expired items, please! • cereal • peanut butter • granola bars • rice • dried and canned beans • canned meats • tortillas (flour or corn) • salsa • sugar • tapioca • spaghetti or pasta • marinara sauce

Youth Link and Saint Stephen's Outreach • 1-2 person tents • adult sleeping bags • tarps • backpacks • ponchos/rain jackets • adult shoes • full/queen "bed-in-a-bag" • towels, sheet sets (labeled with size) • diapers/pull-ups (newborn to adult) • bus passes/tokens • gift cards for fast food, gas (\$5-10 preferred) • cell phones, calling cards • packs of bottled water • new travel-sized toiletries • new household supplies, cleaning products • new packs of plain t-shirts, socks, and underwear

Books for Africa gently used/new, culturally sensitive books - no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please! • children's and young adult books • primary, secondary, college textbooks (published in last 15 years) • medical, nursing, technical, science books (published in the last 10 years) • Dictionaries, thesaurus, reference books (published in the last 10 years) • no encyclopedias, travel, or cookbooks, please

Saint Paul's Little Library gently used/new - no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please! • fiction and nonfiction (recent or classic)

For used items such as housewares, linens, and clothing, please consider donating to Central Lutheran's Free Store. (www.centralmpls.org/community/free-store/) Please make sure donations are clean and in good repair.

Summer Spectacular with Lisa

Contact Judy Sherin at judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov or call 612-673-2207 if you would like to attend although not required.

Please join 7th Ward Residents for our annual Summer Spectacular

Friends for Lisa Goodman, our 7th Ward Council Member

At the historic Eugene Carpenter House, 300 Clifton, Minneapolis

Thursday August 26, 2021, 5:30 until 8:00

Suggested contribution: \$100 - \$600.

Bicycle and valet parking provided

There is no Lunch with Lisa in August. We return in September, most likely at St. Thomas (TBD).

A quote from Garrison Keillor.

"I like Jennifer Rubin in the Post and Gail Collins in the Times and Amy Davidson Sorkin in The New Yorker. I like Amy Klobuchar though I wish she'd stood up for Al Franken when he was under attack, and I think Lisa Goodman is the smartest person in Minneapolis city government."



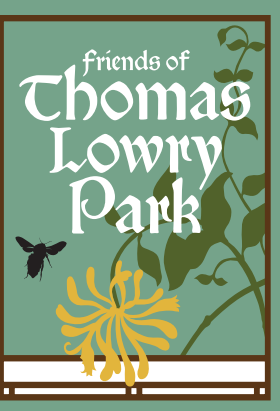
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Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

"Maybe we all just need to put on our big boy pants". If I hear that hackneyed, insipid, self righteous, condescending tripe from one more politician, neighbor, television pundit, or Lunds shopper, I may begin to shriek, contort my body, and assume the fetal position (if history is any judge). I have suffered much less than most anyone I know, but the smirking suggestion that I need to sacrifice more just burns my cookies! Just as the tragedy of 911 has morphed into the rest of us, seeking to travel, being herded into horribly long airport lines, stripped of our dignity and shoes, unable to transport more than three ounces of liquid. I will continue to "mask" (verb form), and be a human pincushion if my three grandchildren can receive an education beyond the second grade.

I am patiently attempting to enter a busy intersection. There is a vehicle approaching from my left, a large truck (alas not a girl my lord in a flat bed Ford) but a grizzled older dude. I wait for him to clear, but at the last second he turns right at my intersection and speeds past me.

The sliver of daylight is gone and I have ample time to ponder why this ZZ Top wannabe could not have used his turn signal. It is a pitifully small gesture. A courtesy. An acknowledgement, we are in this together. Perhaps he thought "I see you there with your nose sticking out, hoping to make a turn. Here is a tip, click click I am turning, doing a Roscoe right in front of you! You can make it in your pansy electric car. I drive so fast that I got a jump on the pack at the last light. They are coming but you could make it. But why should I help you? You stole the election and our leader is in exile, flailing away with a seven iron. Yes I used to mainline heroin, but I ain't getting no government ordered needle."

I call him a number of names after he is miles away and my windows are rolled up. The one that sticks (pun alert) is anti-vaxxer!!! Your guy won in 2016 and Nelson

became the principal at Springfield Elementary ("Ha Ha"). Four years of bullying and intimidation was addictive. Defeat has only provoked more arrogance and oppositionality. You feel wronged, and refuse to recycle, get a muffler, or mask and vaxx! This is ripped from the playbook of a petulant four year old.

There is less cooperation on the highway. Dangerous tailgating, high speeds, impulsivity and risk taking. It is as if we do not care for others or even ourselves. A driver encountering a slower old person (like moi) must not only pass at high speed but give a stare that suggests "You air-breathing, road hogging, social security sucking #\$\$%#@+er! How dare you block me from my vital mission!" "Relax, happy hour is till 5!" I call out loudly, again with doors and windows secured.

In the 1960s Alvin Toffler wrote The Third Wave about the social effects and human casualties of a speed-up post industrial world. We are in free fall, drowning in the throes of fourth, fifth, or seventh wave. E-commerce, cryptocurrencies (bitcoins, ethereum, ripple, cardano, litecoin), NFS speed trading cards. People making a living pointing and clicking, trading futures of crops that will likely be wiped out in a drought. Fires three states over choke us as the climate rages. We are numb. "Is 104 high for Seattle this time of year?" ("I hear it's a dry heat.")

"Give up my liberty and succumb to the government!?" "Next you'll want my gun and my bible!" "The FDA hasn't approved it; I'm doing my own research!"

There is not a lot of freedom in a hospital with tubes and life support equipment. Yes, the FDA has approved it. What do you think the F stands for? I'm impressed; you read the New England Journal of Medicine.

Emerging from the shadows, Rod Serling*. "Submitted for your approval, a race of people unfairly dealt a fickle hand by fate. Previously embedded in their own beliefs, they now stand alone terrified, and wallowing in grief for the fallen. Rather than fight the invisible

foe together, they turn against each other. Families are split, friendships dissolved, strangers distrusted. A cure appears but all must take it for it to be totally effective. Many stubbornly refuse the lifeline, quoting 18th century leaders who railed against tyrannical King George and threatened their inalienable rights.

Tom H. Cook
empathizes with caregivers who have compassion fatigue. He has not heard/read an acceptable excuse for not protecting others.

*Under 50, Google or Youtube him!

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Jake Steen of Larkin Hoffman, on behalf of Saint Paul's Episcopal Parish, has applied for the following land use applications to subdivide the existing property into two parcels located at 1917 Logan Ave S:

- Variance to reduce the minimum interior side yard setbacks.
- Minor subdivision.

The City Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. During the declared local public health emergency, Minneapolis has transitioned to an electronic format for its public meetings and hearings, authorized under Minn. Stat. Section 13D.021, to minimize the risk of exposure to or potential spread of COVID-19. The public may view the

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By Mary Pattock

ipated remediation.”

The groups also warned of situations yet to be encountered, including lower ridership than predicted, and the potential of a catastrophic accident involving the electric light rail and the adjacent freight trains that carry hazardous, even explosive, substances. Let's hope they prove to be wrong.

Fiscal responsibility

In their letter to the Legislative Auditor, Hornstein and Dibble focused on fiscal responsibility. They ask for an inquiry into whether there were problems with cost estimating, and whether there is an independent engineering review of change orders. They want to know the impact on the finances of Hennepin County. What is the total revised budget and project deadline, and if the deadline is not known, why not? Will the contractor be accountable to the timeline?

In my view, the Legislative Auditor should also investigate how it happened that the insistent resident warnings, which should have been heeded, were dismissed by Met Council “experts,” and are now costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

SWLRT was sold to the public at around \$900 mil-

lion. The new cost will be \$2.203 billion, and, halfway through, who's to say it won't be more. Has Hennepin County written a blank check to the Met Council? Is there any point at which the county will say no? The legislators effectively asked that question, too: “What would happen if the county denies future requests?”

But will the county ever deny future requests? A person with her hand on the financial reins is our own Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene. She and neighborhood resident Charlie Zelle, chair of the Met Council, are two of four people on the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board, which approves these additional costs.

Meanwhile, responsible taxpayers ask: What are the opportunity costs of this project? What else could \$200 million of our tax dollars do? The additional requested \$200 million alone could solve homelessness in Hennepin County (the county provides the largest part of the local funding) — perhaps for years to come. What are our county priorities?

Meanwhile

Although the Met Council promised residents it would restrict SWLRT construction traffic, such as

cement trucks, to the corridor itself, it now finds it necessary to run this traffic on France Avenue, Sunset Boulevard and Depot Street. Because the project fell behind schedule, the council says it needs the additional access in order to accelerate the delivery of cement for the 12-foot-thick tunnel floor.

This invasive traffic would last for an estimated 124 weeks. Residents at the June CIDNA board meeting expressed concerns about safety, pollution, and noise. They noted that it would further complicate traffic in the already congested Lake Street-Excelsior Boulevard area leading to Sunset, especially as construction of the planned apartment house on the gas station site and of the B-Line bus rapid transit route gets underway. They asked about potential deterioration and repair of the residential streets, which were not built for such heavy use.

The City of Minneapolis refused to grant a permit for this usage to the Met Council. However, the council said it did not need a permit, and is proceeding with the plan.

“To Be Brave” by Karla McGray

Review by Patricia Hoolihan

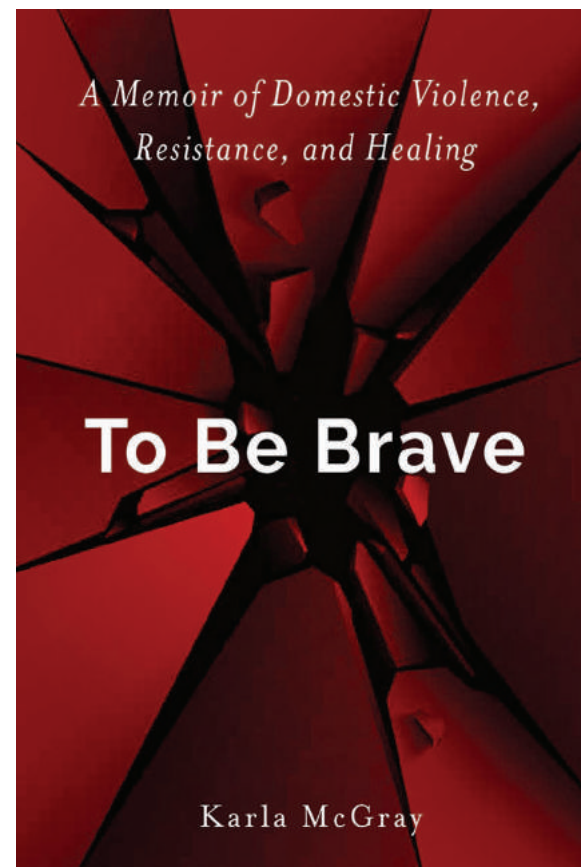
Karla McGray, neighbor and friend to many of us in the Hill and Lake area, has written a page-turning family memoir about her extended family's experience with domestic violence. “To Be Brave” weaves the stories of three women as McGray conveys how this kind of violence can happen to anyone — even to a salt-of-the-earth family centered in farm work and deep roots in the community. In a case that made Minnesota history in the 1950s, her aunt was accused and then acquitted of murder charges; to protect herself and their young son from his drunken rage she killed her husband.

The book chronicles the harrowing event itself, situations that lead up to it, and the tenuous time between what happened, the trial itself, and its outcome. Her deeply thoughtful prose uncovers the impact not only of this kind of violence but also the ongoing ripple effects among family members. This history was buried, a topic to be left behind, eventually shrouded in silence and shame. “To Be

Brave” articulates her aunt's courage as well as her mother's — an important and vibrant character in this family saga. The book also tracks the personal courage required to unearth and explore such a family secret. McGray writes, “As a thirteen year-old girl I had no idea what I needed to do to come home to my body, mind, and spirit after my aunt Lila's trial...none of my peers knew I had made it through murder.”

Though a mere teenager when this event happened, it is McGray's adult perspective that widens the lens on this story; her life experience as a chaplain is as important to the story as her roles as daughter, niece, granddaughter, wife, mother, grandmother. Many threads of wisdom and hard-lived experience deepen this tale. To quote one of the book's insightful blurbs, this one from Patricia Weaver Francisco: “McGray, like all those affected by family violence, was tasked with resisting its inheritance and the focus of this redemptive memoir is on grace. On the ordinary angels who enabled her to transform a terrible knowledge into a life lived out in love.”

Though the subject matter itself is dark, the story is



Angels Unawares on Display at Basilica of Saint Mary's Plaza



An opening celebration was held at the Basilica of Saint Mary to commemorate Angels Unawares, a bronze life-size sculpture depicting a group of migrants and refugees huddled together on a raft in search of a better life. Currently on a national tour throughout North America, the 3.5 ton, 20 foot-long sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, was a gift to The Catholic University of America, where it will return to its permanent home on campus. For more information, please visit mary.org/angelsunawares

Photo by Dorothy Childers

laced with the hopeful light of kindnesses along the way which truly made a difference for all three of these women and their family. Serendipitous connections are forged as the questions are asked and pursued in ways that provide ever-surprising twists to the story — reminding us all that doors often open when knocked upon.

“To Be Brave — A Memoir of Domestic Violence, Resistance and Healing” has the suspenseful feel of a mystery. Although we know right away of the crisis around which the book centers, the story unfolds in multiple and unpredictable layers. The question which drives this narrative is, how does one survive murder? How does a family heal? This book is a fascinating look at three brave women who span generations and changing times; their interwoven story lines shine light on an issue that unfortunately feels timeless. As McGray's story emerges out of the darkness of secrecy and shame into the light of shared experience, she reflects upon and names how the rugged rock of trauma can be transformed by healing into the vibrant, shining gems of understanding and compassion. “Ordinary angels” are companions all along this journey of discovery.

The book is available through our local bookstore — Birchbark! To learn about upcoming book events or to schedule a book group or reading contact : tobebrave427@gmail.com

Karla McGray, an ordained minister, served many years as a chaplain in a Level I trauma center in Minneapolis. assault. Karla is available for book groups and other discussion groups, virtually or in person.

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Grandfather stories

By James P. Lenfestey

I have been thinking about grandfathers. My own, certainly, and me, and you and yours. And how community can play that role in these globalist times.

Grandfather is a kinship role recognized in all cultures worldwide and throughout time as far as we can understand. He is the one with the white hair and scars on his head and hands as signs of earned wisdom in the marketplace of food and shelter and survival. One of his most important jobs is to hand down what he has learned to the next generation of the family, tribe and community, often through stories.

So what have I learned, now with eight grandchildren. What are the stories?

First, that the grandfather relationship is one of the most important in my life. My father's family lived across the street. Grandfather, a small-town doc, would carve the roast and serve the mashed potatoes with a special flourish every Sunday noon. I'd be patted on the head by strangers as Doc Lenfestey's grandboy. One summer Sunday he was walking down the hill to the bay with me and my older sister to go fishing, we with our poles and a bucket and a can of worms dug from his special spot under forest leaves ringing with mosquitoes, when he stopped on the stone path. Saying he did not feel so well he turned and walked back up the path to his small wooden cottage next to ours and went inside to lay down. The next thing I remember is my father's old Plymouth rolling down the road without a driver, my father having jumped out and run into the house. As I peered through the hedge outside the window, there was a flurry inside, and then a mighty sadness filled the air. He was 74.

I can feel that sadness today, and I was not yet four. At the funeral, my father took my hand and pulled me up to gaze into the open casket to say good-bye. My father's hand was wet, and so was mine.

Today I am 77, having outlived both my grandfathers – my mother's father died at 62 well before I was born but with a legacy that props me up and fills me with gratitude to this day. Their influence on my life is incalculable.

Today my eight grandchildren live in the following locations: California, Washington, New York, Virginia, New Mexico. None of them live within range of the touch of a fishing pole, not to mention a hand, not to mention a couple days a week of babysitting and storytelling.

Such a circumstance is common in our era of globalism built on cheap fossil energy. And so, under the determined orchestrations of my wife, the family tries to gather twice a year, this summer at our cottage on Lake Huron, along with favorite cousins.

The older ones often don't make it these days, jobs now in the marketplace of things. But for the captive younger ones, I have a treat from the marketplace of stories.

I recently found on a cottage bookshelf a dusty copy of INDIAN TALES, a collection of stories I read to our children when they were young and I could capture them under the covers before they and I fell asleep. I am excited to read it to my youngest grandchildren when they arrive today, before they go to bed, if I can stay awake that long.

INDIAN TALES, by pioneering anthropologist Jaime DeAngelo, was originally recorded in the late 1940's as oral stories by Dick Moore over nascent non-profit radio in California, first published in book form in 1953. DeAngelo learned the stories from California's Pit River people with whom he lived as a friend for forty years. [Unlikely as it seems, I got to know Dick Moore when he moved to Minnesota as general manager of TPT].

I am excited to bring to all grandchildren, including yours, the adventures of Old Man Coyote, Father Bear, Mother Antelope (Deer in Minnesota), Fox Boy and Baby Quail (Turkey chick around here), and Turtle Old Man, familiar to all, who may well look like me. They are stories from the time when animals are human, humans are animals, and we all live and work and travel and tell stories together as friends. As the geese and turkeys and foxes and coyotes and even deer now recolonize our neighborhood back yards and streets and parks and lakes, we need to hear their stories as well as our own.

The good news is that, without grandfathers across the street these days, we have neighbors. So many neighbors welcomed us and made our community feel like family over our 47 years resident here. And there is room for more. Lucky for me toddlers Winnie and Willa have moved in across the street, so I get a glimpse of their childhood magic when I see them walking the block with Mom.

Come on over, Winnie and Willa. All children under five invited too. We'll sit on the screen porch with stuffed animals – a fox, a goose, of course a bear and a coyote – and begin....

"Coyote Old Man was going along tras tras tras through the dry grass..., and all our adventures begin."

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- Be on the map
- Get rid of unsold items

Deadline for seller registration: September 1st!

East Isles and Lowry Hill residents can register their yard sale to be a part of the Neighborhood Super Sale! **The registration fee covers:** ads, yard signs, distribution of maps showing sellers' locations, and Arc Value Village Thrift Stores pick up of unsold items on Monday after the sale (if you choose this option on the registration).

Sign Up to Sell at : donorbox.org/super-sale-2-3

This event is sponsored by the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and the East Isles Resident Association



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Perennially Active NEIGHBOR SALLY HOWARD

Kenwood Retirement Community resident Sally Howard is a go-getter. She's friendly, energetic, and a great listener. During the pandemic, when social isolation was the norm, an attentive housekeeper at The Kenwood noticed that Sally and another resident had the same painting, a scene from Puerto Vallarta in Sally's beloved Mexico. The housekeeper asked Sally to pay a socially-distanced visit to the other home-bound resident. Sally was thrilled to be able to chat with a new friend.

Sally is a graduate of Macalester College. She majored in sociology and English, but also participated in many extra-curricular activities such as choir and the tennis team, a habit that has continued through her life. Sally says she has a short attention span when it comes to her career, as she changed jobs every five to ten years when she wanted a new challenge. With each assignment she learned and grew, stayed connected to many interesting people along the way, and helped others reach their potential while reaching her own.

In all her work, Sally got people to work together and cooperate. Sally talks fondly of her first job with Yteens, working with girls 15-18 through the YWCA. As Volunteer Director for Abbott Hospital, Sally worked with hundreds of volunteers who improved the quality of the patients stays by delivering mail, reading letters, staffing the gift shop and coffee shop, and generally provided another friendly face for the patients. After Abbott merged with Northwestern Hospital, Sally took a position in Community Relations.

Throughout her life Sally has been politically active and in the late 1970s decided to run for Minneapolis City Council and was the city council person for Ward 10 for six years. She used her skill as an avid listener to work with neighborhood groups and businesses to bring amenities such as Calhoun Square to fruition.

After deciding not to run again, Sally took a vacation in Mexico to refresh herself. Her friends back in Minneapolis heard about a perfect job for her in public relations at the University of Minnesota's new Academic Health Center. She got the job. It was a fun job, it was a new challenge, and a chance to expand her horizons. She used her talents of listening, getting everyone to work together, and highlighting the achievements of the Health Center.

Sally is enjoying life at the Kenwood. She credits the leadership and staff at the Kenwood with keeping everyone safe during the pandemic. Ever the traveler, Sally was in Mexico in 2020 when the pandemic hit and was relieved to get back to her Kenwood home safely. She takes part in the exercise classes five days a week. She credits the Activities Director with finding great movies. She hopes you may not see Sally when you visit The Kenwood. She is always moving fast, on to the next activity, chat, or challenge.



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Hidden Acoustics at East Cedar Lake

The summer music series 2021, sponsored by the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization and the Cedar Lake Park Association, featured The Chris Silver Band at a recent concert at the Lake. Chris Silver, formerly of the acclaimed Minnesota bluegrass band, Stony Lonesome, is a talented songwriter, guitarist and mandolin player who now fronts his own band. On a lovely afternoon an enthusiastic audience enjoyed Americana Music. www.chrisTsilverband.com. The last concert of the series features Pickup Truck Opera, The Odyssey is scheduled for August 29th at 3 p.m.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

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Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

Submitted by Dean Kephart and Michael Jon Olson

Minutes of the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting (held via Zoom)

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Attendance

Board Members Present: Laura Cederberg (Chair), Laura DeMarais, Rosanne Halloran, Dean Kephart, Mary Paddock, Claire Ruebeck, Mike Siebenaler (Treasurer), Amanda Vallone

Board Members Absent: Stephen Goltry, Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair)

Others Present: Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), David Davies (Metropolitan Council), Adam Smith (Metro Transit), Cody Olson (Metro Transit), Dan Woychick (Woychick Design), Mike Wilson (former resident)

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:00.

The board approved the agenda without changes.

The board approved the minutes of the July 14 board meeting.

Presentations

Metro B Line. Adam Smith and Cody Olson from Metro Transit presented on the B Line project, outlining the service, routes, station design, and so forth. There will be three stops in or near the Cedar Isles Dean neighborhood (West Lake Street Station, Lake & Dean, and Lake & Lagoon). Construction is scheduled for 2023-2024, with operation scheduled to begin in 2024. Metro Transit aims for improved service, projects a 30 percent increase in ridership along the route, and an increase in Metro Transit Police and community service personnel.

Rebranding and Website Project. Following from the Creative Brief and the Creative Strategy, both of which were reviewed by the Communications Committee, designer Dan Woychick presented a mood board, which proposed a visual “look and feel” that would present the organization as inviting, inclusive, knowledgeable, active, and optimistic. The board provided feedback regarding: accessibility (e.g. using colors and color pairings that are easier for visually impaired to read), usage of acronym vs. full name, and other elements. Response was generally positive. Dan will incorporate feedback into the next stages of the

rebranding and website design process.

Reports

SWLRT Construction. David Davies reported that freight rail line improvement work will be conducted 9:00 am - 9:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays over the next three weekends. He also noted that there will be a channel closure in late August, and a 10-14 day closure of Cedar Lake Parkway toward the end of August to prepare for the major closure yet to come. Also, due to required changes in the Kenilworth LRT tunnel construction, access for construction vehicles requires the addition of Sunset Boulevard as a haul route between France Avenue and the construction corridor. Residents impacted by this change were notified in a letter dated June 8. The letter included contact information for questions or issues regarding the additional traffic. The route will begin to be used within the next few weeks.

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported on the West Maka Ska Safety Walk, coming up at 4:30pm on September 15 (CIDNA residents are invited!) and that the Met Council has agreed to hold a virtual public forum on SWLRT construction issues, 6:00 - 8:00pm on September 16. She also reported on planning for the Board Retreat, scheduled for 12:00noon - 4:00pm on September 25 (more details to come) and work on the Equitable Engagement Plan, a draft of which is required by the NCR department this Fall.

Social Committee. Amanda reported on the first new activity to take place as a result of the neighborhood survey: Tai Chi on Dean Green, scheduled for 10:00am on Tuesdays, August 24 - September 28; and on the Fall Festival, planned for 1:00 - 4:00pm, Saturday, October 9 (no rain date; refreshments from local businesses; live music; tables with resources). Amanda will also be hosting a Pink Flamingo party at her house: 7:00pm, Thursday, August 19.

Environmental Committee. Claire reported on upcoming dates for gardening at Park Siding Park (9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 21) and Cedar South Beach Clean Up (9:00 - 11:00am, Saturday, September 11). Claire also reported that the committee is looking into the possibility of doing a mural on the Cedar South Beach comfort station in lieu of a mosaic project, which would be more expensive to maintain. She will

bring a recommendation for action to the September board meeting. Michael Jon reported that thanks to Claire’s lobbying efforts, MPRB has committed to installing at least one new picnic table and grill at Cedar South Beach.

Communications Committee. Dean reported that the committee’s work right now is focused on the rebranding and website work, covered earlier.

Coordinator. Michael Jon reported that he and the Governance Committee will be working to get a Transportation Committee up and running this fall and that he is still investigating options for providing CIDNA residents with information about the proposed City Charter amendments.

Archive Project. Rosanne reported that she is coordinating to archive CIDNA’s records. She is in touch with an archivist from Hennepin County Library Special Collections, which has a collection related to Minneapolis neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations. Rosanne will send out a brief on this work and will be reviewing documents with the archivist next week.

Crime & Safety. In the chat, Mary reported that the Excelsior/Lake area is considered “an emerging hotspot” for apartment-garage burglaries; that the Cedar Lake Park area is an “emerging cluster” of thefts from motor vehicles; that there is a high incidence of thefts of catalytic converters, especially from Priuses, and Mitsubishi, Honda and other midsize SUVs; and that there is a high incidence of thefts of Toyota Priuses.

Actions

Moved: That CIDNA move forward with working with Hennepin Council Library Special Collections to archive CIDNA’s historical records. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussions

Secretary. Amanda volunteered to be “Secretary” for the September and October meetings. Claire will be “Secretary” for November and December.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Public hearing from page 3

public hearing using the following options: Watch on Comcast Channel 14 or 799 or live on www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/citycounciltv.

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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Matthew Spies

KNO Board Meeting Minutes August 2, 2021 Online Meeting *** Draft, not yet approved ***

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt
Absent: Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Kyle Leir, Lana Baggentos. Guests: Amanda Vallone (Artrageous)

1. Motion made by Mark Brown to approve July Meeting Minutes, motioned passed.

2. **Approval of Annual Management Report.** Motion made by Jeremy Nichols to approve the Annual Management Report, seconded by Jim Barnett, motion passed.

3. **Annual Attorney General Report.** Motion made by Jeremy Nichols to approve the Annual Attorney General Report, seconded by Matt Spies, motion passed.

4. **Social Media / Outreach Update.** 318 neighbors on email distribution list. The percentage of emails opened is around 45%. Please send Amanda ideas for articles for the fall newsletter.

5. **Hidden Beach Update.** Discussion of additional activities at Hidden Beach. Motion made by Mark Brown to approve \$250 to be used for food and beverage at additional Hidden Beach activities summer of 2021. Funds will come from general funds. Motioned seconded by Matthew Spies. Motion passed.

6. **Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Discussion and Approval.** Motion made by Matt Spies to approve the budget. Motioned seconded by Mark Brown. Motion passed.

Friends, How did it get to be August?
Life is good I trust-
The economy is feeling robust,
But suddenly, face masks are a must!

I have been concerned-
So many lives are upturned,
Many areas are being burned
But our vitality has returned!

More people are driving,
The vacationers are back to flying,
Some restaurateurs are crying
But Quality Coaches is thriving!

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East Isles Residents Association

Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Natasha Dockter, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz

Staff present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

Ellen van Iwaarden, Green Team Chair

Other East Isles neighbors

Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Lunch with Lisa is June 30 with special guests Senator Scott Dibble and Representative Frank Hornstein. They will share an overview and wrap up from this legislative session. Contact Judy Sherin at judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov or call at 612-673-2207 if you would like to attend.

Minnesota leads the nation in self-response to census and retains all congressional seats. 75.1% of households returned their census form without additional follow up from a census worker. Efforts by various units of government, nonprofits, and advocates ensured that residents that are typically undercounted were motivated to fill out their census forms. Minnesota's population grew by 7.6% to 5,706,494, outpacing most Midwestern states and keeping pace with the national average. The state grew just enough to hold on to all eight of its congressional seats.

COVID-19 emergency rent and utility bill assistance - if the pandemic has caused you hardship and you need help catching up on your rent or utility bills, you may be eligible for Minnesota's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance. Eligible Minneapolis renters can receive help with rent and utility bills dated on or after March 13, 2020. If you qualify, you could receive up to 15 months of total assistance. While you can't be evicted for not paying rent during Governor Walz's executive order, rent is still due. When the order is lifted, people owing unpaid rent could be at risk for eviction. To apply for RentHelpMN or find more information, visit renthelpmn.org or call 211. The 211 helpline has dedicated multilingual available to answer questions 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. In Minneapolis, you can also apply through these community partners: Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) assistance in Spanish 651-362-0162, New American Development Center (NADC) assistance in Somali, Oromo, and Amharic 612-823-0180, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center 612-767-9198.

The Charter Commission is seeking nine eligible voters to join the Redistricting Advisory Group. These members will assist the Charter Commission in the preparation of new Ward and Park District maps. The Redistricting Advisory Group advises the Charter Commission about redistricting. They work together to: prepare new Ward and Park District maps, hold and attend public meetings, review all written public comments. The Charter Commission has final authority to approve new boundaries. The 2021-2022 application for appointment to the Redistricting Advisory Group is now open. The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. on June 24, 2021. Apply online now or download a PDF application <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/redistricting/redistricting-advisory-group/advisory-group-application/>.

The Minneapolis City Council voted to approve the first round of American Rescue Plan funding for the City of Minneapolis, affirming Mayor Jacob Frey's initial proposal announced last month. The nearly \$102 million approved is the first of two rounds of the \$271

million in federal funding awarded to the City of Minneapolis through the American Rescue Plan. The \$102 million in funding emphasizes economic recovery, affordable housing, and community safety measures while piloting new programs including guaranteed basic income. Key priority areas include affordable housing (\$28 million), economic recovery (\$37 million), public safety (\$13.7 million), and the new Minneapolis guaranteed basic income program (\$3 million). Approximately \$12.7 million is budgeted for enterprise investments such as furlough relief and other staff needs. The majority of the \$102 million will be distributed beginning in August. Frey will propose allocations for remaining approximately \$169 million later this year.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on May 11, 2021. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Accettura. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

President's Report

President Emma Erdahl recommended that the Outreach & Nominations Committee and Social Committee be combined.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 4:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-19: Resolved that the Outreach & Nominations Committee and Social Committee are combined and renamed as the Outreach & Engagement Committee. Motion by Erdahl, seconded by Degerstrom. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Staff Report

Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following announcements:

Board retreat is next week at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Dinner will be served, board members are asked to send dietary restrictions.

Ice Cream Social will be held on Wednesday, August 18 from 6-8 p.m. with a rain date of August 25.

Super Sale will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be a special e-newsletter next Thursday focused on the Farmers Market.

Petting Zoo that EIRA has paid in the past for the Ice Cream Social is unavailable this year.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the May 2021 Finance Report, highlights include:

Total assets of \$71,434.60, total liabilities of \$10,036.70, and net assets of \$61,397.90 as of May 31, 2021.

Total of \$5,953.50 in expenses and \$5,550.00 in deposits for the period of May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021.

\$24,502.15 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (NRP Phase II Implementation) as of May 31, 2021.

\$4,382.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (NRP Home Security Grants) as of May 31, 2021.

\$18,188.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (NRP Sustainable Practices) as of May 31, 2021.

\$39,332.77 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of May 31, 2021.

The following action were taken regarding agenda item 6:

Motion to approve the June 2021 Finance Report. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erdahl. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Finance Committee

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented an amended 2021 Budget and the 5th Amendment to EIRA's CPP Contract. It was decided that more time would be allowed for Board members to ask questions and that approval for both would happen via unanimous written consent or at the next Board meeting.

BET Committee Report

BET Committee Chair provided a brief description of what the BET Committee does.

Outreach & Engagement Committee

Outreach & Engagement Committee Chair Becky Accettura gave the following report:

The Ward 7 candidate forum is not scheduled yet, and Natasha Dockter is taking the lead on this event.

Semi-annual meeting will be planned by this committee.

As part of updates related to Neighborhoods 2020, business owners in the East Isles neighborhood are now eligible for EIRA membership. Committee is developing a strategy to inform business owners.

Looking for more Board members to join the committee.

Ice Cream Social has been scheduled and Jenna is taking the lead with support from the committee.

Green Team

Green Team Chair Ellen van Iwaarden gave the following report:

Earth Day Clean-Up (lake and neighborhood) is in the Spring, had 80 people participate this year.

Greenway Clean-Up (part of Adopt-a-Greenway) is in the Summer.

Super Sale is in the Fall.

There is a goal to have more educational opportunities this year.

Next meeting is July 29, 7 p.m. at the Farmers Market.

NRP Committee

NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson gave the following report:

Efforts to advance the shade structure project at Levin Triangle Park included reaching out to Commissioner Meg Forney and sending a letter to Park Board staff.

Open Forum

The Board had a discussion regarding EIRA's overall mission, which will be discussed further in its strategic planning sessions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 6 pm

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Natasha Dockter, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Brian Milavitz

Staff present: Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests present: Other East Isles Neighbors

Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Approval of the minutes of the June 2021 EIRA Board Meeting.

Approval of the July 2021 Finance Report.

Adoption of Resolution 2021R-20: Resolved that EIRA adopts an amended Management and Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Adoption of Resolution 2021R-21: Resolved that EIRA approves the Fifth Amendment to NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 with the City of Minneapolis extending the time of performance to December 31, 2021 and increasing the contract by \$13,941 for a new total contract of \$149,586.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 2: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Degerstrom. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

Logo Redesign Update

The following update was given regarding EIRA's logo redesign:

EIRA concluded on page 10

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EIRA from page 9

Brandography created a brand refresh of the logo, color palette, and fonts.

EIRA has reviewed two rounds of revisions.

Brandography has asked the board to make a decision on the second round of revisions, which include color palette and font.

Interested Board members will meet and discuss further before making a final decision on the second round of revisions.

Open Forum

The following was discussed in open forum:

Erlandson had a meeting with the MPD Precinct 5 Commander, and will bring forward updates at the August Board Meeting.

The NRP Committee will have a meeting in August, no date set.

The August Outreach and Engagement Committee meeting will have a neighborhood guest who will pitch a Halloween party and parade for neighborhood children at Levin Triangle Park.

All Board members will be invited to all committee meetings via Google Calendar.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



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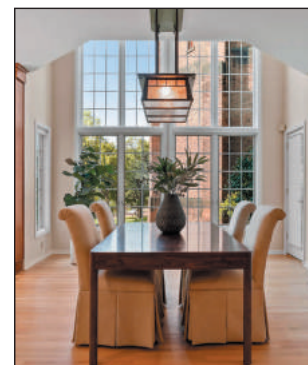
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Inquiries should be directed to Cari Ann Carter at 612-926-9999

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow



Photo by Allan Mahnke

Recently a second monolith, this one constructed with mirrors, appeared on the West shore of Cedar Lake. Like the first one, it quickly disappeared. The joy of discovering it was short lived. Gone already! If anyone has information about this phenomenon, please contact the Hill and Lake Press.

Jean Deatrick, Editor

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