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## Idyllic Scene at Lakes of the Isles Annual Ice Skating Party



Photo by Dorothy Childers

## Save the Seven Pools: neighborhood connections

By Tom Trondson

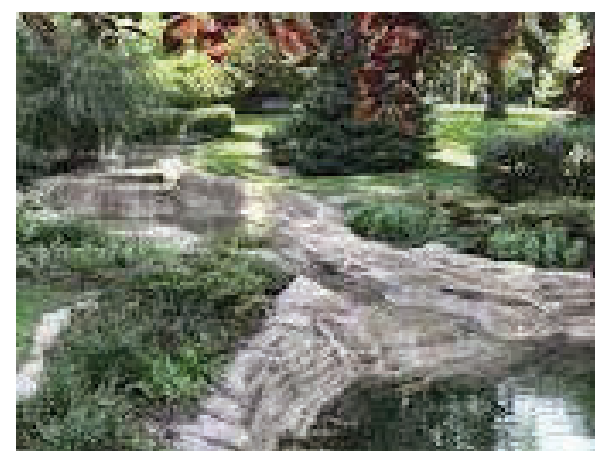
In the summer of 2018, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park partnered with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the City of Minneapolis, and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, in an effort to assess the condition of the signature water feature to determine the capital costs in making sure the seven pools endured for future generations. I joined the FTLP in January, 2019, under the direction of our intrepid, energetic board president, Elizabeth Shaffer. The Board set a goal to fundraise to replace the Seven Pools. I am happy to report we've nearly reached our goal. We couldn't have accomplished this without you. It is in this spirit that we wanted to share some of the stories we've uncovered during our Save the Seven Pools fundraising campaign.

James Weiss, River Forest, Illinois, donated after his father passed away. He will always link the park and his father's final years. Meredith Wathne walks her cat in the park. She gave her professional time organizing our Facebook page. Dwight Haberman, retired pastor living in Kenwood Gables, sent us the \$300 rent credit he received when someone he vaguely knew put Dwight's name on the signup application. Graphic designer Christopher Bohnet (he designed the yard sign!) donated his services at substantially lower rates. The Cynthia Hill and Bill Stevens family of St. Paul have enjoyed the park for five generations. They described Thomas Lowry Park as a lovely gem. A number of donations came from couples married in the park, including Jeremy Nichols and Evelyn Turner, who return every year on their anniversary. Nancy Lowry, descendent of Thomas Lowry, made a donation in the Lowry family name. Alexi Elliot donated her time organizing our beautiful PowerPoint presentation. The seniors at The Kenwood on Summit Avenue not only frequent the park seasonally, they contributed over

\$5000. A teenager in the neighborhood designated her Bat Mitzvah gift as a way of doing a good deed, which is traditionally part of her celebration. Daria Stec, whose family has lived in Lowry Hill for sixty years, hosted an informational event at the Kenwood Gables. This past summer the Unitarian Society spoke fondly of the park at a Sunday service. The congregation gave \$2000. The grandchildren of Lowry Hill resident Nancy Rand put on entertainment shows for family and friends with the proceeds going to the Save the Pools campaign. The children raised \$100.50! We thank the neighborhood businesses who've supported our cause, including Hill & Lake Press, Kowalski's, Lowry Liquors, and Lunds. A special call out to real estate agent Cotty Lowry, and everyone's favorite ice cream shop, Sebastian Joe's, for significant cash gifts. Although the majority of contributions came from people in close proximity to Thomas Lowry Park, we've received over \$21,000 in donations from families in ten states! Every neighborhood association we reached out to—Kenwood, CIDNA, East Isles—pledged a donation. We want to thank Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association in particular for its support and financial contributions.

We haven't reached our goal yet! Please keep the donations coming in! Donate online at [thomaslowry-park.org](http://thomaslowry-park.org) or mail checks to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, % E. Shaffer, 1776 Colfax Ave S, Mpls, Mn, 55403. We are humbled and grateful for the \$241,000 collected to date. Thank you.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park Board: Kathleen Bottini, Shirley Cardozo, Kathy Gaskins, Barry Lazarus, Suzanne Payne, Paul Pender, Jeanne Scheiderer, Elizabeth Shaffer, Mark Tierney, Tom Trondson, Craig Wilson.



**Annual Meeting of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Save the Date!**  
**Tuesday May 19, 2020, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Walker Art Center Skyline Room**

**CIDNA annual meeting is  
 May 13, 2020**

**From the Lowry Hill Newsletter**

Precinct Caucuses will be held on Tuesday, February 25, one week before the Presidential Primary held on March 3. Precinct caucuses are organized by Minnesota's political parties to establish policy positions and other party business. The Presidential Primary on March 3 replaces the presidential straw poll that used to be held during the precinct caucus.

For more information about the process and to find the location of your party's caucus, go to [sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses](http://sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses).

The Presidential Primary in Minnesota is March 3rd.

All voters must register before voting. You can pre-register online or by submitting a paper application in person or by mail or register at the polls.

Check to see if you're registered at [mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx](http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx)

**Lunch with Lisa**

In March Robert Lilligren will discuss issues concerning the American Indian Community. Wednesday, March 25 (12:00-1:00) at St. Thomas downtown.

In May or June "Lunch with Lisa" will be held at the Daytons project so residents can get an early glimpse of the completed project. Call Lisa's office now to make reservations.

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORH**

March 1, 4pm, The Night Watchman reading with Louise Erdrich, Plymouth Congregational Church

**Neighborhood monthly meetings**

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

**March Public Events at The Woman's Club**

Sunday Brunch – March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

Come and find out why the Clubhouse is an amazing place for brunches

Jazz in the Lounge – Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:00 pm  
 Treat yourself to an evening of class and refinement with Connie Evingson

Tuesday Supper – March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Chef Steph will satisfy your craving for burgers using the freshest ingredients

Meet the Artist Reception – Thursday, March 12 @ 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Artist Beth Lehman will showcase the opening of her new exhibit at The Club

For more information about these events, please contact the Club Front Desk ([frontdesk@womansclub.org](mailto:frontdesk@womansclub.org) • 612-813-5300) or visit our website ([www.womansclub.org/about-us/public-events](http://www.womansclub.org/about-us/public-events))

The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, 410 Oak Grove

**Where we are now!**

**by Jean Deatrick**

Many people responded to my plea for contributions. Along with contributions, I received touching notes of support. We are stable for now. But of course, you may still make contributions to Hill and Lake Press. Thank you kind friends. We are grateful. We live in a wonderful neighborhood.

**Lowry Hill Newsletter**

**Auto Thefts - Don't Risk It**

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**Personal Security Tips**

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**Safety Flyers to be Delivered to Residents**

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**Leave Lights On**

Leave front and back lights on to help deter crime in the neighborhood.

**Groveland Gallery  
 Spotlight' Exhibition**

Exhibition: Carl Oltvedt – Alight & Aloft:

Avian Observations

Dates: March 14 - April 18, 2020

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 14th, 2-5 pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12 to 5 pm

Eva Moreimi presents Hidden Recipes: A Holocaust Memoir

Sunday, March 15, 4:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers

Lyssa Kay Adams presents Undercover Bromance

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers

Serena Zabin presents The Boston Massacre: A Family History

Thursday, February 27, 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers

Sean Toren presents Rockhead

Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers



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# Meet Your Neighbor,

By Craig Wilson

## Meet Your Neighbor, Amelia Huffman, 5th Precinct MPD Inspector

This month Craig Wilson requested that we republish a letter previously run in the Southwest Journal from 5th Precinct Minneapolis Police Department Inspector Amelia Huffman, which includes safe practices in light of a violent crime near Dupont Ave S and Summit Ave this past month. As described in a post on Next Door, "On Friday the 17th a little after 10 p.m., five young men brutally beat my 73-year-old housemate near his car, parked on Dupont Avenue South between Douglas and Summit. They stomped on his head and left him in the snow in single-digit temperatures. He was able to crawl to my front door, otherwise he probably would have died. The police came promptly once I called and helped get him to the HCMC emergency department. I have reported this information to the police."

### From Inspector Huffman—

"Recently, we have seen a spike in reports involving groups of teenagers or young men approaching people on the street or in a parked car and attempting to rob them. In some cases, the suspects have displayed a handgun and used stolen cars to travel around the city committing offenses in multiple neighborhoods. We've had incidents fitting this pattern in Lowry Hill, East Isles, Whittier, Lowry Hill East (The Wedge), and Cedar Isles Dean. There are additional incidents that appear to be similar crimes with similar suspect descriptions spread across town, so this spike is not geographically isolated to our 5th Precinct neighborhoods. Investigators are following up on each of these incidents collecting evidence to put together good cases. Our investigators are familiar with a number of juvenile offenders who have been involved in similar activity and they have been able to identify some of the juvenile suspects involved in this pattern. Several arrests have been made and I expect more will follow.

While the investigations into the incidents continue, officers in the precinct are focusing extra patrol in both marked and unmarked cars in the affected areas - when they are not answering 911 calls. I have supplemented the regular shift of officers with officers working overtime hours during our peak evening period to provide dedicated patrols that won't be diverted by routine 911 calls. This helps to put some extra eyes on the street while the investigators work to identify and arrest suspects. We've been trying to get the word out among residents that leaving keys in cars is not safe. A steady supply of readily available, running cars is providing easy transportation around town for groups intent on victimizing others for their cell phones, laptops, wallets and bags. We are fortunate that businesses in the community have been able to provide some key video evidence in the investigation and we continue to encourage property owners in our busy commercial corridors to consider investing in good quality security cameras with exterior coverage.

I've been asked if there was something that the people targeted in the recent incident could have done to prevent the crimes. The best way for us to prevent more incidents is to identify perpetrators, hold them accountable in the criminal justice system and provide opportunities for juveniles involved in committing crimes to receive needed services and supports. To that end, MPD investigators are working on identifying sus-



Amelia Huffman, 5th Precinct MPD Inspector

pects and presenting cases to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office for review and charges. Precinct officers are assisting investigators in follow-up as well, providing high visibility patrols to discourage additional incidents and conducting plainclothes surveillance. As a general approach to personal safety, I do recommend the following:

- 1) Be aware of your surroundings, look at who and what is around you and take note of anyone approaching you or your car. A person "heads down" looking at their phone is much easier to take by surprise.
- 2) Keep the doors to your car locked when you're inside. This prevents someone from opening your door to grab a bag or phone from inside.
- 3) Keep some distance between yourself and a stranger who approaches you. Staying more than arm's length away means someone can't grab your bag or you, as easily.
- 4) Be alert if someone approaches you to ask a question like what time it is or if you have a cigarette. This may be a ruse to get close to you and ideally, get you to open your bag or take out your cell phone.
- 5) Don't carry your cell phone in your hand. Keep it out of sight in an inside pocket or zipped in a bag.
- 6) Don't give your cell phone to anyone who approaches asking if they can use it to make a call. This is a common ruse used to get control of the phone by a thief who promptly runs off with it.

7) If you carry a purse, consider a cross body bag. Don't hang it on the back of a chair in restaurants, bars or coffee shops but keep it in your lap or between your feet beneath the table - out of reach of passersby.

8) Take a self-defense class. That can increase your confidence and decrease fear.

There are also a few things we can all do to prepare for a situation in which our cell phone or credit cards are lost or stolen.

1) Keep the box for your phone if it shows the IMEI/serial number or record the model and IMEI or serial number somewhere safe. The serial number is usually located on the phone box, under the battery and in the phone menu.

2) Activate any finding features available on your phone.

3) Use pass codes to control access to your phone and to apps for banking, credit cards or other sensitive information. Set the lock time on your phone to a shorter period of time.

4) Record your credit card information somewhere safe so you know how to contact the issuers easily.

5) Know how to access your accounts online so you can quickly check for fraudulent activity."

Please call 911 with any suspicious activity or if any crimes occur. Thank you.

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### Minneapolis Public Schools:

This is a very good and fair overview of the CDD.

<https://mneduobsession.school.blog/2020/02/12/minneapolis-cdd-past-present-and-future/>

And this is a recent power point from the Principal of Kenwood School.  
CDD Kenwood 232020.pdf

### From CM Lisa Goodman:

Early Vote Center now open for presidential primary

Early voting has begun in Minneapolis for the presidential primary. Voters in the city will be among the first in the nation to cast ballots in this high-profile race, and they can do that at the Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave., from now through March 2 (the day before the March 3 primary). Any voter can vote early; no reason is required.

Early voting in Minnesota begins 46 days before an election, which is earlier than many states. That had voters here casting ballots earlier than voters in other Super Tuesday states, and before the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary voting got started. That makes voters here among the first in the nation to choose their candidates.

Unlike with other elections, voters in the presidential primary need to choose which major party's ballot they want. The party they choose is not public information, though it will be available to each major party.

#### How to vote early in person

Standard hours for the Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave., are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through March 1 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 2. The center is closed Presidents Day, Feb. 17. The center is open the last two Saturdays before the primary.

Early in-person voting at the Early Vote Center is convenient. It especially helps voters who need special accommodations, such as language support, that the extra time, attention and onsite resources of early in-person voting afford more readily than the polls might on the day of the election.

#### How to vote early by mail

Please allow enough time to complete the process by mail; it can take longer than seven days. Applications are available at [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/absentee](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/absentee).

Make sure you're registered to vote

While people can register to vote at the polls, pre-registering makes voting on the day of the primary a faster process. Voters can check the status of their registrations at [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/register](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/register). Anyone who has moved to a new address or had a name change since last registering will need to re-register. Voters who haven't voted in the past four years also must re-register to vote.

People can pre-register online or fill out and mail in a registration application, which is available at government offices and the elections website. Pre-registration ends 21 days before the March 3 primary.



## TENNIS, ANYONE?

By James P. Lenfestey

When you read this, it will be late February, one or two feet of snow still covering the tennis courts in Kenwood Park for at least another month. Yet we who are slaves to the love of the game of tennis persist undaunted in our pursuits. Tennis is our yoga, our tai chi, our ballet, our marathon, our football (soccer), our hockey, our practice, our spectator sport.

To keep up this practice year-round, we exploit the many fine indoor tennis facilities in the region until the sun angle melts the snow and the Park Board puts up the nets. My indoor tennis studio of choice is Baseline Tennis Center on the University's West Bank campus, a quick ten-minute drive from our neighborhood, with eleven excellent hard courts, good lighting, no membership fees, available leagues, lessons and practice sessions for most abilities. And if you are a geezer (AKA for-

mally retired) like me there are abundant options to book courts whenever you can find a partner or three (i.e. not most weekend days, as Baseline hosts many regional and national tournaments). Did I mention NO membership fees! And a geezer rate (over 65) of \$22 per hour, insanely low cost in this day and age (be very glad you are not a tennis practitioner in Manhattan!).

Still, we parsimonious tennis players eagerly anticipate the return of the FREE outdoor season. Michael Raimondi, commissioner of my Saturday Morning Tennis group (7-9am at Baseline, coffee and conversation afterward at UP Coffee Roasters), just conducted his annual poll anticipating the first Saturday we will play outdoors, FOR FREE. We require a temperature at 7am of 42 degrees F or above, snow melted from the courts, nets up, and enough morning sun to see the ball at least a bit. Opening day votes varied from late March

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## The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board is committed to serving you.



The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All Lowry Hill residents are welcome. If you have a concern, question or wish to be on the agenda, contact us at [lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org](mailto:lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org).

### LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

#### Save the Date! Lowry Hill Annual Meeting May 19, 2020

Once a year we hold a meeting for Lowry Hill residents. The LHNA board presents an update and holds elections for LHNA board seats. All residents age 16+ are automatically members of our neighborhood association and are invited. Visit [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org) for more details.

#### Development in Lowry Hill Moves Forward

The PERIS housing project will be built where Bradstreet Crafthouse/Travail Residency is located. PERIS will be a 40+ unit building with some affordable units set aside for persons aging out of foster care. The project is being developed by the Graves Foundation. Courtney Kiernat ([courtney@perishousing.org](mailto:courtney@perishousing.org)) will be our community liason.

#### Thomas Lowry Park & Save the Seven Pools Effort

LHNA has granted more NRP funds to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park to help guarantee the project's viability. Another \$100,000 is still needed to reface the walkways and pergola. Consider donating to this important neighborhood project. More details at [thomaslowrypark.org](http://thomaslowrypark.org)

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to mid-May, Minnesota's "spring" notoriously fickle as it is. Meanwhile...

One of the many benefits of playing all winter at Baseline is making the acquaintance of the University's Division 1 Men's and Women's tennis teams. Friends, they will save you a LOT of money! You can skip travel to Wimbledon, England, the French Open in Paris, the US Open in New York, or Indian Wells in the California desert, for you will NOT view notably better tennis than our men's and women's teams, recruited from all over the world.

Just yesterday, Feb 15, I watched our #1 player, Stephan Milicevic, a senior from Belgrade, Serbia, defeat the #1 player from the University of California-Santa Barbara, Joseph Gullin from Paris, France. The rest of the team prevailed as well, including #2 Vlad Lobak, from Kiev, Ukraine, defeating Victor Krustev from Toronto, Canada, and my new favorite player, Slim Troost, a tall freshman sporting a man bun, from Tallin, Estonia, who easily handled Alex Soto of Madrid, Spain.

Minnesota's #1 and #2 ranked men's players from last year's team, Matic Spec from Slovenia, and Felix Corwin from that well-known tennis powerhouse Elm Grove Village, Wisconsin, went right to the pro tour after graduation. Look for them on the Tennis Channel. Many others stayed behind, attending the Carlson school for international business, others the medical school, as will the #1 ranked woman this year, Russian-Canadian Tina Kreinis, or pursuing a doctorate in microbiology (Mikey Kantor, from St. Louis Park). On the women's side, I recommend watching the very exciting freshman Ekin Erctein, from Ankara, Turkey, although all the team are outstanding players with astonishing power. Many of the men and women players are academic all-Americans.

My neighborhood friend Felix Phillips grouses on occasion about how in the good-old-days the University tennis teams were entirely made up of in-state kids, and indeed his very handsome face smiles out from the 1955-56 team photographs on the Baseline Wall of Fame clutching his wooden Jack Kramer racquet, as does that of another neighbor, Catherine Wadden Puzak, 1980-1984, Captain of the team two of those years. But Division 1 athletics, like business, is now fully global, and to compete at the top level teams have to play the global game. The University plays that game at a very high level.

But do not despair, Minnesota tennis families. We can compete! One of the U team's stars the past 3 seasons is Jackson Allen from Shakopee, who soundly trounced Joseph Rotheram of Manhattan Beach, CA on Saturday. And Minnesota's #6 player, Sebastian Vile, a freshman from Rochester, Minnesota, defeated Joshua Williams from suburban New York City.

And not all local stars were on the U's court. Ellen Puzak, daughter of Catherine and George Puzak, Girard Ave. neighbors, a veteran of Kenwood park play, a 2019 graduate of Minneapolis Southwest, chose to play Division 1 tennis as a freshman at the University of Colorado! Go Buffalos!

Did I mention that viewing University matches at Baseline is FREE? And if you make a modest donation to the Baseline Club, the booster club for U of MN tennis, they even put our food for you? And send you a hand-written note of gratitude from one of the team members, mine from one of my favorite players, senior Eli Ogilvy from Mississauga, Ontario.

Neighborhood tennis mania is not limited to the fine public hard courts in Kenwood Park. A gaggle of tennis supporters is currently petitioning the park board for construction of two clay courts in south Minneapolis, the softer surface easier on the joints of older players. Some of our most enterprising neighbors are fully on the case – Ellen Doll and Amy Quinlivan

## Kenwood Tennis Courts



Photo by Dorothy Childers


and others – helping raise money and awareness, for example with a t-shirt campaign (see photo of nameless stud model).

When and if such courts are ever built in the city park system, our children and grandchildren will have yet another Minnesota advantage. Not only will the skills learned on Kenwood Park courts and Baseline (or Lifetime, et al) possibly propel them to the hardcourt US Open, but clay court skills can take them to the French Open in Paris!



Hey, if we add a grass court or two, maybe on top of the Kenwood park knoll, then city kids can also conquer Wimbledon! (just kidding).

So, dear HLP readers, if you are scrambling for year-

round exercise, and like a bit of competition at the core, consider tennis. The tools of the trade are inexpensive—the new strings and carbon-fiber racquets are long-lasting, the service at Mike Lynn's Tennis Shop in the Miracle Mile on Excelsior is friendly (tell Mike and Mimzy I sent you), used rackets and shoes can be recycled to park programs, and used balls make great dog toys. And when you arrive at the wooly wrappings of proto- geezerhood, you can string your racquet softer, as I do, now 48 pounds, so all you need do is hobble within reach of the ball and these new racquets and strings do the rest. That's still good exercise, and a good feeling. Especially if the shot's called "in."



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### Snowshoe Tours of the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Tour guide Rhonda Bonnabeau, third from left, led a group of people on a tour of the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden during the Walkers February Free First Saturdays. One of many events that day, it was billed as " See the Garden like never before: on snowshoes!" The snowshoes were available and many people took advantage of the occasion. Free First Saturdays feature free gallery admission on the first Saturday of every month, plus performances, games, art-making, and kids' films from 10 am to 3 pm. Family friendly food options are available or bring something from home to snack on in the museum's public spaces. For more information go to **Free Museum Days: First Saturday | Walker Art Center.**

Check out updated plan outlining future of SW Minneapolis neighborhood parks!

Draft of Southwest Service Area Master Plan opens for 45-day public comment period ending April 5

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) published the draft Southwest Service Area Master Plan for a 45-day public comment period ending April 5, 2020.

Called the Southwest Parks Plan for short, the draft plan contains updated park designs that will guide development of all Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood park properties over the next 20+ years. In addition to the park concepts, the plan also puts forward several proposed potential park spaces and search areas.

The Southwest Parks Plan was created through nearly two years of meetings, events, conversations, feedback, design and adjustment. This is the third iteration of the plan, after initial concepts debuted in February 2019 and revised concepts were shared in May 2019. The document published today represents the final recommendations of the Southwest Parks Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which met 16 times over 18 months. The MPRB would like to thank the CAC for its thoughtful, impassioned dedication to the planning process.

Comment on the plan online or visit any of the 13 recreation centers in the Southwest Service Area to see a paper copy and leave written comments. Copies are also available at Parade Ice Arena and MPRB Headquarters.

#### Next Steps

After the 45-day comment period closes, the design team will again consider comments from all stakeholders and potentially make more adjustments. The final plan will then be sent to the Board of Commissioners for a public hearing and vote on the

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master plan's approval. Please continue to share your thoughts on the park plans in these final stages of public comment.

Once adopted, the final park designs will be used to build improvements funded by the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan, which dedicates \$11 million annually over 20 years (2017-2036) to revitalize Minneapolis neighborhood parks.

This project does not include recreation centers or areas classified as regional parkland, which include: Bde Maka Ska Park, Beard's Plaisance, Brownie Park, Cedar Lake Park, Cedar Lake Regional Trail, Kenilworth Regional Trail, Lake Harriet Park, Lake of the Isles Park, Lyndale Park, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail, Morrison Park (home of Minneapolis Institute of Art), Roberts Bird Sanctuary, Soo Line Community Garden and William Berry Park. The one exception is the Loon Lake Trolley Path. The plan for that park space will be amended into the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan.

Many Southwest Minneapolis regional park spaces already have long-term plans as part of the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan, which was approved by MPRB Commissioners on May 3, 2017.

#### About the Southwest Service Area Master Plan

The Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SW Parks Plan) will create new, long-term plans for all Minneapolis neighborhood parks south of I-394 and west of I35W. The SW Parks Plan will consider how parks are operated, maintained, and improved. It will include plans for all exterior facilities - athletic fields, playgrounds, trails, etc. - but not buildings or recreation centers.

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## A MAGICAL NIGHT ON LAKE OF THE ISLES



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Attracted to rectangular monoliths of ice lighted by candles, participants stop to admire Ice Henge, one of the favorite sculptures along the route of the Luminary Loppet on Lake of the Isles. Situated by the Lagoon to Cedar Lake, Ice Henge made it's first appearance there in 2011.

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## Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Deb Jessen



### CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 12, 2020

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Clem Foltz, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Michael Wilson

Coordinator: Deb Jessen

Absent: Gabriel Andrews, Amanda Vallone.

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board approved the minutes from the January 2020 board meeting.

#### City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The February Lunch with Lisa is on February 19, and the guest speaker will be John Dunlop, a renewable energy consultant.

The March Lunch with Lisa speaker will be Robert Lilligren who will speak about the Native American Community Development Institute on March 25.

CM Goodman made a motion this morning at the City Council's Committee of the Whole to have Robert Thompson's report analyzing Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Neighborhoods 2020 report heard by the committee, but the motion failed.

CM Goodman introduced Laura Cederberg as a representative to the SWLRT Construction Information Workgroup (CIW).

Laura lives on Burnham Road and is a communications professional

Laura sees communications gaps and will help as a communication professional

She requested neighborhood residents to communicate directly with her

CM Goodman reported that she is happy that Met Council Chair Charlie Zelle, CIDNA area resident, formed a SWLRT multijurisdictional update team, of which she is a member.

CM Goodman is looking for citizens to join two committee openings

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities

#### Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Governance Committee:

Guest Robert Thompson discussed his report analyzing CURA's Neighborhoods 2020 recommendations to the City on racial equity funding for Minneapolis neighborhood associations. He said CURA's report is seriously flawed because it omits much information about how neighborhood organizations did use funds to promote racial equity. Under the CURA proposal, CIDNA annual base funding would be cut from around \$25,000 to between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Neighborhoods across the south side of Minneapolis and in Northeast would be similarly affected.

Claire agreed to coordinate, with assistance from Deb, SWLRT emergency preparedness training with Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO), West Calhoun Neighborhood Council (WCNC), and possibly Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA). The training will include personal and household preparedness, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), and a fire department and railroad drill, focused on the possibility of an SWLRT accident involving freight hazmat (ethanol).

A motion was approved to add 10 hours to the Coordinator's February hours.

A motion was approved to adopt a fiscal policy, rec-

## Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amy Noble

### February 2020 Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met February 3, 2020, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

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

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Angela Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Marc Brown, and Kyle Leier. Absent: Jack Levi. Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, and 5 guests

The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

#### City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa will be held on February 19, 2020, with guest presenter John Dunlop and the topic is "Climate Crisis and Actions to Combat It"

There are two committee openings for Ward 7, if interested, please contact Lisa Goodman

Committee on Aging, prefer a senior citizen to fill this position

Minneapolis Advisory for People with Disabilities

Lisa has recruited Kenwood residents to be participants on the SWLRT Construction Information Work group; Courtney Cushing, Jim Smart, and Jeremy Nichols will be the representatives; the goal of this working group is to increase and improve the two-way communication process between the Met Council and local residents

#### SWLRT Update – David Davies, Elie Farhat, and Evelyn Turner

The kickoff for the Construction Information Workshops will take place on February 24, 2020

KNO representatives will be a part of the Minneapolis committee which will address needs of the residents within the city and work to improve communication between the Met Council and residents

Each committee will determine frequency and meeting times, but the Met Council will act as an oversight and provide support for the committees

The Met Council will be responsible to provide monthly recaps and to share information from the committees

This upcoming year will be a very active year as SWLRT construction continues in the Kenilworth corridor

A new freight bridge and light rail bridge will be built over the Cedar Lake channel

Tunneling will be completed from north of Cedar Lake Parkway to south of Lake street

Cedar Lake Parkway will be closed for 6 months dur-

ommended by our accountant, authorizing the Governance Committee to spend up to \$50 on unexpected expenses.

#### Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

Announcements:

The Minneapolis Police published Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood crime statistics for 2019. A link to the statistics can be found on our website and was posted in the January newsletter.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is beginning its Long-Term Comprehensive Plan for the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. The purpose of the plan is to anticipate future needs of the airport for the next 20 years and to analyze impacts on the community (such as airplane noise).

CIDNA's Annual Report is due March 15. Deb will email board members with requests for information such as number of volunteers, etc.

#### Report:

Deb outlined the Neighborhoods 2020 decision-making timeline and proposed framework for neighborhood association funding.

The Ice Skating Party went well and was well attended. James also attended.

ing tunneling work, expected start date is mid-March/April

There will be some work on the stations in the corridor, to include the 21st Street Station

Emergency Planning and Management

The city of Minneapolis has offered two emergency preparedness training programs for city residents, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) or READY Camp

KNO board will request that the city inform neighbors about the trainings being offered so residents can attend the trainings

#### 2020 East Cedar Beach Budget – Will Stensrud

Will Stensrud presented the budget proposal of \$11,845 for East Cedar Lake Beach programming

The proposal includes expenditures for hidden acoustics performances, yoga, family and neighborhood social gatherings, ArtRageous events, equipment such as beach toys/chairs/plantings, food trucks, and park patrol extra hours

There are tentative sponsorships for some of the programs by local businesses and the Cedar Lake Park Association

The budget was passed by unanimous vote

#### Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

KNO received \$300 in donations and would like to thank our neighbors for their support

Donations can now be made directly to KNO via PayPal on the KNO website

Other Business

KNO Annual Report is due to the city by 3/15/20; Shawn Smith will complete the report and the board will review at the March meeting

LOI/Cedar Lake Master Plan is currently being developed by the park district. A listening session is being planned so the park board can hear feedback from residents. This will take place the week of March 23rd with a proposed date of 3/24/20 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

CAC selection will take place on 2/27/20; Will Stensrud applied

Board member Amy Noble is moving out of state. The secretary position is open, if anyone is interested in this board position, please email kiaa55405@gmail.com

Board member Matt Spies inquired if anyone is interested in being the KNO Treasurer. If interested, please contact Shawn Smith

Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

#### KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events

- Contract consultant to assist with communication/c

KNO Board/Volunteer Leads

SWLRT – Evelyn Turner

East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud

In need of Recruiting/Diversity

Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown

NRP/PPP – Amanda Vallone and Jeremy Nichols

Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran

In need of LOI/Environmental Protection

Updates: Please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us via our website.

#### The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on March 2nd at 7PM at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org



**CIDNA continued from page 8****The CIDNA Annual Meeting is May 13.**

A planning committee will be formed in March; all are welcome to join.

Board members are encouraged to think of potential speakers.

Board membership needs to be considered and planned.

**Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson**

Evan reviewed the City's approval of the requested variances for 2820 St. Louis Avenue and felt that the request appropriately met the standard of "practical difficulties."

Evan, Mary, Steve and Mike met again with Calhoun Beach Club representatives on Feb. 3. The representatives plan to attend the March 2020 board meeting and ask CIDNA for support for the project as a whole and for a shoreline overlay variance for the conservatory dome.

**Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck**

Evan is CIDNA's representative to the Cedar Isles Master Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Selection Committee. The selection committee will meet on Feb. 27.

A motion was approved authorizing the committee to apply for a Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) Community Collaborator grant should the committee decide the Coordinator and the committee have the capacity to carry out the grant if funded. The grant would focus on providing resident input (especially renters and seniors) to the final draft of Parks for All, expected to be released in July 2020.

A motion was approved authorizing the committee to continue current park stewardship agreements and pursue new park stewardship agreements as the opportunity arises.

A motion was approved authorizing the committee to plan a Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Master Plan listening session with Emma Pachuta and neighborhood residents.

**Transportation Committee, Mike Wilson**

Dave Davies, Outreach Coordinator for the Metropolitan Council, spoke about SWLRT construction issues and concerns of our neighborhood's residents.

His vision of Construction Information Workshop (CIW) is that CIW will review a schedule of future work and will also look back at recent activity and give feedback on related issues.

Dave is working on improving communications and responses to neighborhood concerns and issues and will try to distribute more relevant information.

Dave said that 2020 was going to be one of the hardest years for our neighborhood in terms of heavy construction activity for the SWLRT.

Dave responded to concerns from Mike and guest Matthew Dahlquist.

**Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry**

Steve reported that the island between Lake and Excelsior will be cleared of snow. It is the City's responsibility to remove the snow and ice.

Steve believes the 3100 W. Lake Street development will not have any tree plantings on Lake Street and that the public sidewalk would be next to the curb. (This needs to be verified.)

**Old Business, Mary Pattock**

Deb and Mary will continue work on a CIDNA Facebook page.

A motion was approved to apply for a Census 2020 grant. Rosanne will work on the grant.

**New Business: None**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**Next meeting**

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

Note to CIDNA-area residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org).

**East Isles Residents' Association**

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

**Minutes from the EIRA Special Meeting and Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary) Becky Accettura, Julia Curran, Emma Erdahl, Mike Erlandson, John Grochala, John Morrow, Molly Simmons

Board Members not present: Steve Havig Alternates not present: John Erlandson

Guests: Council Member, Lisa Goodman, Alberder Gillespie, Census Project Lead, and Casey Carl, City Clerk

**Welcome & Call to Order: Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President 7:00 p.m.**

Introductions and welcome to two new board members, Becky Accettura and Molly Simmons.

Guest Speakers, Council Member Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis, Alberder Gillespie, Census Project Lead, and Casey Carl, City Clerk.

**Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman** notified the neighborhood that Minneapolis now has an open portal for health inspection reports. The public can access reports on all restaurants online here: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/inspections/foodinspections>

Snow emergency information is available online. Residents are encouraged to check for parking restrictions to avoid being towed and to remind neighbors to do the same.

This month's Lunch with Lisa event on January 29th from 12-1 p.m. will be held at the U of M in Terrence Murphy Hall Room, 252, and will feature a discussion of Historical Landscape Scholar, Frank Edgerton Martin. February's event will feature a presentation on climate emergency by John Dunlap, a 7th Ward Resident. If you'd like to be added to the list for these events, email Lisa at [Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov)

Guest Speakers, Alberder Gillespie, Census Project Lead, and Casey Carl, City Clerk came to discuss the 2020 census process and early voting. The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future, as federal funding, grants, and other support will be distributed to communities nationwide based on Census data. For more information on the upcoming Census, visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

Early voting starts Friday, January 17th, 2020. Did you know that Minnesota has the longest early voting period in the nation at 46 days? Super Tuesday is March 3, 2020. Minnesota is holding a presidential primary for only the 5th time as a state and for the first time since 1992.

**President's Report**

Ellen reminded everyone that the annual Ice Skating Party will be on January 26, 2020, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and asked any volunteers to be in touch with Chair, Amy Sanborn. The board elected Mike Erlandson to serve as interim Vice President until new elections take place at the annual meeting in April 2020. A new format for the EIRA website BOD page was discussed. It was agreed that a 1-2 sentence bio for each board member should be sent to Ellen for posting.

Andrew and Ellen attended the neighborhood 2020 meeting on behalf of EIRA held by the City. Ellen reported that the Neighborhoods 2020 meetings were a great opportunity to meet other neighborhood leaders and work together with staff from the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) to focus on how neighborhoods work with the City of Minneapolis. We also learned more about what the City will be expecting neighborhoods to do with the City funding we receive, which this year will be the same amount received as last year. The City is looking to the neighborhoods to create inclusive communities where the neighborhood boards reflect the demographics of

the neighborhood. The City will also be expecting the neighborhoods to do equity work by identifying inequities in our communities and working to rectify them. Ellen encouraged the BOD to think about inequities in our neighborhood and consider, for a later agenda, how we might be involved in working to eliminate them.

Ellen also reported that the survey to the neighborhood regarding the Farmers Market and our other events had 105 responses—more than any of our other surveys. Those responding were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the Farmers Market with close to 90% saying they attended the market more than one time. The call for volunteers to help on the Farmers Market Committee was also a success, with several new volunteers joining the Farmers Market Committee.

**Results from all events polled are as follows:**

East Isles Farmers Market 88% would like the market to continue. 12% Don't Care.

Ice Skating Party 64% in favor. 37% Don't Care.

Earth Day Clean-up 82% in favor. 19% Don't Care.

Ice Cream Social 73% in favor. 23% Don't Care.

Super Sale 61% in favor. 35% Don't Care.

Annual Wine Tasting Event 51% Don't Care. 37% in favor.

The board discussed the upcoming EIRA annual meeting and the idea of a possible venue change to accommodate a larger group. A planning committee for the meeting is being considered.

**Treasurer's Report**

Andrew presented the 2020 Budget to the Board. The Board adopted the following motion: Approve the 2020 EIRA Budget at a total of \$87,744 and authorize the Treasurer, in consultation with the President and relevant Committee chair, if applicable, to make budget neutral amendments without Board approval.

Andrew also presented the 3rd Amendment to EIRA's CPP Contract. The Board adopted the following motion: Approve the Third Amendment to NRP Funding Agreement C-42485 with the City of Minneapolis, increasing the contract by \$30,243 for a new contract total of \$120,973, as amended.

**Secretary's Report**

The board approved the minutes from the December 2019 meeting.

**Committee Reports****East Isles Farmers Market**

Debbie Gold updated the BOD on the first Farmers Market Committee meeting that was held in December. The committee believes that the EIFM supports and furthers the mission of EIRA to build community, promote green spaces, activate an underused park and foster neighbor relations. Further, the committee believes the market supports inclusivity, diversity, entrepreneurship and an equitable marketplace. The EIFM is strongly supported by neighborhood residents. The EIFM is a net contributor to the East Isles Residents Association budget and represents the largest source of incoming, unrestricted funds. The committee recommends the continuation and development of the East Isles Farmers Market provided they can find and hire an experienced market manager.

The committee appointed co-chairs. Co-chairs of the East Isles Farmers Market Committee are Debbie Gold, EIRA BOD + former FM director and Steve Havig, EIRA BOD + sponsor. The co-chairs will organize and seek input and approval from the committee. The chairs will directly supervise the market manager. While both current co-chairs are on the EIRA BOD, the committee was in agreement that future appointed chairs need not be members of the EIRA Board of Directors but must be EIRA residents, per the EIRA Bylaws. The committee may, in the future permit a single chair, in which case the chair and one interested representative from the EIRA BOD would supervise the market manager. The Farmers Market Manager job description was discussed and approved by both the committee and the BOD. It will be posted on multiple

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job boards. The committee recommends keeping sponsorship levels the same as they were last year. Benefits associated with those levels will be reviewed at the next meeting. The committee recommends continued membership in the Uptown Business Association at the Silver level. The committee updated line items on the 2020 budget to present to the BOD for approval allow for a \$10,000 line item for a market manager as well as \$1000 for a contract accountant or bookkeeper.

The committee asks the BOD to amend its Bylaws to enable the inclusion of non-East Isles residents as voting members of the committee. No non-resident may chair the committee; however, the committee believes that the inclusion of interested stakeholders such as vendors, business owners and other nearby neighborhood residents who support the market would add a valuable perspective and broader vision to the ongoing success of the market.

The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. For more information, contact [director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com](mailto:director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com)

### Search Committee

Andrew updated the Board on the Search Committee's progress, noting that the Committee has scaled back the position to align with previous Coordinators, and that the position would be posted soon.

### NRP Committee

Chair, Mike Erlandson presented an update on the Levin Triangle Park shade structure (in progress), the security cameras (he is talking to local businesses to get contributions toward this project). So far, Xcel Energy has donated \$1,000 as has the Uptown Business Association.

### Outreach and Nominations

Chair, Emma Erdahl led a discussion on last month's elections and ideas for improving our election process and procedure. More discussion will take place at the next committee meeting on February 6, 2020.

### BET Committee

Andrew gave an update on the proposal for a new two-family condominium project at 2208 Irving Ave S. The project needed several variances, which EIRA submitted a letter recommending approval. The variance applications were scheduled to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) on Thursday, January 9. City staff recommended denial of all variances, and the project team withdrew their variance applications before the ZBA meeting began. The project team is hoping to make modifications to the design and resubmit at a later date.

### Open Forum

The board asked Treasurer, Andrew Degerstrom to provide additional information related to the new director's insurance policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

**The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.** The East Isles Residents Association invites and welcomes participation by all East Isles residents to every program, service, committee, and event. Please sign up for our newsletter at [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org)



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## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Board Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2020  
Kenwood Recreation Center  
Meeting called to order 7:05 P.M.

Board members present: Jennifer Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Fran Davis, Tom Huppert, Craig Wilson, Justin Baylor, William Reyelts, Lee Switzenburg, Jody Lichtor, Chas Scheiderer.

Board members absent: Kathleen Bottini, Toni D'Eramo, Thomas Regnier, Evan Stern, Sam Ellingson.

Others in attendance: Barb Davis, Brian Melendez, Clarence Kramer, Emily Hilleque, Courtney Kiernat, Emily Pachute, Paul Pender, Jeanne Scheiderer, Minneapolis Police Department Inspector Amy Huffman and Minneapolis Council Woman Lisa Goodman.

**Council Woman Lisa Goodman provided an update:**

John Dunlap, will be the featured speaker at the February 19 "Lunch with Lisa" discussing the Climate Emergency at Terence Murphy Hall.

**In March Robert Lilligren will discuss issues concerning the American Indian Community.**

**In May or June "Lunch with Lisa" will be held at the Daytons project so residents can get an early glimpse of the completed project. Call Lisa's office now to make reservations.**

Two committees still need to be filled from our ward: Minneapolis

Advisory for Aging and Minneapolis Advisory for People with Disabilities. Contact Lisa's office.

Owners of two coach houses on Mount Curve are seeking demolition permits.

Early voting locations are now open and early voting is encouraged.

The Minneapolis Convention Center is offering free movies this winter including Green Book (Feb. 27), The Lion King (3/3) and Frozen II (April TBD).

### Treasurer's Report:

Bills are paid, we spent less than budgeted last year and Toni D'Eramo is working with the city to obtain our reimbursement. Most of our operating expenses are reimbursed by the city; we depend on donations for the balance of the expenses.

### Crime and Safety:

Inspector Amy Huffman discussed the recent brutal beating that occurred in our neighborhood and an update on progress to stop and catch criminals. The victim was kind enough to attend our meeting and remind us of the things we need to do to help reduce the risk of being a victim. Unfortunately auto theft is up 50% in the area. It is interesting to note that 70% of auto thefts have occurred with keys in the ignition of a running car.

The Inspector provided us with a copy of the letter she has circulated that describes the robbery pattern in the area as well as tips for personal security. Two things we should all remember: 1.) Don't lend your cell phone to strangers, it could be a ruse to steal it; and 2.) Make sure strangers who are asking for help maintain their distance from you, keep them at arms length. The LHNA will create personal safety flyers with these tips and others on it. William Reyelts will be working with Toni D'Eramo to get these flyers printed in the next month. We will distribute the flyers in in the neighborhood.

The Inspector informed us that East Isles Neighborhood Association is funding surveillance cameras along Hennepin from 22nd street to Lake St. LHNA Crime and Safety committee will research the cost and prepare to make a recommendation for our March meeting. We plan to take action in March to use some of the remaining NRP funds to acquire cameras for Hennepin from the Dunwoody area to 22nd street.

### Community Relations:

Emily Pachute from the Park Board staff attended the meeting and will be seeking our involvement in selecting community representatives to be involved in Community Advisory meetings which will occur every four to six weeks over a period of 18 months. An update of the Park Master Plan may be of interest for our Annual Meeting.

### Neighborhood Priorities:

LHNA still has about \$68,000 remaining of NRP funds that can be spent for public projects.

Jeanne Scheiderer, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board treasurer, reported the Save the Seven Pools campaign has raised \$231,000.

Lee Switzenburg made a motion to allocate \$25,000 from the Public Realm Priorities funds to the Friends of

## Draft SW Parks Plan Now Available

Share your thoughts on the Draft Southwest Service Area Master Plan now through April 5. The Plan and comment surveys now available online and in SW Recreation Centers.



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## Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook



Hannah and Teresa



Photos by JoAnne Cook

Teresa and Hannah

*Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really. —Agnes Sligh Turnbull*

Teresa Mozzone was a tiny Italian lady, almost five foot tall and ninety pounds. She was my wife JoAnne's mother, and we were fortunate to have her live with us during the last of her 83 years. She was an exceedingly

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Thomas Lowry Park for the Seven Pools project.

The motion was duly seconded and voted on with Craig Wilson abstaining. Motion carried

FTLP will be marketing these funds as a "matching grant" as they enter the last months of fundraising. Project is still on target to begin in early summer 2020. Any funds raised beyond what is needed for the Seven Pools, will be spent on other capital improvements in Thomas Lowry Park.

### Historical:

Due to the activity in the neighborhood concerning demolition requests we believe it is time for us to determine whether or not parts of our neighborhood should have a historical designation.

The historical committee will research and make a recommendation.

### Zoning:

Courtney Kiernat represents the Peris project which will be built where the former Bradstreet Craft House was located. She will be the on-site manager and community liaison. She will be responding to some questions board members have concerning the outer appearance of the proposed building.

### Events:

Skating Party was a success with over 200 attendees.

We are intending to have our LHNA Annual Meeting May 19. Details will be worked out in the next month.

kind, soft spoken, and gracious person her whole life. Rather than rail against her rapidly diminishing cognitive skills, she embraced the uncertainty and constant surprise that her life had become. ("Oh, toast!") Little things such as a blanket ("Feel how soft!") or JoAnne's sweater ("What a pretty color!") delighted her. An oft-told family story is Teresa visiting a psychiatrist for a medication check. When asked if she knew what day of the week it was, she hemmed and hawed and finally looked at the doctor and said sweetly, "I can't see that it really matters."

Wifty is a family word for being forgetful, lost in space, or otherwise preoccupied. Teresa was wifty. She was also warm, accepting, and soulful. In her later years if you looked deep into her eyes, as I did on many occasions, you felt love, trust, and the message that you, not she, was flying the plane. Teresa died in 2007, the same year we adopted Hannah, our dear border collie.

Frequently I have been complimented on Hannah's remarkable behavior and superb training. I would be forced to explain modestly but truthfully that she was entirely self-taught. An L.A. street stray, she displayed no sign of trauma or past mistreatment. She chose me and we have become constant companions, enjoying many adventures. Border collies are a working breed that need a job to feel fulfilled. Apparently I require considerable looking after.

Teresa and Hannah were briefly contemporaries and housemates. Teresa was taken with Hannah and enjoyed meeting "the new dog" every day. Hannah loves everyone and took no affront to the slight. The imminent loss of one was somewhat assuaged by the recent arrival of the other.

**CAUTION:** This is where I get a little wifty. You


may want to stop reading and turn to Craig Wilson's article on "Sludge Management in CIDNA" with photos by Dorothy Childers.

Are you still here? I will warn you, I am not a devotee of crystals, hemp curing cancer, or the writings of Edgar Cayce. I do, however, half believe (alright, 9%) that Hannah is being visited by the spirit of my mother-in-law. Hannah is now fourteen and in decline. She is deaf, has severe cataracts, arthritis, and requires special assistance. Yet she still exudes a goodness and positive energy. Daily I chauffeur many dogs (a long story). The others jump into my dogmobile. Hannah puts her front feet on the rear hatch bumper and waits patiently for me to lift her up. She gives me a look of trust, goodwill and a soulful connection that is pure Teresa. I want to say, "Okay Mom, let's go to the dog park."

Two weeks ago Hannah fell into a friend's swimming pool. Recently she also tumbled into an irrigation ditch. Each time as I rescued her she remained calm and gave me a look that said, "So that happened." Like Teresa used to, Hannah now wanders the house in a benign haze. She will walk into a room, stare at a wall for while, and then return to her bed.

Hannah is on light duty. She does not hear the mailman or passersby. She still watches over us, but her herding days are over. I have lost many pets, but when she passes I will be in no condition to write about her, so I am doing it now. Every day I catch Hannah gazing at me, and I think, "Hello, Teresa."

*Tom H. Cook is a former neighbor and now infrequent contributor. He fears our nation now most closely resembles Argentina, but without the tango.*



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