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EARTHMOVERS POISED TO START DEFORESTATION OF KENILWORTH CORRIDOR

By Michael Wilson

There's a sense of sadness hanging over the Kenilworth Corridor on these warm, sunny days, and on the cool, misty days as well. Buds are just beginning to show on tree branches and even the unpracticed eye and ear can tell that our urban forest and parkland is once again coming back to life. But it won't be for long.

For people who know that within three weeks the earthmovers will roar into action and scrape broad swaths of the Kenilworth clean, the pleasure of visiting the corridor is bittersweet. We add what we're seeing and experiencing this month to the thousands of mental images and memories we already have of this priceless gem of nature near the heart of a major urban area.

There's a lot of anger too. Why do something as destructive and irreversible as deforestation when Southwest LRT still faces hurdles?

Despite what the Met Council, the Hennepin County board, and their PR consultants would have us believe, Southwest LRT is not a done deal. Full federal funding is still several hurdles away, and the Hennepin County board, which is bearing over half the project's cost, reportedly is worried that the project will soon need another nine-figure infusion of our tax dollars.

Project engineers continue to assure us soothingly that they can dig a 60-foot-deep trench 24 inches from the footings of 90-year-old concrete grain silos, right next to freight trains weighing 14,584 tons when fully loaded, all within an impossibly narrow 59-foot-wide right-of-way. They are so confident of success, in fact, that they told the crowd at the March 20 KNO/CIDNA community meeting that "we don't have a Plan B." Hubris, anyone?

And the lawsuit by the Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis awaits a decision from the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals that could, if successful, send the selection of a route through Minneapolis back to the drawing board.

Requests for moratorium rejected.

Last week two letters went out to Gov. Walz and Met Council Chair Nora Slawik asking for a moratorium on the deforestation until all the project's hurdles have been overcome. One letter went from the Kenwood and Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood associations, the Lakes and Parks Alliance, LRT Done Right, and the Kenilworth Preservation Group. The other letter went from our six local and state elected representatives (but not County Commissioner Marion Greene). The full letters appear on an inside page of this issue of Hill & Lake Press.

The response was, as expected: "No dice." Walz, through his policy advisor, said that he "does not have the legal authority to impose a moratorium on tree-cutting in the Kenilworth Corridor." Slawik said that due to the complexities of contracts and work schedules, calling a moratorium at this point might jeopardize the project.

If the Kenilworth alignment were unquestionably the best route for serving the citizens of Minneapolis, that'd be one thing. But it's not the best route, or even



Photo illustration: Michael Wilson for the bulldozer; Photo: Michael Wilson for the pollinator sign.

a so-so route. It's the WORST route for serving the south side of Minneapolis.

Right from its creation on October 21, 1980, the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) has been determined to push a light-rail line through the Kenilworth Corridor, but the plan has met with problems and conflict from the start. "Light rail transit through neighborhood is temporarily derailed," read the

banner headline on page 1 of the October 1984 Hill & Lake Press.

Failure of government transportation policy.

An Alternatives Analysis in 2009 considered two routes through Minneapolis: route 3A, through the Kenilworth Corridor; and route 3C, along the HCRRA-owned Midtown Greenway and then through a tunnel under Nicollet Avenue. Data were collected but every-

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Met Council orders secret destruction of endangered bee habitat in Kenilworth

By Jeanette Colby

An alarm sounded in 2015: the rusty patched bumble bee, an important pollinator, had declined in population by 87 percent over the last 20 years, due in large part to habitat loss.

Fortunately, our neighborhood provided habitat to this incredibly valuable creature — in the "prairie" bordering the Kenilworth Trail. Unfortunately, this floral habitat is now in the way of the SWLRT.

The rusty patched bumble bee is "balancing precariously on the brink of extinction and has become the first-ever bumble bee in the United States to be listed as endangered [as of March, 2017]," according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

But without any public notice, the Met Council this spring mowed down the "prairie" habitat area near the proposed 21st Street station. The Met Council justified the destruction in an internal memo found deep within a 2018 Supplemental Environmental Assessment. It



This rusty-patched bumble bee queen, or gyne, will hibernate all winter and lay her fertilized eggs in the spring to start a new colony. But not in the Kenilworth Corridor, because the Met Council has destroyed them and their critical habitat.

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Coming Events at The Woman's Club

Lakes Area Music Festival – May 2
 Breakfast Networking – May 9
 Doors Open Minneapolis – May 18/19
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 (frontdesk@womansclub.org or 612-813-5300)



Hey Hill & Lake Community!
 Make your opinion count! What's the best part of your neighborhood?

The City of Minneapolis and the Sustainable Healthy Cities Research Network at the U of M are conducting a survey and are asking how our neighborhoods affect our lives and well-being. Results will be shared with local government and neighborhoods to build better cities through better neighborhoods. Have your voice heard and participate in the survey below!

Take the survey at: bit.ly/MyNeighborhood_MyLife

Park Siding Park Gardening
 Saturday, May 18
 9:00-11:00 a.m.
 Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.
 Join CIDNA's volunteer gardening team. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided. Help is needed all season, so mark your calendar for the following Saturday mornings: June 22, July 27, August 24 and September 28. Details at www.cidna.org

CIDNA Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 8,
 5:30 pm social hour; 6:30 pm meeting begins,
 Jones-Harrison Residence
LHNA Annual May 14, 6:00 pm Social Hour;
 7:00 pm meeting and elections.
 Walker Art Center

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
 May 4, 10am Walking Tour of Lowry Hill
 June 2, 2:00 pm Walking Tour of Lake of Isles
 See website for details.

The annual KNO meeting will be held on May 6th at 6PM and will take place in the plaza at the Kenwood Recreation Center; if there is inclement weather, the meeting will be held inside

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

CORRECTION: The March issue of Hill and Lake Press published a story by Kathy Kullberg, "Pendergast Row". Unfortunately, its continuation from page 10 to 12 omitted sentences. Please read the corrected article online at www.hillandlakepress.org
 We regret the error.

Earth Day Clean-up 2019



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Earth Day Clean-Up in Minneapolis is part of a global event that has been held annually since 1970. Volunteers come together as good stewards of our City's parks, neighborhoods and watersheds by picking up trash and helping clean up Minneapolis. East Isles residents and friends joined in on Earth Day Clean-Up at Lake of the Isles. Left to right, Jacob Jones, Mina Kim, Mattie Jones, Gregory Jones, and Catherine Carlquist. Earth Day Clean-Up in Minneapolis is co-sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board & Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling.

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Meet your Neighbor, 'plastic litter' at Lake of the Isles

On this Earth Week, Tom Hoch and Craig Wilson are organizing a grassroots effort to pick up trash along Lake of the Isles on Saturday April 27th. Please bring a trash bag, gloves and comfortable clothing and pick up litter along the lake—THERE IS PLENTY TO GO AROUND. You can leave trash bags adjacent to park board trash bins. Many of the litter is along the lake front, so please proceed with caution. It may be a good idea to bring a net to gather the waste. This is an ideal time to pick up litter before the shoreline plants grow in! Mother Earth thanks you!



Isles Ensemble concludes 2018-19 season on May 5 with a flourish

By Michael Wilson

The Isles Ensemble musicians have been bringing wonderful chamber music to our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods for 15 years now, on Sunday afternoons in the intimate and related setting of Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. They conclude their 2018-19 season on Sunday, May 5, at 2 pm with two lesser-known pieces by Beethoven and Rachmaninoff, followed by the grand Brahms Sextet in G Major.

Mozart's enormously successful opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna in 1791, two months before his untimely death. Its tunes were still very much on everyone's lips when ten years later Beethoven composed a set of seven variations on Pamina's and Papageno's duet *Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen* ("In men, who feel love"). Tom Rosenberg (cello) and Tim Lovelace (piano) bring this lovely 1801 piece to life for us on May 5.

Lovelace returns with pianist Ivan Konev to play four of the *Six Morceaux for Piano, Four Hands, Op. 11*, by Rachmaninoff. Konev has a particular affinity for this piece, Lovelace says, not just because he has played it several times. Konev's pianistic grandfather, Alexander Goldenweiser, knew Rachmaninoff and made an early recording of the work.

On May 5 Konev and Lovelace will play the *Barcarole, Scherzo, Romance, and Gloria*. "What I like about this opus," Konev says, "is that it was written by a still-very-young composer (21 years old). I love the freshness and expressiveness which you feel in each piece. At the same time despite the age of the composer you already sense maturity of style and get just what one expects from music of Rachmaninoff - poignance of minor key melodies in slower pieces and excitement

and virtuosity in faster ones."

With his own unique and powerful music language, Konev notes, "Rachmaninoff continued the romantic tradition of writing characteristic piano miniatures which started with Schubert and continued with Schumann and Chopin, which proves to me that he deserves to be named one of the greatest (and unfortunately one of last) piano composers of the Romantic era."

Gorgeous melodies, rich harmonies.

For the second half of the program Stephanie Arado and David Leung (violins), Tom Turner and Sifei Cheng (violas), and Richard Belcher and Tom Rosenberg (cellos) will fill the room with the sound of Brahms' *Sextet No. 2, in G Major, Opus 36*.

The G-major Sextet is basically a secret love letter to soprano Agatha von Siebold, with whom Brahms was hoping to develop a romantic relationship after composing a few new songs for her, Leung notes, but the relationship unfortunately ended before the sextet was even completed.

"Having this particular romance in mind," Leung says, "I bet you will have no problem picturing Brahms writing the opening movement filled with an abundance of sweetness and passion. Brahms literally used the name 'Agatha' (A-G-A-B-A) in the first movement as his lover's name is infused and spelled out musically in its glorious yet heart-wrenching second theme."

The second movement *Scherzo* is intertwined with major and minor key changes and moody tempo changes, portraying some of the sweetness and bitterness in Brahms' romantic relationship with Agatha, Leung writes. "The sorrowful third movement is unmis-

takably dark, heavy, and depressed at first, leading listeners to follow the cloud of sadness after Brahms' painful breakup. Thankfully the gloom is rather brief! Tears eventually turn into a golden ray of hope at the end of this movement - the gloomy E minor main theme gradually moves to the sunny, warm E major key, all of the dark clouds are gone and the heavens are open for our sorrowful soul seeking comfort and consolation (what a great soundtrack for the Easter Season!)."

Leung sees the last movement as a brilliant display of joy and restored energy in our hero's spirit - the scherzo-like humor in the main theme reminds many of us of the famous fairy-like scherzo movement in Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* -- a very joyful, hopeful and celebratory ending persists and triumphs.

"I love and look forward to playing this piece so much," Leung says, "because of its gorgeous melodies, rich harmonies, optimistic and passionate and raw romantic emotions -- not to mention the masterful counterpoint writing for a group of six distinct instruments."

It's such a pleasure to have these impressive musicians come to the heart of our neighborhood. Go to islesensemble.org to read more about them. The suggested donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for

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Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) Board Re: Feedback on CIDNA Neighborhood Park Asset Design Concepts

Date: March 31, 2019
Draft

To: Colleen O'Dell
Project Manager Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SSAMP)

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB)

From: Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) Board

Re: Feedback on CIDNA Neighborhood Park Asset Design Concepts

Background

Thank you for inviting CIDNA to provide feedback on the SSAMP design concepts for the CIDNA neighborhood park assets: Park Siding Park, St. Louis Triangle, Alcott Triangle, Chowen Triangle, and West End Triangle. Neighborhood parks are a longstanding priority in CIDNA as evidenced by ongoing park stewardship agreements and the investment of significant community resources including neighborhood funds and thousands of volunteer hours. The CIDNA neighborhood park assets are utilized year round by residents of CIDNA and support local community gatherings, play time, and provide respite areas and green-space.

Neighborhood Priorities

At the start of the SSAMP process, CIDNA met with designated Community Advisory Committee representatives Jana Griffin and Shaelyn Crutchly. Exhibit I of this document summarizes the CIDNA input that was shared with them (May 2018), which remains relevant to the neighborhood priorities and the neighborhood park asset design elements. The following are highlights of these priorities:

Prefer low impact amenities in triangle parks

Desire increased support from MPRB for care taking such as trash/recycling, mowing and grooming as residents often mow the areas

Enhance pedestrian safety, avoid sightline issues on small triangles surrounded by roads and allow for safe street crossings

Provide visually pleasing seating

Support free-form imaginative play

Encourage neighborhood gathering and provide

multi-generational spaces

Support shade trees, evergreens, pollinator gardens, drought tolerant plantings

Promote fitness activities

Encourage pet owner responsibility

Preserve design and function of Park Siding Park which is the result of CIDNA collaboration with MPRB, represents resident input and is well liked

Reduce visual impact of trash/recycling bins

The current proposed neighborhood park design concepts do not adequately reflect the aforementioned priorities. Generally the proposed neighborhood park concepts are over-designed and/or destroy valuable open green-space. Examples include:

Proposed installation of expensive amenities such as public toilets (Alcott Triangle) where folks typically would go home to use the facilities. Note that there is a public toilet at Cedar Lake South Beach (regional park) which is located within 0.1 – 0.5 miles from the five neighborhood park assets.

Proposed skate park at St. Louis Triangle which is within 0.5 miles of the proposed skate park on the northwest side of Bde Maka Ska as per the Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska - Harriet Master Plan.

The neighborhood park assets should be evaluated and designed being mindful of what other nearby park amenities exist or are planned.

Recommendations for CIDNA Neighborhood Park Designs

The following are design directions for each of the 5 neighborhood park assets; see Exhibit I for more detail.

St. Louis Triangle Park:

Develop area as a gateway park for a memorable entry to the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood as park is located at neighborhood border/edge

Discourage/prevent shortcut across railroad freight tracks

Add shade trees, evergreens, and seating

Eliminate skate park as a skate park is already approved for the northwest corner of Bde Maka Ska (0.5 miles away) as per the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan

Confirm property lines to determine available park area

Correct Minneapolis 2040 plan documents to reflect this area as parkland as the Built Form/Land Use maps indicate this area as Corridor 6 and not as parkland

Alcott Triangle Park:

Preserve green-space for play and gatherings

Evaluate adding flower/vegetable gardens

Add water source/spigot to support volunteer stewardship agreement

Add moveable benches

Extend sidewalk on northern boundary

Confirm property lines

Eliminate public toilet and bike service station

Chowen Triangle Park:

Preserve green-space for play and gatherings

Add mobile benches/seating

Consider low impact landscaping (succulents) around perimeter of triangle to create separation from roads

Reduce negative visual impact of trash/recycling bins

West End Triangle Park

Optimize view to Cedar Lake by clearing brush on berm along Cedar Lake Ave

Re-position existing benches to optimize view the lake

Preserve green space for play and gatherings

Plant shade and evergreen trees

Confirm property lines

Park Siding Park:

Preserve existing park layout and design which is the result of intense neighborhood input and is well liked

Upgrade drinking fountain (design concepts do not reflect this existing amenity)

Install additional ping pong table near existing ping pong table for tournaments

Eliminate proposed bike course and splash pad which is within 0.2 miles of Cedar Lake South Beach

Funding Sources

It is our understanding that neighborhood park improvements will be funded by the 20-year

Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20) which provides for an additional \$11 million of annual funding through 2036. These funds can be used for maintenance, rehabilitation and capital improvements. Expenditure decisions will be prioritized using a data driven, criteria-based model to address racial and economic equity.

Park Dedication Fees may also be used for neighborhood park improvements provided the project meets the criteria of park system expansions or enhancement, such as land acquisition, new recreation facilities or expanded amenities. These funds may not be used for rehabilitation or maintenance. The park dedication fees policy should not be expanded nor modified to allow expenditures on bike lanes, as there are other funding sources for this purpose (Metropolitan Council grants, Hennepin County Highway Funds, etc).

Next Steps

As the SSAMP survey draws to a close, please share survey results with the CIDNA board. Additionally please provide the dates/times/locations of the remaining SSAMP CAC meetings and details of any other related meetings as we could not locate this information on the project website.

CIDNA looks forward to the next iteration of design concepts. The desire is for practical designs, which respect the neighborhood priorities and uses of the neighborhood park assets. We look forward to continued engagement with MPRB as stewards and users of neighborhood park assets.

CIDNA would like to pursue improvements to Dean Parkway (easterly and westerly lobes) and Sunset Boulevard. It is our understanding that a Greater Cedar Lake Area Master Plan initiative will begin in 2019. CIDNA would like to have representatives engaged in that process. Please keep us informed of timing and opportunities.

Thank you for your leadership and championing our parks.

MDRA Foundation is now accepting applications for a Community Giving Grant

The MDRA Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of the 3rd Annual Community Giving grant cycle, open now through April 30, 2019. The Community Giving grant program accepts proposals focused on promoting participation and safety in running. There is currently one grant available in the amount of up to \$500 which will be given to the organization which demonstrates the highest need. The organization chosen to receive the grant will be notified by May 15, 2019 via email.

Click here for information including the application! For all questions please email mdragrant@gmail.com.

MDRA Foundation is the philanthropic arm of MDRA. This newly formed 501c3 focus is on promoting participation and safety in running. Initiatives include the Community Giving Grant, the Stephen Ojalvo Fund and the Minnesota Elite Athlete Development Program. Click here for information on The MDRA Foundation!

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one knew the outcome was pre-ordained.

Google "Transport Politic Southwest Minneapolis" for an astoundingly prescient article from August 2009 titled "Southwest Minneapolis' Transit Route Selection Process May Rule Out Light Rail to Uptown."

Citizen input "could be essential [in the Alternatives Analysis process]," the author, Yonah Freemark, wrote, "because planners are currently angling to make the wrong decision about where trains should run. Their endorsement of a route through low-density neighborhoods in place of a more expensive line through Minneapolis' lively Uptown is symptomatic of the failure of government transportation policy in addressing the needs of inhabitants of dense inner city communities."

The effect of route 3A on the commutes of people who live in Minneapolis would be "marginal," Freemark wrote; "Route 3C would be far more effective in encouraging transit use in Minneapolis. ... Building light rail along 3A instead of 3C is almost an invitation to drive to Uptown rather than take transit there."

SWLRT planning has been marked for years by a bull-headed determination to keep plowing ahead with the Kenilworth route even when roadblocks and increasingly compelling data should lead reasonable people to conclude, "Let's reconsider. Maybe we got it wrong. Maybe there is a better way."

The prime example came in December 2012 when Twin Cities & Western (TC&W) railroad, which had been "temporarily" using the Kenilworth Corridor since 1998 and which planners always assumed would accept relocation through St. Louis Park, shocked everyone by saying they could not accept the chosen reroute and would instead remain in the Kenilworth Corridor. The new reality of the highly problematic, hugely expensive co-location of freight and LRT was the moment when the Kenilworth route should have been reconsidered. But that's the sort of thing Hennepin County and the Met Council abhor.

Fighting an uphill battle.

Residents of Cedar-Isles-Dean and Kenwood and their neighborhood associations, magnificent citizen groups like LRT Done Right, Kenilworth Preservation Group, and Lakes and Parks Alliance, and many allies have worked hard to demonstrate why the Kenilworth alignment is bad for Minneapolis and for the environment, but it's been a tough battle when you're up against five suburban cities, deep-pocketed developers, and glib politicians with well-funded PR machines. (Hennepin County currently has a \$200,000 contract with PR firm Cardinal Infrastructure to help ram SWLRT through.)

Instead of considering the facts and joining forces to find a route that would benefit the citizens of Minneapolis as well as suburban residents, the get-it-done SWLRT backers decided to mock Kenilworth activists as self-serving NIMBYs -- ignoring the Park Board's estimate that the corridor has 786,000 visits per year. That's some backyard!

SWLRT backers and politicians stuck doggedly to their script that light rail was good for the region. They refused to tell us why route 3A will serve southside and midtown Minneapolis residents best.

Some critics of the corridor's defenders like to point out that it was a rail corridor in the past, implying that usage patterns of 1899 remain perfectly valid today. (We wonder if they feel the same way about the Mississippi riverfront.)

Other critics say the corridor is expendable because many of the trees are low-quality. That truly is missing the forest for the trees.

Many people have labored mightily.

In his 2009 article Yonah Freemark wrote, "Rather than focusing on the commuting needs of suburbanites, planners and politicians should be concentrating their transit funds on encouraging a car-free lifestyle for people who live in inner-city areas. People who live in already existing, dense, mixed-use neighborhoods are most likely to be those who choose to take transit, walk, and bike, and we should be working for their benefit. Yet the almost inevitable choice of the 3A [Kenilworth] alignment indicates that government today, even in its transit policy, isn't doing so."



Ms. Coyote stands in for the Urban Coyote

By Susan Lenfestey

The Urban Coyote had other things on his mind, so Ms. Coyote is filling in. The turkey tale below is taken from a longer ramble that Ms. Coyote wrote on the Nextdoor website.

Last summer, a lone turkey took up residence in our yard and after glutting herself on our artisanal birdseed, decided to stay for the winter. The novelty of a turkey on your porch steps quickly wears off, but after several efforts to establish myself as the alpha -- run at her with a broom, as recommended by the DNR -- I gave in. How could she survive in sub-zero temps, huddled by day against the southern wall of our house, and perched by night on the bare branch of a tree across the street?

And why was she not in a flock, like most turkeys? Was she too shy or too arrogant to hang with the others? Had she been shunned for her looks or her beliefs? I took pity, and when feeding the other birds who cluster at our feeders, I started leaving a handful of seeds on the ground for her.

We were out of town for a week in mid-March, and friends reported no sight of "my" turkey. I thought maybe she was disconsolate over my absence and would reappear when her acorn-sized brain noticed I was back. But another week went by with no sign of her, not in the yard, not on her perch. Then, a few days later, while walking our daughter's dog, I saw a huge Tom Turkey, his head shimmering iridescent blue, which is turkey talk for "Whatcha doin' tonight?" and two hens making whoopee, or at least a ruckus, at the north end of our block. The dog, smaller than they are, caused them to rise with a startling whoosh straight up into the branches above, where they stood like storks. Never mind surviving a winter, how did these big-bodied, long-legged, bare-headed birds ever make it through the evolutionary keyhole?

I concluded that my gal had moved on. She'd found a mate, and maybe a gal pal as well, and would no longer be lonely.

But the next morning, her spring fling apparently over, she was back -- and she brought her new besties with her. I tried the alpha thing on the newbies, but after a squawking scuttle out of the yard they sauntered right back in. And in the bright sun of this chilly day, I could see red wattles and an alarming blue tint to head

of the smaller turkey, the one I presumed was another female. This did not bode well for my previously cloistered nun-hen. Too many margaritas on spring break? Nor did it bode well for our muddy little yard, soon to be a hatchery, or a petting zoo.

The larger Tom turkey spent the entire afternoon 'displaying', with the juvenile male tagging around next to him, trying to achieve the same effect. (Unsuccessfully.) The tail feathers fanned out, the wings drooped, all the under feathers puffed up like an inflatable life vest. It was both impressive and pathetic, apparently the latter in the eye of Ms. Turkey, who found scratching under the bird feeder more to her liking. Poor Mr. Tom seemed to have no control over this puffed up state whatsoever, which should come as no surprise to anyone. It lasted nearly four hours, making we wonder if I should call his physician. Or, having watched him for four hours, if I should call mine.

I googled how turkeys mate, because -- well, wouldn't you? Lots of feathers and long scaly legs to work around. I learned, among other things, that turkey hens lay as many as 14 eggs in a shallow indent in the ground, where they are very vulnerable to predators. (Did I mention the evolutionary keyhole?) We have seen fox in our yard, raccoons, the occasional coyote, and a feral cat. While I don't want a clutch of poults here, I also don't want to witness the carnage of the food chain.

The next morning tree trimmers arrived in the yard, disrupting the courtship, or stalking, depending on how you look at it. Later that day I saw two fully inflated turkeys in the Blys' yard, pursuing my gal, who scuttled under some brush.

She's been back once since then, alone, but left quickly. Did she find Mr. Tom's display irresistible? Is she now sitting dutifully on that shallow indent of a nest in someone else's yard, planning to return proudly with her brood? Or did she fly the coop, so to speak, wanting no part of parenting? Time will tell.

It reminds me of having teenagers. When she's not here, I worry that she's hurt or worse. And if and when she finally strolls in, poults in tow, I'll wish that she was. (Just joking kids, it all worked out.) But I am googling relocation programs.

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True words in 2009, and even more so today. Think how hugely midtown Minneapolis has changed in just the past ten years -- how Bennett Lumber used to occupy whole city blocks, how a few hundred residents have been joined by many thousands more. Think of the city's intense focus on densification and on increasing transit options -- which it has neither the money nor the magic wand to make happen on its own. Think of how completely this mass-transit SWLRT line fails to serve the masses of Minneapolis residents in Uptown, Lyn-Lake, Whittier, south and southwest.

SWLRT is not "the little engine that could," as some would have it, moving pluckily forward in the face of endless opposition from NIMBYs who want to protect their backyard views. Rather, SWLRT is a juggernaut, championed by developers, suburban cities, and the Hennepin County board, whose route through the Kenilworth Corridor was decided upon in the early 1980s and whose backers have remained resolutely

blind to the folly of insisting that a mass-transit line bypass the tens of thousands of residents and potential riders in south Minneapolis.

Many people have labored mightily to keep this fateful first step of clear-cutting the corridor from happening, working on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people who use and love the corridor -- many of whom will receive a rude jolt in three weeks when they find their beloved trail closed.

The end of April 2019 finds us downhearted at the deforestation we apparently have been unable to forestall. We are dismayed at the lost opportunity to benefit our city's southsiders with a mass-transit line. We mourn the destruction of an endangered bee habitat and the diminishment of habitat for all the living things that call the Kenilworth Corridor "home" -- including ourselves.

Kenilworth memories

See page 7 inside this issue.

Opposition letters to cutting down trees in the Kenilworth Corridor green space.

Office of Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan,

We are writing to you on behalf of Kenilworth Preservation Group (KPG), Lakes & Parks Alliance of Minneapolis (LPA), Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA), Kenwood Neighborhood Organization and LRT Done Right.

We ask for your assistance in preserving the integrity of the Kenilworth Corridor green space by suspending the Met Councils plan to begin cutting down trees in the corridor in the upcoming weeks for SWLRT, until full funding from the FTA is absolutely certain.

Federal funding of SWLRT is highly uncertain. As of now, the Met Council has only received a commitment of 245 days of construction reimbursement from the FT A. The FT A has not even invited the Met Council to APPLY for a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA). The Met Council is a long way from receiving federal APPROVAL of a FFGA and faces many funding uncertainties.

Once we destroy this corridor between the Chain of Lakes, we cannot alter the consequences. It would be a terrible oversight of this administration to allow this park setting to be destroyed without 100% certainty that the light rail will indeed be funded/built. Please note that this is not simply a neighborhood request. According to the Met Council's own data, more than 600,000 people use and enjoy this corridor every year.

Although we understand the need to start the project, destroying full-grown trees that will take 25+ years to replace is gross negligence should the project be delayed or altered.

Hennepin County Chair Marion Green informed the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhoods that Hennepin County hired a lobbying group to convince the FT A to approve full funding. We have since learned they hired Cardinal Infrastructure at a cost of \$200,000.00.

Why would the State of Minnesota/ Met Council destroy one of the most pristine areas of the region until they know for absolute certainty that full federal funding has been approved?

In addition, SWLRT still faces an active lawsuit in Federal Court and potential for another suit to be brought. There are many uncertainties in this corridor that are unresolved.

While we have been criticized for not supporting SWLRT, we have stood firm in our resolve that the route, along with co-location of freight rail and LRT, have been at the core of our debate, not the need for it.

We were promised that co-location would NOT happen in this corridor. Our burden is now extreme and the very park-like setting of this great city will be destroyed beyond repair.

We ask that you impose a moratorium on tree-cutting in the Kenilworth Corridor until the Met Council can show that it has received the FFGA for the federal governments share for the entire project, along with any/all remaining funding that is needed.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Stuart Chazin (Chair/Kenilworth Preservation Group)
David Lilly (Chair/Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis)
Mary Pattock (Chair/Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association)
Shawn Smith (Chair/Kenwood Neighborhood Organization)
Jeanette Colby (Founding Member, LRT Done Right)
Curt & Catherine Gunsbury (Board Member LPA)
George and Catherine Puzak (Board Member LP A)
Jim & Cindie Smart

Minneapolis Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board
April 12, 2019
Nora Slawik, Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert St N
St Paul MN 55101

Dear Chair Slawik,
City of Lakes

We understand that the plan to remove the trees in the Kenilworth Corridor to make way for Southwest LRT construction is set for April or May. We know that receipt of the Letter of No Prejudice has been taken as an indication by the Metropolitan Council that the Full Funding Grant Agreement is a mere formality and may be issued soon. However, we are also aware that the current federal administration has not been finalizing and releasing transit project funds for projects that would otherwise have been deemed ready to go.

We urge you in the strongest terms possible to delay clear cutting the trees in the corridor until all possible impediments to the construction of SWLRT have been resolved.

As you know, the bucolic character of this corridor is prized by many. It is heavily used. In the event that SWLRT does not proceed for any reason, elimination of this unique, urban forest preserve and passageway would be a reckless and irreversible mistake. At a minimum, should construction be delayed for whatever reason, losing the ability to enjoy it for this spring and summer season would be a shame.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. Scott Dibble Frank Hornstein
State Senator, District 61 State Representative, District 61 A

Lisa Goodman Jono Cowgill
City Council Member, Ward 7 Park Commissioner, District 4

Meg Forney LaTrisha Vetaw
Park Commissioner, At Large Park Commissioner, At Large

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Neighborhood Petition Regarding Chown Triangle

To: Colleen O'Dell, SSAMP Project Manager - CODell@minneapolisparcs.org
Jono Cowgill, MPRB Commissioner - jcowgill@minneapolisparcs.org

Cc: Mary Pattock, CIDNA Board Chair - patto017@umn.edu

The undersigned are residents of the City of Minneapolis who live on or near Chown Triangle ("the Triangle"). The Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has proposed two plans for the Triangle. Some of us have already provided MPRB with our individual comments on the plans. We submit this Petition as a neighborhood to inform MPRB of our opposition to the proposals. We respectfully request that MPRB refrain from undertaking any elaborate alterations to the Triangle in favor of maintaining its current open, airy space. Among our reasons for this Petition are the following.

MPRB should not supplant children's imaginations with its own adult version of what desirable play should take place in an otherwise versatile space like the Triangle. Children, for decades, have devised a variety of uses for the Triangle. That play has included various ball games, badminton, tree climbing, hammocks,

swings, balance beams, tag, snow forts, and many other activities. Children have done this because their imaginations have not been constrained by anything but the natural setting that exists at the Triangle.

Adults have similarly used the Triangle for neighborhood gatherings on holidays, Family Night Out, and impromptu get togethers. We have a weekly summer-time party on Thursday nights, and it is sometimes held at the Triangle. Having an open space allows a large number of neighbors to gather in one place.

Both proposed plans call for crowding what is now an open, natural space with plantings and equipment. Overplanting is of particular concern. Right now, the open space allows parents to check on their children's safety. It also gives Triangle users and pedestrians a clear view of the surrounding streets. Planting large bushes will impair that view and may provide cover for predators.

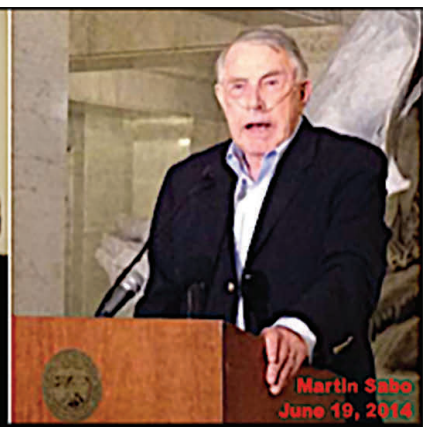
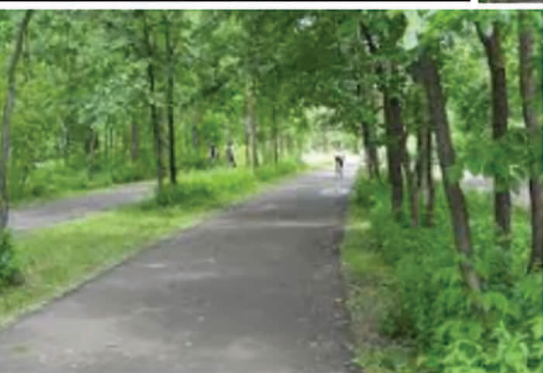
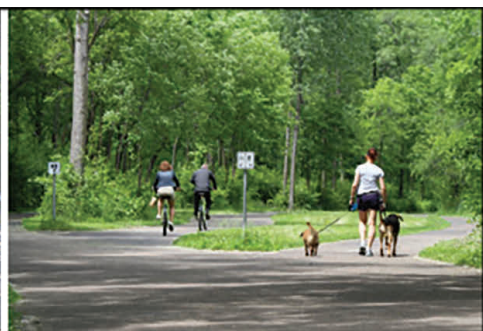
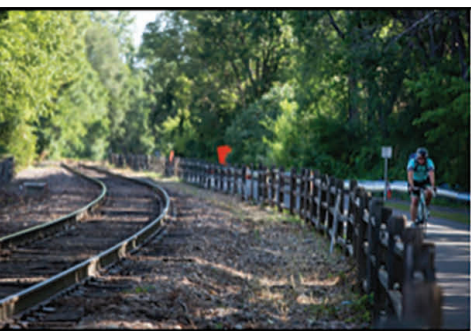
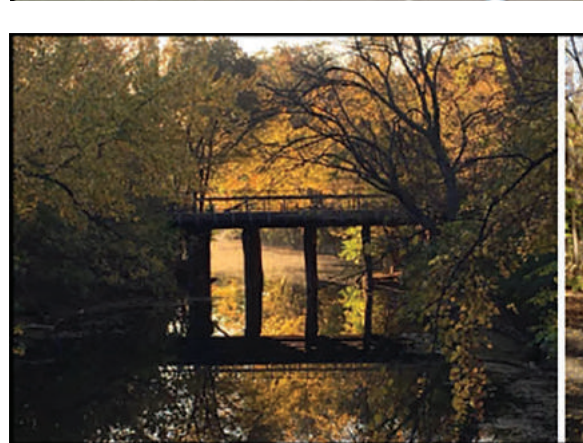
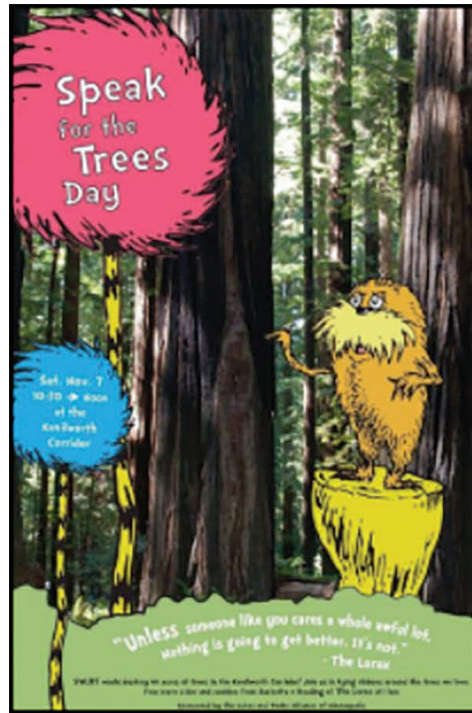
This petition was accompanied by the signatures of 42 residents.

As the City of Minneapolis has grown, we have seen the size and number of "accidental" open spaces like the Triangle disappear. Such spaces should be preserved as open land with trees, grass, and fresh air. They do not need to be filled with structures or extensive plantings. They provide us with a measure of serenity in our busy lives precisely because they're unadorned.

The proposed plans entail the expenditure of significant taxpayer dollars without adding value to the urban experience. On the contrary, the plans diminish the present value by occupying our existing open spaces within the City of Minneapolis and by limiting the ways in which residents can use the space.

Kenilworth memories

Photo Montage by Michael Wilson



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Photo by Susan Lenfestey

And now, my cute little turkey feeding game is over. https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith_wildlife/turkeys/index.html

- Don't feed turkeys. Keep wild things wild! Feeding, whether direct or indirect, can cause turkeys to act tame and may lead to bold or aggressive behavior, especially in the breeding season.
- Keep bird feeder areas clean. Use feeders designed to keep seed off the ground, as the seed attracts turkeys and other wild animals. Clean up spilled seed from other types of feeders daily. Temporarily discontinue feeding birds if turkeys are a nuisance. Remove feeders in the spring, as there is plenty of natural food available for all birds.
- Do not allow turkeys to be comfortable in the presence of people; chase turkeys away from your residence. Don't let turkeys intimidate you. Don't hesitate to scare or threaten a bold, aggressive turkey with loud noises, swatting with a broom or water sprayed from a hose. A dog on a leash is also an effective deterrent.

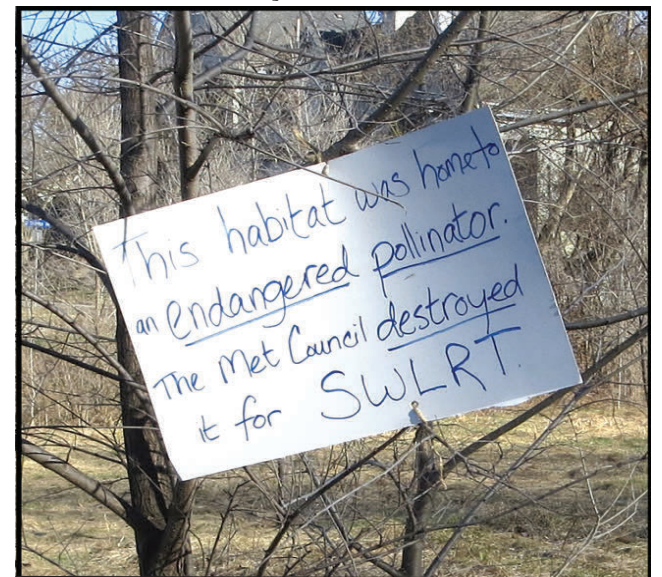
Met Council orders secret destruction of endangered bee from page one

explained that the habitat "may be impacted during construction during the bees' active season (April to October); therefore, to minimize and reduce the potential for conflict to active bees, floral areas will be mowed before local food sources (i.e., nectar producing vegetation) become available."

In other words, we have to destroy the village to save it. When the landscaping is restored after three years of construction, will there be any rusty patched bumble bees left to repopulate it?

Meanwhile, on April 5, 2019, Governor Walz signed an executive order explicitly protecting the rusty patched bumble bee and other imperiled pollinators. Too late for our friends along the Kenilworth Trail. For the record.

[Go to <rustypatched.com> to learn more about the bees. Go to <vimeo.com/149689195> to watch the film "A Ghost in the Making: Searching for the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee."]



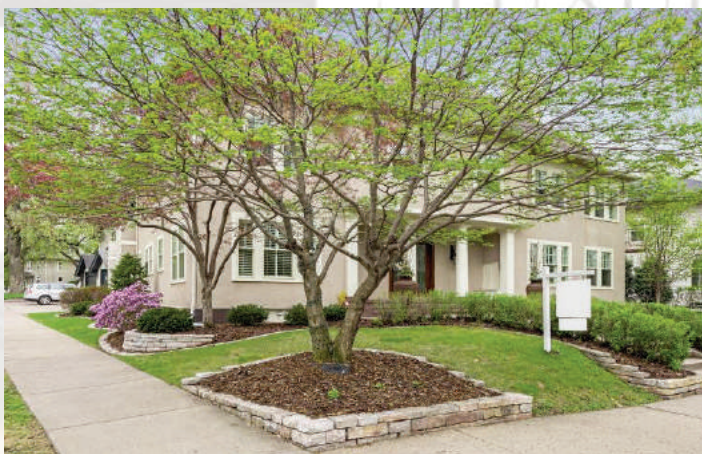
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Jim Moore's Pankake Poetry Series Reading

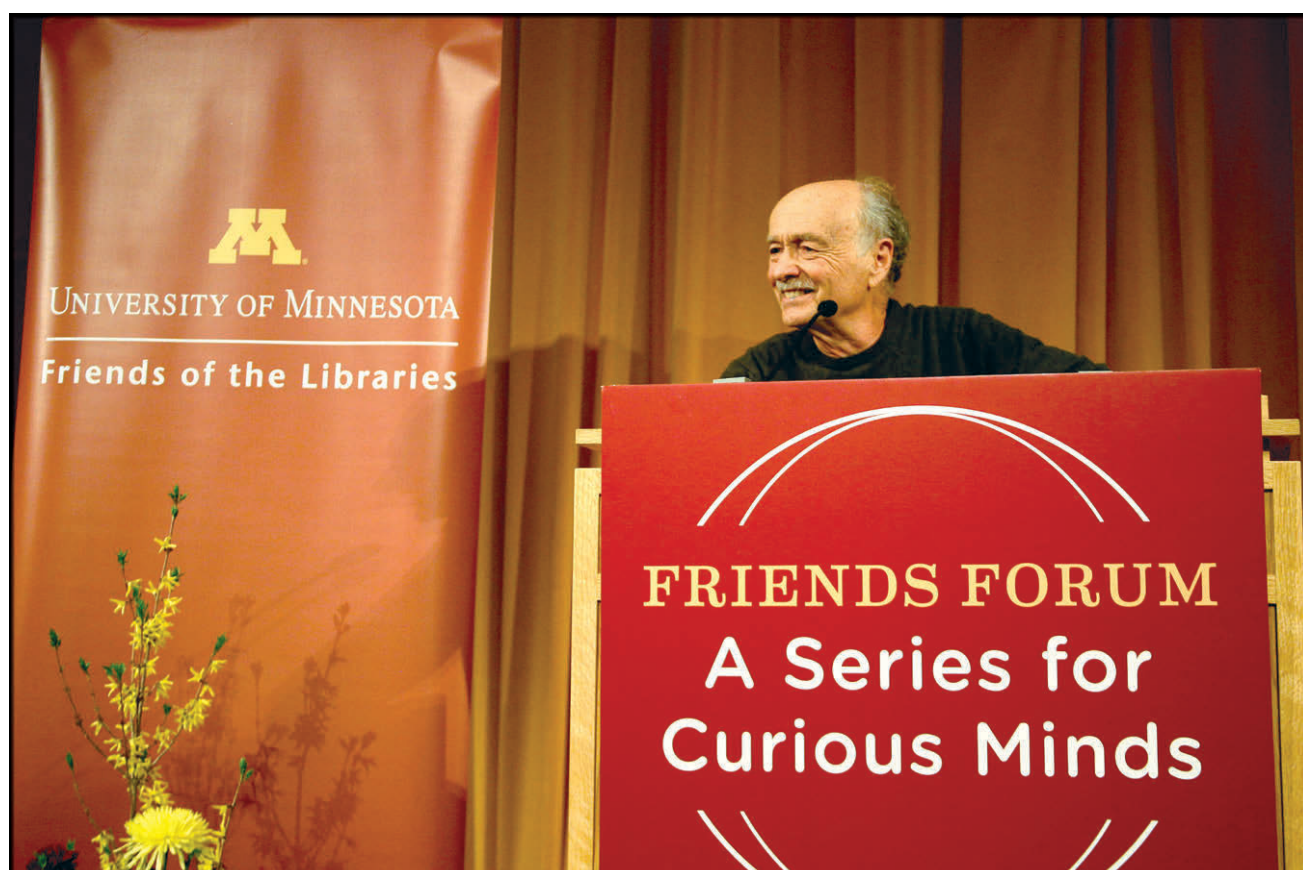


Photo by Dorothy Childers

Award-winning poet Jim Moore dazzled a full house April 3 at the Cowles Auditorium in the Humphrey Institute for the annual Marcea Pankake Poetry Reading sponsored by the Friends of the University Libraries. Moore was introduced by neighborhood resident Jim Lenfestey, poet and member of the board of Friends of the University Libraries.

Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir Spring Concert
Narrated Musical Tour of the Evolution of Gospel
Saturday May 4, 2019, 7:00-8:30 pm

The Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir (TCCGC) will perform a narrated musical tour of the evolution of gospel at its Spring Concert "For the Love of Gospel" on Saturday, May 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm. The concert will be held at Sanctuary Covenant Church, 2018 Aldrich Avenue in North Minneapolis.

TCCGC will present a ninety-minute compilation of the most popular gospel music of the last 100 years. From Dem Bones to People Get Ready; from Precious Lord to O Happy Day; this concert will not only educate and inspire, it invites the audience to clap their hands and sing along!

For 29 years, the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir has been entertaining audiences with a blend of historical and contemporary gospel music. TCCGC's mission is to use gospel music to inspire audiences with the message of hope, joy and harmony across all communities, and it has done exactly that throughout the Twin Cities and the state of Minnesota.

Founded by gospel music great, Robert Robinson, the choir brings together a diverse group of singers who perform to a wide range of equally diverse audiences. Funds raised at this concert enable the choir to continue to serve the community with low-cost and no-cost appearances. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under are free.

For more information contact Jack Perkins, Executive Director at info@tccgospel.org

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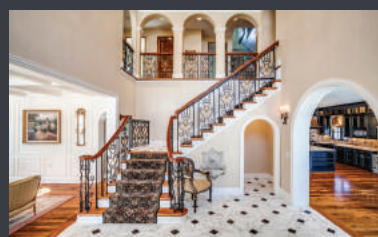
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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Respectfully Submitted, Chas Scheiderer

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2019 Kenwood Recreation Center Convened at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Michael Cockson, Lee Switzenberg, Sam Ellingson, Bob Hinck, Fran Davis, Craig Wilson, Chas Scheiderer, Jennifer Breitingner, Toni D'Eramo.

Others Present: Sarah Sandgren, Edward Hancock, Sandra and Neal Gunderson, Mark Tierney, Colleen O'Dell (City Planning), Lisa Goodman (City Council).

Community Update was provided by Councilwoman Lisa Goodman. Lisa reviewed several upcoming community events and invited people to the Lunch with Lisa where the Transportation Action Plan will be discussed. Lisa also reminds everyone to call 311 if they need city assistance to clear snow, ice or repair potholes.

The Board of Adjustment has two openings. The board reviews zoning variances before the planning commission.

Meetings are underway for the 2020 Neighborhood recommendations; look for opportunities to have your voice heard.

The Bridge is planning to create an area specifically for young parents called Marlene's Place.

Treasurer's Report: LHNA has a balance of \$11,300. Bills are up to date.

Crime and Safety: Lee Switzenberg contacted our new MPD liaison, Jessica Kawas, and will invite her to

a future board meeting. There was a brief discussion concerning the benefits of using Next Door Neighborhood social media to stay current on what is going on in the area.

Events: The board decided on May 14 for the 2019 annual meeting. Chas Scheiderer will contact the Walker Arts Center as a possible location.

"Historic Lake of the Isles Walking Tour" is planned for June 2 at 2 to 4pm rain or shine. The "History of Lowry Hill" tour is planned for May 4 at 10AM to noon is planned. A \$10 per person or \$25 family donation is suggested. Donations will benefit Alliance Housing for the Lake of the Isles Tour, and will benefit Preserve Minneapolis for the Lowry Hill history tour. LHNA will match the donations. Details and signup information can be found on the LHNA website.

Neighborhood Priorities: Craig Wilson reported that he met with J. Cowgill of the Park Board and M. Schroeder to discuss the process of setting the Park Board priorities. We will need to wait until after April when the process is complete before we can move on the renovation of Thomas Lowry Park. Craig also mentioned we may need to pursue historic designation for the Seven Pools in Thomas Lowry Park.

The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is developing a fundraising program. The FTLTP are encouraging both the LHNA and FTLTP boards to have 100% participation in the fund raising effort.

Colleen O'Dell, Senior Planner at the Park and Recreation Board, discussed the concept designs for local parks. The initial concept designs can be viewed at Southwest Recreation Centers and online at www.minneapolis.org/sw. Everyone is encouraged to comment. Colleen encourages people to contact her directly at codell@minneapolisparcs.org.

Historic: Nothing to report.

Communications: LHNA e-newsletter was sent March 2, the next e-newsletter will be sent April 6. Details and signup information to be finalized and posted on the LHNA website. An ad with LHNA news and announcements will be prepared for the March Hill and Lake Press. Meetings will be announced and posted on lowryhillneighborhood.org and NextDoor.

Affordable Housing Assistance: We have \$93,000 we can invest in affordable housing from Phase II – Strategy 3.1 - Housing Projects.

We began discussing possible uses for these funds.

Propel NonProfits made a short presentation summarizing our past relationship with them and proposing a new investment in YouthLink, the most comprehensive drop-in center for homeless youth in the twin cities. YouthLink includes 46 units of permanent supportive housing.

Meeting adjourned.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Respectfully Submitted by: Molly Fleming Coordinator, East Isles Residents Association

East Isles Residents Association 2019 Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019 6:30-9:00 p.m. Isles Bun, 1424 W 28th Street

Agenda

Social Hour & Refreshments: (6:30-7:00)

Welcome & Announcements: Brad Ash, EIRA President (7:00-7:05)

Community Speakers (7:05-7:25)

Rep. Frank Hornstein took the floor to speak about the work he's been doing during the current legislative session, including getting a Hands Free Driving Bill passed. He thanked the neighborhood for their ongoing support.

Sen. Scott Dibble then spoke, and echoed Rep. Hornstein's thanks to the community. He spoke about his legislative agenda for the last 5 weeks of the current session, and encouraged anyone who has something they'd like to see to email or call his office.

Minneapolis School Board Director for District 4, Bob Walser, introduced himself and said that he is always open to meetings with people in the neighborhood to talk about Minneapolis Public Schools.

Mayor Jacob Frey took the floor to say a few words about the hard work the East Isles Residents Association has been doing. He mentioned the Farmers Market, the Lakeshore Restoration project and a few other projects. The Mayor emphasized that the only way that these projects get done is by involved citizens "rolling up their sleeves".

He also spoke about his greater agenda for Minneapolis, and that since the last time he spoke at the 2018 East Isles Residents Association Annual meeting, he has made great strides in improving and increasing the available affordable housing in Minneapolis. He also commented on the success of the Final Four tournament that had just wrapped up, saying that he has heard that the results of a survey that was given out to visitors were overwhelmingly positive.

The final community speaker was Parks Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill. He spoke about his efforts, as well as those of the Parks Board, to stop the use of single use plastics in our parks and in our city. He also thanked Debbie Gold and EIRA for their ongoing efforts with the Farmers Market, the first on MPRB land.

EIRA President, Brad Ash, delivered Council Member Lisa Goodman's report since she was out-of-

town. The next Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (12:00-1:00) at St. Thomas (Opus Hall #202). Yard waste collection began the week of April 8th and street sweeping will begin soon – be on the lookout for posted street signs. Transportation-related community workshops are happening around the city in April (<http://go.minneapolismn.gov/>). There are still many city commission and board openings, please check City website if interested (<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm>)

President's Report (7:25-7:50)

Brad Ash recapped the 2018 year with reports on the Farmers Market, green initiatives and increased outreach. Please see our website for a recap handout that was distributed at the meeting. Then he discussed upcoming 2019 events including the Earth Day cleanup, ice cream social, wine tasting and Farmers Markets. He expressed 2019 goals should include further improvements in outreach and communications and working with the city as our greater neighborhood area continues to grow.

Finally, President Ash concluded with information about our neighborhood representatives for the Minnesota Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Southwest Service Area Master Plan, Craig Wilson and Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), Michael Malone. Craig Wilson has been participating in a series of workshops that just wrapped up and they will begin working on draft plans for the long-term vision of our parks. Meanwhile, NCEC is currently in contentious negotiations with Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) over the process and timeline for Neighborhoods 2020. Many neighborhoods in our district and across the city have sent letters opposing parts or all of this plan and how it would impact neighborhood funding.

Introduce EIRA Coordinator (7:50 – 7:55)

The new coordinator, Molly Fleming, introduced herself and said a few words. She expressed her excitement about working for East Isles.

Treasurer's Report (7:55 – 8:00)

Amy Sanborn, Treasurer, that EIRA's finances are still doing well. She also reported that this year, due to the volume of sponsorships and profit from the Farmer's Market, our taxes had to be done differently and likely will need to be done in this new way going forward.

NRP Committee (8:00 – 8:05)

Mike Erlandson, Vice President of the Board and NRP Chair, reported on the EIRA Projects from the last year, namely the lakeshore restoration project. He and the NRP committee are working with MPRB to put in a shade structure at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. He also wanted to make sure everyone knew that any community member is welcome to attend an NRP committee meeting and bring their ideas for projects to the committee for consideration.

Zoning & Transportation Committees (8:05 – 8:15)

Andrew Degerstrom, Zoning Chair, reported on the project proposals that the Zoning Committee has heard. The include new multi-family buildings and a single family home. Andrew announced that, pending Board approval in May, the Zoning and Transportation Committees will be combined into a single committee. Anybody who is interested in joining the new committee or sitting in on meetings is invited to do so. Andrew also presented details on two transit projects, the METRO B and E Lines, coming to East Isles in the next several years (www.metrotransit.org/abrt). There will be an open house for both projects at Walker Library on May 22 from 4-6:30 pm.

East Isles Farmers Market (8:15 – 8:25)

Debbie Gold, Board Secretary and Director of the Farmers Market, reported on its rousing success last year and asked neighbors to continue their support by coming to shop. She plans to use lessons learned from last year to make the 2019 Market season even better. This year's season--in addition to more produce and flowers--will feature new and unique vendors such as a licensed, pharmaceutical grade CBD oil vendor, cheese, Kombucha, mushrooms, and homemade ice cream sandwiches vendors as well as fun activities such as Goat Yoga. The market opens on Thursday, June 13 and runs through September 12th.

Action Items (8:25 – 8:45)

• **Amending Bylaws**

Ellen Van Iwaarden presented her memo and new proposed bylaws to the meeting. The new bylaws will allow for East Isles Residents Association to become a

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BY MONICA SMITH



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 10, 2019. The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Barbara Lunde, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck.

Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Lowell Berggren, Mary Harlow, Amanda Vallone, Vern Vander Weide. Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The CIDNA Board approved a motion to provisionally approve the board meeting minutes via email for publication in the Hill & Lake Press. The minutes will be formally approved at the following month's board meeting.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

CIDNA and Kenwood Neighborhood Organization hosted a Southwest LRT public meeting on March 20. They are now organizing a follow-up meeting focusing on safety.

Neighborhoods 2020: CIDNA submitted its response to the City's Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) staff recommendations. Several neighborhoods are asking for a delay in the process to redraft the recommendations on how the city and neighbor-

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501c3. Other changes included making all language gender neutral, lowering the age of membership to 16, and amending membership requirements. The meeting voted unanimously to adopt the new bylaws.

• **Board Elections**

There were 5 new members interested in running for the board. Andrew Degerstrom, MacKenzie Nelson, John Barnett, Kate Svitavsky and Emma Erdahl. Seven current board members, Julia Curran, John Grochala, Steve Havig, John Morrow, Debbie Gold, Ellen Van Iwaarden and Mike Erlandson were willing to stand for re-election. This resulted in there being one more candidate than slots available. As a result, Kate Svitavsky graciously volunteered to run as a board alternate. John Erlandson who could not attend was also nominated and voted in as a board alternate.

John was nominated after the bylaws had been changed to allow board members as young as 16, making him one of the youngest elected neighborhood leaders in the city. A voice vote was held and Degerstrom, Nelson, Barnett, Erdahl, Curran, Grochala, Havig, Morrow, Gold, Van

Iwaarden and M. Erlandson were elected to the board with Svitavsky and

J. Erlandson elected as alternates.

Open Forum (8:45-9:00)

Adjourn

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

hood organizations should work together. NCR is reviewing the public comments and will make a presentation to the City Council's Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights and Engagement (PECE) Committee on Monday, May 6, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. A public hearing will be held at this meeting.

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is proposing an ordinance to allow MPRB to change parkway names with the approval of six commissioners.

MPRB Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SW Parks Plan): CIDNA electronically approved a comment letter. CIDNA bylaws allow for electronic voting. Future board practice will be to call for an up or down vote when voting electronically.

The next SW Parks Community Advisory Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Lyndale Farmstead Rec Center.

Southwest LRT: The Met Council is opposing proposed legislation requiring them to meet with the Calhoun Isles Condominium Association (CICA) to discuss vibration impacts of SWLRT construction, and to reimburse CICA \$250,000 for related engineering and legal expenses. A State Senate bill would eliminate state funding for operating costs of transit lines or extensions that are put in operation after July 2019, and would eliminate the current state funding for light rail construction.

Transportation Action Plan community workshops:

April 9, 4:00-6:00, Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 W 60th St

April 11, 5:00-7:00, Longfellow Recreation Center, 3435 36th Ave S

April 16, 4:00-6:00, Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson St NE

April 22, 4:00-6:00, Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall

April 24, 5:00-7:00, Farview Recreation Center, 621 N 29th Ave

Online (Facebook Live): April 30, 6:30-7:30, City of Minneapolis Facebook page

More information: go.minneapolismn.gov

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

Earth Day Clean Up at Cedar Lake: Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Metro B Line, planned Lake St bus rapid transit open house meetings:

May 1, 4:00-6:00, South High School, 3131 S 19th Ave

May 2, 4:30-6:30, Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave, St Paul

May 4, 11:00-1:00, Oxford Community Center, 270 Lexington Pkwy N, St. Paul

May 22, 4:00-6:30 p.m., Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave S, shared open house with METRO E Line (Hennepin Ave)

More information: metrotransit.org/b-line-project
East Calhoun Pkwy will be closed for resurfacing from April 11-May 3.

CIDNA is planning a summer events postcard.

Council Member Lisa Goodman submitted the following:

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, April 24, noon at the University of St. Thomas. The topic will be the Transportation Action Plan.

Curbside yard waste collection has begun for the season.

Street sweeping will begin April 16.

Treasurer's Update

Monica Smith reviewed CIDNA's funding sources.

NRP Committee Report, Claire Ruebeck

The committee met in March and discussed the SW Parks Plan, dedication plaques for Park Siding Park and Cedar Lake South Beach and the Park Stewardship Agreement for Park Siding Park gardening. 2019 gardening days: May 18 then the fourth Saturday of each month June-September.

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 3:00 p.m. at Rustica.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Steve is monitoring the pedestrian impacts of the construction at 3100 W Lake.

Vision Committee, Mary Pattock

The CIDNA Board will hold a board retreat on Saturday morning, June 15. Meredith Fox will facilitate the retreat (\$1,300 fee).

Old business: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is Wednesday, May 8. Social hour 5:30-6:30, meeting 6:30-8:00. Jones-Harrison has offered to donate wine for the social hour.

Our new Met Council representative, Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, will be the keynote speaker. Other confirmed speakers are CM Goodman, Rep. Hornstein and Senator Dibble.

Print promotion will include postcard invitation, Hill & Lake Press ad and lawn signs.

Board candidates will be asked to complete a Nomination Form, which information will be shared with meeting attendees. Nominees from the floor will be asked to provide the same information orally.

New Business:

Variance Application, Peterssen/Keller Architecture

The architects are working on a renovation project for 2728 W Lake of the Isles Pkwy. The existing home is built on a steep slope and currently within the front setback. The proposed design does not change the footprint of the home but modifies the pitch of the 2nd floor roof in the two areas that sit within the required front setback. To build the 2nd floor, variances are needed to reduce the front yard setback and to develop within 40 feet of the top of a steep slope. The homeowner has reached out to immediate neighbors about the project.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 25, 4:30 p.m., City Hall.

The CIDNA Board approved a motion stating that the board has no objection and will extend consideration to concerns from immediate neighbors. At this time, the board is not aware of any concerns.

May Day Baskets for Jones-Harrison Residents

Amanda Vallone is organizing May Day basket-making for Jones-Harrison residents on Monday, April 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and delivery on Tuesday, April 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. The board approved a budget of up to \$200.

Summer Solstice Party

Amanda Vallone proposed a Summer Solstice Party on Friday, June 21. The CIDNA Board suggested that the event be held at Cedar South Beach and voted to form a planning committee that will present a budget to the board for electronic approval.

Land Use Committee

The board appointed Evan Carlson chair of the Land Use Committee with the intention that he will develop a committee.

Proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Minneapolis is looking to establish a new housing replacement TIF district for the purpose of acquiring and preparing vacant land, vacant housing, or standard housing for sale for the development of market rate housing. Public comments are due by noon on May 20. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. Evan Carlson volunteered to research this issue and bring to the board if action is recommended.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting

CIDNA annual meeting, Wednesday, May 8. Social hour 5:30-6:30 p.m.; meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m., Jones-Harrison Residence

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

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

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

BY AMY NOBLE

April 2019 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met April 1, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeanette Colby, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Kyle Leier, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, Jack Levi, and Will Stensrud; Absent: Angie Erdrich and Mark Brown. Also present: Amanda Vallone, Marc Holtey, Aria Christenson, and 3 neighbors.

The agenda was amended to indicate end of meeting time as 8:30 PM and added agenda items of East Cedar Lake Beach and KNO newsletter. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

City of Minneapolis Update – Shawn Smith

April Lunch with Lisa will be held on the 24th and guest speakers will discuss the Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan and Vision Zero Initiative. The lunch will be held at St. Thomas, Opus Hall; you may sign-up by email or by calling Lisa's office.

Leaf, bundled brush, and yard clipping collection begins the week of April 8th.

To collect community input on transportation, the city will be hosting community workshops and 1 online open house in April. For workshop dates, times, and locations, please visit <http://go.minneapolismn.gov/>

There are openings on several Minneapolis boards and commissions. If interested, please visit minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings

Planning for Annual Gathering and 2019-2020 Elections – Shawn Smith/Angie Erdrich

The annual KNO meeting will be held on May 6th at 6PM and will take place in the plaza at the Kenwood Recreation Center; if there is inclement weather, the meeting will be held inside.

Food will be provided by KNO, let us do the grilling! KNO will supply burgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, vegetarian grill options, veggie trays, chips, and drinks. Arrtrageous will have face-painting and other activities for children.

Election of board officers for 2019-2020 will take place, if anyone is interested in joining the KNO board, please contact Shawn Smith. KNO is also seeking volunteers and chairpersons for SWLRT, 2020 Parks, Diversity, Community Participation Program, and Fundraising.

Aria Christenson was introduced to the board; she is a new resident who is interested in becoming a board member

SW Neighborhood Parks Master Plan – Shawn Smith

Neighborhood outreach on proposed changes to Kenwood Parkway was completed, informational flyers were distributed to all homes on Kenwood Parkway

KNO sent a response to the park board regarding the SW Neighborhood Parks Master plan, specifically addressing the proposed changes to Kenwood Parkway and Kenwood Park. The response was based upon neighborhood input and feedback

There are upcoming opportunities for public comment on the park board proposals; to receive emails about events and news, sign up at https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/southwest_service_area_master_plan/

Endorsement of LHNA 2020 Neighborhoods Response – Shawn Smith

A motion was made to email Minneapolis City Council with the statement: "We ask you to instruct the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to partner in good faith with neighborhood organizations to revise the document for your consideration at a later date." The motion was seconded and passed with an unanimous vote.

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

Treasurer provided an updated report on the budget to include expenses and income. More detailed information is available upon request.

SWLRT Discussion – Shawn Smith

Joint board meeting with CIDNA was held on March 20th with representatives from SWLRT; approximately 120 people were in attendance and meeting minutes were posted

One concern generated from the meeting is fire/EMS response time when Cedar Lake Rd will be closed during construction. In talking with the city, the road is not proposed to be closed until 2020. A joint meeting with CIDNA will be scheduled with fire/EMS to better understand the city's emergency plan and to answer questions

At the joint meeting, Marion Greene had stated she would provide the names at the Federal Transportation Authority that Met Council is lobbying for full federal support of SWLRT; Shawn Smith will follow-up with Marion and request this information

A neighbor proposed that KNO board should inquire about having homeowners' property taxes lowered during SWLRT construction

A neighbor recommended that homeowners may want to consider having their home appraised prior to construction if their property is not a part of the SWLRT pre-inspection coverage

East Cedar Lake Beach 2019 Programming – Will Stensrud

A committee meeting will be held on April 18th, location to be determined

The Park Board has requested that KNO complete a formal stewardship form which will formally recognize KNO's volunteer efforts at East Cedar Lake Beach and become a part of the Park Steward Program

Bi-Annual Newsletter – Amanda Vallone

Amanda reviewed the newsletter's content

She recommended a new email to reflect the organization's name change; this new email will be printed in the newsletter

The newsletter will be completed by April 15th and residents should receive the newsletter approximately April 25th

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 8:49 PM.

Action Between Meetings - All

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

Neighborhood Events

Contract consultant to assist with communication/compliance

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 May 6th and is the annual meeting with board elections. It will begin at 6PM and will take place 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 in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization SW Neighborhood Parks Master Plan (Draft)

Response: Kenwood
March 24th, 2019

Introduction to Comments by the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

We are responding to proposals by the Park Board to make substantial changes to two of our most important neighborhood assets: Kenwood Parkway and Kenwood Park. As both have a historic legacy, any changes need to be taken under strong consideration. We have heard feedback from our constituents about the changes, and those that have come forward to engage have been very consistent in their concerns.

Overall, their comments are to proceed cautiously, if at all. There is general consensus for the Park Board to "leave and let be." While some natural improvements are interesting, we also request that they be balanced with preserving historic character and natural assets.

The proposed changes to these areas are seen as dramatic, man-made and permanent incursions. Many individual changes are seen as unnecessary and unwanted. Our constituents want to see the Parkway and the Park remain as natural as possible.

We would like clarification as to where the funds will be coming from. When the 20-year agreement was announced (between the City and the Park Board), the tax levy increase was deemed "necessary" because park board buildings faced "decades of neglect" and some were in need of major repair. Proposals to install disc golf and mountain bike trails are a substantial disconnect as to the justification of the levy increase. Our constituents see many of these improvements as a solution to a problem/wish list that does not exist, and an unwise use of public funds, which we keep hearing are limited.

If the Park Board is using equity to prioritize future capital expenditures, and many of the assets you are proposing are not wanted in Kenwood Parks, we recommend that those expenditures go to other neighborhoods that have more need for those assets. On the other hand, we would support expenditures that improve and enhance the natural environment, such as the native plantings and walking trails.

Finally, a word about the Community Advisory Committee. It was difficult to find a willing appointee initially because past CACs have deprioritized local input. There has been a general feeling of being a checkmark on a list to implement predetermined outcomes by using input from the general public that have no ties to the area. Larry Moran did volunteer to represent Kenwood. He recently stepped down from our board, and he saw an opportunity to share his local knowledge and expertise with the Park Board Advisory Committee. Since, he has raised serious concerns that outside interests and pre-determined outcomes diluted his expertise and feedback. Worse, in many cases the proposals were a surprise that he knew would meet with neighborhood disapproval.

Topics of Concern to our Constituents and Representatives

1. Kenwood Neighborhood Engagement in the Planning Process

Larry Moran was our CAC representative. What he has reported removed any confidence that our neighborhood specific interests have been heard or incorporated.

He has reported back that skateboarding, biking, and soccer enthusiasts from outside of our area had equal weight in the input to our area's parks as local representatives.

The representatives did not see the design concepts in advance of the general public (nor did KNO). They were surprised by concepts that were never discussed, including the elimination of a side of parking on Kenwood Parkway, relo-

cating recently renovated tennis courts at Kenwood Park, and creating a new parking lot within Kenwood Park. There was a missed opportunity to discuss these prior to public release, and now our constituents are objecting strongly.

He asserts that moving forward and prior to finalization, the Park Board and the designers need a better understanding of how individual parks are used, where investments have recently been made (at neighborhood expense in some cases), and how people feel towards these assets.

2. Addition of a Separated, Dedicated, Two Way Bike Lane to Kenwood Parkway

Every Kenwood Parkway resident that we have spoken to is opposed to this. We are told that the lane is part of a Master Infrastructure Plan, but how was it determined that it is needed in this space? There are few bikers currently using Kenwood Parkway due to the location of off-road lanes in the nearby Kenilworth Corridor, and there are lanes that connect the Greenway to Lake of the Isles. The bikers that do use the parkway are able to peacefully co-exist with motorists as they do on other parkways.

We do support pedestrian safety improvements because it is known that marked crosswalks prevent injuries and we have a shortage of marked crosswalks.

Further:

But if those crosswalks include a new median and the removal of boulevard space (and trees) to accommodate this configuration, then we object. The first mission of the Park Board should be "do no harm" to the environment and NOT remove mature trees (by the horse fountain).

The removal of one side of on street parking is a significant infringement on the customary usage and convenience that the 150 individual homeowners have historically had. Further, there is currently only one side of parking from Mount Curve to Douglas, which would be removed. This parking must be maintained; it is needed for elderly and family visitors to homes on this block.

We have contacted the Project Office to find out if other, less intrusive options were considered such as shared lanes, but have not heard a response.

Public notification has been poor. The posting of two small "changes coming" at each end of the Parkway is insufficient, and the mailing was not specific. Both methods were vague and cause the resident to have to hunt through the website to find the information, and the concerns of those most impacted will be under-represented until it is too late.

The Parkway is very winding, and is a major connector from Downtown to Kenwood, CIDNA, and West Calhoun. It cannot accommodate all the precision, individualized traffic lanes you are proposing without incidents involving cars and barriers, especially when there is snow or ice. Kenwood Parkway is a contributing resource to both the potential Grand Rounds Historic District and the potential Kenwood Parkway Residential Historic District. According to the evaluation and determination study for the latter, changing the width of the roadway, putting a median in it, or altering the boulevards by changing their width, removing trees, or adding a bicycle path would destroy the parkway as a historic resource that has maintained its overall character for over 100 years.

3. Kenwood Park Changes

If we need to select a proposal, we would select Option A, as it is the least intrusive.

We need room for nature in the city. Kenwood Park part of the Grand Round Historic District, a rare urban gem. We are open to some limited improvements, such as walking trails, picnic shelters, and native planting areas. But to make sweeping changes such as in Option B, and even some in Option A, are not seen as an appropriate change both in expense and in what is wanted.

Further:

Off Road or Mountain Biking trails will cause damage, erosion and excessive noise. The space there is limited and natural, and certainly there are better locations to add off road trails.

Substantial local and non-governmental money went into rehabbing the tennis courts, and they are now in good shape. Maintenance may be needed in the future but it does not seem necessary to remove and relocate them with tax dollars.

There are mixed opinions on a parking lot; we feel that removal of on street restrictions should be explored first to save on the use of public funds. Have you heard specific feedback regarding a need for a parking lot at Kenwood Park? If amenities like disc golf, sand volleyball, and on/off road bike trails are being considered, we would like more information as to whether these assets were called for by potential users of the park, or are they asks from out of area residents and special interest groups.

We, the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board, strongly urge the planners to revisit these proposals and modify accordingly. We request that our local CAC representatives be engaged prior to the next step in planning, and we request a public meeting to review the next round prior to finalization. We also request that these changes are reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

We also request that if work moves forward that is not consistent with our feedback that we meet with the appropriate Park Board leadership prior.

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board of Directors
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April 3, 2019

Colleen O'Dell, PLA
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Dear Ms. O'Dell,

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association would like to provide the following feedback we have unanimously agreed upon regarding parks in close proximity to our neighborhood where our neighbors are key stakeholders as regular users of the parks and taxpayers.

Thomas Lowry Park

Our preference is Concept A

- Retain and reconstruct the Seven Pools Fountain
- Retain and maintain the arbor and traditional planting scheme, with an open lawn area and ornamental planting beds
- The park is a historic, passive park whose character should be preserved
- Retain and reconstruct the brick pavers in the historic pathways
- Leave the Thomas Lowry statue where it is at Smith Triangle). The marble backdrop is too large for the scale of such a small park.
- No nature playground or native plants, which would disrupt the historical, passive nature of the park.

Kenwood Park

Our preference is Concept A

- LHNA invested nearly \$90K in new tennis courts and we would like to see them remain in their current location.
- Wetland and naturalized hillsides are welcome additions.
- Walking path through oak grove on hill may be unnecessary.
- We think that the upper park should be kept passive habitat without trails, the parking lot, and new courts.
- The number of fields seems excessive.
- As a general matter, we support less additional pavement everywhere.

Kenwood Parkway

We support leaving the parkway as is without a dedicated bike lane.

- Keep Kenwood Parkway Historic
- Create safer pedestrian crossings along the Parkway at major intersections: Mt. Curve; Douglas Ave; 21st St; Lake of the Isles Parkway.
- Slow traffic with such devices as bump outs, painted traffic lines and large crosswalks, etc.
- We are open to looking at possible bike paths through or on the edge of Kenwood Park to help connect

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Parade and Lake of the Isles in support of the broader goal of closing the Grand Rounds loop.

Parade

Due to severe lack of information, our Preference is Concept A:

- Our preference is for a pedestrian path around Spring Lake.

- We would like for the Park Board to take measures to improve water quality, biodiversity and buckthorn management at Spring Lake.

- Any realignment of roads and traffic management measures should be studied with a traffic demand study and plan. We do not have enough information to make a decision about the impacts of road realignment or roundabouts.

- We also need more information related to the proposed parking ramp, dome, elimination of surface parking, maintenance sheds, etc. We cannot make decisions based on limited information of these uses and impacts on our neighborhood.

- Since Parade is a regional resource, we support the broader philosophy of the inclusion of Minneapolis park users outside the neighborhood representing a diverse range of backgrounds/zip codes/sports experiences, bringing greater equity to our public schools.

- We would like for planning around Parade to include complete facilities for Minneapolis public schools sports that would be found in similar suburban districts-for example, it is an equity issue for hockey players to have the mobility to return to their various high schools to lift weights when other schools offer weight rooms next to rinks (not all students have cars or access to rides).

- We would like for the Park Board to further explore other use s for the Auggies' baseball park as it is a very desirable location and does not seem to be used by area stakeholders.

Otherwise we wish to support the desires of the Kenwood, East Isles and Cedar-Isles Dean neighborhoods.

Michael Cockson Its President



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48 Groveland Terr #106	164,000	4,000	250	157,900	C	1/1	655	176,000	2,425	1966	
1770 Bryant S #119	164,900	0	50	161,000	C	1/1	782	121,900	1,578	1968	
52 Groveland Terr #A208	184,900	0	6	184,900	C	1/1	750	164,000	2,306	1966	
2928 Dean Pkwy #2D	218,000	0	123	218,000	C	2/2	1,075	213,000	2,990	1960	
1425 W 28TH St #116	239,900	2000	43	244,250	C	2/2	1,020	138,425	1,949	1986	
2950 Dean Pkwy #1403	425,000	0	109	385,000	C	2/2	1,500	478,100	6,724	1978	
1819 Colfax S	425,000	0	13	425,500	TWN	3/3	2,220	355,000	4,988	1987	
2753 Ewing S	455,000	0	77	460,000	H	3/2	2,623	274,000	3,820	1929	
2425 Girard S	639,000	11,000	9	639,000	H	5/3	2,674	619,000	8,657	1905	
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1601 W 22nd St	1,150,000	0	113	1,105,000	H	3/3	4,524	1,212,000	19,263	1920	
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Where we are Now!

By Jean Deatrck, Editor

There is a lot to cover in our four neighborhoods this month. SWLRT destruction and changes in the MPRB's many parks. It is important that we review and write about all these issues. Because we are only a monthly newspaper, it is sometimes hard to be current.

As we all know, printed newspapers are declining all across the country. People aren't reading newsprint and are reading online. Hill and Lake Press still receives many emails and telephone calls from residents who say they appreciate our local coverage. We hope to continue, but we need your help.

Advertising is down and printing costs are up. Not a happy combination. If you know of a business that might benefit from advertising in Hill and Lake Press, please encourage them to advertise with us.

And we invite you to contribute to Hill and Lake Press. Our staff members don't receive monthly payments for their work and they do work hard. Jim Lenfestey, Craig Wilson, Heather Deatrck, Michael Wilson, Dorothy Childers, Madeleine Lowry, Tom Cook all contribute their time and expertise.

Please contribute to Hill and Lake Press if you appreciate our monthly newspaper. We can't go on without your help.

How to Recycle the Right Stuff

By Toni D'Eramo, Hennepin County Master Recycler Composter volunteer

Recycling has been in the news lately with shifts in markets and policy changes. People are wondering what actually happens to items they try to recycle. In Minnesota, the items coming from your homes are definitely being recycled - as long as they are on the acceptable recyclables

list. Our state law prohibits your recyclables from being trashed.

Why Do We Need to Reduce Contamination?

Contamination simply means NON-recyclable items or other waste have been put in your recycling cart and it's very important to reduce contamination, now more than ever.

Contamination increases the cost to process recyclables, and recyclers aren't getting paid as much for recyclables in today's market. This creates some tough economic hurdles for recycling. Contamination can also turn recyclables into trash. For example, foods or liquids placed in a recycling container can ultimately saturate tons of otherwise good paper and cardboard. When paper and cardboard loses its quality, it also loses its ability to be recycled. It becomes trash.

Changes in Acceptable Items

Here are some tips to help you reduce contamination. Note that

Minneapolis recently made a couple of changes; black plastics and #6 plastics are no longer accepted. And remember this: helpful saying: "When in doubt, throw it out."

Keep These Items OUT of Your Recycling Cart:

- 1) Plastic Bags, Plastic Wrap:
 - NO plastic grocery bags, shopping bags, Ziploc® or other food storage bags, trash bags, or plastic wrap.
 - These cause problems for recycling facilities because they get caught in the giant sorting machines and can bring everything to a standstill. Workers have to climb in and manually pry them out of the machines.

What to do instead: Take to your nearest drop-off. Most grocery, drug and mass merchandisers have plastic bag collection containers.

2) Paper Cups, Paper Plates:

- No coffee cups, fast food beverage cups, picnic plates, etc.
- They are contaminated with food or lined with plastic and not recyclable.

What to do instead: Put in the trash. If they are certified compostable (look for the BPI symbol) they can go in your compost container.

3) Plastic Utensils, Plastic Straws:

- Not recyclable at our facilities. They are too small and fall through the sorting equipment.

What to do instead: Put in trash. Try to use paper straws, silverware, or certified compostable utensils.

4) Black Plastics

- Black plastics are NOT ACCEPTABLE for our recycling.

- Why? Plastics are sorted by a laser. The laser cannot "see" and identify these because black plastic absorbs the light. They would have to be pulled and sorted by hand.

- These logistics combined with weak demand, make recycling black plastic not economically feasible.

What to do instead: Put in the trash OR avoid purchasing these items. Encourage businesses using them to switch to recyclable or compostable alternatives.

5) Glass dishes, beverage glass, window glass

- Break a glass or a window? Do NOT put the pieces in recycling.

What to do instead: Put in the trash.

6) #6 Plastics (polystyrene: rigid or foam)

- No plastic cups (clear and colored), disposable cutlery, plates.

- No SOLO® cups
- No Styrofoam™ dinnerware, containers or packing materials.

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

It is a very sad thing that nowadays there is so little useless information.

—Oscar Wilde

There is a limit on how much information you can keep bottled up.

—Dick Gregory

Sharing is the essence of social media.

—Zoe Sugg

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.

—Sigmund Freud

My friends and family, with varying degrees of affection (and resentment) refer to me as an over-sharer, a busybody, a “nudge”. I prefer to consider myself a yenta, a cross pollinator of media, ideas, and people. I enjoy making matches. (I was an “If you like this, I’ll bet you’ll like that” way before Amazon). I have launched friendships, but I am better with books, films, music, television shows, or podcasts. It may be small consolation, but I only harangue those I care about.

As I get to know you as an officemate, neighbor or friend, I am searching for links. Whether to cover my deep insecurity, attempt to build a bond between us (so that you will help jumpstart my car some frigid February), or I am just showing off. Fortunately I am not religious, although the way I carried my battered copy of *Catch-22* around campus many decades ago verged on zealotry. I admit to becoming more than a tad dogmatic about sharing works that bring me joy or reinforce my world view. Perhaps I am asking you to affirm my paradigm and join me in my silo. I prefer to believe that when I am touched by something I find particularly creative, soul enriching, iconoclastic, or profound, I express my gratitude to the author/artist by passing on their work to those around me, often against their will.

So Dear Reader,

I consider us friends after thirty five years of *The Hill and Lake Press*, and I would like to share just a few of my favorite things...

YouTube “Wayne Nelsen Tom Cassidy” All the clips are excellent but begin with Tom’s Basement An Inventory. Tom is a Minneapolis poet/artist/performer/author/collector/dadaist and a dear friend, and yes, this is his basement. He is the finest spoken word artist in captivity. His readings are a piercing, chaotic, hysterical, nostalgic, sarcastic, polite, scream for order and what genius looks like when over-caf-feinated. He performs locally in the Twin Cities.

Kanopy This whole column was going to be about this video streaming service, but I got distracted.

Kanopy was begun in Australia in 2008 by CEO Olivia Humphrey. She relocated the main headquarters to San Francisco in 2017. Kanopy has over 30,000 movies available to stream for free! This is a service of our public library. Just download the app and type in your library card ID number. There are many foreign films, the Criterion Collection, and mainstream non-blockbusters. I scrolled and found *Living In Oblivion* (Steve Buscemi), *The Rules of the Game* (Jean Renoir), *Save the Tiger* (Jack Lemon), *Amy* (The Tragic Story of Amy Winehouse), *Word Wars* (Tiles and Tribulations on The Scrabble Circuit), *Grace Jones*, *Rashomon*, *Last Year At Marienbad*, and *3 Days Of The Condor* without even trying. This is me groveling now: Try this service. It dovetails nicely with Netflix.

Jazz singer: Little Jimmy Scott (1925-20014) Born with Kallmann’s Syndrome, he did not experience puberty and stopped growing before reaching five feet tall. Raised in foster homes after his mother was killed in a car accident, he retained a hauntingly beautiful soprano voice his whole life. He was not a novelty act. His superb pacing and showmanship brought him

acclaim in the jazz world in the 1950s and a resurgence in the 1990s. His voice is hauntingly beautiful. Start with the song *All The Way*.

Novel: *The Financial Lives of the Poets* by Jess Walter. An extremely funny story of a 40 -something dad who loses his job, and likely his wife and house. He gains his long estranged, now very senile father who gave all of his money to Charity (a Las Vegas call girl), and two young marijuana dealers he chances to meet at a 7-11. The story is as good as *Straight Man*, Richard Russo’s biting take on academia and middle age. (See how I snuck another one in? I am a nudge!)

Tom H. Cook, is a middle brow without pretensions. Do to space limitation he was forced to omit the works of Goethe, Spinoza, and Art Linkletter’s Kids Say the Darnedest Things.

Recycling from page 14


- No plastic holders for things like pre-packaged cookies, crackers, and #6 clamshells from bakery items.
- Note: the City’s Green to Go ordinance does not allow #6 plastics for food-service or take out, but be sure to check.

What to do instead: Put in trash.

More Resources:

What To Do List – A to Z <https://bit.ly/2GtjZ6V>
Green Disposal Guide <https://bit.ly/2Zd6oI2>

About the Hennepin Country Master Recycler/Composter Program Participants learn about waste prevention, reuse, recycling, composting, community engagement, and behavior change. They then volunteer time dedicated to these issues. Want to be a MRC? Visit <https://bit.ly/2Qu6REk>



You’re invited to the

Lowry Hill

Neighborhood Association*

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th
at the Walker Art Center Garden Room

6:00 p.m. Social hour with appetizers and cash bar
7:00 p.m. Meeting with the annual neighborhood update and elections.

Join us for a social hour on the terrace overlooking downtown, then stay for an update on the neighborhood and elections for the LHNA board. All residents* are invited and encouraged to attend.

*All residents 16+ years of age are automatically members of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association.


Interested in running for a seat on the LHNA board?
We are a volunteer board and welcome all residents, both homeowners and renters. Visit our web site for details and apply before 5/1/19.

Sign Up and Enjoy a Walking Tour!
The LHNA has arranged for these tours for Lowry Hill residents. Spots are limited to sign up early. Suggested donation is \$10/person or \$25/family. LHNA will match your donations.

<p>Walking Tour of Lowry Hill May 4, 2019, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Learn about the historic architecture of Lowry Hill. Donations support Preserve Minneapolis. Watch website for details and sign up.</p>	<p>Walking Tour of Lake of the Isles June 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Learn about the history of the homes and residents. Donations support Alliance Housing. See website for details and sign up.</p>
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Upcoming Monthly LHNA Board Meetings
May 7th and June 4th at 7 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center

More about the neighborhood...
Find event and meeting details, and subscribe to our monthly e-news at lowryhillneighborhood.org



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

Upcoming Twin Cities events for Beth Dooley and Mette Nielsen's new cookbook *Sweet Nature: A Cook's Guide to Using Honey and Maple Syrup*:

Book launch open house event: 6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 30th, 2019, The Birchwood Cafe (3311 East 25th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406). Samples of recipes from *Sweet Nature* will be served. Books will be available for purchase.



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