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Crime Update

by Sue Westerman

This information about the recent crime spree in Minneapolis comes from law enforcement and local residents. I hope you find it informative. Be safe and happy holidays.

Information about carjackers:

Throughout much of the summer and fall, carjacking suspects were predominantly juveniles and their young adult companions.

Many of the crimes were committed during sprees when multiple victims in different neighborhoods were assaulted and robbed, one after another, in a short period of time.

A core group of very active juvenile suspects and a secondary ring of their associates were involved in many, but not all of the robbery and carjacking incidents.

There was no evidence that financial profit was motivating the crimes. The stolen cars were often being driven to commit other crimes before being dumped or crashed. Stolen credit cards weren't always used. When they were, it was to make the kind of purchases you would expect from teenagers – McDonald's, athletic wear stores, and similar.

After being apprehended, some juvenile suspects who talked about what led up to the crime have told investigators that they want cars to drive around in and know they can steal them either when parked with a key inside or in a robbery.

Recently, MPD has identified several adults believed to be responsible for emerging patterns of carjackings.

What law enforcement is doing about it:

MPD has support from state and federal law enforcement partners. Examples:

Gun Investigations Team: U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) agents work alongside MPD on a regular basis and collaborate in investigations and daily operations. The participation of the ATF brings critical resources, expertise, and the ability to more easily adopt cases into the federal system, a requirement for prosecution in federal court.

Minnesota State Patrol and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office have been involved in collaborative enforcement details particularly with the MPD 1st Precinct throughout the summer and fall.

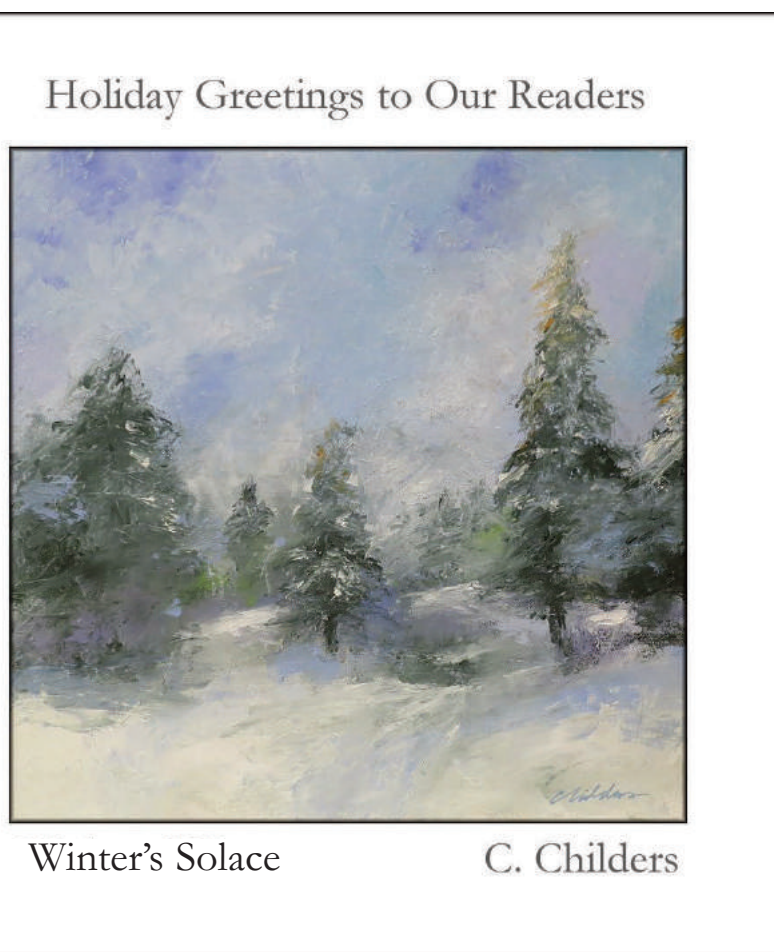
City Council approved additional funding for Joint Enforcement Teams (JET) to bring in additional law enforcement resources from willing mutual aid partners. Contracts for the JET details are being negotiated now. Once the contracts are finalized, there will be more information about specific tasks.

MPD and some of those partners from other levels of government have been identifying and apprehending carjacking suspects. MPD has often relied on the State Patrol helicopter for air support. That will certainly continue. MPD is in regular conversations with the teams planning operations to interrupt these crimes and to track down and capture suspects responsible for the mayhem.

Ultimately, MPD has to put continuous pressure on these groups with surveillance, stops, arrests, search warrants, and criminal charges.

MPD also needs to maintain high visibility patrol in the areas where these incidents are occurring. MPD is working on both of those aspects; MPD wants the sus-

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Winter's Solace

C. Childers

Holiday Greetings to Our Readers

Planning for Parks

By Jeanette Colby

There's a lot of planning going on at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. It's hard to keep up and may seem like it doesn't matter, but master plans have a way of coming off the shelf when the stars align (like when the bike paths on 26th and 28th Streets "suddenly" appeared). Planning also represents a large expenditure of staff time and consulting contracts — resources that don't go into youth programming or park maintenance — so you may want to pay attention to how your tax dollars are working.

Already approved are an Ecological System Plan and the Southwest Service Area plan. The Ecological System Plan offers strategies for improving the quality of water, air, land and wildlife habitat in Minneapolis. More a list of ideas than a "plan," this document will be valuable if the ideas are put into practice. The Southwest Area plan was approved in November, with detailed recommendations for each of the 42 existing neighborhood parks. It includes budgets, but does not include timelines or maintenance expectations.

New Comprehensive Plan: Next up is a 10-year comprehensive plan labeled Parks for All, and it's ready for public review and comment through January: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/mprb-comprehensive-plan/

Like the Ecological System plan, Parks for All "will provide guidance in developing policy." It is intended to be used as "a tool for communicating...what we do and value" (p. 4), serving as less of a roadmap than a set of guideposts. With nine goals and 167 strategies, the elected board of commissioners will set directions and priorities in conjunction with the superintendent and staff annually and every four years.

The Parks for All document reflects many of the top-of-mind issues in 2020, in part because planners have been committed to participatory policy making. For example, the Park Board is clearly struggling with

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Winter Walk at Cedar Lake



Photo by Dorothy Childers

YET IN THY DARK STREETS SHINETH
THE EVERLASTING LIGHT



MUSIC AND MEDITATIONS ON THE WINTER SOLSTICE
21 DECEMBER, SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

On the Winter Solstice, the longest night, please join us for luminous music, poetry, and prayers as, in quiet contemplation, we await the coming of Christ.

In four parts, each portion of this liturgy concludes with an invitation to light a candle; please join us in welcoming the Light by kindling four candles of your own as we mark our prayers with lights of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

A link to the liturgy may be found at www.stpaulsmpls.org

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THURSDAY

Start your holiday in an Anglican way: Gather with us on Zoom at 8:45am with your Christmas Eve breakfast (or last-minute gift wrapping) for a bit of fellowship. We will then hear the BBC Radio broadcast of A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by the Chapel Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

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Our own Christmas Eve liturgy will take place on Zoom at 8:00pm. Mark your calendars to join us one hour earlier, though: at 7:00pm a collaborative ECMN Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, for which our own Parish Choir offers a song, will be our prelude to the birth of the King. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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FRIDAY

Welcome the King! The Feast of Christmas Day will be celebrated in liturgy and song at 10:00am on Zoom.

Public tours of the historic Theodore Wirth Home and Administration Building, a National Historic Site, have been cancelled. Archival materials and historic furnishings owned by the Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society (M.P.L.S.) were recently removed from the historic home with the assistance of the M.P.L.S. volunteer tour guides. This was done to comply with the order and deadline from Park Superintendent Al Bangoura. The historic home is in the Lyndale Farmstead Park located at 40th Street and Bryant Avenue South.

Most recently the M.P.L.S. and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board received the Minneapolis Preservation Award in the Grassroots Advocacy & Education category from AIA Minnesota (American Institute of Architects). M.P.L.S. appreciates the thousands of people who attended our free public tours while Theodore Wirth's Home was open to the public.

M.P.L.S. has a limited number of copies of "Minneapolis Park System" available to the public for purchase. This edition was faithfully reprinted by the M.P.L.S. with additional resources to enhance the original and is signed by Theodore J. Wirth, the author's grandson. Contact M.P.L.S. Cofounder, Joan Berthiaume at joanberthiaume@msn.com for further information and to purchase your book. Proceeds will go toward covering the moving costs and temporary storage of the tour furnishings and materials.

Ann Lynch
Volunteer, Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society

Neighborhood Meetings

Because of the coronavirus, we are staying home, staying safe, and meeting via the internet, telephone, Zoom, and virtual meetings. Please check for changed meeting times for KNO, LHNA, EIRA, and CIDNA on their websites or monthly minutes.

Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) www.cidna.org

Location: France Avenue, Lake Street, Lake of the Isles, and the Cedar Isles channel.

Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. VIRTUALLY

All are welcome to join the meeting. If you wish to attend, please email info@cidna.org for links to join the meeting via Zoom.

Jones-Harrison Residence,
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue
Board Members:
Chair - Mary Pattock
Vice Chair - Tim Sheridan
Secretary - Rosanne Halloran
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Kenwood Isles Area Association (KNO) www.kenwoodminneapolis.org

Location: Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles, and Kenwood Parkway.

Board meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm *ALL MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD VIRTUALLY

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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrick, Editor

Hill and Lake Press is doing well thanks to the outpouring of support from our community and our advertisers.

We appreciate your support and hope you continue to help Hill and Lake Press thrive. Many small newspapers are dying, but we hope to continue successfully.

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pects to feel that committing these crimes has more risk than reward.

Challenges law enforcement is facing:

Even before any cuts are made to MPD's 2021 budget, this is going to be an enormously challenging year for public safety simply because of the loss of capacity.

MPD has lost and will continue to lose a significant number of personnel in both patrol and investigations. MPD has a smaller number of officers available to staff the patrol shifts in the precincts and fewer investigators to handle cases. In the 5th Precinct, the goal is to keep 8 officers per shift on patrol.

There are only 2 investigators to handle all the burglary, theft, auto theft, damage to property and missing persons cases in Southwest Minneapolis, down from 5 earlier this year.

The 5th Precinct (Southwest Minneapolis) no longer has beat officers or a community response team to work with residents and businesses who are dealing with street level drug dealing, problem properties, or ongoing quality of life crimes. Specialized, highly trained functions such as SWAT, bomb and K9 have lost capac-

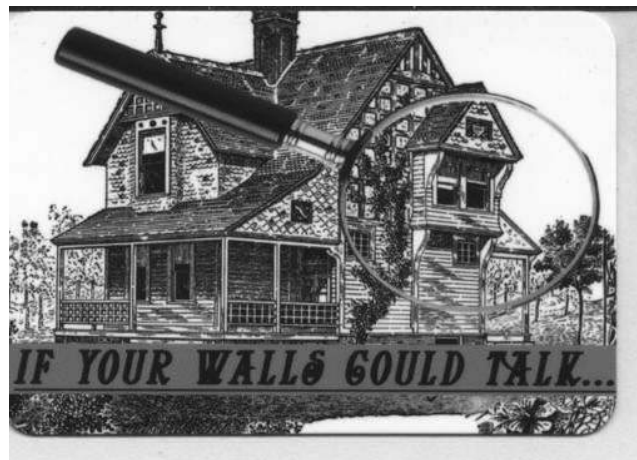
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the desire to improve neighborhood parks and green spaces in lower-income areas without causing gentrification that leads to displacement. The plan also acknowledges that Minneapolis "is located on the traditional, ancestral and contemporary lands of Indigenous people" (p. 10). And while the MPRB has long stood for the permanent protection and improvement of Minneapolis' parks, Parks for All envisions adding a second paragraph to the mission statement, beginning, "The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board exists to dismantle historic inequities..." (p. 26).

With the extensive use of parks for camping this summer, much community discussion focused on the MPRB's role in housing and homelessness. Parks for All emphasizes partnership with appropriate agencies, generally defining parks as community centers that can connect people to other services. The City of Minneapolis, however, may change zoning regulations to allow six to 10 story buildings in parks; how this would fit with housing strategies is not clear.

Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles: Finally, the Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles master plan is now in the works. If you'd like to have your voice heard before a plan has been written — if you care about noxious algae blooms, eroding paths and shoreline, or preservation of green space and habitat now that much of the Kenilworth Trail has been destroyed — take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cedar-Isles> and/or attend future CAC meetings, found here: https://www.minneapolis-parks.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/

The MPRB has historically valued community input far more than other agencies, and master plans do carry weight going forward. So if you are inclined to participate, please weigh in. Your perspective matters.

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MPD is short in its supervisor ranks, but promoting takes more officers off the street.

None of this can be remedied quickly. It takes time to recruit, hire, background and screen candidates for the academy. Academy classes last about 3 months before the new recruits spend 4 to 5 months in field training rotating through the various precincts. A class of 30 recruits who begin the academy in February won't be able to work as fully trained officers until September or October. Officers from a second and third academy class of 30 each won't be fully trained and working until 2022. And these hiring plans assume there will be a robust list of excellent candidates who want to work for MPD in the current moment.

MPD leadership needs fully engaged (not demoralized) cops who know they are doing work that is valuable to the community, who want to be engaged in relationships with residents and businesses and who do the work to maximize our ability to apprehend, identify, investigate and prosecute in every significant incident.

What community members can do:

Community collaboration is important. Law enforcement and community members need to work together to limit opportunities for crime and to leverage technology to increase our ability to identify and apprehend offenders.

Consider installing home security cameras with good quality video. Cover your exterior, entranceways, the garage and any street parking you or your guests are likely to use adjacent to your home.

Check your own security practices to limit opportunities for crime at your home. Open garages, unlocked doors, valuables left in parked cars — these are the easy

pickings that attract crime.

Activate a connected car service such as OnStar or a GPS locator device in your car.

Connect with your neighbors and activate a neighborhood/block watch to keep an eye on one another and on what's happening on your street. Text threads or apps such as WhatsApp or Telegram can help people easily check in with folks on their block.

Participate in neighborhood block patrols or a similar walking group.

Check in your neighborhood organization to see how the organization is approaching crime and safety issues. The voice of neighborhood orgs has some weight in this city; neighbors who don't participate can't help set the direction in those groups.

Collaborate with neighbors, business groups or other organizations to let the Council Members and the Mayor's office know what your concerns, experiences and expectations are.

If you see a streetlight out, call 311 to inform City Hall so that they can replace it. Don't assume your neighbor is calling.

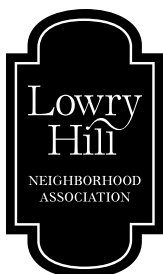
If you see something - someone suspicious, something that doesn't feel right - say something. Call 911.

Leave porch lights on at night. Install lighting in your yard.

While walking, don't look at phone and don't wear headphones. Be alert to surroundings and move purposefully.

If you see someone unfamiliar in your neighborhood, look them in the eye and say hello. If the visitor has good intentions, you've just been friendly. If the visitor has bad intentions, you've put them on notice that you're aware of their presence.

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association is committed to serving you.



The next LHNA meeting is
Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

All residents are welcome to join via ZOOM. Details on how to attend will be on the website. If you have a question or wish to be on the agenda, please contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Annual Ice Skating Party

In light of the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, the annual skating party will not take place this year.

Be Notified When a Snow Emergency is Declared

You can find snow emergency rules on the LHNA website. For email or text alerts from the city, sign up at minneapolis.gov/getting-around/snow/

CRIME & SAFETY UPDATE

Tips to Protect Your Packages from "Porch Pirates"

Doorstep delivery is often a crime of opportunity. And with the holidays, we all are getting more packages delivered. A few tips to protect your packages:

- **Tracking notifications:** Opt-in for tracking and pay attention to tracking notifications.
- **Hold the package at a secure location:** Packages can be shipped to a FedEx Office, UPS store, U.S. Post Office, or Amazon Locker.
- **Video doorbells:** These are motion activated, easy to install, and sends a text notification every time someone comes to the front door.
- **Outdoor security cameras:** Cameras that are highly visible and clearly pointed at the package drop-off area, can deter theft.
- **Package lockboxes:** These can be installed near your mailbox, have a slot for easy drop-offs and require a key for retrieval.

Sign up for the LHNA email newsletter at lowryhillneighborhood.org

HELEN SMITH GARDNER SEARLE (1872 to 1942)

The elegant Tudor Revival home at 1917 Logan Avenue South was built for flour milling magnate, Augustus Leach Searle and his second wife, Helen Smith Gardner Searle, in 1916. Both partners had recently lost their spouses and were raising children. When they married in 1914, the Searles determined to create their new home for their merged families at the corner of Logan and Franklin Avenues. Throughout the home, there are obvious references and homage paid to both families' history: for example, stained glass in the entryway to the home depict crests for both the Searle and Smith lines; the Tudor rose and Scottish thistle is featured in wood carvings and plaster work throughout the first floor; and three stained glass window cartouches in the Thurston library celebrate the connection of the Boston, Massachusetts Smith family to the Christian Scientist movement.

During his lifetime, Mr. Searle was a devotee of Asian arts and was particularly fond of collecting jade. At the same time that he was building his home at 1917 Logan Avenue South, he and close friend Charles Pillsbury were heavily involved in the development of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The Searles traveled extensively and collected many works which they donated over time to the Institute and which are permanently on display.

Though the Searle/ Smith family history is comprised of rags to riches stories, this narrative will focus on Mrs. Helen Searle's life and involvement in the women's suffrage movement and her work during World War One. Although her name is not often published alongside the most well-known Minnesota leaders of the movement, her participation for women's rights clearly was one of self-dedication which occupied her life almost full time until the final passage of the 19th Amendment in 1919.

Helen Smith Gardner Searle

Helen Smith Gardner was born to an Irish stone cutter, Michael Smith and Ellen B. Reynolds in New York state on January 15, 1872. She had at least one sister, Katherine Josephine, born in 1875 in Springfield, Massachusetts. For unknown reasons, she arrived in Minnesota and was working as a clerk in the S.E. Olson department store in the mid 1890s where she met and married to millinery buyer William H. Gardner. The two apparently met at the renowned store where Mr. Gardner was the millinery department head and Helen Smith was his head sales woman in 1896.¹

Because employees of the store were most likely forbidden to date and marry, the couple arranged to be married in New York City on February 11, 1897, while Gardner went on a buying trip there. After their marriage, the couple returned to Minnesota, taking an apartment in St. Paul, while Gardner continued working for Olson. Their first daughter, Evelyn, was born in 1899.

By 1901, Gardner was residing in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was a buyer for The Famous department store. A second daughter, Katherine, was born in November of 1901. The couple returned to Minneapolis by 1905 and built a large elegant home at 2305 Aldrich Avenue South, coincidentally just down the street from St. Paul's on Bryant and Franklin. By all accounts, William Gardner was a successful business man and well-known in the local millinery establishments. Gardner later owned the millinery department located in The Leader Building on Third Street and Nicollet Avenue after their marriage.

On September 4, 1910, a major fire devastated The Leader building in which Gardner lost an estimated \$15,000 in inventory. To add to the family woes, William Gardner died on January 4, 1912 at the age of 48, leaving his wife and two daughters to survive him. A posthumous advertisement in the Minneapolis Tribune on January 7, 1912, appeared just 3 days after his untimely death:

AGENTS ARE MAKING \$400 MONTHLY on six easy sales daily. Particulars free. Write u s . W.H. Gardner Co., Dept. D, 2305 S Aldrich Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

On Valentine's day 1914, Helen Smith Gardner quietly married the widower Augustus Leach Searle.

¹ Minneapolis City Directories, 1895 to 1897.

Searle's first wife had died from an accidental fall in 1912. Searle had three children from his first marriage.

After returning from a honeymoon, the Searles began plans to build their own home at 1917 Logan Avenue South with designs from the NYC architecture firm of Trowbridge and Ackerman in the Tudor Revival style. The home was completed in 1916 and solely occupied by the Searle family until the death of Mr. Searle in 1956 at the age of 90, his wife Helen having passed away on January 14, 1942 in California.

Mrs. Helen Searle, Suffragette and War Work Woman

Helen Searle, as a society leader, was an active organizer and participant in the rights for women to vote and earn equal pay for equal work just prior to World War I. "Woman Power" was the goal and slogan which followed the tenets of Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the national women suffrage association.

Shortly after her marriage to Searle, Helen became a vocal participant at various conventions using her prestige in Minneapolis society to advance the causes. In June of 1916, she boarded a special train of 24 Minnesota women delegates heading to the Republican national convention in Chicago under the banner: Women Flying the Yellow colors of the Equal suffragists.² Among her fellow travelers were Mrs. Clara Ueland, the leading Minnesota activist for the suffragists' movement.

In May, 1917, Helen Searle was elected 3rd Vice President of the Hennepin County Woman Suffrage association.³

Steps toward the conservation of "woman power" in the war emergency were taken. Members will write to business firms of the city asking cooperation by not lengthening the hours of women workers and by giving them equal pay when filling the places of men.

This action was taken following the reading by Miss Hope McDonald of a letter from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the national women suffrage association.

"Woman's self-sacrificing zeal for service is proving one of the greatest social dangers of the war period," Mrs. Catt writes. "The standards of working conditions established with the effort of years are in danger of being swept away in a moment in the endeavor to speed up industry for war purposes.

"We are repeating England's experience – and England found that excessive strain on the workers reduced their efficiency so much that they were unable to produce as much as in the normal day.

"Through our local organization we shall do our utmost to educate women on the subject and hold them to the proper standards of health and economic well-being for themselves and for their families. We recognize the unfairness to men and the injury to industrial standards in general resulting from the competition of low woman pay. Furthermore, the women who take men's places in the war emergency have likewise to bear men's burden in the support of their families."

Later in the fall of 1917, Searle organized a 'white elephant sale' fundraiser for the local chapter. She had first traveled out East earlier in the year where she had been studying shop management methods for similar sales⁴ and used the skills to her advantage.

Oct 21, 1917; She is General Manager of "Suff" White Elephant Sale. Mrs. Augustus L. Searle, general manager of the suffrage white elephant sale, is marshaling her forces of management for the sale which will take place the last day of October and the first three days of November. Mrs. Searle spends several hours of each day on the telephone calling up her friends and the members of the Hennepin County association asking them for the contents of their attics and storerooms, and in consequence a larger store than ever of good wearable clothing, both men's and women's, as well as house furnishings, are coming to be marked.

² *Morning Tribune*, Minneapolis, June 5, 1916, page 9. "Women Suffragists Leave Minnesota to G.O.P Convention

³ *Tribune*, Minneapolis, May 8, 1917, page 1

⁴ *Sunday Tribune*, Minneapolis, October 21, 1917, page 29.

"Conservation doesn't mean keeping trunks full of unused and still useful garments in one's possession," says Mrs. Searle. "It means helping out by providing enough to go around. There are plenty of good intentions floating around about sending things to the settlement houses, etc., but the clothing never reaches its destinations, usually because it is a great inconvenience to get it there. We are handling this difficulty by calling for the bundles where ever they are and are consequently going to reach attics and closets that have held valuable clothing for several seasons. We are told everywhere that to be able to buy clothing of good quality that is clean and whole and very small prices is a real benefit to the community."

Oct 26, 1917: Women Leave for War Work Council. Twenty from Here to Attend YWCA conference in Chicago today.

Minneapolis is to be represented by twenty women at the first conference ever held by the women of the West is the interests of women's war work.

The conference will last until tomorrow evening and will be devoted to a discussion of the war work plans of the association and the organization of the national campaign whereby it hopes to obtain the \$4,000,000 necessary to carry them out.

In 1917, leading up to and preparing for America's entry into the first World War, Helen Searle signed on to Herbert Hoover's initiative to enroll women and families in a bread and food conservation program. Hoover was then head of the U.S. Department of Food Conservation Department established by President Woodrow Wilson. The goal of the program was to have most households in America sign a pledge card to conserve food, increase production on the farms, use less ingredients and be less wasteful. Per Hoover, if American households could pledge to conserve, then more food would be available in Europe for allied armies and victim families in the midst of hunger and starvation.⁵

Searle was also an organizer for the Minneapolis Red Cross Women's Auxiliary assigned to finding automobiles for canvassers to use to reach out to all the towns and rural areas in Minneapolis to further increase the number of pledges signed.

In 1918, Helen Searle was appointed the executive chairwoman who organized the speakers bureau of the women's committee of Council of National Defense. conservation pledges.⁶ Among the many volunteer speakers was well-known University of Minnesota professor Maria Sanford.

Helen Searle was also chairwoman of the finance committee of the Minneapolis League of Women Voters in 1919, newly founded by activist, Clara Ueland.

Helen Searle was chairwoman of the Minneapolis celebration committee for the Minnesota Women Suffrage association. She planned for an automobile parade, musicians, bands, choruses and dignitaries to march through Minneapolis to the Capitol building. That June evening, in a driving rainstorm, the two long automobile parades, one begun at the Kenwood Armory and one from St. Paul, joined at the Capitol where Governor Burnquist greeted them. As marshal

⁵ The U. S. Food Administration was the agency responsible for the administration of the U.S. army overseas and allies' food reserves during the United States participation in World War I. One of its important tasks was the stabilization of the price of wheat on the U.S. market. It was established by Executive Order 2679-A of August 10, 1917, pursuant to the Food and Fuel Control Act, and was abolished by another executive order, Executive Order 3320, on August 21, 1920.

During the time of the administration, the United States was short of nearly everything as many commodities were being sold to their allies. All citizens were asked to donate any weapons, horses, and ammunition they possessed to help supply the army, with a small hope of the items being returned. The rationing was done during this time of National need so that food for soldiers, and citizens, wouldn't be an issue. Concepts such as "meatless Mondays" and "wheatless Wednesdays" were also implemented to help ration food, so that the government could prioritize the war effort.

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⁶ *Sunday Tribune*, Minneapolis, June 23, 1918, page 33.



REPORT ON THE THIRD SQUIRRLLED

WAR By James P. Lenfestey

What a great idea, I said, as Susan came home with the latest pandemic gear, a Breco "smokeless" fire pit. We tried it and it works! The idea is, invite friends to our back yard, 2 x 2 like Noah's ark, for an hour of warm and distanced outdoor conversation, lubricated by house Hot Buttered Rum (NO, I don't use a recipe, what is that?! – it's hot and you'll like it).

But before invitations floated out over the smokeless flames, Susan thought she should warm up the yard. So she imported nine free-range balsams which she staked around the brick patio forming a sort of outdoor living room to shelter conversation. Another great idea. Go for it! What could go wrong?

Well... To set up the shelterbelt necessitated she move the bird feeder far enough away from the branches of the new trees but not too close to existing trees from either of which our resident squirrel acrobats could easily leap and savage the food she lays out for her beloved birds—mom and dad cardinal and prince and princess finch (gold and house) who have cast their lots with the missus to stay the winter and dine on her largess while she basks in the visits of their smooth and elegant profiles.

Mistake! She moved the feeder, its arms suspending her trays of goodies, to the one open spot where she felt the squirrels could not succeed in their leaping thievery. You know the rest of the story.

As I write this on Saturday, Dec 12, Susan is alternately banging on the kitchen windows and loudly curs-

ing the squirrels through the double-paned glass. Outside a squirrel perches, I must say cute as a cuddly stuffed animal all fluffed up in his thick winter coat, tail wrapped like a comforter. A good listener, he entertained Susan's muffled imprecations for several minutes before deciding which arm of the feeder he would ravage next.

So now I spend my winter days with an extremely intelligent woman in daily combat with equally intelligent gray squirrels, she banging on and shouting at the window and scheming further defenses, they playing along between leaps for lunch. Hardly defeated, she has a careful of confounding devices to try, though the outcome is fairly certain.

We had high hopes for peace this holiday season. The Angry Chicken inhabiting the White House for four long years had his Reign of Frenzy ended by the voters and the laws of the United States, the Army eager to move him out if necessary. The first of several Coronavirus vaccines was approved, others hot on its heels. Kudos to the scientists, manufacturers, supply chains, public officials, plus our son-in-law who worked 12-hour days from March to Thanksgiving without a day off managing vaccine trials, bringing hope for relief to the human population. Not that we humans deserve it, having allowed far too many Angry Chickens to seize countries by their crooked beaks. But at least our nation's nightmare has ended, petulant post-election lawsuits slapped away by judges bleary-eyed over the blizzard of chicanery.

Now Hannukah and Christmas and New Year's Day

and Inauguration Day can be joyful again, our backyard compromise a small price to pay. Let the squirrels have their portion, and the birds theirs, and the trees theirs, and the people theirs, something God and Charles Darwin and Edward O. Wilson intended three billion years ago called the balance of nature. Looked at this way, the squirrels frisking around the backyard oak belong in the neighborhood as much as do we and the oak. And if attention is paid, the squirrels' remarkable acrobatics on the high wires of branches are worthy of admiration. As for the birds, they are the souls of our ancestors, their daily visits a comfort to our spirits.

As Winter's cold finally closes in, the sun scratching the southern horizon as it arcs through these short Solstice days, a warm Christmas truce is in force at Coyote's house. The fire lit, warm and smokeless, old friends slowly trooping over, two by two, to remind us what the season is about, and tell their hopes for the days and decades ahead. We and the squirrels and the birds will take it all in, listening together.

THE END

OH OH CODA! Lifting the kitchen shades at dawn on Sunday morning revealed that Susan had installed a further line of defense! A large bat-winged tray circled around the pole below the feeding array, yet another squirrel excluding device, and it appeared to have worked! Early birds the native chickadees, nuthatches and cardinals enjoyed a quiet breakfast at the feeder trays. Just as I finished my own breakfast, I heard a mighty crash outside. I turned to see the feeder swinging like Tarzan in a hurricane. Below it a squirrel fed happily on the plentiful mess of spilled seeds he created. OK, one more compromise, I thought. Five minutes later I looked out to see the already fat squirrel now fully entwined into the feeder complex, gorging. Apparently to amuse me he jumped down, then scampered right back up using the new excluder device for leverage. So it will be a while before human friends will be allowed to visit our war zone, as glass-pounding, imprecations and scheming persist. At least our Angry Chicken is still on his way out the White House door. I hope.

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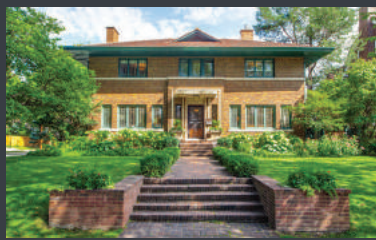


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Friends of Thomas Lowry Park

This fall, the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park were waiting patiently for one final step in our campaign to Save the Seven Pools, the MPRB commissioners' vote to move ahead and commit park funds for the project. We are thrilled to announce that on November 18th, all nine commissioners voted in favor of awarding the low-bid contract and beginning the work in early spring! A unanimous vote in these divisive times is a testimony to the hard work, tenacity and support of everyone in this community who contributed to the effort.

Three specific voices addressed the commissioners the evening of the vote, Hallie, John and Suzanne. Their stories provided glimpses of the connectedness we have been given through working together. Hallie gave a portion of her bat mitzvah money as a donation, John shared of his dad's love for gardening in the park even on his last day of life and Suzanne spoke of her 21 years of service.

This holiday season we are thankful for this success. It was in May of 2019 that we officially began our fundraising campaign and now in November 2020 the project bid was awarded. Amazing! We still have work ahead with MPRB building the pools and us living through the construction disruptions, but we can celebrate for now, that we have indeed "Saved the Seven Pools."

Keep engaging...we all need it more than ever.

Elizabeth Shaffer for the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park thomaslowrypark.org

Douglas Urn at Thomas Lowry Park.

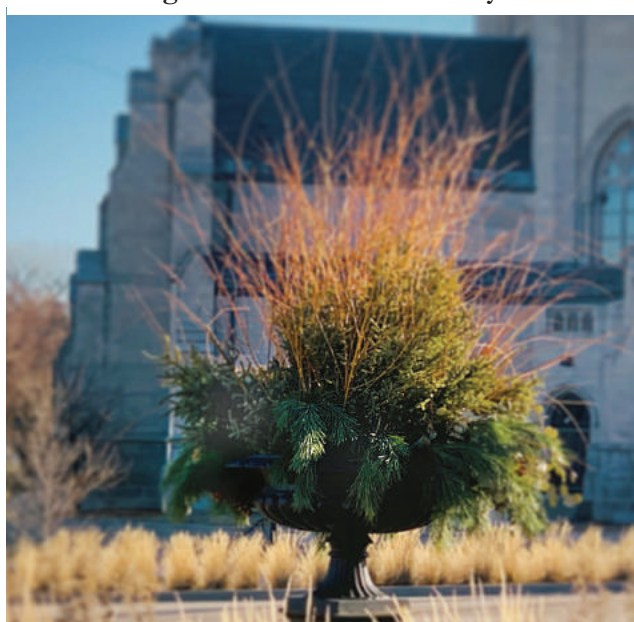
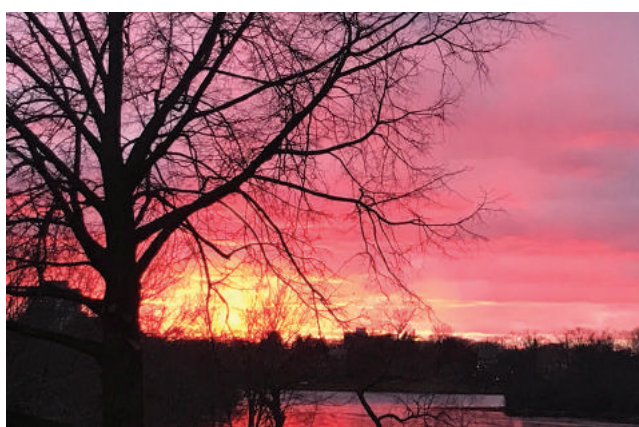


Photo by Dorothy Childers



Majestic Tree at Sunset

Neighborhood Watch

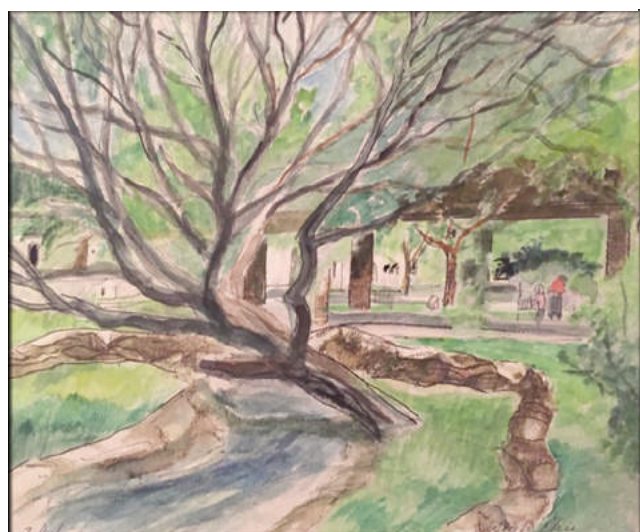
By George Montague

Earlier this year I searched online to learn more about our landmark Scottish Rite Temple and noticed a Google review nestled between "Very nice place, good people" and "What a beautiful place!" one stating "Beautiful historic building but not exactly in a safe feeling neighborhood." I was quite surprised that somebody would use the word unsafe to describe MY neighborhood, especially on a block regularly lined with people sipping coffee or enjoying ice cream even in these socially distant times.

Fast forward nine months and it has gotten a little harder to defend against such assertions. Rather than ignoring or rationalizing recent events in our neighborhood, I started to investigate what we as a community are doing to address it. I was encouraged to learn that my local neighborhood association, LHNA, has a Crime and Safety committee actively that is stepping up its efforts to advise, consult and serve as a resource on issues of crime prevention. This includes more comprehensive suggestions on the LHNA website and initial planning to host a community forum with city and police leaders, along with more detailed guidance on what we can do both individually and collectively to keep our neighborhoods both safe and welcoming.

All this is being done by local residents who care about the community. It is only by actively working together that we can make it happen.

Thomas Lowry Park watercolor



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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Rosanne Halloran

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 6-8 p.m. Online via Zoom

Board members present: Chair Mary Pattock, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Treasurer Kevin Johnson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, Claire Ruebeck, Interim Coordinator: Amanda Vallone

Invited guests: Met Council Outreach Coordinator David Davies, CIDNA Financial Consultant Robert Thompson

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The board approved November 11, 2020 minutes.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Council Member is absent in order to attend a public hearing.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

The Board approved CIDNA's annual report to the Attorney General.

CIDNA received a thank-you for our donation to the Seven Pools Restoration Project at Thomas Lowry Park.

Residents who borrowed CIDNA anti-racism books from Little Free Libraries are asked to return them into circulation.

Per last month's Board vote, CIDNA contributed \$1,000 to the Page Education Foundation to support the work of Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page in closing education gaps. Page spoke at CIDNA's annual meeting.

Mary welcomed Amanda Vallone as CIDNA's interim coordinator (Amanda has resigned from the board for the duration). The search committee will begin a permanent coordinator search in January.

CIDNA has historical material that needs storage and archiving. Anyone interested in the project contact us at info@cidna.org.

Mary said representatives from several neighborhood associations and the Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations department, in a discussion about the rise in juvenile crime during the pandemic, have asked what neighborhood associations can do to help children and families. Ideas and projects are welcome; any generated in CIDNA could be shared city-wide. Discussion continued later in the meeting, under "new business."

Treasurer's Report

Robert Thompson, CIDNA's accountant, reviewed CIDNA's financial report to end of 11/20/20. He said CIDNA is in good financial shape.

Because CIDNA recently shifted its fiscal to a calendar year, the board approved a budget for the next six months. Plans for the rest of 2021 depends on whether the City Council decides to continue neighborhood association funding at the same level.

Interim Coordinator's Report, Amanda Vallone

Amanda will email residents a holiday card during the week of December 14, and the next E-News on January 6. She asked the board to suggest newsletter topics.

Transportation Committee

David Davies, outreach coordinator for the Metropolitan Council, said SWLRT had 23 recordable safety incidents since construction began, six from September through November. This is 5.2 incidents per 20,000 hours of logged work, compared to the industry average of 3.4. Such "incidents" involve workers, not the public. The previously discussed flagging incidents and crane accident at Cedar Lake Shores Townhomes are not included in this safety statistic as there were no injuries. They are, essentially, in their own categories of incidents. David said the Met Council does not have a hypothesis about why the rate is so high. David agreed to report monthly on safety data and, as available, incidents that may include the public, trains, or private property.

David will report at the next board meeting about the meaning of train horn signals.

Met Council is currently digging the tunnel in 100-foot "cells," starting around Depot St and 28th St., and

working outward. The tunnel will have a 9-foot-thick cement floor. The first cell requires about 150 truckloads of concrete, 12 to 14 hours per pour, and 3 to 5 weeks between pours. Pouring is expected to begin in early January and requires extended site work hours. The neighborhood will be notified ahead of time. It will be loud in the area, including truck backup alarms and pumping equipment sounding particularly between Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Parkway.

Met Council is discussing water-related tunnel construction issues with MPRB and City personnel: temperature from both water quality and safety perspectives, turbidity, ph levels, phosphorous, flow rate. Water pumping for bridge construction is less complex. When tunnel cell pumping begins, it will take about 5 days to clear the cell of water, with 2-4 weeks between each cell pumping. There will be no alteration of lake levels.

Pile driving continues at the Cedar Lake Channel through the week of Dec 14 for the southern bridge abutment. Piling for the north abutment may begin the week of Jan 4 and lasts 10-14 days.

Environmental Preservation Committee / Claire Ruebeck

MPRB Cedar Lake - Lake of the Isles Master Plan: The 3rd Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, held on November 30, focused on pre-existing park plans and programming activities relevant to current master planning process for this regional park. CIDNA, Kenwood, Cedar Lake Park Association, and MPRB staff made presentations and comprised a discussion panel. Meeting outcome elevated lake water quality as a priority for the planning process. View a CIDNA prepared video about the Cedar Lake South Beach improvements on CIDNA's Facebook page, or website at cidna.org. Residents interested in protecting natural areas, wildlife, and water quality are encouraged to attend future Zoom CAC meetings. Information can be found on the MPRB project website.

Cedar Lake Water Quality: Another toxic algae bloom in Cedar Lake was documented in early December. Community members are communicating with MPRB staff to address use of the lake, maintenance options, and possible capital improvements to minimize water contamination. Capital improvement ideas will likely be referred to the MPRB Cedar Lake - Lake of the Isles Master Plan CAC. Multiple city and civic agencies have jurisdiction over various assets that affect the water quality of Cedar Lake and the Chain of Lakes.

MPRB "Parks for All" Comprehensive Plan: Following a delay, MPRB issued the draft of the final comprehensive plan that will guide MPRB initiatives for the next 10 years. Public feedback is accepted through January 18, 2021. Its late release caused CIDNA to postpone its MPRB grant-funded project to facilitate public response to "Parks for All." Current resource constraints compelled CIDNA to pursue modifications to the grant project. MPRB approval is pending for a neighborhood-wide mailing that highlights CIDNA priority topics and encourages residents to provide feedback via the MPRB survey on the plan website.

Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Visits to CIDNA's Facebook page increased 280%, largely due to the CIDNA mART. Every participating artist made sales during the event and contributed one of their art works to a healthcare worker at Jones-Harrison Residence. The winner of the CIDNA mART 2020 door-prize drawing for a local restaurant gift coupon was Marilyn (Molly) Burns Hansen. Mary thanked Amanda for creating this successful event.

Amanda's company, ARTrageous Adventures, received an \$2,000 MPRB Community Collaborators Grant to engage area youths in park planning. Claire and Mary said they hoped nature preservation and nature-focused education and activities would be a strong theme of the survey questions. Amanda said they would.

"Take a Look at CIDNA" (TLC) Facebook theme for December is "Snowscapes." Residents are welcome to post past CIDNA snowscape photos. The January

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO Minutes)

By Amanda Vallone

Monday, December 7, 2020

KNO Board met on December 7, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID.

Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, Melinda Platt and Angie Erdrich.

Also present/guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coord David Davies, MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill, Coord. Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, LaLeeta Bilbro, Colette Klaus, Lana Baggenstos, Margit & Tom Berg, Margaret Walters and Jody Strakosch.

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the agenda and Evelyn Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

To help pets find their forever homes for the holidays, Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is waiving adoption fees for all adoptable animals during the month of December. Browse adoptable animals at www2.minneapolismn.gov/animals/adopt

Budget Committee met on December 2nd and the Public Hearing is set for December 9th at 4pm.

A 5.7 million dollar cut for MPD was passed however a 5 million increase to overtime pay for existing officers was approved for contingency budget. Lisa stated that other alternative public safety measures are not fully in place and that cutting the MPD budget may not have been the best choice.

Question - Who makes the decision if a 911 call requires a mental health response or a police response. Answer: The 911 call center has a procedure in place based on the Cobra responder model that is used to make these decisions.

Four new emergency shelter locations | Total investment of \$15.2 million for 200 total beds

Homeward Bound, 50 beds for Native American adults, \$7.5 million total investment, planned opening December 1

Lerner Building, 100 separate units in an "indoor village" for people currently experiencing unsheltered

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theme is "Frozen Wonders."

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

At CIDNA's request, Council Member Lisa Goodman offered an amendment to the City's proposed built-form regulations providing for more gradual transition (greater setback) between Lake Street's Corridor 6 (which allows 6- to 10-story buildings) and the Interior 1 homes immediately adjacent to it. Council approval of the regulations is expected on December 18.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

New sidewalks on Lake Street are open and landscaping remains to be completed.

Communications Committee, Dean Kephart

A draft neighborhood survey will be submitted to Board in January or February. Survey Monkey will be used, and a neighborhood postcard mailing will promote the survey. Survey results will help set future board priorities.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Continued discussion about how to help families and children during the pandemic. Board members made suggestions and Amanda will develop possible projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next virtual meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

To participate, please email: info@cidna.org.

Request via email to receive our monthly e-newsletter, and to send comments, suggestions, or requests to help with activities reported in the minutes.

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homelessness, \$6 million total investment, planned opening end of December

Salvation Army emergency shelter, 30 beds for women experiencing unsheltered homelessness, \$1.3 million total investment, planned opening December 1

Simpson Housing emergency shelter, 20 beds for women experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a separate floor of Simpson Housing's existing emergency shelter location, \$400,000 total investment, opened in October

SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.

There may be a few extended hours if approved by the City, but trying to keep minimal.

Some concerns were raised by Kenwood residents regarding pumping water from bridge site. Impacts will not affect recreational activities and are in the process of discussing and working on this concern with contractor and other departments.

There is a high level of activity happening near Burnham Rd and Met Council will continue to work with contractor to keep areas outside fence line clean and safe.

Met Council is currently digging the tunnel in 100-foot "cells," starting at around Depot St and 28th St., and working outward. The tunnel will have a 9-foot-thick cement floor. The first cell requires about 150 truckloads of concrete, with 12 to 14 hours per pour, and 3 to 5 weeks between pours. Pouring is expected to begin in early January and requires extended site work hours. The neighborhood will be notified ahead of time. It will be loud in the area, truck backup alarms and pumping equipment sounding particularly between Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Parkway.

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MPRB Commissioner Update – Jono Cowgill

The Park Board is slated to pass the proposed budget on December 9th.

Some adjustments were made to increase front line staff to expand opportunities for interns to come on board. The focus remains on engaging youths through programming.

Question was asked regarding skating rinks and the Loppet event this year. Answer – Jono will look into these two questions and get back to the KNO Board soon with an answer.

Supporting our Kenwood Main Street Businesses – Matt Spies

Matt Spies asked the KNO Board about their thoughts on how the organization could best support its neighborhood business district.

After much discussion, Matt Spies will connect with each of the business owners to determine what their immediate needs are during this time, as they may be different from each other.

Communications & Outreach – Contractor Resources & Budget

Amanda Vallone's current contract will be ending on December 31 2020. She has requested an annual increase from \$5k to \$7.5k for the 2021 contract. Her duties increased 6 months ago to include taking minutes and an increase in emails going out to residents. In 2021 Amanda has requested that a printed KNO Newsletter go out 4 times a year rather than the 2 times a year it has in the past years.

Board action: motion passed with no "nays" for the board chair to enter into a new contract, in consultation with board executive committee, with Amanda Vallone for communications whereby the total amount is not to exceed \$7500 annually.

Neighborhood Engagement Update – Committee Report

The Neighborhood Priorities & Survey committee met and discussed the next steps for a community survey. Some of the items that came out of that meeting were to:

Create a Door Hanger Campaign to create awareness on KNO and the ways residents receive their information.

Create a Neighbor Forum with a speaker series join-

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

**Board Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2020
Internet Enabled Remote (Zoom) Meeting
Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Jennifer Wirick Breiterger.**

Board members in attendance: Jennifer Wirick Breiterger, Bob Hinck, Toni D'Eramo, Lee Switzenberg, Kathleen Bottini, Craig Wilson, Fran Davis, Jody Lichtor. Justin Baylor, Thomas Regnier, Chas Scheiderer.

Others present Include Minneapolis Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Fifth Precinct Inspector Amelia Huffman, Courtney Kiernat and several residents.

November minutes were approved.

Councilwoman Lisa Goodman-

The lunch with Lisa event tour of the Dayton's project was videotaped and will be available to view on her website within a few weeks.

There was good Lowry Hill representation at the budget hearings. Lisa thanked Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association for sending a letter to the mayor and city council expressing our concern for the crime and safety budget.

Inspector Amelia Huffman, Minneapolis Police Department-

Inspector Huffman led with a thanks to LHNA for funding the baking of 30 pies for city wide distribution to on-duty officers on Thanksgiving. Rob Reul of Lowry Hill organized the event. We want to express our thanks to Rob as well.

Although property crimes this year are similar to the number of incidents last year in Lowry Hill, violent crime is up. We had a discussion concerning concerns in our neighborhood as well as recent incidents. The inspector described the apprehension and arrest of persons suspected of committing the most prominent crime in the neighborhood. The active police force is still below desired staffing levels, however, the police have increased their patrols in Lowry Hill. It is important to be vigilant as you walk the streets. It appears that the persons committing the crimes are cruising around looking for opportunities.

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association will be placing a focus on crime and safety as we prepare our plans for the new year.

Peris Hill Project, Courtney Kiernat-

Project is progressing. For details check the project web site.

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Membership-

During the pandemic we have not had an annual meeting where all attending association members may

ing the efforts of CIDNA, our neighboring neighborhood. Keep the survey as open ended as possible to truly capture the voices of our Kenwood residents.

East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud

November 30th Meeting #3 of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan provided an opportunity to highlight KNO's community engagement initiatives and vision. KNO's Will Stensrud produced a video on East Cedar Lake Beach Improvements which was shared with the CAC and included with other meeting materials here:

https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/project_updates/cac-meeting-3/

Full project site: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/

Water quality was among the focal topics for the CAC discussion, including concern about the November MPRB notice regarding the blue-green algae bloom on Cedar Lake (and Brownie/Nokomis)

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

Treasurer provided the organizations balance sheet and P&L (actual to budget)

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 8:37pm.

vote on board membership. Our bylaws allow the board to add members during the year when there are openings on the board. As of the December meeting there are four openings. During the last month we solicited applications for the board. Four neighborhood candidates showed their interest by fully completing applications and showing up to the December meeting.

Fran Davis made a motion to accept all four candidates as a slate. Motion passed. Welcome to the newest members of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board: Vickie Gilfillian-Bennett, Janet Hallaway, John Lillehei and Sue Westerman.

As we look to fill board positions in the future we will attempt to attract renters. Currently we are heavy with home owners.

Jennifer reminded committee chairs, if they haven't done so already, to send her a brief summary for her to include in the annual report. We had a brief discussion concerning committees going forward. We want to focus on Crime and Safety. Craig, who has been chair of Neighborhood Priorities, suggested we eliminate that committee in the future since we have almost exhausted the neighborhood revitalization funds. Much of the work will be included in the Environmental Committee.

Currently, committee structure will consist of Crime and Safety, Communications/Outreach, Zoning and Planning, Environmental, Events and Historical. We will discuss committee structure and priorities at the next meeting.

Lee Switzenberg, chair of Zoning and Planning asked for additional assistance since a departing board member held a key role. Vickie Bennet volunteered to work on the committee.

Currently we have no events upcoming; the annual skating party will not occur due to the pandemic.

Sue Westerman will be Crime and Safety chair. Kathleen Bottini and John Lillehei volunteered as well.

Craig Wilson explained the concerns regarding maintenance funding of the Hennepin-Lyndale median. Several entities that have committed funds in the past have not been able to send funds this year due to shortages because of the pandemic. Craig has learned we can apply for a Mississippi Watershed \$3000 mini-grant. He has written a grant request; the intent is for LHNA to act as a fiscal agent and pay Green Minneapolis to manage the project. **Craig proposed the following motion:**

Motion for LHNA to apply for a Mississippi Watershed mini-grant to be managed by Green Minneapolis for a "Medians Can Make a Difference" trash pickup event in the spring of 2021 along the Hennepin-Lyndale crossroads.

Motion passed.

The next meeting is planned for January 5, 2021.

East Isles Residents Association

By Jenna Egan

**EIRA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 7 pm
Online via Zoom
MINUTES**

Board Members Present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Eric Barstad (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Laney Barhaugh, Natasha Dockter, John Erlandson, Abbie Ernst, Rod Lauture, Amelia Steinkraus

Staff Present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests Present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7
Ellen van Iwaarden, Green Team Co-Chair
Other East Isles Residents

Welcome President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Monthly Luncheons with Lisa was on October 28th at 12p.m. Robert Lilligren, President & CEO of the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) presented.

Street sweeping is complete except for 24th, 26th, and 28th street. If it snows they are still street sweeping. The city will continue to collect bundle brush and leaves until Nov. 16th.

Three openings in the 7th Ward on committees. Looking for someone to join the Public Health Advocacy Committee. It's a committee filled with public health professionals. Last appointee was Paul Pentell a well-known anti-smoking and smoking cessation expert. During his time banned menthol cigarettes in the city. Also increased the age to buy cigarettes to 21. This is a committee where big public health things can happen. Most recently the committee has been talking about violence as being a public health problem, and homelessness as a public health problem. You don't have to have a public health degree to apply, if you are interested in solving public health problems, Also looking for two people to serve on the Racial Equity Advisory Committee and one person to serve on the People with Disabilities Advisory Committee. Please contact Lisa if you are interested - judy.sherin@minneapolisismn.gov. They are ward based.

Minneapolis set voter record turnout. 86% of the city voted.

Public hearing on the Neighborhoods 2020 Plan on Thurs. Nov. 12th. There will be a vote the following day.

Series of public hearings on the city budget starting on Nov. 16th. Learn more here. Budget adoption Dec. 9th. Will give an update at the next EIRA board meeting.

Survey on Trends on Community Safety is open till Nov. 20th. You can take the survey here - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J86DD7Y?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Author of a program called Four D - affordable housing. There is an incentive for renters to receive a 40% reduction in their taxes if they offer affordable rent. There are conditions, example: not raising rent every year. Currently accepting applications for the program. Learn more here - <http://www2.minneapolisismn.gov/cped/housing/WCMSP-214366>

Minneapolis Data Dashboards - 40 different dashboards continuous updated details about what is going on in Minneapolis from COVID to Crime. Learn more here - <http://www2.minneapolisismn.gov/news/employees/WCMSP-226443>

For the City's 2021 Budget, there are currently several council members interested in amending the Mayor's recommended budget to increase funding for NCR for the Neighborhoods 2020 program.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting on November 10, 2020. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barstad. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

President's Report

President Emma Erdahl gave the following report: Please complete the Public Safety survey - https://www.minneapolisismn.gov/community-safety/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Park Board is still looking for input on the Cedar Isles Master Park Plan, learn more and complete the survey here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cedar-Isles>

Staff Report

Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following report on what she has been working on:

Newsletter went out Thurs. Nov. 5th.

Attended and supported Executive Committee and BET Committee meetings



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Worked with Erik on new website
Worked with Becky on upcoming listening sessions
Documented Board and BET meeting minutes
Responding to neighbor and community emails
Checking our EIRA mail at the UPS store
Created and disseminated information on our social media channels.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the November 2020 Finance Report, highlights include:

\$3,113.41 in expenses and \$3,454.02 in income for the month of October.

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

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

\$18,496.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (Sustainable Practices) as of October 31.

\$49,440.76 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (Community Participation Program) as of October 31.

The following action was taken regarding item 6: Motion to approve the November 2020 Finance Report. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

Outreach & Nominations Committee

Outreach & Nominations Committee Chair Eric Barstad provided the following report:

Becky Accettura and Rod Lauture are organizing a series of neighborhood listening sessions. The first session will be on November 18 and the topic is public safety.

There is a Public Safety survey in the newsletter, those who have not already completed it are encouraged to do so. <https://bit.ly/33zub90>. This is an opportunity to hear from our neighbors.

Built Environment & Transportation Committee

Built Environment & Transportation Committee Chair Andrew Degerstrom gave the following report:

All land use applications for the proposed mixed-use development at 2841 Hennepin Avenue were approved on consent by the Planning Commission on November 2, 2020.

Committee is interested in having representatives from the Mapping Prejudice Project at the University of Minnesota present on racial covenants and redlining in the East Isles and the greater Uptown Area. Presentation would most likely be after the new year.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Becca Hughes from the City of Minneapolis and JoNette Kuhnau from Kimley-Horn will be presenting results from the latest round of engagement on the

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Hennepin South Reconstruction Project, as well as next steps.

NRP Committee

Jenna Egan gave the following report on behalf of NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson:

EIRA Board Member Eric Anderson and NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson made comments before the October meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Rec Board. The purpose of their comments, in the open forum part of the meeting, was to support EIRA's position to place a shade structure in Levin (Triangle) Park and express the NRP Committee's frustration that this project has not been moved forward. The Park Board made a commitment in 2019 to work with EIRA to place a shade structure in the park leveraging both EIRA NRP funds and Park Dedication fees. The Board asked staff to follow-up with Eric and Mike regarding the next steps. The NRP Committee continues to make this neighborhood project a priority.

The NRP Committee meeting scheduled for November 4th was canceled. A new meeting date will be posted. If you are interested in joining the NRP Committee or have ideas for neighborhood projects to improve the quality of life in EIRA please feel free to email Committee Chair Erlandson at mikeerlandson@gmail.com.

Website Redesign

Erik Anderson, who is working on the website redesign, gave the following update:

Gave the board the link and temporary password to check out the new site.

Working on having the domain transferred over.

Welcome suggestions.

Erik's mom provided photos for the website.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee adopted the following resolutions since the previous Board Meeting:

Resolution 2020R-040: Resolved that EIRA authorizes the transfer of hosting of its website to Squarespace. Further resolved that EIRA authorizes a one-time expense of \$218 to Squarespace for the first year of web hosting service.

Resolution 2020R-041: Resolved that EIRA adopts the following policy regarding web services:

The eastisles.org and eastislesfarmersmarket.com websites shall be consolidated under the same EIRA Squarespace account.

The eastisles.org and eastislesfarmersmarket.com domain registrations shall be transferred as necessary and consolidated under the same EIRA Squarespace account.

The eastisles.org and eastislesfarmersmarket.com Google Workspace subscriptions shall be consolidated under the same EIRA Google account.

The following action was taken regarding item 11:

EIRA concluded on page 11

Helen Smith Searle

of the Minneapolis delegation, Searle was proudly riding in a lead car with Mayor Meyers of Minneapolis, Clara Ueland and other leaders of the suffragettes. The Morning Tribune reported on the victory, the following day:

Then it Begins to Rain⁷

"Wide streamers of yellow bunting brightened up the front of the building. Chairs had been brought out and placed in rows on the wide stairs. The speaker's stand was ready. And then - it began to rain. It wasn't any ordinary rain, either, but a hard, furious rain, and it lasted right through.

"Will there be anybody here?" they asked, one after the other. "Nobody will come out in such weather."

"There'll be a parade in St. Paul, only if only one automobile turns out," said one young woman determinedly. "And Minneapolis has promised to send 200 women."

At 8 o'clock, a flash of yellow appeared at the foot of the hill, on Cedar street. More yellow, and then faint strains of band music. St. Paul suffragists were coming up the hill. There were relieved sighs on every hand, as more than 100 cars, all decked with yellow bunting, rolled slowly up Cedar street. There was going to be a meeting, after all. And then -

"Here come Minneapolis!" St. Paul suffragists, leaving their automobiles at the front entrance, hurried through the rotunda to the other entrance. Cheering and applauding, they watched the yellow-covered cars wind slowly around the hill. Yes, Minneapolis was coming, and the band was playing "Glory, glory, hallelujah!"

Every balcony over the rotunda was packed with damp, but happy, suffragists 15 minutes later. Snowy-haired veterans, whose faltering steps had to be guided up the stairs by younger comrades, hundreds of active present-day workers, girls from the university, nurses in uniform, teachers, club women, members of the national Women's party, officials of the state and county Woman Suffrage association. - all were there. So

⁷ *Morning Tribune*, Minneapolis, June 10, page 1

were scores of men, husbands of workers and other men who had come "just to see what those new voters were like."

Through the wide entrance, the crowd on the ground floor saw yellow lights just beginning to peer through the mist over the city below, as the speakers appeared on the balcony. Over their heads the Capital dome blazed in full glory. Minnesota was doing honor to her women.

The Minnesota special session was held on September 11, 1919, and the legislature ratified the 19th Amendment, becoming the 15th state to do so. Helen Searle should rightly be recognized among those Minnesota leaders who championed the rights of women. Her participation for women's rights clearly was one of self dedication which occupied her life almost full time until the final passage of the 19th Amendment in 1919 and her first vote in 1920 for president of the United States.

Helen Smith Searle passed away on January 14, 1942 at the age of 70 at the family winter home in La Jolla, California. Services were held at Lakewood Chapel with Rev. Addison Knickerbocker of St. Paul's officiating.

Helen Smith Searle



Research and story by Kathy Kullberg

Minneapolis architect Lars Peterssen dies at 64 By Kim Palmer Star Tribune

Lars Peterssen started his professional life working on supercomputers. Then a lecture on design inspired him to change careers. He earned a master's degree in architecture at the University of Minnesota and worked for local firms on commercial projects.

Peterssen eventually launched his own firm, Domain, and later co-founded the award-winning Peterssen/Keller Architecture.

"He had a passion for architecture. He got pure joy from it," said P/K architect Kristine Anderson. "He loved the relationship we have with clients — listening to them, getting to know them."

Peterssen cared deeply about his clients and what they wanted in a home, said P/K architect Andrew Edwins. "He saw architecture as about making people's lives better."

Acacia Global presents 2020 Global Leadership Award to Chris and Shanelle Montana and the Du Nord Foundation. First time the Award is presented to American leaders

Acacia Global, a nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis, has awarded its annual Global Leadership Award to Chris and Shanelle Montana and the Du Nord Foundation. The award recognizes Chris and Shanelle's visionary leadership following the murder of George Floyd and the subsequent riots in Minneapolis. It comes with a \$10,000 unrestricted grant to the Du Nord Foundation.

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Motion to ratify Executive Committee actions since the previous Board meeting. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

Open Forum

The following was discussed during Open Forum: Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom is working on the 2021 budget. Due to delays in getting information on City funding from NCR, budget will likely be ready for adoption in January.

Regarding the first listening session (see item 7), there was discussion about how to contact block captains, as well as additional ways to promote the session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Majestic Elm Receives a Reprieve



Article: by Roger Childers

Photo by Dorothy Childers

I sing praises for Kyla Wahlstrom, a retired University of Minnesota professor, who led the effort to save one of the last old majestic elms remaining in the Twin Cities. When Kyla noticed, while walking her dog one day, that this elm had been marked with the “Red Stripe of Doom” by the City Forester, she sprang into action. She did her research and determined that Dutch Elm Disease is a certain death sentence when it makes its way into an elm tree’s trunk and roots. But, the tree can survive if the infection is only in its branches. She had the elm retested and the disease had not spread to the trunk.

Support grew in the neighborhood to save the tree. Xandra Coe, who lives nearby, offered to pay for regular pesticide treatments keep the disease from advancing down into the elm and the City Forester agreed to prune the infected branches.

The Red Stripe is now sprayed black and the elm will continue to provide beauty and shade to the neighborhood. Thanks to the efforts of Wahlstrom and Coe, a full recovery is a possibility in the future for this mighty elm.



CONTEST: NAME THE DUMPSTER DIVER AND THE GOLD HE IS HARVESTING?

Winners will be announced in the next HLP. Prizes may or may not include a piece of recognition.

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Happy Holidays from the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

More than ever, LHNA relies on the support of Lowry Hill residents like you to support efforts like the planting of the Douglas Median and Urn on Hennepin-Lyndale pictured here in December 2020.

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