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Thomas Lowry Park without Seven Pools fountain?

Park Board wants your feedback

By Michael Wilson

Thomas Lowry Park without Seven Pools fountain? Unthinkable, you might say -- yet this is one of two initial draft concepts to emerge from the Park Board's ongoing Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SWSAMP) process.

As a result of the historic joint ordinance passed by the Park Board and City Council in April 2016 -- fashioned and guided to success largely by our Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman and our then-District 4 Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb -- the Park Board is receiving a new 20-year funding stream of \$11 million per year to address the long-overdue needs of neighborhood parks.

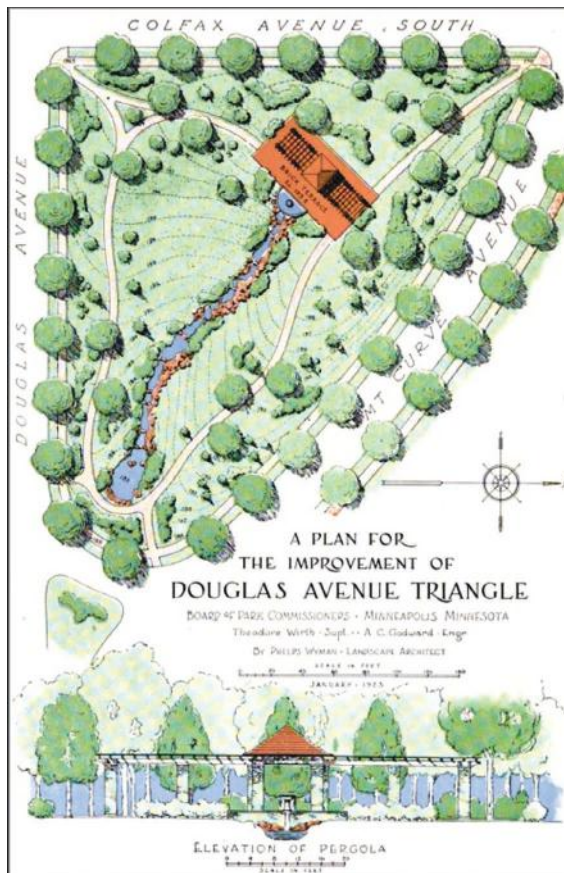
To guide the herculean task of developing new master plans for all of the city's 160-odd neighborhood parks, the Park Board last year launched Community Advisory Committees (CACs) in all four quadrants of the city. On February 1 Park Board staff released draft concepts for all 43 Southwest neighborhood parks. (Google "Southwest Service Area Master Plan" for a link to the project page.)

Two initial concept designs.

Park planners cast a wide net in seeking ideas for the new master plans, according to SWSAMP project manager Colleen O'Dell. Input from the CAC members and residents who attended the CAC meetings and Open Houses, plus responses to earlier online surveys, was very important, O'Dell says. Sports, community, and school groups across the city also weighed in. Park Board planners and their consultants also incorporated a few ideas reflecting current trends in park design thinking.

The result was two initial concept designs -- "first explorations," O'Dell calls them -- for all the parks. "Concept A" proposes, in general, moderate changes. "Concept B" ventures further with some "what if" ideas. "They may be wonderful, they may be terrible," O'Dell says. "Let's try them out spatially, get everyone's responses, and go from there."

Concept A for Thomas Lowry Park One concept keeps the park historically intact but suggests moving the Thomas Lowry statue and monument from Smith



1922 Park Design:

Phelps Wyman's 1923 design for Thomas Lowry Park, with water cascade. Area residents were assessed the park's \$100,000 cost. (Illustration: Minneapolis Park Board.)

Triangle at 24th and Hennepin to Thomas Lowry Park and creating a plaza.

Concept B, with its "what if" idea for replacing Seven Pools fountain with a "nature play" area has certainly caught the attention of Lowry Hill residents and lovers of Thomas Lowry Park. Describing most people's response as "unhappy" would be an understatement.

Seven Pools fountain almost a century old.

As lovers of Thomas Lowry Park sadly know, Seven Pools fountain has reached the end of its serviceable



2019 "Concept B":

Proposed Design Features in "Concept B" for Thomas Lowry Park: (1) grassy seating mounds, (2) native plantings/sensory learning gardens, (3) nature play area, (4) additional walking paths, (5) entry area with flexible seating. (Illustration: Minneapolis Park Board.)

life. The park design, with its distinctive pergola and artificial cascade, was created in 1922 by park commissioner and landscape architect Phelps Wyman, at the invitation of Theodore Wirth. Acquisition and improvement costs totaled more than \$100,000 -- one of the "most expensive undertakings" for the Park Board up to that point, Wirth noted -- which was assessed to area property owners over ten years.

The SWSAMP endeavor comes at the same time as the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP) have concluded a Conditions Assessment Report conducted by Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects to evaluate Thomas Lowry Park. The report documents major degradation to the Seven Pools fountain, arbor, and pathways over the past century of use. The report estimates restoration costs for the fountain, arbor, and pathways at \$600,000

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Seven Pools fountain, the walkway, and the pergola appear in this undated photo.



Seven Pools fountain today. (Both photos: Friends of Thomas Lowry Park.)

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Lunch with Lisa

The February "Lunch with Lisa" will take place on February 27th and will feature the NCAA Final Four event organizing committee with Kate Mortenson, President and CEO of 2019 Minneapolis Final Four.

\$10.00 lunch. Discussion starts promptly at noon. Be sure to RSVP to Ruth at 612-673-2207 so that there will be enough lunches for everyone.

St. Thomas Minneapolis, 202 Opus Hall.

Persistent Theatre's next Production. When We Were Young and Unafraid by Sarah Treem. "Revolutions Come in Multitudes"

In the early 1970s, before Roe v. Wade, before the Violence Against Women Act, Agnes has turned her quiet bed and breakfast into a place where victims of domestic violence can seek refuge. Directed by Meggie Greivell and featuring: Julie Ann Greif, Lynda Dahl, Aidan Gallivan, Audrey Parry and Jared Mogen.

March 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 29 and 30 at 7:30PM

March 17, 24, and 31 at 2PM, Fallout Urban Art Center, 2609 Stevens Ave. Minneapolis, Tickets \$20, Student/Senior/Military \$18. <https://www.persistent-theatreproductions.com/current-season>

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
 February 25, 6:30, Jefferson fire prevention class
 February 27th noon, Lunch with Lisa
 Through March 15, photography exhibit at Isles Bun & Coffee
 Neighborhood monthly meetings
 CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
 EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
 KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
 LHNA: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

Loppet Classic Marathon 2019



Photo by Dorothy Childers

FREE Fire Prevention Class for Homeowners & Renters Feb 25th

A free class will be held at Jefferson coming up this Monday, February 25th from 6:30-7:30pm. Register in advance here so we know you're coming! <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/17883/adult-enrichment-winter-2019/fire-prevention-for-homeowners-renters-jefferson>

Loppet Classic Marathon 2019

With fresh snow and mild temperatures, spectators cheered on skiers entering the channel between Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake, in one of the competitive events of the Loppet, the Urban Cross-Country Ski Festival. Two hundred and twenty-three skiers (159 men, and 64 women) finished the 57.0 kilometer race, with an average time of 2:49:53. In past years, this location would have been near the end of the race. But, this year, with the completion of The Trailhead, and for the first time in seventeen years, most of the events were centered in Theodore Wirth Regional Park and the starting point of the races were on Bde Maka Ska. For more information about The Trailhead, go to

Loppet Winter Festival Gets a New Home at The Trailhead in 2019 - City of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival

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Meet Your Neighbor, Colleen O'Dell with the Park Board

Craig Wilson interviews Colleen O'Dell with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB/Park Board) about her professional background, role at the Park Board and the Southwest Service Area Master Plan project (SW Parks Plan) and its Community Action Committee (CAC).

What is your professional background? I have worked for MPRB Planning for almost 8 years and am also an adjunct faculty member at the UofM Humphrey School of Public Affairs, both jobs that I find exciting and meaningful. Before this I worked for City of Saint Paul Planning & Economic Development and the National Park Service in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. I've got two masters degrees from the University of MN in urban planning and landscape architecture and am a licensed landscape architect. This was a mid-career shift for me, as I'd previously worked in art/design and international development. I managed gallery exhibitions and artists grants at Northern Clay Center in Minneapolis and worked for a local woman-owned landscape design and installation company. Before that I recruited volunteers and managed recruiters in the 5-state area for the Minneapolis Peace Corps office. In the late 90's I was a Peace Corps Volunteer for 2 years in Turkmenistan in Central Asia, teaching medical English to doctors, promoting women's health initiatives, and supporting artist entrepreneurs. My B.A. is in Sociology & Anthropology from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, and I spent some time studying in southern China as well. I grew up in North Minneapolis and my family owned a landscaping business on West Broadway for many years.

What is your role at the park board? I'm a Senior Planner and currently the project manager for the Southwest Service Area Master Plan project (SW Parks Plan). I also coordinate our public art in the parks program and work on a number of other smaller planning/design/installation projects throughout the park system.

What is the SW CAC? The CAC is our 18-member appointed Community Advisory Committee for the SW Parks Plan. Appointments were made by neighborhood organizations, Park Board Commissioners & staff, and City Council members. The CAC has met 6 times so far during this project, and will have a few more meetings this year, resulting in a recommendation on the master plan to our Board of Commissioners.

What are the boundaries of the SW? All 43 neighborhood parks south of I-394 and west of I-35W, including small triangles and linear parks. This project does not include large regional parks such as the Chain of Lakes or Minnehaha Parkway – those have different funding sources and their own master plans. It also generally does not address recreation centers or the contents of large buildings – those are part of a separate planning process underway now called RecQuest.

Why is the park board undertaking this effort? In the park board's 130+ year history we've never really done comprehensive planning of all our neighborhood parks. The closest we came was in the 1960s-70s when most recreation centers were built. Much about the city, its people, and our recreational interests has changed in that time. It's time to revisit these park spaces and envision how they might be improved over the next 20-30 years. With so many city parks to plan, MPRB has

approached it in 5 sections. Our Board has already adopted master plans for South, Downtown, and North and will soon review SE/NE (a.k.a. East of the River). The SW service area is the last section to be planned and will complete a comprehensive vision for our neighborhood parks.

What is NPP20? The 20-year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20) is an historic agreement reached in 2016 when MPRB and the City adopted companion ordinances to reverse years of underfunding the park system. It does three main things: protects existing levels of parks funding; adds an additional \$11 million a year in funding for parks maintenance, rehab, and capitol projects; and allocates funding using a data-based system that addresses racial and economic equity city-wide. All neighborhood parks are ranked based on seven criteria including condition of assets, past investments, youth population, and racially concentrated areas of poverty, among other factors. Each year all parks are ranked and those at the top are allocated funding for project implementation. As parks are invested in, they circle back around in the ranking again. This is one of the ways park improvements are funded. We also receive funding from philanthropy, cooperative agreements, neighborhood fundraising, grants, and the park dedication ordinance.

What are parks that will be affected in Lowry Hill, East Isles, Kenwood and Cedar Isles Dean neighborhoods? Alcott Triangle, Chowen Triangle, Fremont Triangle, Kenwood Park, Kenwood Parkway, Levin Triangle, Park Siding Park, Smith Triangle, St. Louis Triangle, The Parade Park (& Spring Lake), Thomas Lowry Park, Vineland Triangle, and West End Triangle.

How can the public participate? We had a great community response last year when we attended 100 public events in the SW area. We hope to continue to hear from folks about these initial concepts in a variety of ways: 1) Take the online survey at www.minneapolis-parks.org/sw; 2) Visit a SW park Recreation Center to view printed concepts and fill out a comment card. Located at these parks: Armatage, Bryant Square, Fuller, Kenny, Kenwood, Linden Hills, Lyndale Farmstead, Lynnhurst, Painter (note: currently closed for improvements), Pershing, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Whittier, and Windom South. Also available at Parade Ice Arena and MPRB Headquarters. 3) MPRB staff will be visiting the regular meetings of all 21 neighborhood organizations in SW through the end of March. Contact your neighborhood organization to ask about dates.

There has been some discussion about bike lanes on Kenwood Parkway, what is the idea behind that concept and the process to respond? MPRB-owned parkways and linear park properties are not just streets, they serve to connect park amenities and/or provide recreational benefits. Kenwood Parkway is very wide in places and can accommodate protected bike lanes and some forms of traffic calming design elements. Recreational cycling



and commuting on MPRB trails is incredibly popular and part of the reason our park system is so successful. MPRB trails throughout our system are often separated from other types of uses and traffic to protect the health and welfare of everyone using the parks. We are always striving to improve connections throughout our Grand Rounds system and park amenities that can connect to it. Kenwood Parkway links Lake of the Isles and the Grand Rounds to Kenwood Park, Spring Lake, The Parade, and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

There has been controversy about some design concepts—how is the Park Board incorporating feedback? Initial concepts that we've released this year are the project staff's first attempt to respond the community input we gathered over the last 9 months. We encourage all park users to review them and give us your feedback through the end of March when we'll work with the CAC to start refining the ideas down into one preferred concept. Maybe you like one concept over another, or perhaps you'd like pieces of one merged with ideas from another, or maybe you have an idea that wasn't presented yet. All feedback is welcome!

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We've had 47 years
To service your needs,
I have overcome my fears
And done good deeds.

Now for 33 years
On 38th street
I've rejoiced in all you dears
I've had the pleasure to meet!

I say I'm not tired,
My work isn't done,
My burner is still fired
And I'm still having fun!

But you are over seventy
Some people say,
With energy aplenty-
I still want to play!

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The path in is clear!

Just stop in if you can,
Ask for an appointment if you will,
We want to be your repairman
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Editor's notes:

Be sure to read the March Hill and Lake Press which will be delivered on March 22.


Important articles include a fascinating story with photos about the history of Pendergast Row Dean Parkway written by Historian Kathy Kullberg. Also, enjoy tips on how to recycle and steps on how to reduce your junk mail compiled by Toni D'Aramo.

And last, Hill and Lake Press needs contributions if we are to continue our neighborhood newspaper.



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to \$650,000.

Go to <thomaslowrypark.org>, click on "Project," then on "Project Details" to read the Aune Fernandez report. And consider making a donation while you're on the website!

LHNA hosted a public meeting on February 5 to discuss spending up to \$300,000 to match FTLP's fundraising efforts to restore the Seven Pools and its pump system. The vote of Lowry Hill residents attending overwhelmingly favored having LHNA support the project financially.

LHNA will draw \$225,000 from Neighborhood Revitalization (NRP) funds that have been returned to LHNA after being loaned to support affordable housing projects in other parts of the city. LHNA is now allowed to spend those dollars on local initiatives that benefit Lowry Hill residents. (LHNA is currently required to spend approximately \$100,000 of its remaining NRP funds on housing efforts and will consider options at the Board's meeting on Tuesday, March 5.)

O'Dell: 'We want residents' feedback.'

SWSAMP project manager O'Dell emphasizes that the planning staff want to hear from us about the proposals for all parks, including Thomas Lowry. The best way to do so is to go to the SWSAMP project page (see above). Under "Key Documents," click on "Park Concepts Survey."

"I guarantee that I, my three planning staffers, and our two consultants will read and consider every comment submitted," O'Dell states. "We will give particular weight at this point in the process to residents who live near and use the parks they are commenting on."

While some may regard online surveys as a waste of time, O'Dell stresses that this one is not. "We wouldn't be asking for residents' feedback if we didn't want to know," she says.

O'Dell says that people can email her at <codell@minneapolisparcs.org> or call (612) 230-6469 if they wish, but the better, more efficient path to give feedback to her, the staff, and consultants is through the online survey.

Cowgill supports rehabilitation campaign.

Jono Cowgill, District 4 Park Board commissioner, has voiced support for the Seven Pools fountain rehabilitation campaign. "Seven Pools is a beautiful fountain that should be kept operational. Similar to the Berger Fountain in Loring Park, it is an asset that needs additional support beyond the capacity of current MPRB capital improvement dollars," Cowgill says.

Since capital improvement funds are not immediately on the horizon for the fountain due to the racial equity lens used to allocate those dollars, Cowgill says he is "supportive of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park raising private funds to rehabilitate the Seven Pools fountain. I look forward to working hand in hand with the neighborhood and the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park to make this rehabilitation a reality."

The full Park Board will hopefully vote on Wednesday, March 6, on whether to accept a donation from Friends of Thomas Lowry Park of a refurbished or restored fountain, according to Elizabeth Shaffer, FTLP president.

A crucial part of the \$650,000 FTLP goal is the \$300,000 in NRP funds which residents at the February 5 meeting, hosted by LHNA, voted to support. While Cowgill supports the FTLP project in general, some residents are concerned that he expects the entire \$650,000 to be raised privately and will not support the plan if it includes NRP funds. "We can't do it without the NRP funds," Shaffer says.

Lowry Hill residents and Thomas Lowry Park supporters have two important meetings coming up. The first is the Tuesday, March 5 LHNA board meeting (Kenwood Rec Center, 7 pm). O'Dell will present on the status of SWSAMP planning. Cowgill has been invited to attend.

The second, obviously, is the Wednesday, March 6 Park Board meeting (Park Board HQ, 5 pm). Residents will be able to address the board during Open Time, which begins at 5:30 pm. Go to <minneapolisparcs.org/boardmeetings> to check the agenda for March 6. If the FTLP donation appears, show up and voice your support!

District 4 residents can also email Cowgill at

Southwest Project Office selects 'certain properties' along Kenilworth Corridor for pre-construction surveys

By Michael Wilson

The Southwest Project Office (SPO) mailed letters on February 11 to selected residents along the Kenilworth Corridor to request permission to perform "a pre-construction survey of your property" in advance of the start of "construction activities in Spring of 2019."

This "pre-construction inspection of certain properties [will] document existing conditions before construction starts. This information will be used to compare conditions after construction." The free pre-construction survey, the letter says, will "consist of the examination and documentation of the interior and exterior of the premises, together with any outside structures within the limits of the property" and will take "approximately two to three hours to complete."

When David Davies, SPO community outreach coordinator for the five Minneapolis SWLRT stations, mentioned the letters at the CIDNA board meeting on February 13, some attendees who live near the corridor asked why they hadn't received their letters. As it turns out, according to Davies, the letters went only to properties which lie within 95 feet of the SWLRT right-of-way.

Davies was asked why 95 feet was chosen as the cutoff for conducting pre-construction inspections. He indicated he would look into it. As of press time for this issue of Hill & Lake Press the SPO had not given an explanation for the 95-foot zone.

By way of comparison, construction in 2015 for the footings of the Trammel Crow apartments caused \$30,000 in damage to the Calhoun Isles condo towers - 160 feet away.

Many Cedar-Isles-Dean residents recall the battles with the Met Council a few years back over damage caused by the sewer force-main project along Sunset Blvd. The Council's initial response was to deny residents' damage claims. In the end, some residents' damage claims were paid. Some were never compensated.

Kenilworth Corridor residents who live beyond the 95-foot cutoff -- including several Cedar Lake Shores townhome owners -- are on their own if SWLRT construction causes any damage. Without meticulous documentation their damage claims will be difficult to prove.

Several residents who did receive the SPO letter are planning to pay for an independent inspection and legal advice. They expect to share the information with neighbors.

"The SWLRT contractor has hired a subcontractor to conduct the inspections, which will be used to determine whether the contractor bears any responsibility for damage," says one Corridor resident. "It has a potential built-in conflict of interest."

An email account, <kenilworthcorridor2019@gmail.com>, has been created to disseminate and coordinate information among Corridor residents, including updates on the independent inspections. Send an email if you wish to be included. Name and address are required. All group emails from this account will be sent on a "bcc" basis; your contact information will not be shared. Michael Wilson and Jeanette Colby will moderate the list.

Information will also be posted to NextDoor, restricted to Kenwood and Cedar-Isles-Dean residents.

For questions about the 95-foot cutoff, inspections, the damage claim process, or any and all aspects of SWLRT construction, contact Davies at <david.davies@metrotransit.org> or (612) 373-5336.

<jono.cowgill@gmail.com.>

We all love our parks -- it's in our civic DNA. But even among so many other great Minneapolis parks, Thomas Lowry Park stands out. "Visiting Thomas Lowry Park is like stepping back in time to a place where visiting a park was about relaxation, respite and beauty," observes Craig Wilson, LHNA and FTLP board member. **"The heart of Lowry Hill is Thomas Lowry Park, and the soul of Thomas Lowry Park is the Seven Pools.**

Advocating for Hill Lake Parks

By Larry Moran & Craig Wilson

For the past several months we have been representatives of the Hill Lake community on the Southwest Community Advisory Committee (SW CAC), an 18-member group of appointed residents providing feedback on the Southwest Service Area Master Plan project of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (Park Board). For more information on this project, please see the Meet Your Neighbor interview of Colleen O'Dell, its project manager. City of Minneapolis Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman appointed Larry Moran, of the Kenwood neighborhood, to the SW CAC. Craig Wilson, of the Lowry Hill neighborhood, was appointed by the Lowry Hill, East Isles, Kenwood and Bryn Mawr (south of 394) neighborhoods. Jana Griffin is representing CIDNA. So far we have had six meetings and a tour of neighborhood parks in southwest Minneapolis. The goal of the project is to determine a long-term strategic master plan for all southwest neighborhood parks. With 43 neighborhood parks, this has been an ambitious undertaking.

The six meetings so far have mostly occurred on weeknights and have lasted approximately two hours each. The meetings are open to the general public with opportunities for public comment. Over the course of the SW CAC, we have been trained in diversity sensitivity and inclusion, developed a better understanding of park operations and needs, and learned from each other about the neighborhood parks with which each member was most familiar. At several meetings there have been opportunities to break into planning sessions. It has been difficult to provide feedback on all parks, so we have primarily focused our efforts on parks in the Hill Lake area.

Throughout the SW CAC, we heard consistently and purposefully from soccer and skateboarding enthusiasts and their organizations who have effectively argued that their sports are underrepresented in Park Board infrastructure. They have been invited to participate in our breakout sessions and their comments have been equally weighted with ours. Like the public outreach efforts, our comments have been collected on Post-It notes and provided to Park Board staff and consultants for their consideration and design inspiration.

Over the past couple weeks we, along with the general public, have seen the design concepts developed by the Park Board for the first time. We have been quite surprised by several of the design concepts, such as: 1) removing Seven Pools at Thomas Lowry Park; 2) eliminating parking on Kenwood Parkway to accommodate bicycle lanes; 3) moving the recently rebuilt tennis courts at Kenwood Park; and 4) creating a new parking lot on the north side of Franklin Avenue in Kenwood Park. Assuming positive intent of the Park Board and its consultants, we feel that with better communication between the Park Board and CAC members (after the design process but before any public unveiling of these designs) we would have been able to alert the Park Board to what we believed would be disapproval of important parts of those designs from our neighbors. And, in fact, we have heard from neighbors about their surprise and disapproval of these plans. We realize that we are still in the conceptual stage of the process, and we all still have a chance to influence the final outcome, but we believe the Park Board and its designers need to have a better understanding of how these parks are used, where major investments have been made and how people feel toward our neighborhood parks and parkways.

The Park Board is currently seeking feedback on their design concepts. We are working with local neighborhood organizations to determine if we can develop consensus on the preferred design concepts. The Park Board is accepting official letters from organizations until the end of March 2018. We will continue to advocate for Hill Lake neighborhood parks, balancing the preservation of our historic and natural assets while adapting to the 21st century. See the designs for the parks in the Southwest Area (https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SWParks_PrelimConcepts_A-K.pdf) and send comments to the Park Board (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sw_concepts).

Robert Bly at Plymouth Church Feb. 11 Celebrated an Epoch

By James P. Lenfestey
www.coyotepoet.com

On the cold, snowstorm-free Monday evening of Feb. 11, well over 400 people gathered for a celebration of our Lowry Hill neighbor the renowned poet Robert Bly, 92, organized by neighbor James Lenfestey as part of Literary Witnesses at Plymouth Congregational Church, co-sponsored by RainTaxi Review of Books. More than 30 readers, all whose lives and art have been deeply influenced by Bly, read poems from Bly's *Collected Poems*, just published by WW Norton, to the appreciative crowd. Evening highlights included

readings by his children and grandchildren, including Bridget Bly, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and grandchildren Max Bly and Isaac Bly. Another was Bill Duffy, 89, telling spirited stories of the beginning of Bly's influential magazine *The Fifties* in the small farm town of Madison, Minnesota, and at William Duffy's hammock in Pine Island, Minnesota, the title of a famous poem by Bly's friend James Wright.

At the reception following the nearly two-hour reading, the audience snapped up all the broadsides

commemorating the event, featuring Bly's valedictory poem, "Keeping Our Small Boat Afloat." Birchbark books sold nearly all the 100 copies of the 533-page *Collected Poems*, published by W.W. Norton. All had been signed by Bly at his kitchen table before the event. The first line from Lenfestey's poem that concluded the evening voiced what the occasion meant to many: "The age of poets is over with this man."

KEEPING OUR SMALL BOAT AFLOAT

by Robert Bly

So many blessings have been given to us
During the first distribution of light, that we are
Admired in a thousand galaxies for our grief.

Don't expect us to appreciate creation or to
Avoid mistakes. Each of us is a latecomer
To the earth, picking up wood for the fire.

Every night another beam of light slips out
From the oyster's closed eye. So don't give up hope
That the door of mercy may still be open.

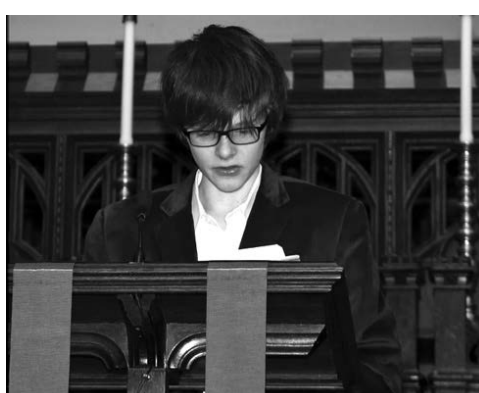
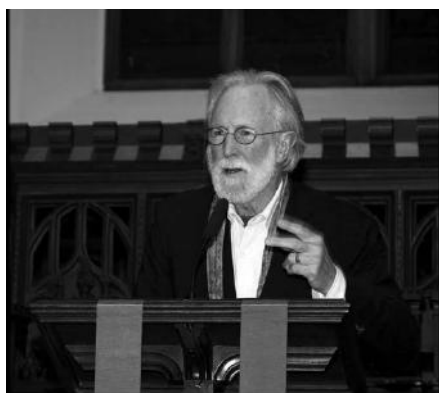
Seth and Shem, tell me, are you still grieving
Over the spark of light that descended with no
Defender near into the Egypt of Mary's womb?

It's hard to grasp how much generosity

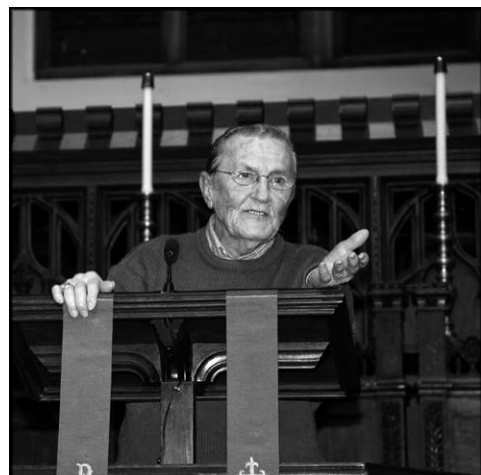
Is involved in letting us go on breathing,
When we contribute nothing valuable but our grief.

Each of us deserves to be forgiven, if only for
Our persistence in keeping our small boat afloat
When so many have gone down in the storm.

—From *COLLECTED POEMS*, W. W. Norton,
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James Lenfestey, friend and neighbor of poet Robert Bly; Bridget Bly, daughter; Isaac Bly, grandson, Max Bly, grandson.



Bill
Duffy,
friend of
Robert
Bly.

Random Acts of Kowalski's Kindness

The backstory on "The House with the Flowers" at 22nd and Irving

By Melinda Nelson

If you've ever run, biked or walked your dog past the white 1920s bungalow at the

corner of 22nd and Irving, you may have noticed a tall bouquet of flowers in the front window. Depending on the season, the flowers are usually roses or white lilies from Kowalski's, which is where John Awe had his Jimmy Stewart moment in 2007.

In a modern-day twist on "It's a Wonderful Life," John was standing at the meat counter, thinking his own thoughts, when he heard a soft voice behind him.

"Hello," a woman said.

When she said it a second time, it occurred to John that she was addressing him, so he turned around.

"Are you okay?" the woman asked.

"Um, yes, I'm okay," replied John. "Why would you ask?"

"Well, I run by your house every day and you usually have flowers in your window," the woman explained kindly. "But recently, there haven't been any flowers in your window, so I was going to knock on your door to see if you're okay. And if you're not, I would get you some fresh flowers because maybe they would make you feel better."

As you might imagine, John was taken aback by the woman's kindness, especially since he'd been traveling for several months. "May I ask your name?" he asked.

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



The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 5th

7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.

If you have a concern, question or wish to be on the agenda, contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Minneapolis Property Owners Can Sign Up for Lottery to Buy a Low-Cost Tree

The 14 varieties available this year include large species, flowering trees and several kinds of fruit trees.

Any Minneapolis property owner can register. Enter through March 13 at <https://bit.ly/2SstSsX>

Help Shape the Future of Southwest Minneapolis Neighborhood Parks

Plans for dozens of southwest parks are online now. Residents are encouraged to review and comment.

Lowry Hill neighborhood parks include:

- Fremont Triangle
- The Parade Park
- Vineland Triangle
- Kenwood Parkway
- Thomas Lowry Park

The concepts are in alphabetical groups on this page: bit.ly/2GIwZFU. Submit comments here: bit.ly/2thw87c

Walking Tour of Historic Lowry Hill - May 2019 details to come

Learn about the history and historic homes of Lowry Hill. Date and details to be announced soon.

Walking Tour of Lake of the Isles - Sunday, June 6th 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Learn about Lake of the Isles historic homes, the people who designed, built and live in them. Meet at the bridge at the southeast corner of Lake of the Isles. Rain or shine. \$10/person or \$25/family suggested donations. Donations support Alliance Housing's mission for sustainable, affordable housing. LHNA will match donations for each ticket sold. Email info@alliancehousinginc.org or benold3@gmail.com to sign up.

Lunch with Lisa - Wednesday, February 27th 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Join Council Member Lisa Goodman for February's lunch and a discussion of the April 2019 NCAA men's basketball tournament in Minneapolis. Meet at University of St Thomas, 202 Opus Hall, 10th and LaSalle, Mpls. If you would like a lunch reserved (\$10), please contact Ruth at 612-673-2207 or Ruth.Weakly@minneapolismn.gov.

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Everyone wins when Isles Ensemble presents 'dueling' string trios

Sunday, February 24

By Michael Wilson

Come one, come all to Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church this Sunday as two giants — Mr. Tchaikovsky and Herr Haydn — duke it out with dueling string trios! So say the musicians of the Isles Ensemble about their third concert of the 2018-19 season, which begins at 2 pm.

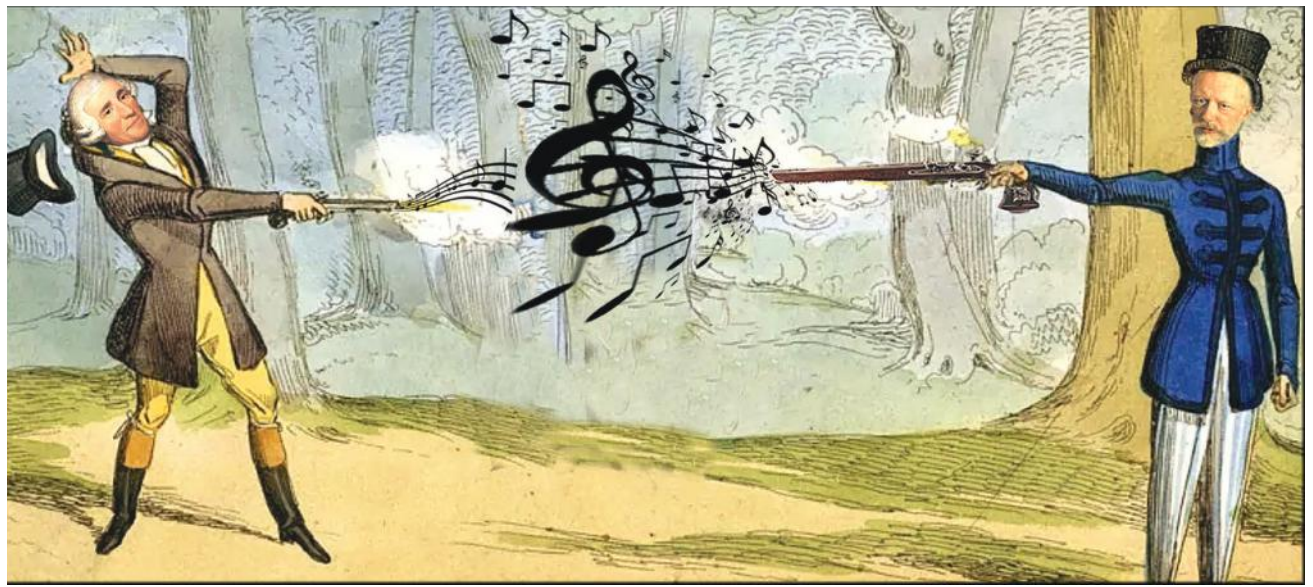
Isles Ensemble (and, since 1995, Minnesota Orchestra) violist Sifei Chang has created a whimsical illustration of the contest, showing Pyotr Ilyich as the clear winner with his Trio in A Minor, Op. 50, with its cascades of notes. "Compared to the Haydn, it's a beast to play," Chang says.

Chang is quick to add, though, that we'll all be winners at Sunday's remarkable concert.

Tchaikovsky's only string trio.

The A Minor trio is Tchaikovsky's only work for violin, cello, and piano. In 1880 he wrote, "I simply cannot endure the combination of piano with violin or cello. To my mind the timbre of these instruments will not blend ... it is torture for me to have to listen to a string trio or a sonata of any kind for piano and strings. To my mind, the piano can be effective in only three situations: alone, in context with the orchestra, or as accompaniment, i.e., the background of a picture." But in 1882 he overcame these reservations and wrote the mighty piece we will hear on Sunday.

"Ivan Konev, David Leung, and I will be performing the Tchaikovsky and we are excited about tackling such a huge work," says cellist Laura Sewell. "It is not performed all that often because it is so enormous (per-



formances of the piece are 45-50 minutes long) and the piano part alone is 91 pages! Despite its length, it is a truly beautiful work and well worth the effort to learn it. "Sewell notes that she Konev, and Leung were all new to the piece. "We jumped at the chance to play it," she says. "It is full of one gorgeous melody after another and all three parts are truly equal in that they are soloistic and demanding but so well written for the three instruments. The trio consists of only two movements, which is unusual in itself, and the entire second movement is a giant set of twelve variations. The variations contain every style imaginable, from a completely delightful

waltz to a mazurka to a grand fugue. It is truly brilliant writing!"

An early, delightful Haydn trio.

Before the Tchaikovsky we'll be treated to Haydn's String Trio in C Major, Hob V:C3, a much smaller work but a pleasure to hear nonetheless. Cellist Tom Rosenberg will be joined violinists Stephanie Arrado, the Minnesota Orchestra's assistant concertmaster for 22 years, and Leslie Shank, the SPCO's assistant concertmaster for 24 years.

"The Haydn trio for two violins and cello (no viola!) is early Haydn and may even pre-date his first set of string quartets," Rosenberg says. "It was probably composed in the period of 1755-65 and could be considered sort of a warm-up to the brilliant and revolutionary music Haydn would soon create. It is generally lovely, easy-going and humble...and could not be more different than Tchaikovsky's Piano trio, which is on the other side of intermission of our program on Sunday."

How to compare the two? "Tchaikovsky's trio is massive, full of angst and tragedy (and gorgeous melodies!)," Rosenberg says. "The Haydn is petite, happy with the exception of the third movement, and full of concise and motivic rather than long melodic writing. Simply put, it is fun to play and delightful to listen to. What's not to like?"

Rosenberg is a nationally known performer, chamber music coach, and teacher. He performs on a rare cello by Lorenzo Storioni made in Cremona, Italy in 1794.

Estonian Arvo Pärt's haunting 'Fratres.'

The February 24 concert begins with the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's *Fratres*, for violin and piano, played by Leslie Shank and Ivan Konev. "Pärt wrote more than 20 different versions of *Fratres*, which is Latin for 'Brothers,'" Shank says. "I have always been intrigued by its haunting quality, which is especially pronounced in the violin and piano version. It is technically challenging, and I have always wanted to perform this work. It is a minimalistic work, a kind of *passacaglia*. Playing it in the beautiful acoustic of Lake of the Isles Church will be the perfect setting."

Both Shank and Konev have recently released CDs, which will be available at Sunday's concert. Konev's CD, sponsored by Minnesota State Arts Board and titled "Bridges," is an exploration of unknown music by contemporary Russian and American composers.

Shank and her Shank-Hagedorn Duo partner (and husband) Joseph Hagedorn, founding member in 1986 of the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, have just released "At Home and Abroad" on the Innova Recordings label, through the American Composers Forum. For this release, Shank and Hagedorn have selected some favorite works from their past fifteen years of performances. The music is as wide-ranging as the Duo's interests, with influences from South American and Finnish folk music to John Dowland and "Pop Goes the Weasel". Several other Isles Ensemble members also perform on the CD.

Concert tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students). As always, a reception follows the concert.

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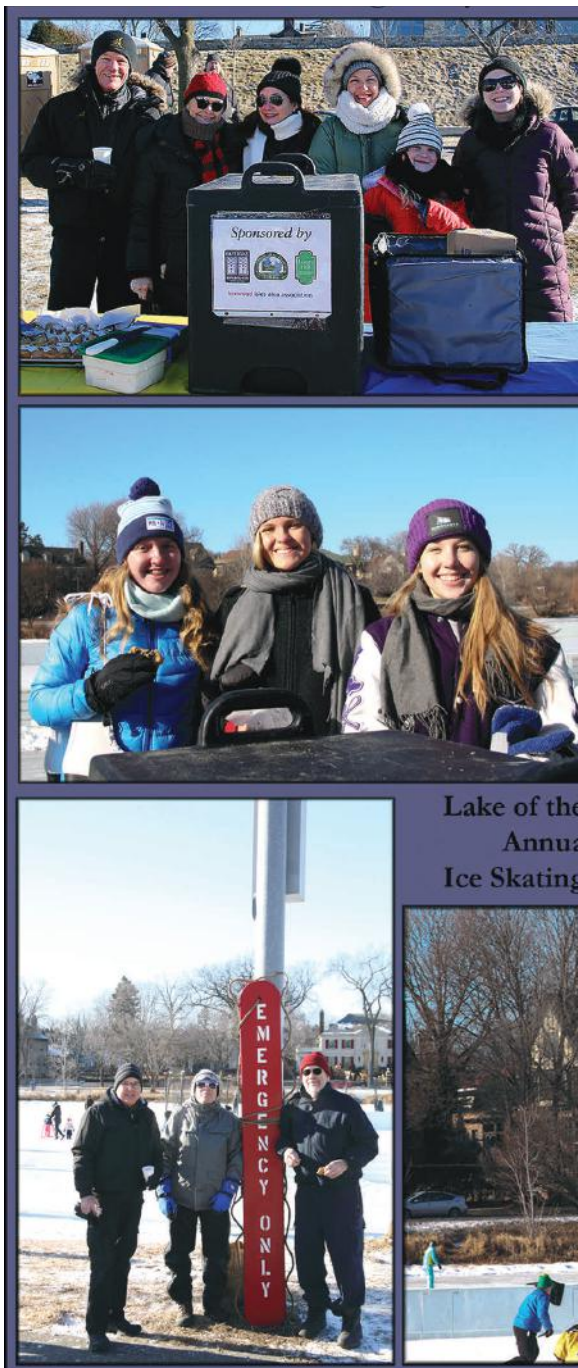


Seniors, kids make perilous ascent of dangerous Lake Street bridge. Photo and story: Michael Wilson

Monday afternoon, February 18 -- *four days* after the last snowfall -- Cedar-Isles-Dean resident and CIDNA board member Barbara Lunde and her two grandchildren, Sam (5) and Alice (3), decided to walk the two blocks from Barbara's apartment at Drew and West Lake Street over to Rustica, in Calhoun Village, for a nice cup of hot cocoa. But here's the obstacle course they had to conquer in order to make their trip up and over the West Lake Street bridge.

Our city leaders promote their vision of a Minneapolis where no one needs to drive and park any more because everyone will walk, bike, and take transit year-round. Scant attention seems to be given to the needs of seniors, parents with young children, folks with mobility challenges -- and to certain harsh realities like ... winter.

Cedar-Isles-Dean residents will immediately recognize a looming nightmare: clambering up the Lake Street bridge day in and day out, summer and winter, is what they'll have to do in order to access the \$2-billion SWLRT West Lake station down below. Is this really the best we can do?



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Lake of the Isles Annual Ice Skating Party

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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amy Noble

February 2019 (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met February 4, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeanette Colby, Secretary Amy Noble, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, and Will Stensrud; Absent: Treasurer Matt Spies, Kyle Leier, and Mark Brown. Also present: Lisa Goodman (CM), Larry Moran, Madeline Hudek, and 3 neighbors

The agenda was approved with one revision to add New Business.

City Council Update – CM Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa in January was cancelled due to severe weather and St Thomas closing their buildings; the community development guests are rescheduled for Lunch with Lisa in March

February Lunch with Lisa will be held on the 27th and the guest will be Kate Mortenson to discuss the Final Four, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, lunch is offered for \$10.

The city's tax department has produced and released a video on property tax calculation value and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SasSQY4oK_Q

Minneapolis property owners can enter the lottery to buy a low-cost tree, enter by March 18th, register at www.treetrust.org

The 2020 Neighborhood Framework has been released, public comment is open through March 31st, <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/2020>

The Transportation Action Plan will help guide transportation designs that align with the 2040 plan. The committee is currently accepting feedback, a draft plan will be released at the end of the year for final approval in 2020, <http://go.minneapolis.mn.gov/>

City Council voted to advance a measure that would require homeowners and landlords to disclose a home's energy efficiency. A new inspection prior to the sale of a home would require an energy test to include drilling a 2-inch hole into the walls of a property to measure insulation. Inspectors would also check windows, heating systems and insulation in attics.

The variance for a garage at 2512 W 21st Street was approved

SW Parks Master Plan Update – Madeline Hudek

Madeline provided an overview of the new park plans for Kenwood Park and the addition of bike lanes on Kenwood Parkway; these plans can be viewed at https://www.minneapolis.parks.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/southwest_service_area_master_plan/

Four public feedback sessions have been held, if you would like to provide feedback please submit via the Park Board website - Southwest Parks Master Plan Update, Tell Us What You Think (link provided above)

Kenwood residents in attendance expressed concerns over the addition of protected bikes lanes to Kenwood Parkway and removing parking on one side of the road, this is especially concerning on the north end of the parkway where parking is already restricted to one side and this would alleviate all parking. In addition, there is concern about the addition of white pylons to mark the protected bike lanes. The question was raised why bike lanes are needed on Kenwood Parkway when Kenilworth Trail runs parallel within two blocks of the parkway?

2019 Priority Plan Budget – Shawn Smith

Chair Shawn Smith reviewed the current community participation program (CPP) cycle 2017-2019 and provided information on KNO's grant, contract, paid, and available balance

KNO board discussed the 2019 monetary allocations and made recommendations for allocations, \$7,500 will be held in reserve for future use:

Administrative: \$12,500

SWLRT Management: \$1,000

Lake of the Isles Protect Environment: \$1,000

Kenwood School and Parks and Rec: \$3,000

East Cedar Lake Beach: \$10,000

A motion was passed to preliminary allocate the remaining CPP funds from the current funding cycle towards the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's priorities and other expenses

The public will be notified, and a final vote of approval will be taken at the KNO monthly meeting on March 4, 2019, 7 PM, at the Kenwood Recreation Center, for the purpose of initiating a contract for CPP funds with the City of Minneapolis; this report is required by the city to be eligible for CPP funding

Comments or feedback regarding these allocations made be made prior to the board vote on March 4, 2019, at KIAA55405@gamil.com

Neighborhood Annual Report – Shawn Smith

Chair Shawn Smith reviewed the Neighborhood Annual Report

A motion was passed to accept the report with one addition of including the Kenwood School as a stakeholder as KNO has supported projects on an annual basis. The report will be submitted to the city by March 15, 2019

Neighborhoods 2020 – Shawn Smith

Chair Shawn Smith reviewed the draft plan for Neighborhoods 2020; the board decided not to submit a formal response but does support the plan in concept; the board will seek more details in the next phase on how neighborhood organizations will be funded

Public comment is open until March 31st at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/2020>

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 9:30 PM.

Action Between Meetings - All

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2018-2019

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/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 March 4th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. 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

East Isles Residents' Association

Respectfully Submitted by Molly Fleming, Coordinator

Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Brad Ash (President), Mike Erlandson (Vice President) Amy Sanborn (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Steve Havig, Ellen van Iwaarden, Peter Mason, Julia Curran. Members not Present: John Morrow, John Grochala. Staff: Molly Fleming

Guests: Council member, Lisa Goodman, MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill, MPRB Asst. Superintendent of Planning, Michael Schroeder Resident and Zoning Chair, Andrew Degerstrom, Residents, John Barnett and MacKenzie Nelson, Guest, Samantha Sencer-Mun

Welcome & Call to Order: 7:02 p.m. Brad Ash, EIRA President

Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis

Lisa reported that her office had to cancel the January "Lunch with Lisa" due to weather. The panel of developers that were scheduled to speak will be rescheduled for the March "Lunch with Lisa". They will be available to answer questions about the housing industry in general as well as projects going on in Ward 7. The February "Lunch with Lisa" will take place on February 27th and will feature the NCAA Final Four event organizing committee. She then reported that the city finance department has started releasing videos about property taxes. You can find those videos on the Minneapolis city website or on Youtube. She then went on to mention that the tree lottery, a partnership between the city and Tree Trust, will be opening up again very soon and interested residents should keep an eye out. Lisa reported that she does not yet have an opinion on the latest version of the Neighborhoods 2020 plan, but encourages the board, and all residents, to comment both as individuals and as a group. Lisa reported that the city is also updating their Transportation Action plan, and partici-

pation is encouraged on the city's website. Finally, she mentioned that 2019 Heritage Preservation Award nominations are due this week, and you can email her with nominees.

Guest Speaker, Asst. Superintendent of Planning Michael Schroeder, Minneapolis Parks and Rec Board and Commissioner Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Parks and Rec Board

Jono Cowgill and Michael Schroeder came to the meeting to speak about park dedication fees and how they can possible be used for a shade structure at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. They both recognized the need for a shade structure. Michael Schoeder pointed out that since both concepts in the SW Area Master Plan include a shade structure or shelter of some kind, it is possible to move forward with one before the other parts of the plan for Joanne Levin Triangle Park are fully realized. While funds may eventually go towards park improvements in accordance with the SW Area Master Plan, using park dedication fees is a way to make a shade structure happen sooner rather than later. Michael wants to find a process that makes the structure unique, and reflective of the character of the neighborhood. Michael and Jono encouraged the EIRA board to write a letter to the Minneapolis Parks and Rec Board asking for funds for the shade structure, and if possible, offer some form of matching funds from EIRA's NRP budget. Michael said that he is willing to continue meeting with the EIRA board, and is hopeful about the chances of this project moving forward. Jono wanted to remind everyone in attendance that there are multiple parks in the East Isles footprint and attention should be paid to the plans for all of them.

President's Report

Brad Ash, President, reported that Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) invited us to participate in the kick-off of their feet first initiative. Info can be found on the LHENA website. He then reported that the

Annual Meeting is coming up, and to please send in volunteer recognition nominees. He also reported that the Annual Meeting will be held at Isles Bun and Coffee again this year.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Sanborn, Treasurer, reported that she is getting staff member, Molly Fleming, up to speed on financial processes. She also reported that they have a meeting scheduled to file a 990-EZ for EIRA's taxes this year.

Committee Reports

NRP

Mike Erlandson, NRP Chair, reported that the next NRP meeting will take place on March 12, before the board meeting. Info can be found on the EIRA website. Topics up for discussion are adding bike racks and chess tables to the Mall, new neighborhood street signs and other new projects. The NRP Committee will also provide input to the Park Board after next months meeting regarding priority park projects, park dedication fees and further flush out enhancements the Committee and Board have talked about including but not limited to the shade structure and updates to the Mall.

Zoning and Land Use

Andrew Degerstrom, Zoning and Land Use Chair, reported on the ongoing project at 3021 E Calhoun Blvd. The EIRA board was asked to comment on this project by the ECCO Livability Committee. The current proposal is for a 4 story, 16 unit building. ECCO opposes the project in its current plan and encourages EIRA to do the same. Currently, the developers and ECCO are rehashing the plan, and Andrew recommends holding our opinion until the new plan comes out. He also announced the date of the next Zoning Committee Meeting, to be held on Feb 19th. Info can be found on the website.

Outreach and Nominations

Brad Ash, President, encouraged all board members to spread the word about positions opening on the board in person and via social media.

Transportation Committee N/A

Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 13, 2019. The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members in attendance: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Mary Harlow, Barbara Lunde, and James Reid. Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Lowell Berggren, Amanda Vallone and Vern Vander Weide.

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, February 27, noon at the University of St. Thomas; the topic is the Final Four. The January event was to feature a panel of developers but was cancelled due to weather; this topic will be rescheduled to March.

The new owners of 2701 W 28th St are considering modifications to their home and garage.

Minneapolis property owners can sign up for lottery to buy a tree for \$30. The lottery deadline is March 13, noon. Go to treetrust.org/get-a-tree.

Neighborhoods 2020 framework is now open for public comment; details at minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020.

Learn about the City's Transportation Action Plan at go.minneapolismn.gov.

3508 W 28th St Update
Inspector Kathy Waite and Lieutenant Huffman, 5th Precinct, reported that a search was conducted at the home in December and drugs were recovered. This remains an ongoing investigation and the drugs are being tested at the lab. Hennepin County Attorney will then review the case.

Bryan Starry, Minneapolis Regulatory Services, reported that since then the homeowner allowed an inspection at the home and no code violations were identified.

The homeowner attended the meeting to apologize for past behavior. He said he is clean now and will not tolerate illegal activity at his home. People who see suspicious activities should call 911.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

Thanks to all who helped to make the Ice Skating Party on January 20 a success.

CIDNA's Directors and Officers insurance annual premium will be paid by March 1.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) will conduct a routine financial and programmatic review of CIDNA and other low-risk neighborhood organizations.

The Hill & Lake Press area neighborhoods were invoiced for the \$1,000 annual contribution to support the paper.

CIDNA has received the \$500 award from the Park Board for the 2017 Gardening Award for the Park Siding Park gardeners.

NCR has partnered with Birken Law Office to expand legal services available to neighborhood organizations. CIDNA will provide the firm with bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and board member contact information.

The Park Board's 2018 annual report was shared.

Neighborhoods 2020, Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Specialist, NCR

Neighborhoods 2020 is a Neighborhood and Community Relations-led process to determine the future relationship of the City with neighborhood organizations — which are independent 501(c)(3) charitable organizations — when designated City funding expires at the end of 2020. The public may comment on recommendations made separately by NCR staff and citizen work groups until March 31.

Both staff and work group recommendations and all of the public comments will be presented to the City Council for approval in April 2019. If approved, NCR will then draft program guidelines and have another public comment period before City Council adoption by the end of the year.

The NCR staff document proposes that available funding be shared among neighborhoods and community organizations that focus on serving specific populations. It recommends that in order to qualify for base City funding, neighborhood associations would need to comply with new City requirements, including audits, standardized bylaw elements, quarterly membership meetings, standardized nominations and elections of boards on a City-specified date, board term-limits, and board diversity that reflected neighborhood race, gender, age, income,

and homeowner and renter status. Neighborhoods would compete with each other for additional funding that could be spent to increase engagement activities and on discretionary one-time projects. The document does not clearly address the use of NRP funds.

Rosanne Halloran and Mary Harlow will draft CIDNA's response to Neighborhoods 2020.

To view the staff and work group documents, or to comment on them, go to minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020.

Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT), Marion Greene, Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3 and David Davies, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator

The construction phase of the project is beginning. Lunda/McCrossan was awarded the construction contract. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in November 2018.

A formal construction schedule will be communicated when finalized.

The construction sequencing will be: Utilities – Site prep – Structures, Track, Stations - Systems - Testing.

Initial construction activities will include mobilization, Southwest Station, bridges, freight rail track work and Kenilworth Tunnel.

A contractor has been selected to conduct pre- and post- construction surveys for properties within 95 feet of the project right-of-way. Property owners within that area will be receiving letters from the contractor to schedule the pre-construction survey work.

Issues for the Minneapolis portion of the construction include:

Noise and vibration control

Access

Parking

Historic and natural resources

Construction outreach and communication tools include:

Community Outreach Coordinators

Construction Information Workgroups

Open houses and community meetings

24-hour hotline

Construction Web Tool and social media

Spring 2019 Outreach Activities:

City-specific open houses

Presentations

One-on-one property owner meetings

Concerns were raised by CIDNA residents:

Calhoun Isles Condo Association (CICA) wants to make sure that project office addresses the discrepancy between the results of the vibration study conducted by CICA's consultant and the Met Council's results. Have the results from CICA's consultant been provided to the construction contractor? What is Plan B if the construction on the tunnel causes damage to the CICA building?

Coordination of construction projects in the area for road closures, etc. between SWLRT and new buildings such as 3100 Lake St, the hotel on the BP site and the Bader project.

What is the process if nearby properties sustain damage during the construction or operation of SWLRT?

What are the plans for easements for construction of the tunnel within the neighborhood (specifically regarding Park Siding Park)?

What has been the maximum weather-related delay on the existing Green Line?

NRP/PPP Report, Monica Smith

The Park Board has responded to CIDNA's request to extend the season for the restroom at Cedar Lake South Beach to match that of the Refectory at Bde Maka Ska. The Park Board acknowledges that there is a considerable amount of traffic at Cedar Lake South Beach and will take that into consideration as they reevaluate their priorities for opening and closing water features (such as restrooms) for the warm weather season.

The CIDNA Board approved a draft of CIDNA's 2018 Community Participation Program (CPP) annual report to be submitted to the City.

Minneapolis 2040, Mary Pattock

Smart Growth Minneapolis is suing the City of Minneapolis over environmental issues with Minneapolis 2040. For more information, go to smartgrowthminneapolis.org.

Southwest Minneapolis Neighborhood Parks

The Park Board recently held four workshops to share

initial concept designs for SW Minneapolis parks. The public comment period is open until March 31, 2019.

Board members expressed concerns that the designs for the some of the parks in CIDNA are overly developed and don't reflect the feedback the neighborhood has provided for the process to this point. Craig Wilson attended the meeting to share his perspective. Craig is from Lowry Hill and serves on the Community Advisory Committee. He suggested that area neighborhoods support each other's concerns about the process through official action.

The Park Board formally invited CIDNA to submit a letter with feedback on the initial concepts for the parks within the neighborhood. Stacia Goodman and Claire Ruebeck will lead the effort to draft CIDNA's response and coordinate with Craig Wilson on any related joint neighborhood activities.

For more information about the concept plans and to provide individual feedback, go to minneapolisparcs.org/sw.

Cedar Lake South Beach bench/steps

No update.

Old Business

CIDNA does not currently have a volunteer to serve as its representative to the board of the Midtown Greenway Coalition. The board can't take on renewing the Adopt-a-Greenway program without a volunteer.

New Business

The CIDNA Board voted to appoint Claire Ruebeck to one of the open seats on the board.

The Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 8. A committee will be formed to plan the meeting.

Vision Committee, Mary Pattock

The board approved a motion to plan a board retreat to do strategic planning and prioritize its work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, January 9, 2019

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Mary Harlow, Barbara Lunde, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and Vern Vander Weide. Absences: Lowell Berggren.

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

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa on January 30, Noon-1:00 p.m., Room TBD at St. Thomas Minneapolis campus.

Topic: a panel of developers who are currently doing projects in the 7th ward.

Reminder to Residents to observe the city guidelines for holiday waste disposal. Minneapolis Solid Waste Site **Drug activity at 3508 W. 28th Street**

Many CIDNA Residents attended who are concerned about a drug house in the neighborhood. Members of the police force from Precinct 5 reported on the ongoing investigation, and advised Residents to watch for, and report, patterns of new and/or continuing suspicious behavior to the following contacts:

Sergeant Justin Merten Fifth Precinct Community Response Team 612-673-5572

Justin.merten@minneapolismn.gov

Crime Prevention Specialist Jessica Kawas (out until 1/22, but include her in communications) 612-673-2819

Jessica.kawas@minneapolismn.gov

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Coordinator's Report/Announcements, Rosanne Halloran for Monica Smith

The annual Ice-Skating Party: Sunday, January 20, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Lake of the Isles. The Hill and Lake Press will publish an issue on January 18, which makes an ad possible before the event. Lowry Hill paid for the ad in December and CIDNA will pay for the January ad, the cost for which is already budgeted.

The Community Connections Conference: Saturday, February 2, Minneapolis Convention Center. Rosanne will register and reserve a CIDNA table at the event and coordinate with others to staff the table. All CIDNA Residents are encouraged to attend the free event. Refer to the following website for complete conference information: www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/conf/index.htm

Neighborhoods 2020: Neighborhoods 2020 is a process to determine the future of neighborhood organizations when the designated funding source expires at the end of 2020. The beginning of

the 45-day review and comment period of the final framework is delayed until the end of January when the final document will be ready and available for review. A space will be dedicated for Neighborhoods 2020 at the Community Connections Conference on February 2, where Residents are invited to submit feedback and comments. Residents will also receive information about the 45-day comment period, City-hosted meetings and the City Council presentation. In the meantime, the work groups' draft recommendations are available for review on the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) website: www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/2020

Southwest Minneapolis Parks Concept Workshops: Attend any of the following public workshops to see the initial concept designs for all Southwest neighborhood parks. After January 31, check the website to view the concepts online: www.minneapolisparcs.org/sw

Thursday, January 31st 6-8pm at Lynnhurst Recreation Center

Monday, February 4th 6-8pm at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center

Thursday, February 7th 6-8pm at Whittier Recreation Center

Tuesday, February 12th 6-8pm at Jones Harrison Residence, Centrum Room

Legislative Town Hall Meeting: Senator Scott Dibble (DFL-Minneapolis, Representative Frank Hornstein (61A), and Representative-Elect Jamie Long (61B) invite constituents to a town hall meeting on Saturday, January 26 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Mount Olivet Church, 5025 Knox Ave So, (Administration Building, Door #3) in Minneapolis. This event is an opportunity to preview the upcoming legislative session, ask questions, share stories and perspectives, and meet your elected officials.

Rail Safety Community Forum and Panel: Please join Citizens Acting for Rail Safety/ Twin

Cities, along with Bruce Campbell, author of *The Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster - Public Betrayal, Justice Denied*, for an important and timely presentation and panel discussion on rail safety.

Sunday, February 10 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

East Side Neighborhood Services o 1700 Second St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Seed Café Trivia Night: Several CIDNA Board members attended this event on Monday evening, January 7, at Calhoun Village. It's an enjoyable way to meet neighbors and encourage them to engage in neighborhood events and activities. All Residents are welcome to attend and help CIDNA be a Trivia contest winner. There are prizes! Stay tuned to hear when the next Trivia Night will be held. CIDNA was also notified just prior to this Board meeting that the Café is applying to upgrade their Liquor License to allow them to offer some cocktail/food pairings. Information clarifying CIDNA's role in the process will be forwarded to the Board during the week of January 14.

Minneapolis 2040: Rebecca Arons, Managing Director of Smart Growth Minneapolis, reported on the lawsuit about environmental concerns related to the 2040 Plan



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that was filed by that group against the City of Minneapolis on December 3, 2018. The hearing on the lawsuit will be on January 31, 1:00-3:00pm, at Hennepin County Government Center. The outcome of the Lawsuit will determine whether Minneapolis will be required to consider the environment as it up-zones the entire city. Smart Growth seeks donations and organizational partners in this ongoing effort. www.smartgrowthminneapolis.org/

Cedar Lake South Beach step proposal update: The committee will report back on its progress at a future Board meeting.

SWLRT Committee

- A report from Paul Petzschke was read to the Board outlining the Calhoun Isles Condo Association's (CICA) ongoing disputes with SWLRT. Following is a report summary:

A November 2018 Itasca Consulting study says vibration damage to the Calhoun Isles

Condominiums from SWLRT construction would exceed FTA standards and cause construction to stop mid-project. The condo association (CICA) has asked the FTA to amend the SWLRT Record of Decision accordingly, which would trigger a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). CICA now plans to ask the legislature to fund an Itasca study of the effect of operations on the condos. For example, two SWLRT trains passing the building at once could by themselves exceed FTA noise and vibration limits; a TC&W freight train passing at the same time could drive the vibration rate yet higher. Meanwhile, FTA action is suspended because of the federal government shutdown.

Old Business: Variance request for 2785 Dean Parkway

- The Board voted to send a letter supporting the decision of the city to deny the application to reduce the interior side yard setback from the required seven feet to 0.8 feet to allow for an outdoor kitchen at 2785 Dean Parkway.

Vision Committee, Mary Pattock

The Mission and Vision statements were approved. The Board will take up the CIDNA SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) at the February meeting. In response to Barbara

Lunde's request to create an Education Committee to address concerns relating to Kenwood School, Amanda Vallone will ask the Kenwood Board if they're interested in collaborating on the committee, and report back to us at February 13 Board meeting. Mission

The Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association works for the benefit of its Residents and the community at large by promoting civic engagement, encouraging social and cultural exchange, working for the preservation and enjoyment of the natural environment and residential properties, and supporting a vibrant commercial district. Vision

The Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood is an inclusive, safe, and peaceful community where Residents are good stewards of their homes, enjoy and safeguard the natural environment, and care about each other's well-being.

New Business:

Board Recruitment Process: In place of a nominating committee, the Board decided to individually take responsibility for generating interest in both Board membership

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and civic engagement, with attention paid to representing the demographic scope of CIDNA.

Midtown Greenway Coalition: The Board still seeks a representative to the Coalition. Also, our Adopt-A-Greenway commitment has expired. We are looking for a volunteer(s) from the Board or Members (Residents), to lead the twice-yearly clean-up of CIDNA's section of the Greenway, which is between the lakes, from Dean Parkway to Lake of the Isles Parkway. When volunteer(s) are found, the Board will vote on a requested financial contribution to the Adopt-a-Greenway program. CIDNA adopted our section of the Greenway in May 2015 with a donation of \$400 (from our unrestricted account). Adopt a Greenway link

The Board approved payment for 12.75 extra hours worked in December 2018 by Monica Smith, Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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

Lowry Hill Residents Association

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cockson,
President and Acting Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2019

Kenwood Recreation Center

Board Members Present: Michael Cockson, Krishna Dorney, Sam Ellingson, Bob Hinck, Fran Davis, Kathleen Bottini, Lee Switzenberg, Evan Stern, Craig Wilson, and Justin Baylor

Others: Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis City Council); Carlos Fernandez, Elizabeth Shaffer, Susanne Payne, Tom Trondson

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: Fran Davis moved and Sam Elligson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The Board approved the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Toni D'Eramo submitted a written report showing that, as of January 8, 2019, the checking account contained \$13,373.65.

Committee Reports:

Environment: Nothing to report.

Zoning and Planning: Nothing to report.

Crime and Safety: Nothing to report

Events: Krishna Dorney reported that he has been coordinating a historical walking tour and, once the details and curriculum are established, he will work with the Events Committee to move things forward.

Neighborhood Priorities: Craig Wilson and Carlos Fernandez presented the board with the next iteration of the Thomas Lowry Park report on the various projects that could be undertaken. The estimates are still a work in pro-

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gress and Mr. Fernandez hopes to have firmer numbers for next meeting.

Historical: See events above.

Communications: Toni D'Eramo will take ad suggestions for inclusion in the next ad in the Hill and Lake Press.

Community Update: Councilmember Lisa Goodman indicated that the next Lunch with Lisa will take place on January 30, 2019 at the University of St. Thomas from noon to 1pm. It is free of charge and lunches can be ordered for \$10. It will include a panel discussion with developers in Ward 7, with Bob Lux, Nick Walton, Lee Blons, and Tom Nordyke presenting. Councilmember Goodman also discussed recycling, the Community Connections Conference on February 2, 2019, at the Convention Center, and that there is an opening on the Violence Prevention Steering Committee: <http://minneapolisismn.gov/boards/openings/index.htm>

New Business: Elizabeth Shaffer shared potential fundraising strategies and ideas with the board to help fund possible projects at the Thomas Lowry Park. Discussion occurred. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Snow Words

By Madeleine Lowry

It is often said that Eskimos have more than 40 words for snow and even more for ice. Icelandic and Sami are other languages that are rich in terms for snow and ice.

Given all the snow we've had lately, I think we Minnesotans have earned the right to coin a few more snow-related words. I can think of a few right off the bat:

Snow gait - the careful wide stance shuffle-walk of those who value keeping their skulls intact.

Snow shoulder - the clicky achy feeling you get in your dominant snow shoveling shoulder after weekend warrior snow shoveling.

Snow aches - backache and more from overdoing it in the snow, either in the form of snow removal or snow sports.

Snow daze - the stupor that kids can get into after consecutive snow days spent in front of screens.

Snow errands - the various trips you make related to snowy weather, like that run to the hardware store for more salt or sand.

Snow failures - rare but frustrating occurrences

known only to those in northern climes including frozen locks, garage doors freezing to the ground, or eyeglass lenses dropping out of their frames.

Snow brakes - the rock-like buildup of snow and ice behind your front tires that hinders your driving.

Snow time - the extra time allowances we make for commuting to work, school and appointments when the roads are impacted by snow.

Snow musical cars - the phenomenon caused by the declaration of a snow emergency requiring re-parking of cars on alternate sides of the street on alternate days.

Snowblock - the concrete-like walls of snow and ice that get pushed up against the curb, and more importantly, the entrance to your driveway after the city snow plow goes by. Breaking through snowblock requires an icepick and can result in snow shoulder (see above).

Snow crazies - the antics often seen in puppies and small children when fresh snow lies thick on the ground. Also seen in parents trapped at home with children after several days of canceled school (see snow daze above.)

Snow escapes - weekend trips to warm locales for a break from snow and cold weather.

Snowdeeds - good deeds inspired by snow like shoveling your neighbor's sidewalk when they're out of town.

Snow pride - feeling of superiority when visiting warmer climes where the locals are wrapped in full winter regalia when the temps are approaching fifty degrees outside.

Snowblivion - lack of concern or obliviousness to snowy conditions. Recognizable in frivolous footwear choices or lack of gloves/hat/scarf. Often observed in teens and tweens.

Snow plush - posh snow gear including but not limited to Russian-style fur hats, luxurious winter coats and fancy animal hide footwear.

Snowfest - any of the various snow carnivals, snow festivals or snowy weather celebrations around town such as the Loppet, Winter Carnival and Holidazzle.

Snow twinkle - twinkly lights - electric, luminaria or otherwise - lit to banish the dark on the long days of snow season (a.k.a. winter).

Snowtastic - perfect winter days with brilliant blue sky, no wind chill and a fresh layer of powder snow sparkling in the sun.

Snow peace - the almost unnatural quiet that settles in during and after a snowfall.

I wish you snow peace, a few more snowtastic days, and at least one snow escape this winter!

their front door. "I love the flowers that you put in your window. Thank you," a recent note said.

"The flowers are a simple way for Linda and me to say thank you to the neighborhood for being such an awesome place to live," John says. "Carol just happened to be the angel who tapped me on the shoulder and reminded me that we're all here to somehow make the world a little better place each day."

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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT
48 Groveland Ter #301	\$ 189,900	0	26	\$ 189,900	C	1/1	765	\$ 170,500	\$ 2,046	1966
821 Douglas S #106	233,900	0	29	230,000	C	2/2	1087	227,500	3,231	1963
2885 Knox Ave S #405	295,000	5,900	62	295,000	C	2/2	1295	275,000	3,704	1979
52 Groveland Terr A202	325,000	0	120	305,000	C	2/2	1260	279,120	3,903	1966
2856 Kenwood Isles Dr	374,900	0	14	355,000	TWN	2/2	1459	319,735	5,153	1986
2719 Humboldt S #C	397,000	0	73	375,000	C	3/2	1,785	356,500	5,054	1913
3349 St Louis Ave	475,000	0	120	431,500	TWN	3/2	1,751	441,000	6,188	1985
3116 W Lake St #522	449,900	0	190	400,000	C	2/2	1,774	425,000	6,386	2007
1916 James S	549,900	0	0	500,000	H	5/4	3,228	593,500	9,839	1906
1729 Humboldt S	595,000	0	111	567,400	C	3/2	2,470	554,500	7,438	1925
1786 Irving S	799,900	0	138	700,000	H	5/4	3,225	837,500	12,597	1900
1919 Mount Curve	895,000	3,831	99	750,000	H	4/5	3,152	903,000	13,776	1917
2105 Irving S	1,050,000	1,200	140	970,000	H	5/6	4,000	999,500	15,005	1910
2828 Benton Blvd	1,195,000	0	0	1,110,000	H	3/3	3,438	865,800	14,223	1923
1208 Kenwood Pkwy	1,550,000	(new)	86	1,676,749	C	3/3	2,850	?	?	2018
1210 Kenwood Pkwy	1,750,000	(new)	0	1,954,759	C	3/3	2,850	?	?	2018
1206 Kenwood Pkwy	1,850,000	(new)	0	1,843,919	C	3/3	2,850	?	?	2018
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"It's Carol," she replied.
"Carol, thank you, thank you for your thoughtfulness," John said. "There will not be a day that passes

without flowers in our window from this moment forward!"

John waited for the butcher to wrap his steaks and headed straight to the flower department where he added two dozen yellow roses to his cart. As he was unpacking the groceries at home, he told his wife Linda, and Miss Tiny Bubbles, their Shih-Tzu, about the encounter at the meat counter and his promise to Carol.

"Linda and Tiny, we now have a commitment to the neighborhood," John declared. "We always have to have flowers in our window!"

It's now been more than a decade since that magical encounter. Carol and John still bump into each other at Kowalski's and the Awes still keep flowers in the front window. Every so often, they find a letter wedged in

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Social Committee

Amy Sanborn reported that the Ice Skating party was a success.

Farmers Market

Debbie Gold, Director, reported that the market has begun to receive some new and returning sponsors and is currently seeking more. If you/your business is interested

in becoming a sponsor for the 2019 East Isles Farmers Market season, please contact her at: director@eastislesfarmersmarkets.com Our local sponsors make it possible for the entire neighborhood and beyond to enjoy the new market. Gold reported that 17 vendors have applied for the 2019 season so far, including new vendors such as a local kombucha brewery, a goat farm that produces artisan cheese, a strawberry vendor and more. The market will open on Thursday, June 13th.

General Items

EIRA Coordinator, Molly Fleming, reported that the city has contracted with Birken Law to provide neighborhood associations with legal counsel. Molly had a set up call with Birken Law, and is working on getting them our articles of incorporation and bylaws. She also reported that she and Mike Erlandson finished the CPP Annual Report and that it will be sent around soon to board members for approval. Finally, she discussed her internal memo regarding the Neighborhoods 2020 plan. The board agreed that

they want to make a joint statement, and Molly will set up a document for them to share their thoughts before drafting a letter for them to sign at the March board meeting.

Ellen van Iwaarden reported that she is moving forward with changed EIRA's status to a 501c3. She met with three members of the staff from NCR to discuss amendments to the bylaws. The biggest change is that the bylaws need to state that all residents of the East Isles neighborhood are eligible for membership, not automatically granted membership. She plans on having a draft of the new bylaws available to vote on by the Annual Meeting.

Open Forum N/A

President, Brad Ash adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. EIRA invites all residents to participate. Should you require an accommodation to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at info@eastisles.org.

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