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Seven Pools Project at Thomas Lowry Park

Hello Friends!

The Seven Pools project will begin in March! We did it!! Thank you for your crucial role in making this happen: the generous donations, organizing of informational events within your buildings, setting up coffee meetings, passing out literature, sharing our website and overall cheerleading.

The other good news is that there are enough funds remaining to redo the walking paths! The unsafe sections of broken and uneven brick will be removed and it will all be rebuilt on a frost-friendly sand/gravel base. The contractor will be matching the same color and size of the current brick and laying it in the same historic pattern. We could not have predicted such a great outcome when we started this journey! When we mentioned to the management of The Kenwood Retirement Community our ability to commit funds to the path last week, they immediately chipped in enough to bring the resident's total donations up to \$10,000! We look forward to honoring their community on the Seven Pools Century Club bronze plaque.

As a reminder, we will be losing the Mugo pine at the top of the pools when construction starts. It is dying and the roots are enmeshed in the pool's concrete walls. We are saddened by this fact, but are exploring ideas of how we may be able to commemorate its life in some way. Stay tuned.

Please know we are happy to answer any questions you may have as the construction begins this spring. We have a great MPRB project manager assigned to the work, Jon Duesman, who has ten years of experience with MPRB, one of his past projects being the Sculpture Garden renovation.

Finally, the construction will be complete in August and we are hoping to celebrate (safely)!! With all we have gone through these last eleven months, it will be a joy to gather.

Thank you and cheers!

The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board
 Kathleen Bottini, Shirley Cardozo, Kobi Conaway, Kathy Gaskins, Barry Lazurus, Suzanne Payne, Paul Pender, David Piper, Jeanne Scheiderer, Elizabeth Shaffer, Mark Tierney, Tom Trondson, Craig Wilson

P.S. If you or any of your household loves to make art, we would love to see it! Find your art supplies and let loose! If you have a photograph, pencil sketch, collage, watercolor, or drawing of the Seven Pools, the Mugo pine or other scenes from Thomas Lowry Park, please send a picture of it to us! We are selecting a few submissions of original art to make notecards. Please contact Kobi Conaway for any further questions or submission at: kobic@me.com.

Embracing the Arctic Weather



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Not everyone agrees, but dogs enjoyed meet-ups at the Lake of the Isles Dog Park. See more photos on page 7, to see how some residents are facing the challenges of sub-zero temperatures during this coldest part of Winter.



Please Join Us for a Virtual Open House!

The City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works is hosting two virtual open houses for the Hennepin South Reconstruction project. The purpose of these meetings is to share draft concept designs for the corridor, discuss how project goals and stakeholder priorities informed the designs, and ask staff questions. Both open houses will cover the same information. **We hope you can join us!**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
 4 - 5 p.m.
 and
Thursday, March 4, 2021
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Visit the project website for instructions on how to attend:
minneapolismn.gov/projects/HennepinSouth

We want your feedback!

View the draft concept designs for Hennepin Ave South and share your feedback through our online comment form and interactive feedback map available on the project website.
We're seeking input on the draft concept designs through April 16!

Minneapolis City of Lakes

Lunches with Lisa will continue virtually – next one scheduled for February 17 will feature Andrea Brennan on economic recovery plans for Lake Street. Please watch for information about future meetings.

Senator Scott Dibble
2213 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

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Senate Republicans penalize communities that have Local Government Aid

On the Senate floor, Senate Republicans passed a bill that will cut public safety budgets by penalizing communities that receive Local Government Aid (LGA). The state distributes LGA to cities across Minnesota for general purposes, and it is used by cities to provide basic community services, such as public safety, fire and public works. It has also been used as a mechanism to offer cities property tax relief. This is not specific to Minneapolis – any local government in Minnesota will be vulnerable to having its aid payments reduced under this bill, despite Republicans' having cited efforts to act in a punitive fashion towards Minneapolis.

In response, Senator Scott Dibble, DFL-Minneapolis, released the following statement:

"Despite the Senate Republican message, this bill responds in no way to next month's trial and does not address the unrest that happened in my community from last summer. Instead, Senate Republicans are using this opportunity to attack the core value that Minnesotans look out for and take care of one another, and to launch an untrue, divisive, resent-filled, coded race-based attack on Minneapolis, while damaging communities across the state in the process.

"This bill will penalize communities that have LGA funds, making it more difficult for our communities to help each other in times of need by adding a layer of bureaucracy to a system that already has proven to work well. Emergencies can happen anywhere. We've seen it during fires and flood across our state. Senate Republicans have once again played partisan politics instead of supporting Minnesotans. We shouldn't be making it more difficult for Minnesotans to receive the help when they need it."

In response to SF 749, the Senate DFL offered two amendments in an attempt to meet LGA's unmet needs and hold communities harmless. The first one was a dispute resolution that would delete the language of SF 749 and put forth a process that communities could use to resolve outstanding bills, should there ever be an issue. The second amendment would

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.

**Dear Neighbors and Friends,
Commissioner Marion Greene**

Dear Friends,

I'd like to start the year with a recap of the previous year, and a sketch of my plans for 2021. Twenty-twenty was an incomparable year. Through upheaval both local and global, my office and I remained focused on the well-being of every Hennepin County resident in our work to keep community members healthy, protected, safe, and ultimately, thriving.

In the new year I'm honored to have been unanimously re-selected by my colleagues to be Chair of the Board. This will be my third year as chair, working with my fellow commissioners to ensure that together we prioritize and address the most pressing matters in Hennepin County.

This week I'd like to highlight the county's draft Climate Action Plan, which was released to the public on Monday. You'll see more below — we encourage you to attend one of the online community meetings, provide feedback via the online form, or reach out to your commissioner to share your reactions.

Last week I published my annual letter reflecting on the past year and detailing my guiding values and priorities for the year ahead. I hope you'll take a look. Achieving this vision is impossible without you, and I thank you for all the ways we work together. Please continue to be in touch with your views, priorities, hopes and aspirations for our region. It is a privilege to serve you.

increase LGA and County Program Aid across the state. Increasing state aids to meet local government's unmet needs would provide more resources for cities to hire emergency personnel and support local services. It also would offset the detrimental effects of this bill and potentially prevent cities from having to raise property taxes. Both amendments failed due to the lack of support by the Senate Republicans.

Contact: Shannon Hunter | 651-296-3521 | shannon.hunter@senate.mn

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.

Thank you to our many contributors, most recently, Don Willeke. We are grateful for your support to keep our neighborhood newspaper alive in these difficult times for small newspapers and also all newspapers. Thank you all of you.

CIDNA

The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send requests to participate to info@cidna.org.

LHNA

Next meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 7 PM.

Winter in Minneapolis

By Jean Deatrick



We often travel to Florida for the winter, but because of the covid restrictions, we stayed home. It is very cold this month...even colder than I remember. This is my wild rabbit who lives under our front porch. He is friendly and a hungry little rabbit.

I feed him bread, nuts, and occasionally some fruit or carrots. I was amazed to find him right on our welcome mat twice this week. I fed him and he wasn't scared. He just continued eating. I think that rabbit knows exactly what time I get up in the morning, and he waits for me. Poor cold friendly rabbit.



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Meet Your Neighbor, Sue Westerman

Craig Wilson interviews Sue Westerman about her involvement with the Lowry Hill Crime and Safety Committee, why you should “Know Your Neighbor” and hopes for Minneapolis in 2021 and beyond.

Where did you grow up? I lived in Burnsville, MN as a child and moved to Minneapolis when I was teenager. I graduated from West High, formerly located at 28th and Hennepin. When we moved to Minneapolis, I instantly fell in love with our city.

What do you like about Minneapolis and the Hill Lake community? I feel fortunate to live in a city with so much to offer including fantastic parks, arts, sports, schools, restaurants, shopping and more. What I especially like about the Hill Lake community is it is so walkable, with tremendous proximity to our lakes and parks. My husband and I met when we both worked at Figlio in college. When we rented in East Isles in our youth, neither of us had a car and this was a neighborhood you could easily get around without a car. When we bought our first house in 1991, we moved a few miles south near Lake Harriet. We also loved that neighborhood, but it was not as walkable. We moved back to Lowry Hill in 2001 and love how we can walk and bike to great restaurants, shopping, movies, theatre, the Walker Art Center, the sculpture garden, Twins games and more.

What’s going on with crime in our area and how did you get involved to help? The murder of George Floyd was tough. As much as I love our city, it was really hard to watch what happened—the brutal murder of Mr. Floyd, structural racism, global demonstrations and an increase in vandalism and crime. As a longtime resident, I wanted to know what was happening my community and what I could do to help keep our neighborhood safe. I joined the Lowry Hill Neighborhood



Sue Westerman and her family

Association (LHNA) Board and volunteered to chair its Crime and Safety Committee. We’ve had a dedicated group of volunteers meeting weekly to problem solve these complex issues. Our first initiative is to increase hyperlocal communication specifically related to crimes on a block-by-block basis in an accurate and timely manner. We are calling the initiative “Know Your Neighbor” and are working with residents to create a local, grassroots, block-level relationships and networks to share hyperlocal events, concerns and safety support. The best thing we can do is get involved and know our neighbors.

What do you do when you're not fighting crime? In Pre-Covid times, I loved going to the movies—especially the Minneapolis St Paul International Film Festival—and I saw a lot of local theatre. I also enjoyed playing Mahjong with a group of women. Now in the Post-Covid world, I just get outside as much as I can mostly walking my dog and with friends around Lake of

the Isles. When it’s warm enough outside, I often have wine, cheese, and good conversation with friends on our front porch.

As a realtor, what is your forecast for the spring real estate market? The spring real estate market is hot, and it started early this year. The low interest rates, the election now behind us, and having a Covid vaccine have all created a spirit of optimism with buyers. Many buyers who were “waiting” are now ready to buy. Inventory is at record low so it is definitely a sellers’ market and I expect it will continue to be a seller’s market for most of 2021.

Know Your Neighbor

Minneapolis residents can support community safety and well-being by participating in “Know Your Neighbor.”

In addition to communicating within your block, LHNA would like to promote a more robust cross-block communication system. This would be used to update neighboring blocks of any actual crime incidents. The LHNA Crime and Safety Committee will be coordinating the communication across blocks.

If you are a block captain or you want assistance in setting up the communication, please email Sue Westerman at suewesterman@live.com.

Let’s make this commitment to stay safe together and take this simple step today.....Know Your Neighbor!

What’s your hope for Minneapolis in 2021? Now, more than ever, we all should support our local community and work together, we will get through these tough times. I believe Minneapolis will come back as an even better, stronger, safer city for everyone.

It’s impossible to reconcile the treatment of yesterday’s mob, who walked into the Capitol building with little difficulty, with the rows of police and military, fully armed and in riot gear, that peaceful demonstrators faced last summer in Minneapolis and across the country in our collective call for a more equitable country. While inaugurating a new president and flipping the calendar into a new year do not in and of themselves reverse the centuries of racism and class division that led to yesterday’s events, they provide opportunities to renew our fight for reforms that combat institutionalized racism and economic violence.

As we move into 2021, the way I serve and partner with you and the way I chair the board will be guided by a fundamental belief, and sense of imperative, that together we must build an equitable and inclusive region that advances race equity, opportunity, and access for everyone.”

Black History Month: Recommended Reading, Viewing, & Listening

Black History Reads

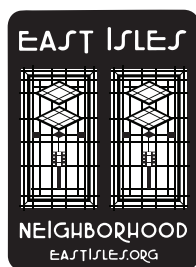
On the Magers & Quinn blog, we've highlighted a selection of titles from the African-American History/Studies section that includes narratives from Minnesota to Atlanta to Silicon Valley, and from the 17th to 21st centuries. Whether you'd like to take on a newer release like the monumental *Four Hundred Souls*, or dive into a classic work by James Baldwin or Olaudah Equiano, celebrate Black History Month by learning from this variety of reads.

Black History Month: Recommended Reading, Viewing, & Listening



Marion Greene sent this important statement in January on Extremists Forcibly Entering the U.S. Capitol

“The attempted insurrection at the U.S. Capitol yesterday may have been unprecedented, but it is not shocking. Since the beginning of President Trump's rise to power, he has consistently used fear, conflict, and misinformation to rally a base of white supremacists and political extremists. We've seen the president's supporters repeatedly use tactics of intimidation, and violence with the intention to silence people of color and any American who may hold different values than their own. The storming of the Capitol yesterday was the next evolution in ongoing attempts to undermine one of our country's most sacred institutions: democratically held elections, with free and fair participation. (To which the run-off elections in Georgia stood in direct and hopeful contrast.)



EAST ISLES ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the East Isles Residents Association Annual Meeting.

Agenda includes:

- Hear from your elected officials, including Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Park Board Commissioners Jono Cowgill and Meg Forney, Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene, and more
- Learn about what EIRA and its committees have been up to this past year
- Bylaws amendments to meet requirements for City funding
- Elections for the Board of Directors
- Improv comedy performance by the Theater of Public Policy

Visit eastisles.org/events/eira-annual-meeting to register and learn how to become a candidate for the Board of Directors.

CIDNA Job Opportunity

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association, Minneapolis, is looking for a coordinator. The person must be a self-starter, reliable, detail-oriented, and a team-player. The position involves administrative, financial and volunteer management. This is a part-time, hourly, contracted position.

Job description and application information at: www.cidna.org

Tuesday
April 13
7 p.m.
Zoom

PARKS FOR ALL COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

Commissioner raises concerns about “parkland disposition”

by Jeanette Colby

Is the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board looking to sell off parkland? Those who have closely followed the proposed “Parks for All” plan worry that might be the case.

The Parks for All comprehensive plan was presented at the January 6th MPRB board meeting, two weeks before the public comment period was due to expire. With questions swirling, the period was extended until July 18, 2021, to learn more and comment on our landmark park system’s future.

At the January meeting, MPRB Commissioner Kale Severson pointed out that Parks for All — with nine goals, and each goal encompassing up to 27 more or less specific strategies — is a lot to take in. As an advocate for Northside recreation, he specifically wanted to know more about the parkland disposition strategies in goal three, “Core Services with Care.”

“Where did the idea of disposing of land outside of city limits come from?” he asked. The MPRB owns and manages Theodore Wirth regional park and golf course, much of which is actually in Golden Valley. Three other Minneapolis golf courses are also outside of city limits, and Commissioner Severson wondered if this was part of a “war on golf” — a recreation program that actually turns a profit.

The idea arose from discussions about parks and housing, explained staff member Carrie Christensen.

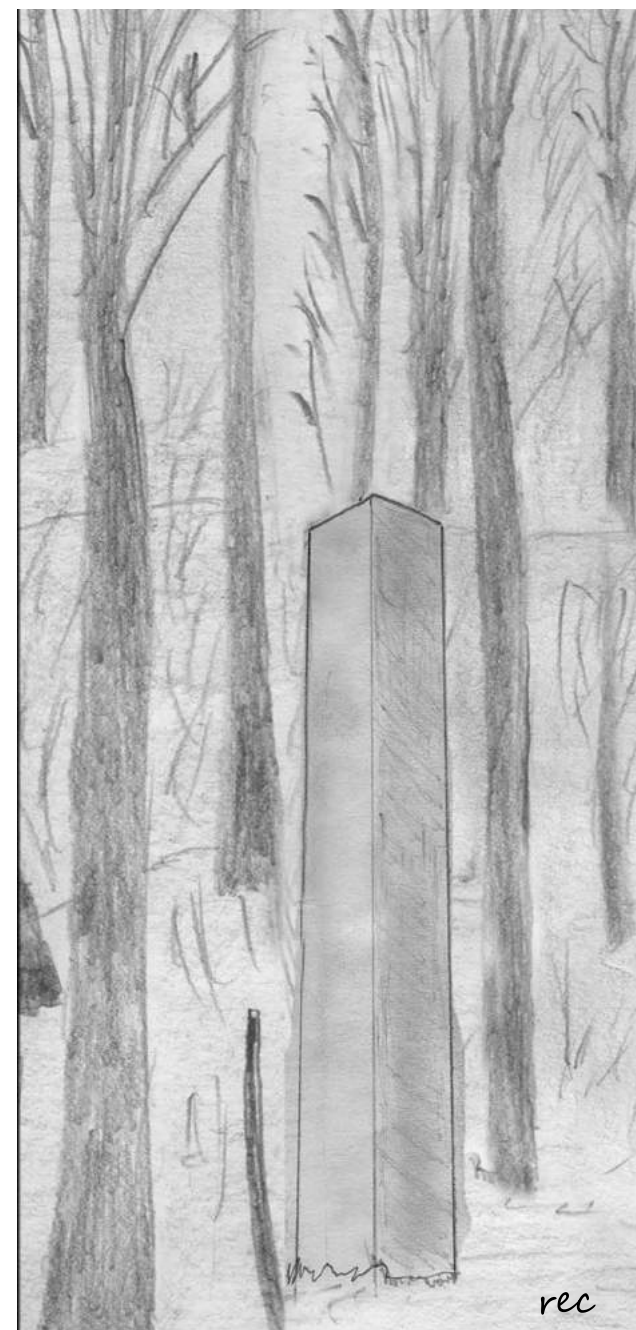
“The Gentrification and Displacement workgroup had some robust conversations about acquisition and disposition, so I think that was the most clear origin of that particular strategy.”

Where did the idea come from? Good question, because context matters. Reading the Parks for All draft, we might guess that the MPRB buys and sells bits of land to manage natural spaces and parks. But the “disposition of parkland” was discussed in the context of housing, so language that seems innocuous may actually mean that future MPRB commissioners could sell parkland if they felt it would accomplish a public good, like creating affordable housing.

There’s no doubt Minneapolis — not to mention the rest of Hennepin County and the entire state — needs more affordable housing. But the Minneapolis Park Board’s mission is to protect parks and natural resources, not to dispose of them for other important purposes. “I’m not interested in selling any land whatsoever,” said Commissioner Severson. “I’m only interested in acquiring more land for the people of Minneapolis.”

So when you have time, read the plan with a critical eye and comment before July 18. It’s a valuable document that leans into many of today’s key issues and tomorrow’s hopes and needs. Just be aware that there may be more to the nine goals and 168 strategies than meets the eye.

Briefly Seen Near Cedar Lake



Monoliths have been appearing in parts of the United States and other parts of the world. When this silver monolith mysteriously appeared on the west side of Cedar Lake, it was promptly removed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, because one needs a permit to place art on Park Board property. If you are the artist who placed it there, and would like to retrieve it, please contact the Park Board, where it is being held in storage. And, please tell us your story.

Sally Anson- A Beautiful Life, a web memorial at long last

Dear Friends,

Like the video and the Zoom calls, we have spent months gathering photos, collating thoughts, tributes and addresses. We have struggled with the wonders and the mysteries of technology to make this website worthy of Mom’s memory and ready to be shared with you all.

It was a journey through Mom’s life, her friendships, her childhood, her family, her adventures and her interests. We hope we have created something which will bring Mom to life for you as it does for us.

This is our way of having a memorial for Mom which captures her life in words and in photos and in great love. We miss her tremendously.

To open the website please click this link:

www.sallyanson.com

You will then be prompted for the password:

Pandy1966

If you have any difficulties entering the website or with any of the features, please let me know. There is a clickable menu at the top, but you can also simply scroll from top to bottom.

As you will see, there is an option to send a message or photos if you find anything you would like to share. We would be delighted, of course!

We wish you all a peaceful, safe and healthy holiday season.

All our very warmest, The Anson Children

Sally Anson was a vibrant and engaged member of our community. She contributed, she helped, she was a loyal resident and a truly wonderful person of our Lake of the Isles Community. We miss her.

Como Park Zoo & Conservatory Resumes Two Programs

Senior Strolls and Sensory Friendly Mornings Resume At Como
Both Are Free & Require Advanced Registration

Senior Strolls Returns February 16

This is a special time set aside just for our 55-and-better aged friends. This is an opportunity to visit the Zoo and Conservatory for a leisurely walk before the crowds. This event is a great opportunity for Seniors to enjoy a free event that encourages being active and social with. **Advanced registration is required.** Visit the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory website for more information.

For over 100 years, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and Como Zoo in Saint Paul, Minnesota has charmed, educated and entertained millions of children and adults while fostering an appreciation of the natural world. The Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is open 365 days; current hours are 10am-4pm. Admission to both the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory is a voluntary donation is appreciated.

Sensory Friendly Mornings Returns February 21. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is an energetic, colorful place full of sensory stimuli, and we know this environment can be overwhelming for some guests. We invite individuals on the autism spectrum and their families to join us one hour before opening to the public, from 9am-10am, and spend time exploring exhibits at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory which is currently a one-way experience through the zoo and conservatory.

Dates for Senior Stroll

Tuesday, February 16, 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Tuesday, March 2, 9:00AM – 10:00AM

Tuesday, March 30, 4:00PM – 5:30PM Conservatory

Dates for Sensory Friendly Mornings

Sunday, February 21

Sunday, March 7

Wednesday, March 24

For the safety of our staff, animals, and guests we are requiring all persons to wear face coverings/masks while on the grounds of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Neighbors, is it really getting better?
We can’t tell from the weather,
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VALENTINE'S DAY, THINKING OF DOGS AND LOVE

by James P. Lenfestey

A few years ago I finished up a column at a Peet's coffee shop in Chicago prior to an event for my book that night. I bantered with the smiling cashier who remembered my name when I came back for a second espresso (or was it my third!?) I joked that I can hardly remember the names of my children, never mind their birthdays. She responded with a smile, "When my father calls me by the dog's name, I know I am loved."

I have remembered her words ever since and on this Valentine's Day I wanted you to hear them too. How understanding and generous and wise they are. "When my father calls me by the dog's name, I know I am loved."

How we feel clearly the warmth of unambiguous love offered by the image of the family dog. And, by implied comparison, how human-to-human love is so... complicated.

Start with dog love. The relationship with "man's best friend" stands as close to pure love as we humans will ever know. The dog will die for you rather than leave you. Unambiguous, uncomplicated, unconflicted, undemanding, pure loyalty costing only a few handfuls of grain pellets and a short walk or two a day. In return,

leaping ecstasy!

There is a genetic case for this. Dogs descend from wolves who live in hierarchical hunting packs. At the Wildlife Science Center in Stacy I have observed the captive pack demonstrate the clear hierarchy of relationships. The dominant Alpha male, and sub-dominant males and females all fit in a clear order based upon periodic testing of one another. They are like Chinese society as decreed by Confucius: A loyal hierarchy from son to father to prince, in reverse a series of clear subservient loyalties.

Dog-human love began like this. Our ancestors, having learned fire and thus cooking (which makes protein more available, hence brains grew bigger), spent millenniums around communal fires learning complex conversation and throwing bones into the darkness around them. Waiting at the rim of firelight were the canid ancestors of wolves. At some point a genetic leap took place to switch the loyalty from the alpha male to the alpha human. One explanation is that humans may have raised orphan wolf pups who imprinted on those who fed them. As likely, sub-dominants simply learned over time that those creatures squatting in the firelight were a more a reliable food source than that snarling, nipping, snoozing pack leader. In either case, dogs are simply sub-dominate canids who came to believe, in

spite of all the evidence, that YOU are inherently dominant, a GOD! Thus they offer you pure loyalty and subservience. We call that love.

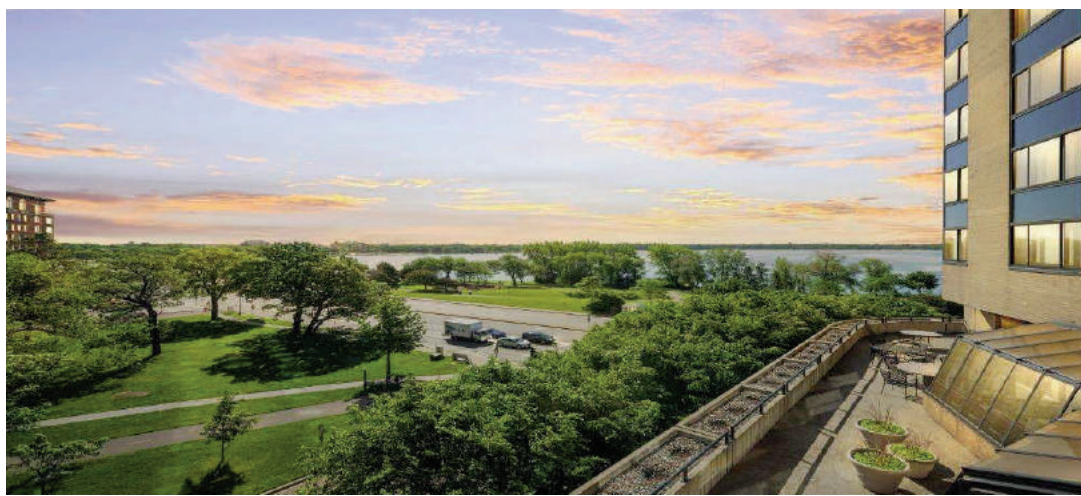
How far we human partners fall from that gold standard! Which is why there is only one dog love story, immediately recognizable, and eight billion human ones, each different. Stories magical, complicated, conflicted, impossible, beautiful, ancient and new filled with hearts speared by Cupid and broken by Zeus and compelled by Eros and plotted by Venus and defeated by the Janus of duplicity. "How do I love thee?" Elizabeth Barrett Browning intoned in 1850 in her famous sonnet number 43, "let me count the ways."

"All you need is Love, Love is all you need," sang the Beatles. If that were true, we'd all be dogs. Instead, we have dogs to show us the clear ideal love called loyalty. Human lovers show us that romance and complication make much more interesting stories and poems and lives over time. If you doubt, visit the booming Romance aisle in the book stalls at any airport. What is love? "Let us count the ways."

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THE KENWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Tilting at Windmills in a Lamborghini NEIGHBOR RAY HARRIS

Long-time Minneapolis developer Ray Harris moved into *The Kenwood Retirement Community* in January of 2020. After a fall, he spent a few months in the hospital and rehab, and returned to the Kenwood in March, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. He says he is “making the best of it” but he is doing more than that. He’s started a blog, “Been There, Done That, Took Notes.” It’s a love letter to Minneapolis, filled with stories about streetcars, off-leash dog parks, baseball, Orchestra Hall and more, projects that Ray himself developed, or historic reminiscences. He writes out the content for the blog in longhand, and gives it to The Kenwood’s Executive Director, Jennifer Volkenant. She in turn scans it and sends it to Ray’s granddaughter and she and her uncle work out the technical aspects.

In addition to reminiscing about Minneapolis history, and his work as a developer, Ray intends to write about how to make things better in Minneapolis in the future. Ray’s hero is Don Quixote, and he often describes himself as a risk-taker and is known for taking on projects that others have said were ill-advised or impossible – the “Impossible Dream.” He has always been attracted to projects that will make Minneapolis a better place such as Calhoun Square, Greenway Gables, the Loring Park Off-Leash Dog Park, and Chiron School to name just a few. Ray continues to work as an advisor and consultant in real estate development.

When asked why he chose to move into *The Kenwood Retirement Community*, Ray said he’s lived his whole life in the neighborhood, and he likes the proximity to

downtown and other amenities.

The Kenwood is close to family, friends, and business associates, and even when people could not visit him indoors because of the pandemic, Ray has had a steady stream of visitors outdoors. The Kenwood has all the services he needs. He enjoys making his own meals, but also orders dinners from the Kenwood’s Lowry Hill Dining Room. When the weather is nice, he travels around the neighborhood in his “Lamborghini,” his motorized wheelchair. He enjoys visiting his building projects in the neighborhood, such as Manor Homes of Lowry Hill (Douglas School Townhouses) at Franklin and Dupont, and the Mount Curve Place townhomes.

Ray is fond of saying that he hasn’t worked a day in his life because he was his own boss and has enjoyed his work. And it’s clear he hasn’t retired. He especially likes putting people together; contractors, architects, politicians, whoever, and getting them to work together. Like his hobby of putting jigsaw puzzles together, Ray can see the big picture, but is also good at problem-solving, facilitating, and paying attention to details. All of these qualities have helped him adjust to his life at the Kenwood and cope with the difficulties all of us have had to face during the pandemic. He says above the waist he is moving at 200 miles per hour, and below the waist, he is moving at 2 miles per hour. So if you see a gentleman tooling around the Lowry Hill neighborhood in his “Lamborghini” at well below the “20 is Plenty” speed limit, stop and chat with Ray. That is if you can get him to stop. He’s got ideas and irons in the fire!



Ray Harris

You can access Ray Harris’s blog by going to his website, www.therayharris.com, and sign up free of charge.

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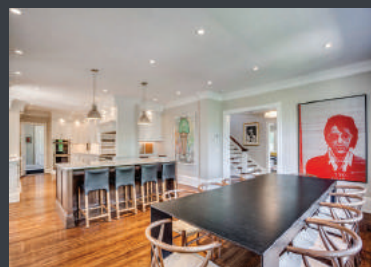
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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Rosanne Halloran

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 SWLRT Outreach Coordinator David Davies, and CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson

Call to order: Mary Pattock, Chair

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The board approved the minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting.

Minneapolis City Council Ward 7 Member, Lisa Goodman

The next virtual Lunch with Lisa is noon-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021. To participate, contact judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov. The speaker is Andrea Brennan, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) for the City of Minneapolis. Andrea will share her team's project, Minneapolis Forward: The Path to Recovery and Transformation, which is a plan for the City's response to the 2020 emergencies - both the pandemic and civil unrest - with a focus on economic recovery. As Andrea was the City's former housing director, she will also talk on the critical topic of the Federal Housing Rental Assistance program.

CIDNA zoning updates:

30 Park Lane, request for four variances was denied by the Board of Adjustment

34 Park Lane, is a planned tear-down

3311 Cedar Lake Av, request to tear down and rebuild garage.

In response to Mary's inquiry, Lisa read a statement by City Attorney Rowander concerning the Supreme Court decision allowing the Smart Growth Minneapolis lawsuit to go forward and be considered on its merits. The suit charges that the City did not conduct an environmental study of the potential impacts of the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive plan to increase density throughout the city.

Lisa acknowledged that there is fear in the community about the upcoming trials related to the George Floyd murder. She said the City is working with Hennepin County and the State to ensure public safety, and that she has suggested to Mayor Frey that the City set up a website to inform the community about security measures.

Lisa suggested inviting MPD 5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell to a future CIDNA meeting. Katie is part of the team working on the community impacts of the Floyd trial and anniversary of his murder.

Chair's Report / Mary Pattock

Coordinator Search Committee Chair Rosanne Halloran reported that we have 10 interested candidates so far. The search continues.

The board decided to hold its annual retreat on April 17, when it will be able to consider neighborhood survey results in setting annual priorities that the board can then propose to the membership at the annual meeting on May 12.

The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department has issued new requirements that neighborhood associations must meet to be eligible for City funding. Amanda will find out more about them, including deadlines, when she meets with other coordinators on Feb 24, and will report back to the board.

Mary announced that CIDNA resident Don Willeke was reappointed by Mayor Frey to the Tree Advisory Commission. The reappointment was supported by CIDNA and Council Member Lisa Goodman.

Transportation Report: David Davies, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator

Davies sent the board a copy of the General Code of Operation Rules (GCOR) for train whistle signals that are used by TC&W Railroad and used in the SWLRT construction zone.

Tunnel water management during operations is

handled as follows:

Water at the tunnel portals is pre-treated and sent to infiltration areas. Overflow water is pre-treated and routed to storm sewer. This water is anticipated to be mostly rain and snowfall.

Water in the interior of the tunnel is captured and pumped to sanitary sewer. This water is anticipated to be mostly precipitation brought in on the light rail vehicles and minor seepage over time.

Calhoun Isles Condominium issues

A secant wall, intended to prevent SWLRT tunnel construction damage to the CICA buildings, is being designed. Limited and safe targeted excavations are taking place in sensitive locations to verify the condition of nearby foundations. After the design is finalized, tentatively in summer 2021, changes in the SWLRT construction schedule and cost will be reported. The wall complicates and causes delay of tunnel construction but isn't stopping the project as a whole. Cold weather required a pause and postponement of the first concrete pour of the tunnel floor until end of February

Mary asked if the Met Council is considering likely effects of the pandemic, particularly ridership drop from more people working at home, etc., that would require a new revenue model. Davies said he isn't privy to Metropolitan Council vision concerning future impacts to the transportation system.

Interim Coordinator's Report, Amanda Vallone

All past newsletters are archived now on CIDNA website.

The opening rate of the February newsletter was high — 56 percent, an increase from the past. Facebook opening rates are down, but website visits increased.

Social Committee Report, Amanda Vallone

The Lovely Luminaries event was cancelled due to complications with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board permit. Amanda suggested paying for the Hill & Lake Press ad for this event next year, as Kenwood Neighborhood Organization paid for it this year.

Amanda presented a tentative 2021 CIDNA event calendar.

Treasurer's Report, Kevin Johnson

Kevin and Mary will meet with CIDNA's accountant, Robert Thompson, to codify financial processes, to be incorporated in a CIDNA operations manual.

CIDNA's affordable housing loan to the nonprofit Propel, initiated in 2011, ended in 2020. The funds are being held by the City for CIDNA Phase II action plan. How to use the funds will be discussed at the upcoming retreat, when the board determines CIDNA priorities.

Environmental Preservation Committee Report, Claire Ruebeck

Over the next couple of months, CIDNA will work with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) to renew the park stewardship agreement at Park Siding Park and evaluate establishing a new stewardship agreement for Cedar Lake South Beach.

In January 2021, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the MPRB's Cedar Lake - Lake of the Isles Master Plan project held its fourth meeting. Board members and residents are encouraged to review the CAC meeting minutes on the project webpage to stay informed and to participate in the process.

MPRB Parks for All comprehensive plan comment period was extended to July 18, 2021. Neighborhood feedback is vitally important. The CIDNA newsletter will be used to communicate the issues to residents and to remind them to provide feedback on the proposed plan.

Water Quality at Cedar Lake ad hoc committee still meets.

League of Nature Alliance <https://www.wildernessinthecity.org/> is a new coalition organized to support nature preservation throughout the metro regional parks. The Chain of Lakes parks, including the Cedar-Isles segment, are regional parks. The board voted to join the coalition.

Communication Committee Report, Dean Kephart

In early March, all CIDNA-area residents and busi-

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Board Meeting Minutes February 2, 2021

Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Breitinger at 7:05 PM.

Board members present: Jennifer Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Toni D'Eramo, Justin Baylor, Vickie Gillfillian Bennet, Fran Davis, Debbie Gold, Janet Halloway, John Lillehei, Thomas Regnier, Lee Switzenberg, Sue Westerman, Craig Wilson,

Visitors included Minneapolis City Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis Police Inspector Katie Blackwell, MPD Liaison Jessica Kawas, Courtney Kiernat representing the Peris Housing Project, Jack Whitehurst who is the City Neighborhood Specialist, and Elizabeth Schafer representing Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. In addition to several neighborhood residents including George Montague.

City Council Update, Lisa Goodman- Next virtual Lunch with Lisa is scheduled for February 17; details can be found on Lisa's city website. The city and Hennepin County will be receiving major funding for rental assistance. An unusual aspect of this funding is that landlords will be able to apply for their tenants.

We are all reminded to shovel snow off of our walks to enable people to walk unencumbered. People are encouraged to call 311 to report walks in need of clearing. The city will send reminders.

Minneapolis Police Update-Inspector Blackwell discussed the most recent crime statistics for Lowry Hill and the city. She also shared with us the results of a recent aggravated robbery suppression detail that was carried out in collaboration with Hennepin county and other jurisdictions. The detail resulted in 46 felony arrests with 69 charges filed and two subsequent arrests. Inspector Blackwell took several questions concerning police activity, staffing and trends in the city.

Peris Project Update- Courtney Kiernat shared details of expected activity; the project is on schedule. Details can be found on the Peris Housing Project's website or Facebook.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park- Elizabeth Schafer described efforts underway to protect as many trees as possible during the upcoming construction. The trees adjacent to the pools will have to be removed. For people interested in preserving memories of the current look of the park, now is the time to take photos. Demolition of the pools is scheduled to start in March.

Neighborhood Organization Requirements- Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Specialist for the City,

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nesses will receive postcard invitations to participate in an online CIDNA survey designed to help the board set priorities for the coming year and beyond. Print copies of the survey will also be available, and a supply of them will be delivered to Jones Harrison Residence. The Communication Committee is planning to follow up the survey with virtual feedback sessions. The board approved \$2,000 for the project.

Land Use and Zoning Committee Report, Evan Carlson

Evan will check with city to clarify notification process for neighborhood land use applications, including variance requests.

Neighborhood Safety Committee Report, Stephen Goltry

No report

Old Business (none)

New Business

Discussion about how to use funds reimbursed by Propel was postponed until the board retreat, when it can be informed by results of the neighborhood survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send requests to participate to info@cidna.org.

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took Questions concerning the new requirements for neighborhood organizations. There will be new policies and procedures required and funding is not yet entirely resolved. The city will provide assistance by having an attorney prepare templates for policies and procedures which we can expect in March. There will be two main sources of funding including a Neighborhood Network Fund and an Equitable Engagement Fund. In addition, there will be some funding for other minor initiatives such as Resource Sharing.

Debbie Gold, Toni D'Eramo and Janet Halloway will form a committee to work with the new policies and procedures.

Treasurer's Report-Toni D'Eramo presented a verbal report. There have been recent efforts to create a more comprehensive report. Some board members expressed the need for greater understanding of the organization's funding and financial needs. Debbie Gold shared with the group how other neighborhood organizations use an accountant at a low cost to form monthly reports. Toni, Debbie and others will discuss what we can do and assemble costs. President Breitingger asked for a recommendation for the next meeting.

Environment- Craig Wilson reported on the status of the grant request for the Hennepin-Lyndale Project which will be a combination of environmental education and median cleanup. If approved, the project will occur within a few days of Earth Day which is April 22.

Historical Committee- Nothing to report.

Zoning and Planning- Lee Switzenberg reported that the city is considering rule changes for Air BNB's. A rule change may result in a reduction in the number of Air BNB offerings in the area.

Crime and Safety- Sue Westerman reported on the numerous activities of the committee.

The crime and safety committee focused on increasing the accuracy and timeliness of communication, specifically related to crime incidents in our neighborhood. In January we launched the "Know Your Neighbor" initiative. Basically, each neighborhood will establish a local, block or multi block network and each neighborhood block group will have a block leader who is then responsible for both communicating to the cross-block network crimes that occur on their block and will communicate to their block crimes that occur on other blocks.

Zoom call with current block captains in Lowry Hill where in introduced the concepts and discussed how it will be supported. There was a lot of interest from the neighbors. Roughly 25 block leaders opted in for the cross-block communication.

Included an article in the Hill & Lake Press to more broadly introduce the program.

Presented the concept at the Kenwood Neighborhood meeting. They are also interested in participating.

Planning to present at the East Isles Neighborhood meeting hopefully in March.

Events- Justin Baylor reported that events are still on pause at least until May. We will plan a joint event with Friends of Thomas Lowry Park for the grand opening of the renovated park in late summer. At next month's meeting we will decide how to handle this year's annual meeting. It could be a virtual meeting in May or possibly combined with the Thomas Lowry Park event.

Communications- Toni D'Eramo reported that committee chairs can add committee news to the website. Toni can train the interested chairs on request. The Hill and Lake ad for February will feature Safety Tips.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 2 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

East Isles Residents Association

By Jenna Egan

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests Present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7
Debbie Gold, Farmers Market Committee Co-Chair
Other East Isles Residents

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting. Motion by Erdahl, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Council Member Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Monthly Virtual Luncheons with Lisa start on January 27, 2021, from 12:00 - 1:00. This month the special guest will be Michelle C. Rivero, Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) for the City of Minneapolis. Ms. Rivero will be sharing the work she does for the Immigrant and Refugee Communities in Minneapolis along with specific information on local and national policies and on local organizations that work to aid these communities. Also looking for topic ideas, if you have any please send to judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov.

The Dayton's Project in downtown Minneapolis is seeking to be a vaccination site and an opportunity to see the new building before it opens. Watch the Dayton's Project tour here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm_content&utm_medium=email&utm_name&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term&v=dm3k0eutqAw&feature=youtu.be

Application for demolition Permit: 1647 W. 26th St., also known as the Bailly House. (Will be presenting to the BET Committee on Tues. Jan. 19).

Sign-up for Snow Emergency Alerts through the City of Minneapolis. Snow Season - City of Minneapolis (minneapolismn.gov). If you don't see businesses or residents clearing and removing snow from sidewalks please address complaints to 311.

City Budget Process: 16 hours of testimony, over 1,000 people spoke. Budget was

Mayor Jacob Frey signed an emergency regulation that puts a cap on third-party foodservice delivery fees at 15 percent in Minneapolis. The mayor and Goodman developed the measure to protect restaurants while indoor dining is banned in the state. This ends once the declared health emergency is over.

Sign-up for Ward 7 Newsletter - <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/ward-7/newsletters/>

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting on January 12, 2021. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom gave the following report:

January 2021 Finance Report

Highlights of the January 2021 Finance Report include:

\$3,845.65 in expenses and \$832.93 in revenue for the month of December 2020.

Total assets of \$52,080.05, total liabilities of \$9,150.00, and net assets of \$42,930.05 as of December 31, 2020.

\$24,502.15 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (Phase II Implementation) as of December 31, 2020.

\$4,382.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (Home Security Grants) as of December 31, 2020.

\$18,496.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (Sustainable Practices) as of December 31, 2021.

\$45,275.78 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of December 31, 2020.

The following action was taken regarding item 5a:

Motion to approve the January 2021 Finance Report. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Finance Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom was unable to complete the report in time for the meeting and will present in February instead. EIRA's Financial Management Policies & Procedures require that the Annual Finance Report be presented within 2 months of the end of the fiscal year.

Finance Committee Report

Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair Andrew Degerstrom presented the following report:

Fiscal Year 2021 Management & Program Budget

The Fiscal Year 2021 Management & Program Budget was drafted by the Finance Committee in accordance with EIRA's Financial Management Policies & Procedures. Each of EIRA's other committees submitted budget requests to the Finance Committee. Each Line Item budgeted under Fund 1100 is only budgeted through July 1, as that is the date the Community Participation Program will end. Once details for the replacement program are made available by the City later in the Spring, EIRA will need to amend the budget to fully budget those line items through the end of the year.

The following action was taken regarding item 6a:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-01: Resolved that EIRA adopts the Management & Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Anderson.

Motion to amend the main motion on the floor:

Increase Line Item 101 by \$400.00 for a new total of \$400.00.

Decrease Line Item 102 by \$400.00 for a new total of \$13,250.00.

Increase Line Item 302 by \$400.00 for a new total of \$1,200.00.

Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Accettura. Motion to amend carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Main motion as amended carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Fourth Amendment to NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program)

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended for approval the Fourth Amendment to NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485. Details of the contract include:

The contract was originally commonly known as the 2017-2019 Community Participation Program.

Program was designed to provide \$30,243 of funding for EIRA annually for a 3-year period starting in 2017.

The program was extended for a fourth year covering 2020, with an additional allocation of \$30,243.

The program was extended for an additional 6 months through July 1, 2021 with an additional allocation of \$14,672.

May 9, 2017: original contract signed with an initial contract amount of \$30,243.

February 6, 2018: First Amendment signed, increasing the contract amount by \$30,243 for a new contract total of \$60,487.

January 15, 2019: Second Amendment signed, increasing the contract amount by \$30,243 for a new total contract of \$90,730.

February 5, 2020: Third Amendment signed, extending the time of performance to December 31,

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2020 and increasing the contract amount by \$30,243 for a new contract total of \$120,973.

Fourth Amendment will extend the time of performance to July 1, 2021 and increase the contract amount by \$14,672 for a new contract total of \$135,645.

Finance Committee marked up the allocation schedule originally proposed by the City of Minneapolis to match what has been approved in the 2021 Management & Program Budget.

The following action was taken regarding item 6b:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-02: Resolved that EIRA approves the Fourth Amendment to NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 with the City of Minneapolis, as amended, extending the time of performance to July 1, 2021 and increasing the contract amount by \$14,672 for a new total contract of \$135,645. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Anderson.

Motion to amend the main motion of the floor:

Decrease the 2021 allocation for Staff Expenses by \$400 for a new 2021 allocation of (\$17,400).

Increase the 2021 allocation for Meetings/Community Building Events by \$400 for a new 2021 allocation of \$1,550.

Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Anderson. Motion to amend carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Main motion as amended carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Amendments to EIRA's Financial Management Policies and Procedures

The Finance Committee reviewed EIRA's Financial Management Policies & Procedures, highlights of which include:

Changed the term "billable expenses" to the more accurate term "reimbursable expenses."

Update and clarify which items are to be included in the monthly and annual finance reports.

Added section on accounting funds which match existing practices.

Updates to the Petty Cash section to include procedures around the sale of Farmers Market Tokens.

The following action was taken regarding item 6c:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-03: Resolved that EIRA amends its Financial Management Policies & Procedures, originally adopted on March 10, 2020 by resolution 2020R-06. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Accettura. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Discussion Items

Strategic Planning Request for Proposals

EIRA plans to release a request for proposals for strategic planning. Board members are asked to submit suggestions for edits. Final version will be sent to the Board for approval via unanimous written consent.

Design Rebranding Request for Proposals

EIRA plans to release a request for proposals for design rebranding. Board members are asked to submit suggestions for edits. Final version will be sent to the Board for approval via unanimous written consent.

Supply Drive

The East Isles Supply Drive will be Saturday, January 23, 12-4 pm at 2648 Humboldt Avenue S. EIRA is seeking volunteers and supplies.

Request from ECCO Board Member to provide statement on their renaming process

EIRA received a request from an ECCO Board Member, acting on their own and not on behalf of the organization, asking for EIRA to provide a statement on their renaming process. The Board discussed whether to provide a statement and what that statement would say. Board Member Andrew Degerstrom presented the following details for further context:

This type of request is unusual, but not unheard of. In 2018, EIRA received a request from a member of ECCO's Livability Committee asking EIRA to take a position in opposition to the Sons of Norway redevelopment (aka Daymark Uptown).

The first neighborhood to change their name as a



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Kenwood Neighborhood Association

Minutes submitted by Carissa Brown

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes February 1, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:31 pm on February 1, 2021, by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

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

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill, Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Sue Westerman, Carissa Brown, Lori Mittag, Mary Schwanke

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the January 4, 2021, meeting minutes. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

result of the renaming of Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska was South Uptown, whose previous name was Calhoun Area Residents Action Group (commonly referred to as CARAG).

ECCO Neighborhood Organization's previous name was East Calhoun Community Organization, commonly referred to as ECCO.

ECCO underwent a name change process that included three rounds of neighborhood wide voting.

The first round was on the question of whether the neighborhood should change its name from East Calhoun Community Organization, the result of which was 64% in favor of changing the name.

The second round of voting was to select the top two finalists for a new name. Residents submitted suggestions, and the neighborhoods name change committee narrowed down the submissions to 10 finalists. The result of the vote selected ECCO and East Bde Maka Ska as the top two finalists.

The third and final round of voting was to decide the new name from the top two finalists, the result of which was 53% for ECCO and 47% for East Bde Maka Ska.

Given events of 2020 starting with the murder of George Floyd, there is now discussion on whether their

•Lunches with Lisa will continue virtually – next one scheduled for February 17 will feature Andrea Brennan on economic recovery plans for Lake Street.

•New Inspector Katie Blackwell from the 5th precinct would be happy to join upcoming meetings.

•The city has sent out mailings reminding residents to shovel their sidewalks. Residents who need assistance with snow piles on corners should call 311.

•Council Member Goodman did not approve of a charter amendment introduced by three of her colleagues, which would create a Department of Public Safety managed by the City Council.

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies

•The first in a series of town halls occurred in early January.

•Two important pieces of work are approaching: The creation of the corridor protection barrier has always been a part of the plan and has now been formally incorporated into the project.

It has been determined that unstable soil near the Calhoun Isles condos (near the planned tunnel), will require additional planning. This will result in delays, and the project will not open in 2023.

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name change went far enough to remove any association with John C. Calhoun.

The following action was taken regarding item 7d:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-04: Resolved that EIRA President Emma Erdahl is authorized to draft a statement on behalf of the EIRA Board addressing ECCO Neighborhood Association's name change process and submit to the ECCO Neighborhood Association Board. The statement shall only address the following points:

Changing the name to ECCO Neighborhood Association does not remove all association with John C. Calhoun as the name ECCO originated as an acronym for East Calhoun Community Organization.

Express solidarity with further efforts to remove all association with John C. Calhoun from the neighborhood name.

Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barstad. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.

Other Items

Board Member Amelia Steinkraus announced her resignation as she has bought a home outside of East Isles.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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Updates from MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill

- The Minneapolis parks are experiencing extraordinary usage this winter, and the MPRB continues to explore ways to make passages designated for skiing and walking clear. Feedback is welcome.

- The Cedar Isles Master Planning process continues, and the public comment period has been extended for six months. Residents are encouraged to share their ideas and feedback with the MPRB. Online Open House Regarding Encroachments is scheduled for February 16.

- The Board of Commissioners is working to address the epidemic of youth violence in our city by targeting youth programming.

- The MPRB is calling on city, county and state officials for clarification on how the community will address potential encampments beginning in the spring.

Cedar Isles Community Advisory Committee (CAC) update from Will Stensrud

- Residents are encouraged to participate in the Cedar-Isles Virtual Walking Tour.

- The CAC continues to hold public meetings, but they have begun to transition to more formal planning and structured time for committee work.

- Water quality continues to be a focus of the CAC, and those who attend and comment at CAC meetings.

- The designers will begin creating concepts, to be reviewed first by the CAC.

Update on Know Your Neighbor safety initiative from Sue Westerman, Chair, Crime and Safety Committee of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

- The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association has created a system aimed at increasing the speed and accuracy of crime-related information received at the neighborhood level.

- LHNA has established a list of block leaders, who will communicate with one another regarding safety incidents on their blocks:
 - o Block leaders will create two-way communication with their blocks, collecting and sharing first-person factual accounts of incidents.

- o Block leaders will share information among themselves for dissemination to neighbors.

- o Intended to complement, not replace, City communications

- LHNA is interested in extending this network to Kenwood and East Isles. Those interested should in leading this effort should reach out to Mark Brown, who can connect them to Sue.

2021 Events and Budget

- Will Stensrud proposed a 2021 event calendar and budget of \$9,370 for the 2021 year. This scheduled is modeled on previous years' plans, with a focus on community engagement. The budget also includes \$2,000 for additional park police patrols.

- Will Stensrud made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Jeremy seconded, and the motion passed.

Neighbor Outreach and Communications

- The committee reviewed the contents of an online Community Survey, focused on collecting contact information for mailing lists, and identifying community priorities. Door hangers, including QR code and URL for the survey, will be delivered throughout the neighborhood this month.

- Amanda Valone will be collecting article ideas for the KNO Spring Newsletter until February 10

Schedule Meeting on KNO Structure, Governance and Funding

- Mark Brown suggested that an Executive Committee be formed to focus on KNO Structure and Governance and respond to the NCR funding guidelines. The first meeting will be scheduled in the month of February.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 2021, via GoTo Meeting.

Approved by:

The Executive Committee

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Don't miss the next Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

The Next LHNA Meeting is Tuesday, March 2, 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 email us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org.

Please Remember Snow Shoveling Rules
 Minneapolis requires single family homes and duplexes to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after it stops snowing. All other properties must clear sidewalks within 4 daytime hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) after it stops snowing.

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/

Safety Tips – Keep Your Home Safe

There are a few, very simple things you can do to help keep your home safe.

- Keep exterior lights on! On front and back porches, and near your garage. Motion detector lights are also very effective.
- Keep exterior doors and windows locked with quality locks, including the garage doors. Keep garage doors closed unless you are in or near the garage, even during the day.
- Don't leave a garage door opener in a car parked outside on the street, parking pad or alleyway.
- Don't leave wallets, purses, computers or other valuables in a car, even if the car is in the garage.
- Do not leave valuables like bicycles unsecured on porches, patios or in the yard. And, if you have very valuable bikes, even if stored in the garage, keep them locked.

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For Everyone Who's Suffering.

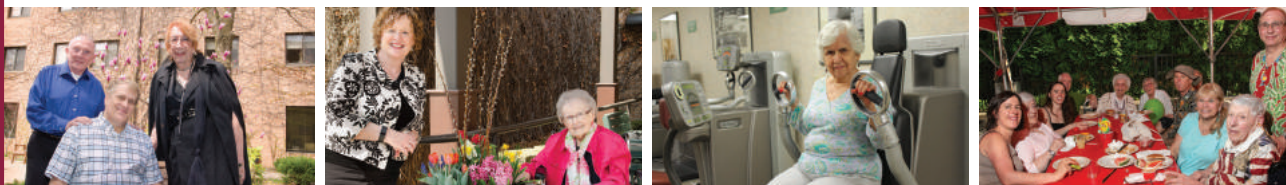
Our world has changed
And our lives have changed

Like never before are families suffering Every day and I feel your pain and our Happiness has gone away and it's only pain today Hiding our tears as they fall in the rain Saying I'm fine when I'm anything but fine And when will this heartache ever go away And indeed my skin is on fire My skin is burning within me and No more hug's or kisses today it's Just sadness for the world today Coronavirus coronavirus is here And it's taken so many loved ones away And loneliness really hurts you It kills you deep inside and I'm lost without you in my life and The world has changed so much Coronavirus not going away And darkness surrounds the world And it's so cold and painful And our warm hugs Have all faded away Just like our loved every day And nobody to hold more and I watch As a lonely tear rolls down my face But I promise you all I'll love And pray for everyone Who's suffering from coronavirus Every day.

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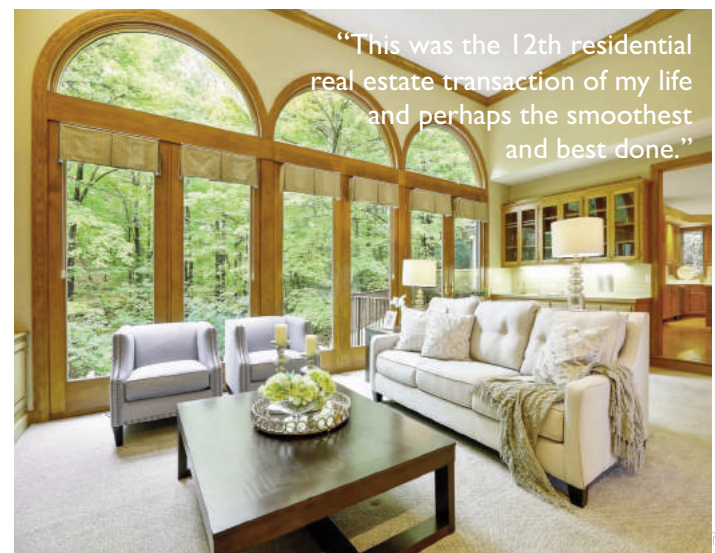
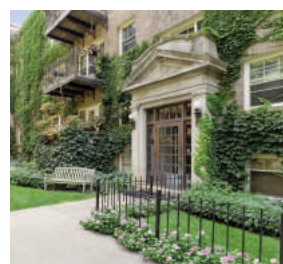


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