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Another ten-story tower comes to West Lake and Excelsior, like it or not

By Michael Wilson

The city's Planning Commission gave the go-ahead on July 8 for a ten-story mixed-use building anchored by a 100-room hotel on the triangle of land now occupied by the Calhoun Beach BP gas/service station and car-wash. Elevage Group, based in Blaine, is the developer. ESG are the architects.

In addition to the hotel, the development will include twenty condo units on the sixth and seventh floors and 11,000 square feet of retail space. There will be a rooftop deck with a pool for both hotel guests and condo residents.

The twenty condos comprise six 3-bedroom units, six 2-bedroom-plus-den units, six 1-bedroom units (on the north or West Lake side of the building), and two 2-bedroom units. Size of the 2-bedroom units is given as 1344 square feet. Pricing the condo units is still a ways off, but it's probably safe to assume they will be in the premium range.

Because two of the floors exceed the height as defined by the zoning code's definition of *story*, the project is technically considered a ten-story building by the zoning code, although it is functionally an eight-story structure.

See related article on page 4 about the history of change at Excelsior, West Lake and Dean.

The ground level includes a lobby and amenity spaces for the residents and hotel guests as well as a proposed café and restaurant. Vehicles will enter via a curb cut on eastbound Lake Street and exit via a curb cut on westbound Excelsior. People coming from Uptown who wish to enter will need to take Excelsior and circle round to West Lake via Market Plaza. Likewise, people exiting the building who wish to head into Uptown will need to circle around to West Lake via Market Plaza.

The off-street vehicle parking requirement for the residential portion of the project is one space per dwelling unit, or 20 spaces. The project qualifies for a reduction in the minimum vehicle parking requirement for residential uses due to its close proximity to high-frequency transit, bringing its vehicle parking requirement for that use to 0 spaces. Elevage plans nonetheless to allocate 20 spaces for the owners and residents of the twenty condos -- which comprise, it's worth noting, 40 bedrooms.

The new LakeHaus apartment building now going up across the street on the former Minister's Life site, by comparison, will have 200 units comprising 269 bedrooms and 373 underground parking spaces.

Hotel, restaurant, and event parking will bring the total to 89 vehicle spaces plus three tandem stalls. Elevage says no on-street parking or loading will be allowed.

Landscaping, improvements to intersection.

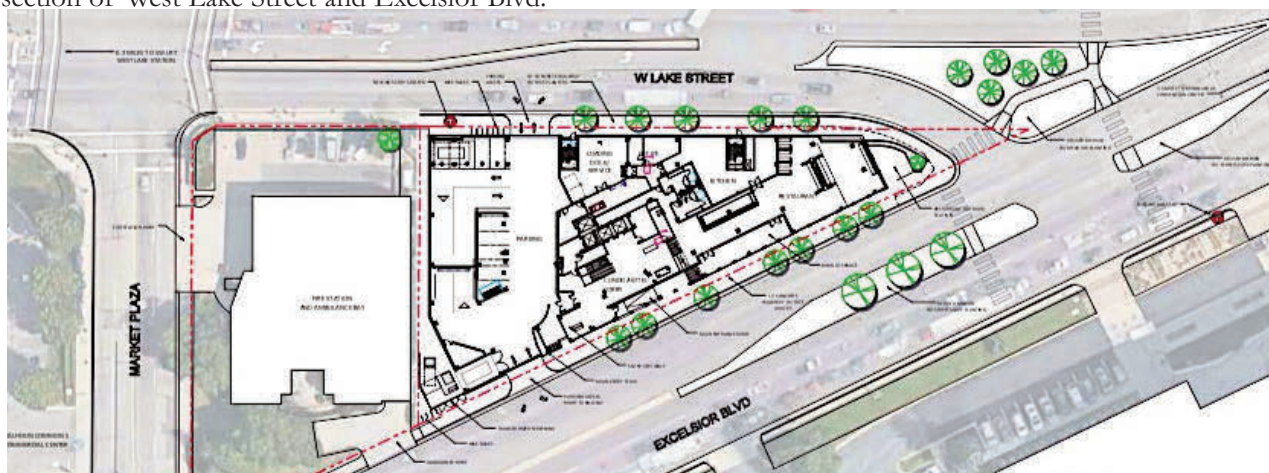
According to the staff report prepared for the Planning Commission, the design team has been working with Hennepin County and the city's Public Works department to improve the Excelsior and West Lake intersection by adding walkways, concrete-bordered

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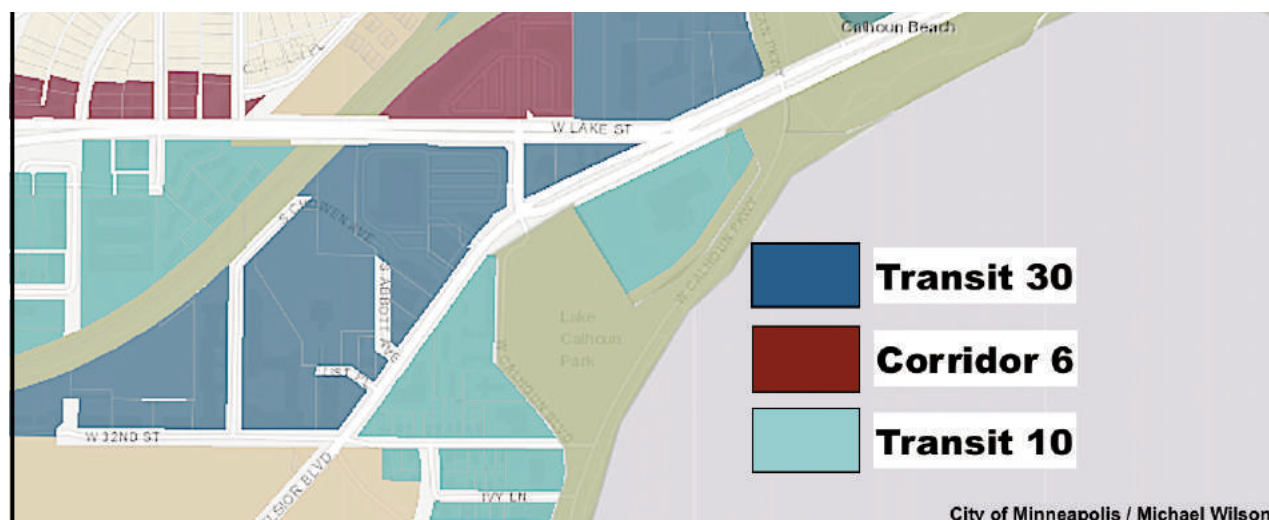


Image: ESG Architects.

Elevage Group won Planning Commission approval on July 8 for a ten-story mixed-use building at the intersection of West Lake Street and Excelsior Blvd.



Hennepin County plans to rebuild the West Lake-Excelsior intersection in conjunction with the Elevage project.



City of Minneapolis / Michael Wilson

From the Minneapolis Built Form district descriptions: TRANSIT 30 building heights should be 10 to 30 stories. CORRIDOR 6 building heights should be 2 to 6 stories. TRANSIT 10 building heights should be 2 to 10 stories.



**LUNCH WITH LISA
FIELD TRIP TAKE TWO JULY 31ST**



We have planned a 2nd tour due to the limited seating on the tour in June! This is a repeat of our Downtown Development Projects with David Frank from CPED as our guide. The bus will leave 10th and Harmon at 11:30 returning by 1:30 - We have a limit of 40 Seats so an early RSVP is to your advantage.

RSVP- 612-673-2207 or
Ruth.Weakly@minneapolismn.gov

No Food Served

Next Lunch Sept. 25

Woman's Club Events
 Sunday Brunch – Every Sunday
 National Night Out Party – August 6
 Jazz in the Lounge – August 7
 Karaoke – August 9
 For more information please contact the Front Desk (frontdesk@womansclub.org or 612-813-5300)

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

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
 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

Lowry Hill Raises Concerns About the Parade Bottleneck

Letter from LHNA to MPRB 07.25.2019 from President Jennifer Breitinger—The Lowry Hill Neighborhood has a long history of feeling excluded by MPRB from authentic planning efforts related to The Parade Park, which is located in Lowry Hill and consists of Spring Lake, Parade Ice Garden and Parking Lot, MPRB Maintenance Facility, Parade Road, Parade Field, the Auggies Stadium, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden Parking Lot, Kenwood Parkway and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.

This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, Superintendent Jon Gurban leading an aggressive campaign to develop a large stadium with “Minneapolis Sports Hall of Fame and Convention Center” without community engagement, adding large lights and artificial turf to Parade Field without our feedback related to light and water pollution and attempting to realign Parade Road without community engagement. At the time, Anita Tabb lived in a house on Groveland Terrace that overlooked The Parade. This action prompted her to become involved with Park Watch and subsequently run to become a MPRB Commissioner for District 4. This arguably led to Mr. Gurban's demise, resulting in a shift in MPRB politics toward more transparency and participation.

We are again feeling as if MPRB is attempting to make major plans to The Parade without authentic community participation with the Southwest Area Master Planning Process for neighborhood parks. To date, MPRB has proposed the following: a mountain biking path in a wildlife area, a paved walking path around Spring Lake, major expansion of Parade Ice Garden and elimination of its parking lot, a new maintenance building with the elimination of a parking lot, a multi-story structured parking ramp, a reorientation of Parade Field with a doom-top, expansion of the Auggie stadium with an “open plaza” and the elimination of the Sculpture Garden parking lot, where Blake School students park during the school year.

MPRB is nearing the end of this planning process and the CAC has barely addressed The Parade and other Northern Parks. What's particularly disturbing is that even after a community meeting of nearly 100 area residents from Lowry Hill and Kenwood neighborhoods took a unanimous straw poll asking for more information before any changes were made to The Parade—such as a traffic and parking management study and light pollution analysis from the proposed dome—the site design came back to the CAC with no significant changes except for an additional “open plaza”, which we are perplexed as to whom this is serving in our “neighborhood park”.

If The Parade is a “neighborhood park”, we would

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"The Uptown Art Fair is seeking volunteers for the 2019 fair, which runs from August 2-4. Shifts are short and fun and include serving beverages, assisting artists, working in the Uptown Info Booth, and more! Visit www.uptownminneapolis.com or email grace@uptownminneapolis.com for more information and to sign up!"

Loring Park Art Festival Celebrates Delightful Visual Art and Creative Family Fun July 27 & 28, 2019

The event features 140 visual artists selling original work, with something for everyone. Visitors will experience strolling musicians, scheduled stage performances, engaging children's activities and a variety of culinary options that will appeal to most preferences. Returning to the festival this year is the Lakes & Legends Beer Garden. The Loring Park based brewery will serve craft beer, local craft soda and Kombucha on site during the festival.

Time Out at Cedar Lake



By Dorothy Childers

hanging by the lake
 enjoying peace and quiet
 in the big city. J Russo

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is looking for volunteers to help keep it beautiful. First Saturdays, 10:00 am – noon, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5. Tools, gloves, and water provided. Meet at Thomas Lowry Park, 900 Douglas Ave South, corner of Colfax and Douglas. Bring gardening Gloves and your favorite gardening tools. Don't have tools? That's okay, come join us, you'll still be useful! Can't make it for these Saturdays? Contact Friends of Thomas Lowry Park for more volunteer opportunities.



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Meet Your Neighbor Ruth Weakly of Ward 7, City of Minneapolis

Craig Wilson interviews Ruth Weakly, longtime Associate and frontline operative at the Office of Council Member Lisa Goodman about her retirement plans, the most commonly asked questions when answering phones and what she won't miss about working at the City of Minneapolis.

Where did you grow up? I grew up on a farm on the Minnesota and South Dakota border. I went to

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like to understand how MPRB thinks it is serving the interests of Lowry Hill and Kenwood residents in what resembles a regional destination park?

We request that any major decisions related to Parade be tabled to a future CAC that has a traffic and parking demand management study to include the following: the impacts of SWLRT; the expansion of Dunwoody Institute; the traffic impacts of the 2040 plan; detailed information on environmental impacts such as air, light and water pollution. We request that the CAC includes area institutional stakeholders such as the Walker Art Center, Dunwoody Institute, Blake School, St. Mark's Church, Basilica of St. Mary, SWLRT, the Unitarian Society, Hennepin-Lyndale Crossroads Coalition, Green Minneapolis, the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association and Kenwood Isles Area Association.

Please note that we are not necessarily for or against these many ideas. However, we object to the process—or lack thereof—because the local community has had very limited involvement in a historically controversial site. At this point, the plan is exclusively a Park Board plan and not one allowed to bubble up organically within the community. If the Parade is a “special” area that serves regional interests rather than just neighborhood interests, why would you allow it to be a part of the regular neighborhood planning process? In that case, it should be allowed the time and effort afforded other assets that serve regional interests.

One of our principal concerns is traffic management. With access limited into our area neighborhoods (Lowry Hill, Kenwood, East Isles, CIDNA) from the north, which includes all freeway access to 394/94/35W and Downtown, to only two roads Hennepin-Lyndale and Kenwood Parkway. Due to limited infrastructure and geography, we routinely experience traffic bottlenecks in the Parade. This is particularly disconcerting for children and students at Blake, Dunwoody, and the Ice Arena and Parade Field—especially with visiting teams and parents. Pulling in and out of an already limited parking area and Parade are, in the words of our some of LHNA board members, is a “ticking time bomb” where “some kid is gonna get hit.” The increase in traffic volume due to increased density in the City, coupled with heretofore poor or limited planning around The Parade, has caused this bottleneck.

We also find it offensive that the Park Board appears to have plenty of funds to pay for the millions of dollars for additional infrastructure at The Parade, yet not have resources for the replacement of a 100-year-old fountain, Seven Pools, which is the beloved cornerstone to a vital neighborhood park. We have agreed to raising funds for Seven Pools because the Park Board has claimed an inability to pay for it. This is a park that is enjoyed by diverse visitors, from nearby assisted living facilities to apartment dwellers seeking green. The citizens that live in the area are happy to do this but will not take well to be being ignored when significant tax dollars are threatened to be spent on more hardscape, government buildings and ongoing maintenance liabilities without their consent.

We also have significant concerns that many of these ideas go beyond the bounds of the 20-year plan. Certainly, many of our assets require immediate attention, but rather than “fixing what is broken”, this plan is adding many new assets that will require new funding and with additional maintenance which continues the tradition of unfunded mandates at the Park Board.



Ruth and Patrick

church in Gary, South Dakota and school in Canby, Minnesota. I didn't do much with the animals on the farm outside of picking eggs!! Ugh, I did a lot of gardening and canning though!

After many decades at the City, what were the questions most frequently asked by constituents? Let's see... I got a parking ticket that I shouldn't have gotten...my car was towed during snow emergency... my neighbor is too loud...there is an abandoned car on the street...construction is going on into the evening... there are bikes on the sidewalk...my neighbor is building too close to the property line—and more recently—scooters are on the sidewalk...scooters are going the wrong way on a one-way...scooters being parked in such a way to block trash receptacles. Scooters are NOT very popular!

How has the City changed in your tenure? Oh, my goodness!! My job has changed...I was a City employee and became a political appointee with the rules that accompany that.....some Holidays were once celebrated at City Hall that are no longer...we have lots of bike lanes that were never there when I started... the City has grown a lot with many more big buildings

and parks!! The Metrodome became US Bank Stadium! Target Field came to be!! A revitalized Peavey Plaza – what a change that is (WOW-go see it!) The Guthrie and Gold Metal Park! I could go on and on...

What are you going to miss about working at the City? I am going to greatly miss the constituents that I served for so many years. Those folks became friends that you don't want to lose touch with.....

What are you not going to miss about working at the City? The politics!

What are your retirement plans? I have a family reunion right away and then off to Sturgis the first week end in August. After I get back it's time to figure out how to see as much of those grandkids of mine as I can!!! Then there are the 10 plus years that I am behind in scrapbooking!! I will be volunteering more at the Osseo/Maple Grove Legion (always lots to do for our Vets).

Any funny memories to share? I have some that I really shouldn't share publicly (LOL!) Here's an innocent one...we once got a call complaining of “crows in trees”, we suggested putting an owl in the tree and it WORKED!

Lowry Hill and East Isles



NEIGHBORHOOD SUPER SALE!

Saturday September 7th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Sign up to sell
- Be on the map
- Get a yard sign
- Get unsold item pick up

Lowry Hill residents can register online: donorbox.org/lhna-garagesale-2019

A \$10 registration fee covers ads, yard signs and neighborhood maps of participating garage sales. Disabled American Veterans will pick up unsold items on Monday after the sale. Just check the box when you register.



LHNA Board Meetings

AUGUST: Summer hiatus, no meeting.

SEPTEMBER: Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. All residents are welcome.

To learn more about LHNA, visit us at lowryhillneighborhood.com

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planting beds with vegetative landscaping, and stone slabs. Adjacent to the building, the streetscape will be improved with street trees, specialty concrete paving, planting beds, seating, and potentially a signature gateway sculpture at the corner plaza.

Elevage has committed to maintaining the new landscaping and greenery, thus reducing the likelihood that the area will become just another bleak dead zone, like so much of Uptown.

The realigned meeting of Excelsior and West Lake and the streetscape enhancements should result in dramatically better safety conditions for pedestrians and bikers at what is currently a forbidding, even scary, intersection.

Folks taking the #17 into Uptown have had to contend with a bus shelter tucked in behind the high brick wall surrounding the fire station, with no way to look westward to spot an oncoming bus as it crests the West Lake Street bridge. Blink twice and it's passed you by. The project will feature a new, lighted "bump in" shelter with clear sightlines looking west. Metro Transit has tentatively decided to eliminate the second bus stop at the tip of the triangle.

The project lies just over the line separating the Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Calhoun neighborhoods, so the \$68,873 Park Dedication Fee payment will accrue to our neighbors to the south.

The BP station is slated to close this summer. Construction will commence after soil remediation is completed.

With much to like, why are we so upset?

This project has much to recommend it. ESG can be counted on to do a high-quality building. They and Elevage have met several times with the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council over the 14-month project development period and have made numerous modifications. This being the case, why are so many people appalled and upset by this project?

The site has been a gas station for 98 years, ever since Pure Oil Company opened a 10x28-foot concrete block structure there in April 1921. Few would assert that it presents a pleasing sight at this gateway intersection. But it's what we know -- it's always been there. Probably nothing short of a new park at this site would win our praise.

Even though the building has been "slimmed down" from its earlier iterations, its bulk will be unmistakable. There's little question that, no matter how attractively clad, the building will at first assault the eye and sensibilities of everyone used to the squat, nondescript little BP station. The new streetscape and the landscaping, if it can be kept from dying, will become pleasing as time goes by, but initially it will seem more like lipstick on a pig.

Most people's initial response when hearing of the project has been perplexity: how can they squeeze much of anything, to say nothing of a ten-story hotel, on that tiny site? It was a challenge, and ESG seems to have come up with a design that will "wear well," calling to mind perhaps the Flatiron Building in New York. It's bulk is less than LakeHaus across the street (also designed by ESG) and certainly sits on its site more gracefully than the unlovely, chunky Foundry apartment building next to Calhoun Village.

The issues: traffic and Shoreland Overlay.

It boils down to two main issues: traffic and the Shoreland Overlay District.

The Elevage/ESG application to the city states, "The existing gas station use produces 700 vehicular trips to the site per day while the proposed use will generate 633 total trips per day, resulting in a reduction of 67 trips per day." While the 700 trips figure presumably reflects collected data, to many it feels inflated: that's almost 44 vehicles every single hour during each of BP's 16 hours of daily operation.

The project touts the reduction of curb cuts to two from four at present but neglects the reality that people approaching from the east, or wishing to exit to the east, will need to circle the block, including the typically backed-up Market Plaza, effectively doubling the vehicle count on those short but jam-packed stretches.

Regardless of whether the Elevage project will add a few daily vehicle trips or subtract a few, the overriding concern on everyone's mind in Cedar-Isles-Dean and

West Calhoun is intolerable traffic congestion at increasingly longer peak times during the day, and the Elevage project feels to many like density run amok, a poster child for making a bad situation worse.

Its traffic footprint will be small, however, compared to that of the 744 new apartments in the Calhoun Towers project. And the proposed B Line BRT, stopping at the top of the West Lake Street bridge, will at least double the number of buses in the corridor.

There's also frustration and sorrow that the Shoreland Overlay ordinance, passed on May 13, 1988, no longer seems to have any meaning along the north shore of Bde Maka Ska/Lake Calhoun, stretching from the ten-story apartment building proposed at West Lake and James to the Elevage project.

Shoreland Overlay born here. Dies here too?

The Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit to increase the maximum height in the Shoreland Overlay District from 2.5 stories, 35 feet to 10 stories, 114 feet. Commissioners decided, in part, that "the visibility of the proposed building from public waters will be extremely limited due to grade changes, tree canopy, and existing development located between Bde Maka Ska/Lake Calhoun and the project site, specifically including the large Lake Calhoun Center office building directly southeast of the project site."

The Southwest Journal's Andrew Hazzard wrote on July 12, "Planning commissioner Jono Cowgill, who also sits on the Park Board, said the area is a major transit corridor, which justifies the height and that the lake is best enjoyed from the ground floor. 'The adjacency to the lake is more about the experience of walking around it and being in the park,' he said."

Minneapolis 2040, not yet formally approved by the Met Council, places the Elevage project site in a Transit 30 district, where "building heights should be 10 to 30 stories. Building heights should be at least 10 stories in order to best take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 30 district."

The window for appealing Planning Commission decisions is ten days and requires a \$450 filing fee. The ten-day period following the July 8 meeting expired on July 18 with no appeals filed.

Change can be disconcerting and upsetting, especially when the change at issue seems unwise or unneeded. And the Elevage project is hitting Cedar-Isles-Dean residents just as they are being buffeted by the start of SWLRT construction. But the neighborhood has weathered other changes and challenges and

At Excelsior and West Lake, change is the only constant.

By Michael Wilson

The area around the intersection of West Lake and Excelsior has always been in a state of change. It's the big ones that get our attention.

The St. Louis Park Streetcar Line began operating along West Lake Street from Hennepin and Lagoon in 1892, crossing over the Minneapolis & St. Louis and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway tracks on a recently-built wooden bridge. That bridge was replaced in 1916 and lasted until 1987 when, according to an article by Gary Cohen in the March 1987 Hill & Lake Press, it was handling 19,000 vehicles a day. It was replaced by the current bridge, whose pedestrian-unfriendly design was unpopular back then too.

Charles and Rosamund Purdy built the first substantial residence in the immediate area in 1907 at 3100 West Lake. The four Purdy children attended Calhoun School and West High. The Purdys sold their beautiful, steeply gabled house in 1929 and moved to 4820 Dupont Ave. S. Their daughter-in-law Helen Bezoier Purdy served for many years on the Jones-Harrison board.

Linseed oil tycoon Ellsworth C. Warner built a sprawling mansion in 1911 across from the northwest shore of Lake Calhoun for his wife Malvina and their four sons. Warner, an avid golfer, became an officer of the Minikahda Club, which had been completed in 1898. Warner's heirs sold the mansion in 1945 to Hennepin County. Named for Judge Vince Day, it became a home for "dependent or neglected children." See the March 2017 Hill & Lake Press for the story of the Purdys and Warners and their houses.

The sprawling Lake Calhoun Bathhouse opened in 1911, bringing thousands of pleasure-seekers to the area by car and streetcar. Construction began in 1928 on the

Calhoun Beach Club, a towering structure back in those days.

The lovely, modest Lake Shore Arms, which still stands, opened in 1931 at 3026 West Lake. Around the corner at 2932 Dean Parkway, the charming Art Deco-style Dean Terrace apartments -- designed by Charles Purdy's younger brother William "Bill" Purdy -- opened in 1939. Dean Terrace also still stands.

Massive high-rises portend others to come.

Huge changes began in 1953 when Minister's Life & Casualty Union bought the 3100 West Lake property for its new headquarters building. They donated the old Purdy house to the County on condition that the County pay to move it across West Lake Street, where it was to become part of the Vince Day Center. Both buildings, however, were razed in 1954, and after fierce public debate the property was returned to private ownership. American Hardware Mutual Insurance opened their headquarters there in 1955.

The 21-story, 191-foot Calhoun Towers, a goliath of a building soaring above the West Lake/Excelsior intersection, opened in 1962. The building struggled financially, never leasing up fully, and the two additional planned towers never materialized -- until now. Bader Development, the new owners, are moving forward with 744 units in two 22-story towers and two 6-story buildings -- 857 units total.

Calhoun Towers was eclipsed in 1978 by the 25-story 242-foot Lake Point condominium building

Thompson Lumber opened in 1940 on little-used land south of the railroad tracks. In the mid-1980s Thompson closed the West Lake yard and Cedar-Isles-Dean residents were battling to prevent another, perhaps even taller, apartment or condo tower. They considered it a victory when the commercial zoning was kept and changed to allow a two-story strip mall, Calhoun Village, which opened in November 1988.

Also in 1988, American Hardware decamped to Minnetonka and the building's new owner, Lexington Co., planned a total rehab, including the addition of a fifth floor, to transform the building into Class A office space. Problem: city code required additional parking. Solution: build a two-story parking ramp on the existing parking lot. Problem: insurance rules would prevent public use of the ramp during non-business hours and on weekends.

Solution: on April 6, 1989, the Park Board voted unanimously to allow Lexington to build a \$400,000 parking lot extension on about 1.5 acres of adjoining parkland. The combined lots would be reserved for business use on weekdays and open to the public after business hours and on weekends. Commissioners pointed to the "dire need" of public parking since the elimination a few years earlier of the large Calhoun Bathhouse parking lot. The 30-year-old arrangement is viewed odiously today by some Park Board commissioners and others who presume everyone is young and able-bodied.

Two gas stations and an Excelsior-Lake link.

Change has also occurred in the service sector. Pure Oil Co. opened a 10x28-foot concrete-block filling station at the tip of West Lake and Excelsior Avenue, the eastern terminus of what became known as "Gasoline Alley," touted as the Gas Station Capital of the Midwest. (See slphistory.org/gasolinealley.) The structure was repositioned in 1941 and replaced in 1966 by today's building. The car wash, a big deal back then, was added in 1972.

In 1984 the station's Standard franchise owner, Norbert A. "Bim" Meyer, sued parent company Amoco to block Amoco's decision to remove the two service bays. Thanks to a Minnesota statute enacted earlier that year, Bim won.

Vickers Petroleum opened in 1953 on the site of today's Chipotle. Longtime Cedar-Isles-Dean resident David Shirley recalls that folks could rent time on a trampoline at the station. Next door at 3044 Excelsior, a 60x62-foot business and maintenance garage opened in 1957 and was razed twenty years later. And just beyond that, at 3054 Excelsior, a single-story commercial building that still stands was erected in 1960.

A direct connection between West Lake and Excelsior had long been needed. According to documents located by Sybil McMillan, council information specialist in the City Clerk's office, the Council authorized "surveys and plans" of the area in 1956 and directed the City Engineer in 1958 to "institute necessary proceedings to open a street" linking Excelsior and West Lake. In June 1959, all easements having been secured, the Council directed the City Engineer to build it. The street has never had an "alphabet" name. It's always been Market Plaza. Too bad they didn't think to link Excelsior and West Lake via France Avenue.

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GRATITUDE TO OLD TEACHERS

By James P. Lenfestey

As a young instructor in 1969 in the English Department at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls, just across the St. Croix River, I created a class in “American Indian Literature,” one of the first in the nation it turns out, because I felt strongly a college located so close to the state’s Indian Country should not be silent on that heritage.

One of the many gifts that class gave me was life-long friendships with several of the Native students who miraculously turned up in that first class, many from the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation in the northern lake country near Hayward, Wisconsin. Since then I have attended as often as possible the annual LCO “Honor the Earth” powwow, always the third weekend in July, founded 46 years ago by educator and activist Eddie Benton-Banai and others as the band reasserted its dignity, history, language and traditions against the relentless depredations of the dominant society in which they struggled to live.

“Honor the Earth” is a traditional powwow, meaning the dancers, singers and visitors come not for a colorful dance competition but for the joy of gathering, dance regalia mostly in earth and feather tones, dance moves borrowed from our bird and beast relatives. Band members, families and friends return annually from around the country, a homecoming, to which all are invited and all are welcome. The beautiful LCO Powwow grounds, surrounded by white pine forest, is where I first danced to the native drum, the heartbeat of the earth, an honor dance for Veda Stone, a mentor to many tribal members and also to me. And this powwow circle is where I once received a star quilt placed over my shoulders by former students Thelma Nayquonabe and Valerie Barber, a recognition I remember well though barely understood at the time.

Teaching in Michigan the past fifteen years had made attending the powwow difficult, an eight-hour ferry and car trip. But when I learned from Valerie’s sister Rose that Val was being honored by the tribe this year, I cleared my schedule and, with the last-minute help of friends who offered me a place to stay, was able to make the trek to Hayward.

As I drove in on Highway 70 that Saturday morning, the sky was a low quilt of ominous cloud, the forecast rain. I did my best to urge those clouds away, but the rain fell, though it tapered to light drizzle as I parked at the pow wow grounds near the new LCO Tribal College. A friend, Sarah Balbin, an artist who lives nearby and also friend of Val’s, met me with an umbrella. We watched from a distance as Val regally stood in a white deerskin dress and Marine beret, cradling an eagle feather fan, in front her very large contingent of friends, family and supporters assembled under the shelter at the center of the arena.

The rain stopped, the sun burst out, and the announcer opened the powwow with Val’s impressive story — her pioneering service in the Marines, recently profiled in a PBS documentary about native women in the military, her career as a teacher, her quiet leadership, her grit as a cancer survivor.

Then the MC read a statement Val had prepared about the steps on her journey, which began with her “teacher, James P. Lenfestey, who was surprised to find a group of native students in his class, but because of his welcome and what and how he taught, I learned never to stop questioning.”

I was stunned. She and her fellow Native students were life changers for me, welcoming me to a place, community and ways I admired and from which I have learned so much. I had not remembered all these years what they might have learned from me.

When the drum began, I joined the first dance of the day in honor of Val. I toe-heeled, toe-heeled slowly with her many other supporters around the circle of grass and surrounding forest, a music and setting that felt like home.

Later, after the Grand Entry of dancers from all over the region, in which Val carried the Marine Corps staff and banner, Val and Sarah and Rose and I sat together, fellow elders now, the sun gloriously out, and talked as the colorful dancers circled before us. Val, who loves to deflect seriousness with humor, turned to



Jim Lenfestey with Val and Thelma.

me and stated forcefully, so that I would understand, that without the welcome my class offered, that first generation of native college students “might not have made it.”



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COMMUNITY RISES FOR RYLANDER TEACHER/POET.

by James P. Lenfestey

Edith and John Rylander are heroes to me. So are Bryce and Donna Hamilton and David and Sue Astin. This is a story of all of them

Edie, 84, of Gray Eagle, Minnesota published her fifth collection of poems this spring, to accompany her countless weekly and bi-weekly newspaper columns for St. Cloud area newspapers written over thirty years, where she lives in a hand-built, earth-sheltered house with her 90 year-old retired teacher husband John Rylander. David Astin, my guru naturalist and guide to all rare birds feathered and human, suggested we host an event to honor Edie's latest achievement.

Great idea, but where to hold it? An easy question to answer these days: The Hamilton Studio of course, at 3112 West 28th Street.

Bryce and Donna Hamilton are Susan's and my oldest friends in Minneapolis, since I knocked on their door in Linden Hills in 1979 seeking their vote for City Council. I lost that election but gained their invaluable friendship, a more than fair exchange. Bryce and Donna built their quilt and gift business out of their VW van, then the Linden Hills house, then the cozy building they bought and rehabbed on 28thstreet tucked way out of the way between the light rail line and Cedar Lake. When they retired, they put away their work clothes to open up the building as a space for whatever good-hearted events would arise. Set up now like an art gallery, festooned with stunning Joe Donoghue black and white photographs, the studio has hosted political, social, and gastronomic events, art openings, books discussions, church groups, and now a poetry event. The Hamilton's do not charge to use this gracious space, instead are charged up with radiant joy as they freely give back to our community, including their beautiful garden behind the building a feast for eyes, bees and flower flies.

Edie, John, and the Astin's arrived at the Studio about 4pm on June 26. Dave's wife Sue and Donna had already prepared platters of delicious hors d'oeuvres,



Photo by Dorothy Childers

John Rylander, Poet Edith Rylander, and Jim Lenfestey at the reading of Edy's newest poetry collection at the Bryce and Donna Hamilton Studio.

and all of us had set up 50 chairs, a microphone and mike stand, and borrowed a podium. I brought red and white wine. Bryce and Donna put out the good wine glasses. Sue Astin aproned herself as a bartender. Dave brought flowers for Edie.

In spite of horrendous traffic, as an accident on 35W south funneled more traffic than usual through the neighborhood, by the scheduled start at 6pm the studio teemed with 60 people ready to absorb Rylander wisdom from Edie's newest poetry collection, "They've packed Up the Rock and Roll: Poems 1955-2018 (Red

Dragonfly Press).

from WRITING LATE (1983)
Switch off the typewriter;
Push back the chair,
I had not known my back
Was so stiff, my feet so cold.
Brain arcing and spitting.
But the chapter is over.

...I presume the chapter she finished was part of their remarkable 2002 joint memoir, *Journeying Earthward*, chronicling how, in 1964, California high

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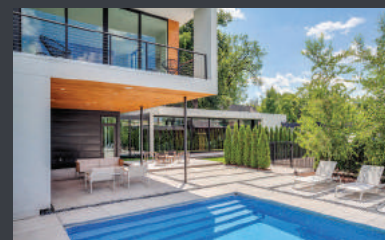


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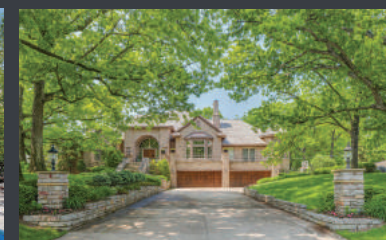
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Seven Pools Update

By Elizabeth Shaffer

The Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board is grateful for the generosity of Lowry Hill residents in these first few months of our Save the Seven Pools campaign. With a \$250,000 goal and a \$350,000 stretch goal, together we have raised or pledged \$153,000! To those of you who have donated, thank you for continuing the legacy of generosity this neighborhood has had towards Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools since its inception in 1922. We are encouraged by your support! If you haven't donated, please consider how you too may be able to engage. In addition to funds, we need to inform others about our campaign, particularly, present and previous Lowry Hill residents. You can find historical information, board members and all current donors at: thomaslowrypark.org.

school teacher John and poet Edie packed up their children and all their worldly goods (except for two bags of laundry) and headed for a small, wood-heated, unplumbed lakeshore cabin in the woods of central Minnesota., to change their lives, inspired byWaldenby Henry David Thoreau. "Journeying Earthward" is full of "thunderstorms, tornadoes, droughts, blizzards, chainsaws, barbed wire, manure, lambing, weeding, egg-picking, canning, freezing, butchering, building, harder work than I had ever imagined I was capable of doing." Why do it? "We wanted to own our lives, not rent or lease them. We wanted our lives to be ours, not roles we were playing at the bidding of advertisers."

Edie, now 84, and John, now 90, succeeded hand-somely in that adventure, as Edie's many wonderful poems and John's impish stories attest. We heard some of the best on June 26that the Hamilton Studio packed with new friends and admirers. Thanks to Bryce and Donna Hamilton and David and Sue Astin, the Urban Coyote is delighted to howl the tale.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Gifts of \$10,000 and more will be included in the Seven Pools Century Club memorial to last the next 100 years in Thomas Lowry Park. We are working on the designs, but two ideas we are considering include carving the names into the edging of the new pools, snaking them around the perimeter or a plaque on a rock at the headwaters of the pools.

We consider it a privilege to serve our community in this way and have enjoyed meeting each one of you. Working to protect and rebuild the Seven Pools is cultivating our collective awareness and appreciation of the unique treasure we have been given in Thomas Lowry Park, as well as in knowing each other.

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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amy Noble

July 2019 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes.

KNO Board met July 8, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Aria Christenson, Marc Brown, Evelyn Turner, and Jack Levi; Absent: Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, and Kyle Leier. Also present: Larry Moran, Amanda Vallone, Marc Hotley, and Max Singer

The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

City of Minneapolis Update – Shawn Smith

Hazardous Waste Collection dates are set for July 26-27 at Jenny Lind Elementary School and August 9-10 at Southwest High School from 9AM – 4PM; please visit www.hennepin.us/collectionevents for further information on materials accepted

There will be no Lunch with Lisa in July and August; the September lunch will be a panel of speakers from different boards and commissions

Metro Transit and SWLRT have a hotline to call for updates: 612-373-3933 or you may sign-up for email updates at www.SWLRT.org

SW Neighborhood Parks Master Plan – Larry Moran, CAC Representative

The revised plans for Kenwood Parkway and Kenwood Park can be viewed here: https://www.minneapolis.parks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/190529_RefinedMasterPlan_s_North.pdf

Several changes were made to the Kenwood Park plan to include additional multi-purpose fields, walking paths, interpretative nature trail, sand volleyball, and multi-use bike/pedestrian trails

KNO will send out a survey to the Kenwood Neighborhood to seek feedback on the park plan; Larry Moran will compile and use this information to provide neighborhood feedback to the park board

The bike lanes proposed for Kenwood Parkway were removed and added to Kenwood Park, running north from Franklin up Logan, west on Douglas, and north on Morgan to Kenwood Parkway for 500 feet to then connect to the existing bike trail on the north side of Kenwood Parkway to Parade

Noted concern is the removal of mature trees or damage to root systems to construct the bike paths

Safety concerns were also discussed regarding adding bike/pedestrian lanes to this area of Kenwood Parkway which is already narrow, with a steep hill and a curve

SWLRT Construction Update and Discussion – Shawn Smith

Construction updates can be viewed at www.SWLRT.org

The Kenilworth Trail is closed at the intersection with the Midtown Greenway and extends northeast to just south of W 21st St.

At this time, automobiles, bikes and pedestrians will continue to cross at Cedar Lake Parkway and at W 21st Street.

Kenilworth Trail access will remain open between W 21st Street and the North Cedar Lake Trail

Mid-July there will be a partial closure of Burnham Road from Cedar Lake Parkway to Park Lane (approx. 800 ft.); two-way traffic is allowed on Burnham Road Bridge during the detour

SWLRT Open Houses 4:30 – 7PM: Tuesday, July 23, Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria, Minneapolis and Thursday, July 25, Hopkins Depot, Railroad Room

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

The annual budget for 2019-2020 was presented to the board

Motions were made to approve the budget, the budget passed by unanimous vote

The annual budget may be viewed upon request and further information will be presented in the neighborhood newsletter

A recommendation was made to review the budget in January 2020 and revise the annual budget to align with the calendar year instead of the fiscal year.

VOLUNTEER LEADS

SWLRT – Evelyn Turner and Amanda Vallone
East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud
Neighborhood Revitalization Program and Community Participation Program – Amanda Vallone and Jeremy Nichols

Neighborhood 2020 Compliance (Inclusion/Diversity) – Aria Christenson
Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown
Landscaping -

The meeting was adjourned by Shawn Smith at 8:37

Action Between Meetings - All
KNO Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
- Contract consultant to assist with communication.
- Lake Beach Safety

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

East Isles Residents' Association

Respectfully Submitted by Molly Fleming, Coordinator

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, 7/9/19 7:00 p.m.

Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street

Minutes

Board members present: Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mackenzie Nelson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), John Morrow, John Grochala, John Barnett, Emma Erdahl, Steve Havig, and Mike Erlandson

Board Members not present: Julia Curran

Alternates not present: John Erlandson, Kate Svitavsky Staff: Molly Fleming

Guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman

Welcome & Call to Order: 7:01pm by Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President

Introductions

Guest Speaker, Lisa Goodman:

Lisa Goodman, City Council Member, reported that the June Lunch with Lisa bus trip was so well attended that there wasn't enough room on the buses. Another tour will be scheduled for July 31st and participants must RSVP to Lisa Goodman's office if they want to attend.

After a request from an EIRA board member at the last meeting, Lisa asked the police to look into the problem of motorists running red lights at the intersections of 25th and Hennepin and 24th and Hennepin. Lisa reported that police did four individual enforcements during four separate morning rush hours.

Lisa also reported that the state has granted the City of Minneapolis the authority to lower speed limits on residential streets. The current speed limit on urban residential streets, which has been set by the state, is 30 miles per hour. This process is ongoing.

Lisa then reported that there will be two Household Hazardous Waste drop-offs near the East Isles neighborhood this summer. The first will be on July 26th and 27th at Jenny Lind Elementary School and the second will be on Aug 9th and 10th at South High School.

Lisa also reported that Ruth from her office is retiring and encourages those who worked with her to send in letters of thanks to Lisa's office.

Lisa then answered board questions about a vacant house in the neighborhood, the population of people experiencing homelessness this summer, and the new housing ordinances that are coming before the City Council.

President's Report:

Ellen van Iwaarden, President, reported that the summer postcard has been sent to the printer. She is working on the Annual Summer Fundraising Letter which will include a flyer for the Ice Cream Social and a Super Sale Registration Form. She also reported that she and Andrew had contacted and met with Propel for Nonprofits, who offered free services to look at our finances and give the neighborhood a bid for streamlining our quickbooks file. Ellen then reported that Katlyn Flannery, a LHENA Board and Environmental Committee member, wants to connect with our Green Team to speak about some possible collaboration opportunities.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Degertrom, Treasurer, reported that he and Ellen have been working on a process with the city to hire an accountant to take some of the work away from the volunteer position of Treasurer so that it becomes a more manageable role. The Accountant will also help with the application process to become a 501(c)(3). The city has provided a list of candidates who work with other neighborhood organizations.

Andrew presented a resolution to authorize a search committee to interview and make an offer to hire an accountant as a contractor, subject to Board approval. The Board approved the resolution. Andrew, Ellen, and John Grochala will be on the search committee. Andrew also reported that he is going to start a process to update accounting procedures. His final report was that the Tree Trust has been paid in full for the work they did

along our neighborhood's lakeshore.

NRP Committee

Mike Erlandson, Chair, reported that on July 10th there will be a resolution before the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to use up to \$40,000 of the EIRA neighborhood park dedication fees to build a shade structure at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. He encouraged all board members to attend and speak up in favor of this resolution if they are able to attend the meeting. He also reported that the Walker Library Chess Club is joining the EIRA effort to put chess tables on the Mall. They are expected to send a letter of support in the coming weeks. Finally, he reported that the coordinator, Molly Fleming, had met with the Executive Director of Aeon for Ocean and they want to partner on a stenciling project near each storm drain to remind residents that the drains drain water to Lake of the Isles. The board approved a budget of up to \$500 for supplies and \$500 as a donation to Aeon for Ocean as a thank you for providing the volunteer labor needed for this project. The neighborhood will ask the group to stencil near all the storm drains in the neighborhood.

Farmers Market

Debbie Gold, Market Director, reported that attendance at the opening market was a record-breaking 1016 visitors. Of the 56+ vendors who applied, there are currently 40 vendors in rotation, with an average of 18 vendors participating per market. The Goat Yoga event on June 20th was successful despite the rain with 77 tickets sold. The money from this event goes back to the goat farm and yoga instructor but it brings new attendees to the Farmers Market. The June 27th Farmers Market was cancelled due to weather. The July 3rd pop-up Wednesday Market went well, and attendance was average despite the change in day. Debbie then presented the 2019 Farmers Market budget and it was approved by the board for \$36,156. She noted that the majority of the budget comes from vendor fees and

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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith

CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 10, 2019

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Clem Foltz, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone, Michael Wilson.

Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Gabriel Andrews, Evan Carlson.

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

Taylor Pentelovitch will be resigning from the board once a new Treasurer can be named.

The board approved the minutes from the June 2019 board meeting.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Ruth Weakly from the Ward 7 office is retiring.

Lunch with Lisa Field Trip is Wednesday, July 31 featuring a bus tour of downtown development projects. Space is limited. RSVP required by calling 612-673-2207.

Hennepin County is holding hazardous waste collection events throughout the summer. For dates and details go to hennepin.us/collectionevents.

Representative Frank Hornstein, District 61A

Representative Hornstein authored two bills that were passed by the state legislature relating to Cedar-Isles-Dean:

Law requiring a third-party mediator to resolve the dispute between Met Council and Calhoun Isles Condo Association about vibratory impacts of Southwest LRT.

Law requiring the City of Minneapolis to host a yearly public safety meeting with all of the Southwest LRT stakeholders (during construction phase). CIDNA and Kenwood Neighborhood Organization are working to schedule a community meeting on SWLRT safety; this may or may not turn out to be the legislative-required meeting.

Hornstein said Sen. Dibble worked with him on this legislation. He also said he would again, in the next legislative session, sponsor a bill to make the Met Council elected rather than appointed.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Southwest LRT: A federal appeals court dismissed the Lakes and Parks Alliance lawsuit. In doing so, it made it much harder for ordinary citizens to seek the protections of the National Environmental Policy Act. Neither the appeals court nor the district court made its ruling on the merits of the case.

CIDNA and Kenwood are working to schedule a SWLRT public safety meeting.

Minneapolis 2040: Smart Growth Minneapolis is filing an appeal of their lawsuit.

Neighborhoods 2020: Neighborhood organizations

are working together to form a stronger alliance.

Mary Pattock is engaging with Park Board Commissioner Cowgill regarding initiatives to prevent Minneapolis from becoming an urban heat island.

Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith

The Park Siding Park gardeners meet the fourth Saturday of the month, 9:00-11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Planning is underway for the Wine Tasting fundraiser on October 10. Sponsors are needed.

The City requested proposals from consultants to help with the next steps of the Neighborhoods 2020 development.

Minneapolis is hosting feedback sessions on how to achieve long-term homeowner affordability. Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 p.m. at Matthews Recreation Center, 2318 29th Ave S and Thursday, July 18, 11:00 a.m. at North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Ave N.

The Park Board will be invited to have an information table at the 2019 CIDNA Fall Festival about their comprehensive planning process known as Parks for All.

The Park Board is taking steps toward renaming four parkways that contain the name Calhoun. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m. at Park Board headquarters, 2117 W River Road, with the final vote expected on August 21.

Treasurer's Update

Monica Smith presented June 2019 financial activity. NRP Committee Report, Claire Ruebeck

The CIDNA Board approved the committee's recommendation for an NRP Phase I Plan Modification to move \$750 from Intersection Studies (a strategy that has been dormant for years) to Events/Programs to be used for expenses at Park Siding Park. Monica will submit the request to the City for the required approval.

Southwest Service Area Master Plan update: The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) continues to meet. The CAC has reached consensus on several of the parks (including those in Cedar-Isles-Dean). The designs for some of the larger parks that have ball fields continue to be debated. CIDNA needs to stay engaged with the process as it moves toward final approvals, to ensure that the consensus plan is not changed. Upcoming CAC meetings: Thursday, July 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lynnhurst Recreation Center, 1345 W Minnehaha Pkwy and Thursday, July 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Pershing Field Recreation Center, 3523 W 48th St.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

3100 Lake St construction: Steve Goltry is advocating for larger signs directing pedestrian and vehicular traffic for the 3100 W Lake St construction site.

A pedestrian was injured by a vehicle at Lake St/Market Plaza. Steve Goltry will request a police report and recommend to the Board what changes should be made at the intersection to make it safer.

Vision Committee, Mary Pattock

The CIDNA Board held a retreat on June 15. Priorities include:

Completing the CIDNA planning process

Strengthening the association

Strengthen neighborhood bonds

Managing relationships with the City

Serving neighborhoods needs relating to Southwest LRT

The board approved a motion to adopt a proposed committee structure to address the priorities. The committees and potential volunteers are: Governance; Communication, Outreach and Marketing (Pattock, Foltz, Vallone); Land Use and Zoning (Carlson, Foltz); Safety (Goltry); Environmental Preservation (Reid, Ruebeck); Social (Vallone); and Transportation (Foltz, Wilson). Every board member will serve on at least one committee (or CIDNA activity), and the board will recruit additional members from the CIDNA community.

Old business

The Summer Solstice Celebration was a big success. Final expenses were \$1,909.

There are two candidates for Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) District 2. Amanda Vallone is CIDNA's elector (Rosanne Halloran is the alternate elector) for the election on July 17.

New Business:

A St. Paul Ave resident is beginning the process of requesting a side yard variance to accommodate a staircase to a second-floor garage. He will consult with his neighbors and send information to the CIDNA Board.

Amanda Vallone will draft a proposal for CIDNA Art Mart.

The Land Use Committee will review a request regarding promoting auxiliary dwelling units.

Metro Transit is in the planning phase for the B Line Bus Rapid Transit on Lake Street. Mike Wilson will find out if there is time for CIDNA to register an official comment, and if so, what it should be. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jones-Harrison Residence.


Notes to CIDNA residents: Contact info@cidna.org

To sign up for our monthly e-newsletter

If you are interested in serving on one of our new committees,

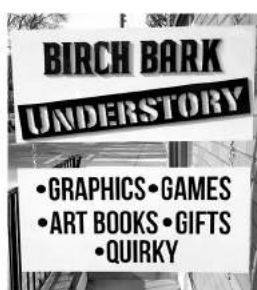
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The CIDNA board has provisionally approved these minutes, and will give them final approval at the next board meeting.



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To Michael Wilson:

I was informed, touched and moved by your beautiful article on the fate of the trees in the Kenilworth corridor in the June 21 Hill and Lake Press. You combined a factual review of the LRT process, with a moving description of the grieving gathering on June 16. You are the journalistic heart and soul of the HLP neighborhoods, and we are deeply grateful.

Jim Lenfestey, Lowry Hill

To the Editor:

You are being included on this email given your ongoing involvement in the publication of the Hill and Lake Press.

Shame on you.

I have long been outraged by the Hill and Lake Press, for long being completely afactual regarding the Southwest Light Rail project.

However, the column "Moses in Minneapolis" in the June 21 Edition was a step below my low standards for your publication.

No publication with integrity could publish such a piece.

First let me make this clear. SWLRT is not a Robert Moses type project, and Kenwood has few similarities with East Tremont in the Bronx. First of all:

1. Kenwood is one of Minneapolis's whitest, most affluent neighborhoods. East Tremont was a working-class neighborhood of people who were systemically excluded from society. To compare them idly is entirely inappropriate- the people in East Tremont faced discrimination. The people of Kenwood face private school admissions and finding a lawn service provider.

2. People are not being hurt by SWLRT, and the effects felt are nothing to compare to blocks on blocks of housing being torn down. It is frankly offensive to do so, and you are implicated in publishing such an inappropriate comparison. For those trying to compare vibrations and 100% electric trains to neighborhood destruction, they should protect themselves against these ambient threats with tin-foil protective headwear.

I understand that you did not write the article. But you chose to publish it, and you bear responsibility for these beyond the pale comparisons. You could have easily read the piece, realized that it is wrong to compare a rich, privileged neighborhood to a poor, marginalized neighborhood. You could have stopped, thought about how race and class do not make Kenwood the 'underdog' in this situation.

I hope you reconsider the editorial standards for the Hill and Lake Press, or consider, rather, having any standards at all in what you publish. I grew up in Kenwood, and I know that people will go kicking and screaming against public transportation and egalitarian society it envisions long after the trains begin to change our neighborhood for the better. As a young, recent college graduate, I will instead dedicate myself to making sure the youth of Kenwood, and Minneapolis are not as out of touch and ignorant as the adults.

Shame on you.

Maxwell Singer, Kenwood

Live in Cedar-Isles-Dean? Have a particular area of interest? Then join a CIDNA committee.

By Michael Wilson

Have you been thinking about getting involved in your Cedar-Isles-Dean community but feel you don't have the time to serve on the neighborhood association board? Well, the CIDNA board has a proposition for you: join one of the six neighborhood committees.

Cedar-Isles-Dean may be tucked away at the edge of Minneapolis, but there's nothing humdrum or lackluster about life within its boundaries. Although the challenges of surviving construction of Southwest LRT and increasing traffic congestion may come first to mind, Cedar-Isles-Dean can be proud of successes like the rebuild of Cedar Lake South Beach and, in the late 1990s, leveraging funding to complete the Kenilworth Trail and build the split-rail fence that used to add so much to its charm.

There are indeed the quotidian issues every neighborhood faces: zoning variance requests and construction



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2320 Fremont S	725,000	14,170	25	740,000	H	4/1	2,749	672,500	10,599	###	
2428 Humboldt S	795,000	0	43	749,900	H	4/3	3,081	893,000	14,599	###	
142 Groveland Terrace	795,000	0	156	740,000	TWN	3/4	2,964	745,500	11,438	###	
3504 Saint Paul Ave	849,900	3,000	96	835,000	H	4/3	3,289	919,000	15,481	###	
2508 Euclid Place	875,000	12,000	13	875,000	H	3/4	3,798	882,000	13,388	###	
1512 W 26th St	975,000	2,050	14	962,500	H	5/5	3,784	860,500	14,007	###	
2609 Burnham Rd	995,000	3,600	1	995,000	H	4/4	3,348	980,500	16,193	###	
2207 Penn S	995,000	0	77	950,000	H	3/3	3,287	975,500	16,155	###	
1716 Humboldt S	1,190,000	0	62	1,135,000	H	4/4	4,959	1,082,000	17,343	###	
1901 Penn S	1,200,000	0	27	1,200,000	H	4/4	3,742	997,500	16,502	###	
2514 Thomas S	1,250,000	0	15	1,182,250	H	5/4	3,333	938,000	15,621	###	
2823 Dean Pkwy	1,350,000	0	25	1,195,000	H	6/6	3,825	1,352,000	22,938	###	
2721 28th St	1,750,000	0	148	1,410,000	H	3/4	4,750	1,182,000	19,455	###	
1303 Mount Curve Ave	1,740,000	0	1169	1,594,000	H	3/5	4,236	1,819,000	31,419	###	
1903 Mount Curve Ave	2,950,000	0	95	2,850,000	H	5/5	7,758	1,837,500	32,168	###	
Sources: Harvey Ettinger / Lakes Realty					cume	Condo	C				
						Home	H				
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projects, neighborhood safety issues, environmental stewardship, social events, communications.

Did we mention social events? What better way to build community is there than to socialize together, and Cedar-Isles-Dean has events aplenty. But it takes a team - a committee -- to stage the events already on the calendar and come up with new ones.

You might have wondered at times: what is CIDNA, and is it the same as Cedar-Isles-Dean? Answer: yes, basically. The official name is Cedar-Isles-Dean, a combination of three of the lovely features which grace the neighborhood. CIDNA is the Neighborhood Association which advocates for the community's interests and works for its betterment. The CIDNA acronym is often used as the name of the neighborhood. Elsewhere in the city, few know what or where CIDNA is. Wouldn't it be Twice as many syllables, but lovelier and more descriptive: Cedar-Isles-Dean.

You may also have wondered at times: do I live in Cedar-Isles-Dean? Answer: yes, if you're north of Lake Street, east of France, south of West 24th, and your ZIP Code is 55416.

At a recent planning retreat CIDNA board members agreed that Cedar-Isles-Dean folks would be more likely to join committees if the committees were named and clearly focused on projects or areas that interest them, rather than on broad functional areas. So that's what the board has done. There are six neighborhood committees for you to choose among:

- Neighborhood Safety
- Land Use and Zoning
- Social
- Communication
- Environmental Preservation
- Transportation.

"It's now easier for people to sign up to participate in

our Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood according to their specific interests," says Mary Pattock, CIDNA board chair. "I expect and hope there will be overlap and fluidity -- opportunities for us to collaborate in cross-committee teams. We'll remain flexible, listen to our community, and learn from our experience. People can come up with great ideas for meeting challenges and seizing opportunities when they're

CIDNA
CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN
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You're a Cedar-Isles-Dean resident if

- you live *north* of Lake Street, *east* of France, *south* of W. 24th Street, and ...
- your ZIP Code is 55416.

Your CIDNA board wants YOU to help strengthen and improve your community, get to know your neighbors, and have some fun by joining a CIDNA committee.

Which area interests YOU?

- ☞ Neighborhood Safety
- ☞ Land Use & Zoning
- ☞ Social
- ☞ Communication
- ☞ Environmental Preservation
- ☞ Transportation

Contact Monica Smith, CIDNA board coordinator, at <info@cidna.org> for more information and to sign up. Your neighborhood thanks you!

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sponsorships, while 19% comes from city funds for the neighborhood. On average, the neighborhood spends approximately \$609 per market.

Transportation and Land Use

Andrew Degerstrom, Chair, reported that the committee has not yet created a new committee description, but would like to change the name of the committee to the Built Environment and Transportation Committee, or BET. The new name was approved by the board. The pilot book club meeting will take place at the regularly scheduled BET meeting on July 16. The committee will bring a new committee description to the August board meeting.

Outreach & Nominations, Social Committee, and Green Team (no reports this month)

Coordinator Updates

Molly Fleming, Coordinator, reported that the Wine Tasting Meetings are going well and encouraged board members to start thinking about their ticket sale strategies. The Wine Tasting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 6-9 pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on eventbrite. If neighbors designate EIRA when they purchase tickets on-line the full ticket amount will go to EIRA.

President Ellen van Iwaarden adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Aug 13, 2019, at Grace Trinity Church. Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent for Planning, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, will be on the agenda to begin the planning for the shade structure in Joanne Levin Triangle Park. 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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addressing projects or topics that really interest them." Patoock wants to be sure that people know they do NOT have to be on the CIDNA board in order to participate on a Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood committee. "We're casting a wide net," she says. "We'd like to have a few more board members, but more importantly we want to see people join committees that are working on things that interest them."

Go to cidna.org to view descriptions of the areas that each committee will likely be addressing. Come to a monthly CIDNA board meeting (always the second Wednesday, 6-8pm, at Jones-Harrison) to ask questions. And contact Monica Smith, CIDNA board coordinator, at info@cidna.org for more information.

**Excelsior/West from page four
Restaurants: good, poor, mostly in-between.**

Restaurant offerings have run the gamut, starting at the low end. A permit was pulled on June 10, 1947, to build a \$3500 22x28-foot frame restaurant building to the west of the Pure Oil gas station. By September 9 Flash Drive-In was advertising for waitresses. A \$1500 12x22-foot addition came in 1950, along with a series of appalling help-wanted ads as Flash became Poop Deck Pappy's. Things took a turn for the better in 1959 with the addition of a \$45,000 138x40-foot concrete-block cafe, rechristened Terry's Lakemoor Drive-In Restaurant. A new name -- Maximillian's -- and a "newly carpeted dining room" in 1964 completed the transformation.

Most neighborhood longtimers recall the restaurant as simply The Restaurant, where, according to a 1981 blurb in the Minneapolis Star, "Lazy Bill Lucas tickles the ivories

One Trillion Trees

By Madeleine Lowry

Hurray! We have the solution to global warming and climate change. Plant one trillion trees. Research by a Swiss team led by Thomas Crowther, a climate change ecologist, shows that increasing tree cover is the best, least expensive solution for our carbon capture problem when coupled with reducing our carbon footprint.

It's time to stop dithering. How can we act on this right now?

We are urban dwellers, but even on a small lot it is possible to double the number of trees. The benefits go beyond slowing the rate of climate change. Well-placed plantings can increase privacy between neighbors and shade your house or outdoor sitting area from the hot sun.

Here are some ideas for fast growing trees suitable for zone 4: Hybrid Poplars, Weeping Willows, Quaking Aspen, October Red Glory Maple, Arborvitae Green Giant and River Birch. Hybrid Poplars can grow up to an amazing eight feet per year. Maples and Giant Arborvitae can grow two to three feet annually.

Trees suitable for small spots in your landscape include the Crabapple, Pagoda Dogwood, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Dwarf Chokecherry, Dwarf Red Buckeye, and Japanese Lilac.

Do you have a cabin? A second home? An extra lot? You can plant even more.

Sunday evenings from 8:30 until closing." Memories of Porky's, Putt-Putt Golf, and Nora's still bring smiles to many.

Fire Station 22, whose roots go back to 1892 at 1816 Kenwood Parkway, opened in 1993, replacing The Restaurant. At the top end locally, Art Higinbotham's La Toscana in Calhoun Village was where, as food critic Jeremy Iggers wrote in a 2003 StarTribune review of Italian restaurants, "you can also dine sumptuously for much less" than at D'Amico Cucina. Elevage Group and ESG Architects have hinted that the restaurant in their new hotel/condo building will bring fine dining (back) to the Excelsior/West.



Borchert Map Library, University of Minnesota. Orthogonal (straight-down) aerial from 1938. Joe Quigley's dramatic oblique (sideways) aerials, unearthed by Hill & Lake Press, will soon be available on the Hennepin County Library website.

We should also be planting new trees to replace trees felled by storms and disease on our property and nurturing the health of our existing trees through watering, fertilizer and treatments for diseases.

Beyond planting trees at home, we can ensure that trees are being planted around the world by donating to several worthy nonprofit organizations.

One Tree Planted (OneTreePlanted.com) plants a tree for every dollar received. This nonprofit is based in Vermont but oversees tree planting in Asia, South America, Africa and North America.

The Nature Conservancy's (Nature.org) Plant a Billion Trees initiative is active in North America, Latin America and Asia. Be sure to earmark your donation to the Plant a Billion program.

Trees For the Future (Trees.org) plants trees that provide families in six countries in Sub-Saharan Africa with sustainable food sources.

The National Forest Foundation (NationalForests.org) plants native trees in National Forests for \$1 per tree. They have a goal to plant 50 million trees.

The Green Belt Movement (GreenBeltMovement.org) is the nonprofit started by Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai. This organization has planted 51 million trees in Kenya since 1977 while empowering women.

American Forests (AmericanForests.org) plants trees across North America by planting trees on lands damaged by natural disasters. Founded in 1875, it is the oldest national conservation organization in the country.

Granted a trillion trees is a lot. Current estimates suggest that we have about 3 trillion trees on earth. But, the U.S. was highlighted as one of the six nations with the most extra space for new trees. We also have the financial resources and the desire to get out ahead of climate change, despite our government's reticence.

Here's an action plan while the weather is still favorable: Plant trees! Plant trees! Plant trees!

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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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While I am here,
In spite of a little snow
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Fish Kill at Lake of the Isles

By Mary Pattock

A couple of weeks ago a major fish kill occurred on Lake of the Isles. Hundreds of fish were seen floating belly-up in numerous locations along the shore.

Contacted soon after the event, Jono Cowgill, our District 4 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner, reported in an email that agency experts believed the kill was triggered by extremely low oxygen levels in the deeper parts of Lakes of the Isles and Cedar Lake that resulted from heat and heavy rainfalls, and that they were working with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to identify root causes.

Cowgill said he was told there was no cause for alarm regarding either overall fish population or safety of swimming in the lakes, and that a fish kill is a "relatively common" occurrence.

On the other hand, stalled hot-weather systems and heavy rain events are known to be occurring more frequently because of climate change. Climatologists anticipate more of these phenomena in the near and distant future. Given the persistent nature of the threat posed by climate change, it's reasonable to wonder whether the Lake of the Isles fish kill is an early sign of environmental stress that could, unaddressed, doom our beloved lakes to a murky, noxious future.

Could the City and MPRB anticipate such an eventuality before it becomes a reality, with an eye to preventing it?

Some thoughts about what the MPRB might do:

Mount a vigorous public education campaign reminding residents how lawn-fertilizer runoff encourages the growth of oxygen-sapping lake algae and recommending ecologically preferred ways to care for our lawns and gardens.

Step up existing efforts to get rid of lake algae, which deplete oxygen. (Does the MPRB currently have the



Fish kill photo by Shawn Smith

budget to do that?)

Develop and budget for contingency plans for more extensive measures should they be necessary. One solution might be aeration to increase oxygen in the deeper parts of the lakes. Another could be alum treatments such as the MPRB successfully used throughout the Chain of Lakes in the late 1990s to trap the nutrient phosphorus on the lake bottom.

Ask the City to cut back on the amount of impermeable surface allowed near the lakes.

Work with the City to assess whether its storm water runoff system can respond adequately to future density proposed by the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan (which allows more impermeable surfaces city-wide).

Residents who treasure our lakes can hope that MPRB will regard the Summer of 2019 Fish Kill as a signal event requiring their urgent attention and planning. Otherwise, it could foreshadow one aspect of what climate change might look like in Minneapolis in the not-too-distant future.

Take a Mid-Week Moment For You



What inspiring or healing moment did you have this week?

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13107 Inverness Road, Minnetonka. 2014 Remodeler's Showcase 4BR/3BA rambler on a 1+ acre lot, renovated by Kuhl Design Build with expert craftsmanship and high-end finishes. It has a warm and casual feel, comfortable for everyday living and entertaining. The backyard cabin is said to be the oldest structure in the city of Minnetonka - lots of character with gas fireplace and deck overlooking the pond. Convenient, yet secluded, this home is an ideal "year-round getaway." \$799,900. **Open Sunday July 28 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



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