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## Louise Erdrich won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for “The Night Watchman”.

By Jean Deatrick

(with help from the Minneapolis StarTribune.)

**Congratulations!!!** Louise Erdrich is the author of sixteen novels, volumes of poetry, children’s books, and a memoir of early motherhood. Her fiction has won the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award (twice), and has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. She has received the Library of Congress Prize in American Fiction, the prestigious PEN/Saul Bellow Award for Achievement in American Fiction, and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.

Louise Erdrich, a member of the Turtle Mountain band of Chippewa, lives in the Kenwood neighborhood with her daughters. She is the owner of Birchbark Books, in my opinion the best bookstore in Minneapolis. She is our neighbor and we are proud and lucky to know such a lovely person and talented writer.

Louise Erdrich won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction Friday for her novel "The Night Watchman," a novel based on the life of her grandfather, Aunishenaubay Patrick Gournau.

"The Night Watchman" tells the story of the U.S. government's efforts in the 1950s to "emancipate" the Turtle Mountain band and other tribes from their Indianness.

The government planned to terminate their protected status, which was guaranteed in treaties, end their government health care and education, abolish tribes, relocate them from reservations to cities and stop any kind of aid or payments for taking their land. Horrible and sad times.

We are fortunate to have Birchbark Books and Louise Erdrich in the neighborhood. Birchbark is easily accessible from all four of our neighborhoods. “The Night Watchman” is a touching and readable book. Definitely worth reading.

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## Yoga at the Beach



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Participants enjoying free Yoga classes at East Cedar Lake Beach (formerly Hidden Beach) on the shores of Cedar Lake. The Kenwood Neighborhood Association sponsors weekly yoga classes each Thursday evening at 7 PM and Friday afternoon at 2:15 PM between Memorial Day and Labor Day, with the exception of the week leading up to the 4th of July. (July 1st & 2nd). The cost is free but donations are accepted.

## Summer Jazz Series Returns to the Walker



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Music lovers flocked to Walker Art Center's hillside to enjoy a live band, Irreversible Entanglements, performing on the stage below. Two more show are scheduled for this Summer. Fly or Die will perform on July 2nd, and Joel Ross Good Vibes will perform on August 6th. Both start at 7 PM.

Walker Art Center | Contemporary Art Museum | Minneapolis



Photo by Sheri Ettinger

## Beautiful photo of turtle at Evergreen Point..

“Hoping to get some other pictures as sometimes turtles line up on exposed logs at this location.” reported Harvey Ettinger.

### Lunch with Lisa June 30

#### Please join us for our virtual Lunch with Lisa

This month our special guests will be Senator Scott Dibble and Representative Frank Hornstein. The two of them will be providing us with a legislative update

**Wednesday, June 30, 2021 (12:00 – 1:00)**

To join the event, all you need to do is click on the link below and you will be directed to the virtual event!

We are now using Zoom! Lunch with Lisa: June 30.

If you would like to call into the meeting, the phone number is 312-626-6799 and the code to connect to this meeting is 616464#

We would appreciate having a count as to how many people will be participating. If you plan to join, please let Judy know.

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or call at 612-673-2207

### Arlene Fried (1933-2021) Will we protect her legacy

By Harriet Horwitz

On the evening of June 12, 2020, Arlene Fried called me with a request: "Will you please write my obituary?" The prognosis for her lung cancer was perhaps one to two years and Arlene, with her typical abundance of preparedness, was checking tasks off her list. (I, with my typical procrastination and denial, took a wait-and-see stance.) She passed on June 6, 2021.

As Arlene became weaker I asked sons Alan and Lawrence, who live in Los Angeles but came home to look after her, what significant points of her 87 years to mention. (Arlene, of course, had her say). These appeared in the Strib on June 9 and included only a few of her amazing feats and interests:

Rollerblading, at age 80, in the Metrodome 'til it closed down, leaving Arlene with nowhere to go except 11pm at Lifetime Fitness

Gardens. Architecture. Theater. Art. Music. Horses. Sailing. Travel.

League of Woman Voters.

DFL, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood, PTA (creating the hot lunch program for city schools).

Loyal member of the Thursday Nutmegs lunch group.

And, cats, cats, cats.

But most important to Arlene, and her importance to HLP land and the city of Minneapolis, was her passion and commitment to preserving the lakes and parks of Minneapolis. What the obit could only hint at was this petite woman's extraordinary strength. Picture a crusader all armored up and ready for battle, her weapons being curiosity, intelligence, energy, tenacity and a genuine desire to make sense in a world that often denied it.

Council Member Lisa Goodman wrote "Arlene was a truly special person. I loved being in meetings with her, reading her many emails, listening to her voice-mails, always about how to improve our community.

### Neighborhood Meetings

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



Arlene Fried

Photo by Dorothy Childers

She didn't just talk about doing things, she moved mountains to make positive change."

Arlene's two major involvements were ELECT. (Emergency Lakes Environmental Coalition Task Force). and Park Watch, both organizations she helped co-found. ELECT. was created in 1987 in opposition to the proposed construction of a 25-story apartment next to the existing Calhoun Beach Club. After several years of legal action, the City Council voted to pass a height restriction on development around the lakes.

In 2004 Arlene and several others concerned with actions and behaviors at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) created a website to open up activities to the public. As she wrote: "Park Watch was founded by five concerned Minneapolis residents who vowed to keep the Park Board and Park Board issues above the radar by attending every Park Board Meeting." Now, with almost 15 years of postings, Park Watch has provided a valuable historical perspective on a crucial period in the MPRB history. which they saw marked by a lack of transparency, a lack of citizen participation and a lack of administrative accountability.

As a result of Park Watch, new people, including our Anita Tabb, were elected to the Board. Meg Forney, Board Member-at-large, expressed "How grateful I am for independent eyes on our our governance and to keep us on the straight and narrow." History was important to Arlene. It was her huge regret she would not be around to share her experience with neighborhood decision-makers. Lee Todd of the ECCO neighborhood, commenting on her helpfulness in shaping their response to developers, wrote: "She will be missed

### Where we are Now By Jean Deatrck, Editor

Hill and Lake Press is doing well thanks to the outpouring of support from our community and our advertisers during this last year. We remain focused on our four neighborhoods: Kenwood, Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, and Lowry Hill and that has proven successful.

Please keep your articles, photos, and advertisements coming. Thank you. We can't continue without your support. And thank you Neil Trembley and the Cedar Lake Park Association for your generous contribution. Please check their website for beautiful photos and information that is important and relevant to our neighborhoods.

We congratulate Lisa Goodman for receiving our support as DFL nominee to continue her leadership for the Seventh Ward and the City of Minneapolis. We support Lisa Goodman. She is the best!

by all of us who worked with her. Without her voice of reason, we all must step up a bit more in hopes of protecting her legacy. She reminded me a little of RBG, another small woman with a quiet manner, who truly mattered."

Finally and typically Arlene, she had one final warning: RADON. A test of her Bryn Mawr home, where she lived for 56 years, indicated high levels of the toxic soil-based gas that seeps into foundations and basements. It is a common cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. Arlene's wish was to have the warning in her obituary. And so it is.

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### Meet Your Neighbor Meg Forney

#### Craig Wilson interviews At Large Park Board Commissioner Meg Forney about....

Exciting to be interviewed by my “neighbor” H&LP! I was the co-editor of The ECCO News/The East Calhoun News many years ago and collaborated with H&LP along with The Wedge newspaper on ad insertion and delivering our laid-out productions to our printer, Shakopee Valley Printing. Every month we worked together and shared the competition of the “best in small neighborhood press awards”... I believe, we were pretty evenly awarded.

#### How did you develop your passion for parks?

My grandmother was instrumental in creating our Linden Hills park and my mother took my siblings and me every spring to Eloise Butler Flower Garden. Nine months after I purchased my first home in ECCO, 13 elms were taken from my block’s boulevard, catapulting me into activism. Fortunately, the ECCO Shade Tree Committee was just forming and I was, subsequently, asked to be a director on the ECCO Board; then I was asked to serve on People for Parks and the “resume” continues for over 40 years.

#### What is an “At Large” Commissioner on the Park Board?

As one of your At-Large Park Commissioners, I represent everyone in the City of Minneapolis on our independent Park Board, versus your six District Commissioners, who represent a geographic area of the city. The key responsibility of all nine Commissioners is to set the budget, which is the 5th largest municipal budget in the state, craft park policy, and to hire the Superintendent of Parks. We all are policy setters and do not manage staff except the Superintendent.

#### What projects are you currently working on?

I am so very excited to be a lead commissioner in creating our Climate Resiliency Initiative. The first part is to begin the creation of the first ever in the State of Minnesota certified carbon-offset-credit program to grow Minneapolis green space, to support climate and environmental resiliency. This pilot Urban Tree Carbon



Meg Forney and Elmer

Offset Program will sell carbon-offset-credits with proceeds invested back into urban tree planting and care since the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has a long history of planting and maintaining trees along boulevards and in parks.

This voluntary carbon-offset-credits program lets businesses offset their carbon footprint by paying other entities to sequester carbon or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Marketing to Minnesota companies will generate revenue that can be invested back into additional tree planting and other climate resiliency initiatives. Further, expanding the urban tree canopy creates benefits beyond carbon sequestration—including stormwater management, heat island and air pollution mitigation, green workforce development, environmental equity, and local community impact.

An emergency Minneapolis tree levy is expiring at the end of 2021. With new funding, increased tree

planting can be initiated in 2022 with minimal project start-up. Our project scope is 7,000 trees planted over a one-year period including street trees and park trees, focusing on heat islands in North Minneapolis where the largest are located other environmentally disadvantaged areas. The Tree Levy that is expiring removed over 40,000 Ash trees and replaced them over eight years. Yet, the canopy hasn’t expanded in numbers. To do so, our existing trees must be preserved and also new trees need to be planted at a greater rate.

In partnership with Green Minneapolis, MPRB will plant and maintain the trees with MPRB employees and commit to maintaining and tracking the initial tree pilot for 25 years. Trees are most vulnerable in the first five years.

#### Why are trees so important?

Tree canopies mitigate our heat islands through first identifying potential “hot spots,” then employing land use and zoning controls, as well as consideration of tree canopy, site design, and vulnerable populations. Rising temperatures are intensified in developed areas due to a lack of vegetation and more roads, rooftops, and parking lots. Extreme heat can increase health risks in vulnerable populations that often live in densely populated urban areas. Parks are the best tool for enhancing air and water quality and mitigating heat islands. Increasing vegetation is our best line of defense.

A high density of trees within an area creates a mitigating effect on urban heat islands by keeping the land surfaces cool, significantly increasing the amount of stormwater captured by trees, the capture of particulate air pollution and the percentage of native and adapted tree species planted on public and private land to improve habitat for wildlife. Our Minneapolis tree canopy is threatened by development, invasive species, climate change, and decreased funding for tree planting. And tree canopy can’t be established quickly - it takes 10-20 years for an urban tree to become a meaningful

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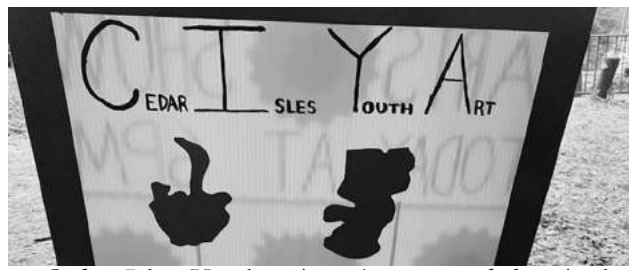
### Cedar\_Isles\_Youth\_Arts aka #C.I.Y.A. on instagram!

By Amanda Vallone

A new instagram page was created to showcase some of the talented youth and budding artists that care about our neighborhood parks and lakes in the CIDNA and Kenwood neighborhoods. Last month they finished up an arts series that ended with a Visual Arts display at East Cedar Lake Beach. Southwest Senior, Zoe Fustgaard filmed and edited a short piece that you can watch on the new instagram page set up by another Southwest High School student, Mary Tasia Polydoro.

ARTrageous Adventures will be planning a series of zine making workshops to let our resident youth get creative and share their thoughts, visions and art work that reflects our neighborhood parks and places.

Keep a look out for more information and check out the new instagram page!



Cedar\_Isles\_Youth\_Art sign created by Azalea Fustgaardidents.



Greta Schmitt and family attending the art show at East Cedar Lake Beach



Zine making workshop at ARTrageous Adventures.



Two Cedar Zines created by this group of youth residents.

### Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles Outreach Collection Saturday

26 June 2021 – 10:00am-4:00pm

Future dates: Jul 24, Aug 28, Sep 25

Saint Paul's is thankful for the support of our neighbors and parish members. Through their generosity we have been able to donate the following to our outreach partners:

several bags of books to Books for Africa and our own Little Library.

3 large bags of new clothes, toiletries and household items to YouthLink, plus 2 tents and sleeping bags, blankets and towels to their street outreach

\$250 to Joyce Food bank as well as 4 bags/boxes of food

12 bags of groceries and other items to the Food Shelf at St. Nicholas

We will again be checking all donations at the curb so please check the list below carefully before gathering your donations. Thank you for thinking of your neighbors -locally and throughout the world- during this time of need!

**Joyce Uptown** A vessel for cash donations will be on-site to support their bulk purchasing efforts.

**Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Food Shelves** no used, opened, or expired items, please! • cereal

- peanut butter • granola bars • rice • dried and canned beans • canned meats • tortillas (flour or corn) • salsa • sugar • tapioca • spaghetti or pasta • marinara sauce

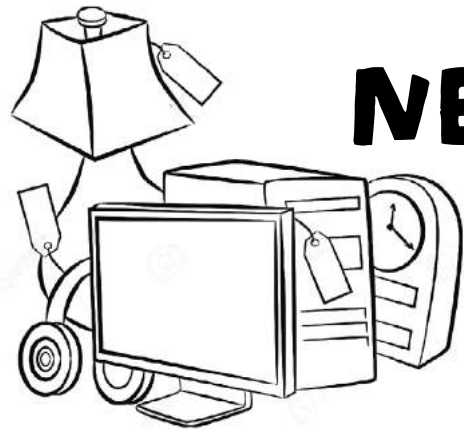
- Youth Link and Saint Stephen's Outreach** • 1-2 person tents • adult sleeping bags • tarps • backpacks • ponchos/rain jackets • adult shoes • full/queen "bed-in-a-bag" • towels, sheet sets (labeled with size) • diapers/pull-ups (newborn to adult) • bus passes/tokens • gift cards for fast food, gas (\$5-10 preferred) • cell phones, calling cards • packs of bottled water • **new** travel-sized toiletries • **new** household supplies, cleaning products • **new** packs of plain t-shirts, socks, and underwear

**Books for Africa** gently used/new, culturally sensitive books - no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please! • children's and young adult books • primary, secondary, college textbooks (published in last 15 years)

- medical, nursing, technical, science books (published in the last 10 years) • Dictionaries, thesaurus, reference books (published in the last 10 years) • no encyclopedias, travel, or cookbooks, please.

**Saint Paul's Little Library** gently used/new - no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please! • fiction and nonfiction (recent or classic)

For used items such as housewares, linens, and clothing, please consider donating to Central Lutheran's Free Store. ([www.centralmpls.org/community/freestore/](http://www.centralmpls.org/community/freestore/)) Please make sure donations are clean and in good repair.



## SAVE THE DATE! NEIGHBORHOOD SUPER SALE!

Saturday, September 11th  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

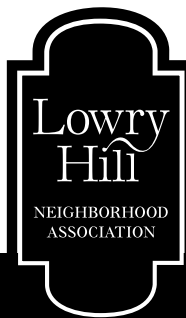
- Sign up to sell
- Get a yard sign
- Be on the map
- Get unsold item pick up

SAVE THE DATE! Lowry Hill and East Isles are teaming up for a great sale! Details on how to be a seller coming soon. Watch your inbox or visit [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org).

### Safety Tips – Keep Your Home Safe

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

- Keep a light on! Both on your porch and near your garage. And, motion detector lights are also very effective.
- Keep exterior doors and windows locked with quality locks including garage doors.
- Do not leave valuables like bicycles unsecured on porches, patios or in the yard.



### LHNA Board Meetings on Summer Hiatus

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. Location details to come. All residents are welcome!

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## THE URBAN COYOTE

By James P. Lenfestey

### A VERY LARGE LAKE (May-June)

There is a very large lake outside my window right now on Memorial Day, one of the Great Lakes. So large it can be seen from outer space, probably from Mars. So when our brace of genius billionaires touch their private rockets down on Mars and realize they have NOTHING TO DRINK they'll see a planet they left behind FILLED with fresh water and many exciting history lessons. The simplest: The first, best investment is always fixing up one's home.

The lake is called Huron but is in fact at the same level as Lake Michigan but considered two lakes because exhausted Jesuit explorer mapmakers could not believe the massive distances, after the Straits of Mackinac another three hundred thirty miles to a swamp the local Potawatomie called chicagou.

In 1634 Huron paddlers brought that zealous Frenchman Jean Nicollet through the Straits of Mackinac up to the mouth of Green Bay. His Huron paddlers were living around the lake after the Iroquois spitefully threw them out of their homeland in upstate New York for refusing to join their confederacy, a decision not looked upon with favor. Familiar with Iroquois warrior fury, the surviving Huron fled west toward terra incognita, colonizing the shores of the lake that today bears their name, though they were recent refugees, Anishinaabe bands having already colonized those shores.

If only my ancestors hadn't come along, following the Jesuit lead. Not that we are BAD people, only zealous explorers, and hungry, but finally so MANY of us as Europe opened its borders to send away all those sec-

ond and third sons and daughters who has NO chance to inherit the already impoverished family farm, like so many in Central America today.

Lake Superior is the first cousin of Lake Huron, Minnesota's Big Lake slowly eating Duluth from high water and epic storms, but remains, with its four cousin Great Lakes the second largest repository of fresh surface water on the planet [TEST QUESTION; WHAT IS THE FIRST? A pint of Seb Joe's ice cream for the first correct answer. Text your answer, with your name, to 612-730-7435. No Google or Wiki cheating!].

Susan and I are engaged in the Minnesota ritual ennobled by the title: "The opening of the cottage/cabin." In fact, it is a survey of the small and large catastrophes that occurred over the long, bitter, windy northern winter. In our case they include, but are not limited to, a broken toilet that, when the water was turned on, flooded the dining room and rugs et al, requiring a full repainting of the ceiling which looks like it grew barnacles and lichen; a twenty-year old water heater which decided to retire and set about leaking all over the floor; both upstairs sinks leaking so we keep then them turned off at the master valves except to briefly brush our teeth, take medicines for our ancient limbs, and avoid gazing in the mirror. Since I brush my teeth at an unfamiliar sink that partially works, when I bend to rinse my mouth I bump my head on an unfamiliar shelf. I do this every time. How can I describe how annoying that is? No one to blame, and my forehead looks like road rage.

But the kitchen fireplace works, needed for the cool spring evenings, as does the cook stove and old fridge, though wheezing. In the spirit of cool May days I invented the May gin and tonic, to be sipped after back-breaking days painting and gardening. The recipe: Gin, tonic, ice, lime, and slices of Honeycrisp apple! Not only tasty, but beautiful and guilt-free, as the Minnesota Honeycrisp is known to be good for you!

Our fireplace kept us cozy every cold May night. Until yesterday. Yesterday neighbors arrived and fired up their cottage fireplace for the first time, leading to a terrifying chimney fire that burned off the top of their

house, brave firefighters' with their water trains saving the rest. The town and cottage community was blessed as there was plenty of water and no appreciable wind or we all could have been tinder. So now we will not light our fireplace until a very busy chimney sweep can be lured to the island with his magic wands. The family escaped unharmed and have vowed to rebuild. And we remain safe and further humbled that we are allowed to visit where a lake shimmers at dawn, once a month the full moon rises like a Frenchman's hot air balloon, and we are not burned to a crisp, saved by the water of our home planet.

Our few remaining days after the fire, the high clouds tramped by like shards of white paper, the wind rollicked the cedars and spruce, the heavy golden hand of dawn enriched the shrubs, the grass, and my wife finished the monumental task of creating beauty from rocks and seeds and soil called a garden. We entertained the thought that for a moment all is the same in the world as before our ancestors arrived with trowels and plumbing and lust for beauty and gain. It isn't, of course, as we are here, yet momentarily we are at peace with the world.

We returned to Minneapolis to experience our nearly unprecedented early June over ninety-degree heat wave with dire warnings of drought and water shortages from California through the Dakotas, growing dry in Minnesota too. Like Goldilocks, all of us long for conditions "just right." Good news! Just as our neighbors survived the island fire, Minnesotans will survive this early heat wave, a rumbling storm and plentiful rain forecast for Fathers' Day. Generally the most forgettable of holidays, we will remember June 20, 2021 for the bracing thunder of the heavens and the drops of blessed water feeding the thirsty earth. Anyone want to exchange this planet for the dry sandstorms of Mars?

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"The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope." — Wendell Berry

### Meet your Neighbor from page 3

contributor to the tree canopy.

#### What are challenges facing the park system?

The recent uptick in violence, especially youth violence, poses a major challenge to our entire city, but I believe that our park system can be a catalyst for change. Our number one priority in our 2022 budget will be to invest in programming for youth by fostering youth employment that creates life-skills to acquire sustainable jobs, to develop expertise toward stewardship of our environment and to prevent youth violence through building relationships.

With several commissioners declining to run for reelection, MPRB will see substantial turnover and many new faces. We need proven park leadership experience to help bring the new board together to improve the lives of Minneapolis residents and families. And we need strong on-boarding of the new commissioners so they can move from campaigning to governance quickly. I feel it took me over a year to "get it" since this is a huge complex park system. I have offered "tutorials" to candidates with the hope of easing their transition.

**What's the right balance between park maintenance and stewardship and recreation and programming?**

Our park maintenance has been way under-funded. With the City of Minneapolis, we collaboratively brought millions of capital dollars to address neglect in our neighborhood parks, using a first-ever racial equity matrix to determine where the funding should be prioritized over 20 years. I was one of the lead commissioners in advocating for this initiative.

Our funding from the State has been limited. I am hopeful through our Metro Parks Delegation that more consistent funding will be allocated for critical on-going maintenance. We need to pursue these goals in a financially sustainable manner that leaves a positive legacy for future generations.

#### What is your hope for the future?

To continue to cut barriers for equitable park access for all Minneapolis residents and families. In my short two terms as Commissioner at Large, we have increased from 94% to 98% that every resident is within a 10-minute walk of a park. Now that the entire city has been park master-planned, policies and practices can be enacted for long-term development and improvements. We added more strategic parkland to our system and targeted access gaps in underserved areas—particularly along the banks of our Mississippi River in North and Northeast Minneapolis.

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## Perennially Active NEIGHBOR SALLY HOWARD

**K**enwood Retirement Community resident Sally Howard is a go-getter. She's friendly, energetic, and a great listener. During the pandemic, when social isolation was the norm, an attentive housekeeper at The Kenwood noticed that Sally and another resident had the same painting, a scene from Puerto Vallarta in Sally's beloved Mexico. The housekeeper asked Sally to pay a socially-distanced visit to the other home-bound resident. Sally was thrilled to be able to chat with a new friend.

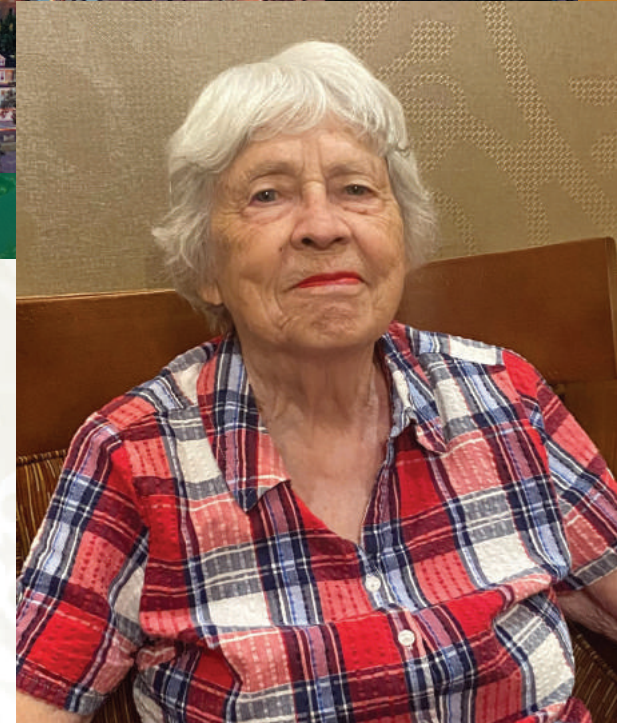
Sally is a graduate of Macalester College. She majored in sociology and English, but also participated in many extra-curricular activities such as choir and the tennis team, a habit that has continued through her life. Sally says she has a short attention span when it comes to her career, as she changed jobs every five to ten years when she wanted a new challenge. With each assignment she learned and grew, stayed connected to many interesting people along the way, and helped others reach their potential while reaching her own.

In all her work, Sally got people to work together and cooperate. Sally talks fondly of her first job with Yteens, working with girls 15-18 through the YWCA. As Volunteer Director for Abbott Hospital, Sally worked with hundreds of volunteers who improved the quality of the patients stays by delivering mail, reading letters, staffing the gift shop and coffee shop, and generally provided another friendly face for the patients. After Abbott merged with Northwestern Hospital, Sally took a position in Community Relations.

Throughout her life Sally has been politically active and in the late 1970s decided to run for Minneapolis City Council and was the city council person for Ward 10 for six years. She used her skill as an avid listener to work with neighborhood groups and businesses to bring amenities such as Calhoun Square to fruition.

After deciding not to run again, Sally took a vacation in Mexico to refresh herself. Her friends back in Minneapolis heard about a perfect job for her in public relations at the University of Minnesota's new Academic Health Center. She got the job. It was a fun job, it was a new challenge, and a chance to expand her horizons. She used her talents of listening, getting everyone to work together, and highlighting the achievements of the Health Center.

Sally is enjoying life at the Kenwood. She credits the leadership and staff at the Kenwood with keeping everyone safe during the pandemic. Ever the traveler, Sally was in Mexico in 2020 when the pandemic hit and was relieved to get back to her Kenwood home safely. She takes part in the exercise classes five days a week. She credits the Activities Director with finding great movies. She hopes you may not see Sally when you visit The Kenwood. She is always moving fast, on to the next activity, chat, or challenge.



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### Community in our Parks by Adaire Criner

Many of us know Elizabeth Shaffer from her leadership on the Seven Pools restoration project and as the president of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. Now our neighbor is offering her time and energy to serve the broader Minneapolis community and park system by running for District 4 Park Commissioner.

Elizabeth kicked off her campaign park events on June 3rd at Joanne Levin Triangle Park, where neighbors gathered to meet Elizabeth, chat with neighbors and enjoy Sebastian Joe's ice cream! True to her campaign slogan, "Your parks, I'm listening," Elizabeth heard from neighbors about issues including the water quality in the chain of lakes, park safety and the need for shade at Levin Park playground. Yet above all else, the resounding message was...we love our parks! Since early June, Elizabeth has also hosted events at Elliot Park, Thomas Lowry Park, Reserve Block 40, Bassett Creek and Mueller Park.

Throughout the summer, Elizabeth and her team will be visiting almost all of the 42 parks in District 4 to join neighbors in community conversation and volunteer activities. She is building a grassroots movement to connect residents around their local park and to hear



Photo by Dorothy Childers

their voices. By spending her time in the parks, she wants to shift the spotlight away from politics and back to the core mission... "MPRB shall permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance its natural resources, parkland and recreational opportunities for current and future generations."

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## Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

By Rosanne Halloran

### CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2021, 6-8:45 p.m. Online via Zoom.**

All board members were present: Chair Mary Pattock, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Laura Cederberg, Laura DeMarais, Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, Claire Ruebeck, Mike Siebenaler, Amanda Vallone, and CIDNA Coordinator, Michael Jon Olson. Several community members attended.

Invited guests: Met Council SWLRT Outreach Coordinator David Davies

#### Call to order: Mary Pattock, Chair

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The board approved the minutes for the May 12 Annual Meeting. Mary welcomed new board members Laura Cederberg, Laura DeMarais and Mike Siebenaler.

Report: Minneapolis City Council Ward 7, Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa is scheduled for June 30. Frank Hornstein and Scott Dibble will report on the legislative session.

Federal relief money will be received by the city in spring 2022. It is one-time money that has use restrictions, which is a disappointment to many, but Lisa feels positive about the suggested allocations. It must be spent, not held. The mayor is recommending that the first half be used for immediate existing needs created by the pandemic. Of the second half, \$10 million would be used for small business development (on Lake Street, for example) \$6 million for homelessness, \$21 million for affordable housing, \$5 million each for public services and crime prevention. This plan must be approved by the City Council.

People have had problems with the rental assistance process. If you know a tenant or landlord who needs rental assistance, suggest that they call 211 or go to [www.renthelpmn.org](http://www.renthelpmn.org)

#### Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Annual meeting: There was good attendance — 50 people — at CIDNA's May 12 Annual Meeting via Zoom. Members elected the 2021-2022 board. Reports were given by Council Member Lisa Goodman and Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene. Due to the legislature being in session, Representative Frank Hornstein and Senator D. Scott Dibble will be invited to an upcoming CIDNA meeting.

Neighborhood survey: Nearly 200 people participated in CIDNA's neighborhood survey; Mary said their many suggestions for new CIDNA activities and projects were a shot of energy for the neighborhood. The results will help inform future planning by the board during their upcoming retreat.

Mary thanked Rosanne for her eight years of service as CIDNA secretary. Both Rosanne and Mary, who served 3 ½ years as chair, are stepping down as officers.

#### Election of CIDNA Board Officers

The CIDNA Board elected 2021-2022 officers: Chair Laura Cederberg, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Secretary (open), and Treasurer Mike Siebenaler. Laura noted for the record that she and Mike are married to each other.

#### Coordinator's Report, Michael Jon Olson

Michael Jon proposed creating a CIDNA Google Workspace to store CIDNA documents: \$800 for Zeke Cato Consulting and up to \$800 for extra hours for CIDNA Coordinator, Michael Jon Olson. The board approved the proposal.

The board approved a proposal for Michael Jon to create a CIDNA Operations Manual, which will require up to up to \$2000 in additional coordinator hours. The City requires all neighborhood organizations to create and adopt specific policies and procedures by the end of December 2021 in order to maintain their status as formally recognized neighborhood organizations eligible for city funding.

CIDNA is in good financial shape. Our bank balance is \$27,334.49. CIDNA Accountant, Robert Thompson will be invited quarterly to our meetings to give the financial report; Michael Jon will report at

other meetings.

As CIDNA approaches its 50-year anniversary (we were incorporated in 1975), we are starting a CIDNA archive project. Please contact us if you have CIDNA-related documents to donate. Significant documents will remain in CIDNA's records or will be donated to the Hennepin County Library for inclusion in the Minneapolis neighborhood Special Collections.

#### Guest Report: Transportation Committee, David Davies, SWLRT Outreach Coordinator

The SWLRT construction project nears the halfway point, but as yet has no projected opening date.

Contractors continue to encounter difficulties and added expense related to building the Kenilworth tunnel on the unstable soil between two lakes. The latest problem is the necessity, unforeseen by planners, of grouting between steel sheet pilings used in tunnel construction. The Metropolitan Council recently approved a \$1.75 million change order from the project's contingency fund to pay for that cost. Of the \$204 million set aside in the contingency fund for unforeseen expenses, at this half-way point in the construction, \$83 million remained in mid-May 2021.

To maintain progress on SWLRT, the Met Council has decided it needs additional access to the site, and in June or July will start moving materials — especially concrete — along the residential streets France Avenue, Sunset and Depot Street, and Lake Street from the west. This is a departure from the plan, which promised to restrict construction traffic to the construction corridor.

The Met Council has notified the City and Park Board of the change; no permissions were thought to be necessary. Safety and air pollution from idling vehicles will be concerns, as will degradation of the roads; a traffic control plan is in development — and of concern to residents, given the existing bottleneck traffic conditions that already exist on Lake Street and Cedar Lake Parkway for several hours every day. This operation will continue for approximately 124 weeks. Meeting attendees expressed displeasure with the arrangement, recalling that during the planning process, residents repeatedly warned the Met Council of the problems inherent in building SWLRT on the unstable soil between two lakes.

CIDNA resident asked that construction work not take place between Friday afternoon 3 p.m. to Monday morning at 7.

Davies sent an email notification today to residents living in the West Lake Street Station area that another 50 feet of steel sheeting needs to be installed at the West Lake Street Station site this week. This involves the use of the vibratory hammer that was used last month, which causes significant vibration to nearby residences.

#### Land Use and Zoning Committee Report, Michael Jon Olson

Regarding the BP station site in the West Maka Ska neighborhood, the current plan is for a 74-unit apartment complex and a height increase of 5.5 feet; it will be built out to the curb, without greenspace. The building will be within the Shoreland Overlay district, which is supposed to enjoy specific environmental protections relating, for example, to height and greenspace. The West Maka Ska Neighborhood Council hasn't taken a position on the current site plan. A hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 19. Michael Jon will create a CIDNA position statement and submit it to the board for review.

#### Safety Committee Report, Stephen Goltry

There is increased Lake Street sidewalk pedestrian and cycle usage.

#### Social Committee Report, Amanda Vallone

Nine resident addresses participated in the June 4-5 neighborhood garage sale, and the QR code for location information had 167 hits. Amanda thanked Kristin Dolphin for her help planning the event and James Reid for donating large signs that can also be used for future CIDNA events.

Take a Look at CIDNA: Residents are invited to

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

Submitted by Chas Scheiderer

**Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting June 1, 2021 via Zoom.**

**Called to order by President Jennifer Breitinger at 7:05 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Jennifer Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Toni D'Eramo, Tyler Eklund, Craig Wilson,

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submit photos to CIDNA's Facebook page. June's theme is Summer Sandals, July's theme is Summer Gardens, and August's is Cedar Lake Sunsets. Shout out to board member Tim Sheridan for sharing his great photos.

We have a new Instagram site for Cedar Isles Art, a collection of photos by youth. The URL will appear in the next CIDNA E-News.

#### Environmental Preservation Committee Report, Co-chairs Claire Ruebeck & James Reid

CIDNA Gardeners will meet at Park Siding Park on Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m.-Noon, with a rain date on the following Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Subsequent volunteer dates are the 3rd Saturday of each month through September. All are welcome. Contact [info@CIDNA.org](mailto:info@CIDNA.org) for more information.

Related to the \$20K residual funding from the Cedar Lake South Beach project, the board approved the committee recommendation to contract with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) to construct a concrete curb at Cedar Lake South Beach to separate grass and sand on the westerly side of the beach for costs not to exceed \$10,000. The remaining \$10K is being considered for public art, possibly on the Cedar Lake South Beach comfort station. The committee is pursuing clarification from the City of Minneapolis and MPRB about jurisdiction over public art in this location. The committee will strive to submit a formal proposal to the board by September.

Resident and committee member Mark Schmidt offered to be lead on a pollinator protection program that will use the resources of the U of M's world-renowned Bee Lab. The Bee Lab project will be linked to promote an existing CIDNA endeavor such as the buckthorn removal project, CIDNA gardeners at Park Siding Park, etc. Residents who would like to help, please contact [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org).

Dean Parkway has been recently added to the Cedar Lake - Lake of the Isles Master Plan map by MPRB which positions the Dean Greens (lawns) to be classified a Metro Area Regional Park, as opposed to city parkland that has been utilized by local residents for decades. Accordingly, the Park Board, which is seeking input on its future in a survey, is encouraging input from people from the entire Metro area. They are undoubtedly thinking of its proximity to the future SWLRT West Lake and 21st Street stations. Note: trail construction in Regional Parks is exempt from Environmental Impact Statement requirements.

CIDNA encourages neighborhood residents to respond to the survey, which is at [https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/project\\_updates/community-engagement-period-extended-dean-parkway-added/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/project_updates/community-engagement-period-extended-dean-parkway-added/)

#### Communication Committee Report, Dean Kephart

The board voted to authorize up to \$11,000 for rebranding and redesign of our website, and to authorize the Communication Committee to select the vendor.

#### Old Business

CIDNA Values discussion was postponed.

#### New Business – none

#### Neighborhood survey results discussion

Survey results discussion was postponed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, 6:00-8:00, via zoom.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org). Please also submit comments, suggestions, or requests to help with activities reported from our meetings.



**LHNA continued**

Thomas Regnier, Lohn Lillehei, Janet Hallaway, Sue Westerman, Justin Baylor, Vickie Bennet, Fran Davis, George Montague, Kathleen Bottini, Chas Scheiderer  
Other Attendees: Jackie Baylor

**Previous minutes reviewed and approved.**

We briefly discussed the annual meeting that had over 54 attendees. Next year we will make sure to send a mailing announcing the annual meeting by March 1. In addition, we need to select the venue for the annual meeting by February 1.

**Treasurer's Report**

Toni D'Eramo presented the treasurer's report which appears on the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association website under the annual meeting heading. Toni explained the various sources of funds including the unrestricted funds, the CPP funds from the city which are somewhat restricted, and the Equity engagement funds. Toni also pointed out that the loan we made to Propel Non Profits with NRP funds is due March 2022. At that time we are free to allocate the funds to appropriate neighborhood projects.

We Have approximately \$31,000 in CPP funds we need to allocate for projects for the balance of 2021.

The accountant we hired earlier this year, Rachel Ireland, has resigned. We will wait until we have finalized a budget for the new year before we hire a replacement.

**Environmental Committee**

Craig Wilson reported for the Environmental Committee; he had a discussion with Tree Trust to plan an event in Lowry Hill regarding tree care, and selection. Craig and Jackie Baylor will continue to work with Tree Trust to develop an event.

**Budget Planning**

We continued the discussion regarding the budget for the balance of the year. Fran Davis made a motion to create a committee to review the past spending, the proposed ideas and create a budget and plan for the balance of the year. After a short discussion the motion passed.

The committee will meet this summer. The committee has several objectives that need to be completed. The objective is to present a complete budget and list of CPP projects and Equitable Engagement projects for the year. Several board members volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee membership list will be created at the first meeting. The Treasurer will participate in an advisory role. Immediately, the committee needs to agree on a chair and set an agenda for the summer. Then the committee will review the routine expenditures for the year and create a budget. Some expenditures made last year will not be repeated while many are non-discretionary such as insurance and some professional services.

After the routine budget is complete, the committee will develop the plan for the CPP funds. The first step is to create the evaluation criteria for the projects. The criteria could be based on the following and other criteria: preservation of the neighborhood, assistance to local businesses, beautification of the neighborhood, engagement of persons not represented well by current programs such as children, renters, etc. Once the criteria are developed each idea will be scored against the criteria. The criteria scores will be used to prioritize the projects. Sue Westerman agreed to arrange a zoom meeting within the next month.

**The final plan will be presented at the September meeting.**

**Compliance Committee consisting of Toni D'Eramo and Janet Hallaway needs to complete the forms needed by the city.** The city has contracted with a law firm to provide neighborhood associations assistance in completing the compliance forms. We need to sign an agreement if we are to use the forms.

**Summer Events**

In lieu of the ice cream social we plan to partner with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park to celebrate the summer and the grand re-opening of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP). The FTLP board has developed the plans and created a budget of approximately \$5,000

**East Isles Residents Association**

By Jenna Egan

**EIRA Board of Directors Meeting****Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7 pm****Online via Zoom****MINUTES****Board members present:**

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Natasha Dockter, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz

**Staff present:**

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

**Guests present:**

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

**Welcome**

**President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**Council Member Lisa Goodman**

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Lunch with Lisa is May 6th with special guest Mary

for the event.

Craig Wilson made a motion that we allocate \$2,500 of unrestricted funds to provide to FTLP for the celebration. Motion Passed.

**Historical**

Thomas Regnier has researched the possibility of designated historical homes in the area. Other neighborhoods have made historical designations with mixed success. We will evaluate further, but make no designations unless there is a clear advantage to Lowry Hill residents.

**Communications**

Toni D'Eramo asked committee chairmen to contact her and learn how to take advantage of our web site and learn how to post on our website.

**Officer Nominations and Election**

Nominating committee chair presented a slate of officer nominations, this included Chas Scheiderer for president, Thomas Regnier for Vice President, Toni D'Eramo for Treasurer and John Lillehei, Secretary. Slate passed.

Thank you to Jennifer Breitinger and Bob Hinck for serving as president and vice president during the last two unusual years.

**Hennepin Avenue Project**

Finally Craig Wilson, who is representing Lowry Hill in the planning meetings where the community is included, stated he will continue to represent us during any upcoming meetings. If decisions are required he will reach out to the board for directions.

Currently construction is scheduled for 2024. We have included the city planners for the projects at board meetings and at the annual meeting. There are two alternatives being considered. One includes one lane of traffic with one lane of bus rapid transit and bike lanes. The second includes wider sidewalks and no bike lanes. Neither alternative allows for parking. The planning staff is working according to the 2040 plan. Parking is the lowest priority. At our meetings, no one has expressed enthusiasm for either alternative. Comments at our annual meeting expressed concern for the businesses on Hennepin Avenue.

At our board meeting our members expressed concern for the vitality of our local businesses. The board is concerned that the businesses cannot thrive without parking on Hennepin Ave. We will continue to make the Hennepin Avenue project a priority and attempt to find a way to convince the city to develop more alternatives.

We think it is appropriate for the city to share with us the bicycle traffic studies that have been made and identify what other alternatives were considered before the plans were cut down to the two with no parking.

**Board Membership**

Justin Baylor and Kathleen Bottini announced their intentions to resign at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Altman. Mary will share on public art in Ward 7 including a sneak peek of the public art in the new City Services building along with information on the current status and future of the mural art associated with George Floyd.

Minnesota leads the nation in self-response to census and retains all congressional seats. 75.1% of households returned their census form without additional follow up from a census worker. Efforts by various units of government, nonprofits, and advocates ensured that residents that are typically undercounted were motivated to fill out their census forms. Minnesota's population grew by 7.6% to 5,706,494, outpacing most Midwestern states and keeping pace with the national average. The state grew just enough to hold on to all eight of its congressional seats.

Farmers markets are open for the season. Nearly 20 farmers markets will operate throughout Minneapolis this year, and they have already begun to open. The Market Bucks incentive matches up to \$10 worth of coupons per day to customers who use SNAP benefits to purchase eligible foods at participating farmers markets. Participating markets are noted in the map and downloadable list found at <https://bit.ly/3inG9L3>. The map and schedule will be kept up to date as schedules shift.

Homegrown Minneapolis (<https://bit.ly/3cu7zuT>) also offers other ways to get healthy, local food on the table. Homegrown Minneapolis is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat, and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.

COVID-19 emergency rent and utility bill assistance - if the pandemic has caused you hardship and you need help catching up on your rent or utility bills, you may be eligible for Minnesota's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance. Eligible Minneapolis renters can receive help with rent and utility bills dated on or after March 13, 2020. If you qualify, you could receive up to 15 months of total assistance. While you can't be evicted for not paying rent during Governor Walz's executive order, rent is still due. When the order is lifted, people owing unpaid rent could be at risk for eviction. To apply for RentHelpMN or find more information, visit [renthelpmn.org](http://renthelpmn.org) or call 211. The 211 helpline has dedicated multilingual available to answer questions 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. In Minneapolis, you can also apply through these community partners: Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) assistance in Spanish 651-362-0162, New American Development Center (NADC) assistance in Somali, Oromo, and Amharic 612-823-0180, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center 612-767-9198.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the EIRA Annual Meeting on April 13, 2021. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erlandson. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting on March 9, 2021. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erlandson. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

**Actions via Unanimous Consent**

The following actions were taken by the EIRA Board via unanimous consent since its last meeting:

Resolution 2021R-13 (adopted on March 28, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA approves Independent Contractor Agreement no. 2021C-02 with INspiring SIGHT for strategic planning consultant services.

Resolution 2021R-14 (adopted on April 5, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA put the following Bylaws amendments before the EIRA membership for a vote at the next Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Resolution 2021R-15 (adopted on April 17, 2021):

WHEREAS, the 2021 Annual Meeting of the EIRA Membership was held virtually on April 13, 2021, and the election of the eleven (11) member Board of Directors was conducted via an online ballot, and

WHEREAS, the eleven (11) candidates with the highest number of votes are elected to the EIRA Board

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of Directors, and,

WHEREAS, the candidates with the twelfth (12th) and thirteenth (13th) highest number of votes are elected as the First Alternate and Second Alternate, respectively.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the following people are elected to the EIRA Board of Directors for a term beginning upon execution of the Unanimous Written Consent and ending upon election of a new Board of Directors at the 2022 Annual Meeting: Becky Accettura, Erik Anderson, Laney Barhaugh, Andrew Degerstrom, Natasha Dockter, Emma Erdahl, Mike Erlandson, Larry Lamb, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following people are elected as alternates to the EIRA Board of Directors for a term beginning upon the execution of this Unanimous Written Consent and ending upon election of a new Board of Directors at the 2022 Annual Meeting: Mark Greene (First Alternate), Molly Larsen (Second Alternate).

### Resolution 2021R-16 (adopted on April 17, 2021):

WHEREAS, the EIRA Board of Directors on April 5, 2021, adopted via unanimous consent resolution 2021R-14 recommending that amendments to the EIRA Bylaws be presented to the EIRA Membership for a vote at the next Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, and, WHEREAS, the 2021 Annual Meeting of the EIRA Membership was held virtually on April 13, 2021, and the EIRA Membership voted on the amendments to the EIRA Bylaws via an online ballot, and,

WHEREAS, the question received a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative majority.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Bylaws of EIRA are amended.**

### Officer Elections

President Emma Erdahl presided over the elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary: Emma Erdahl nominated herself for President.

Erik Anderson nominated himself for Vice President.

Laney Barhaugh nominated herself for Secretary.

Andrew Degerstrom nominated himself for Treasurer.

Brian Milavitz nominated himself for Treasurer.

Emma Erdahl, Erik Anderson, and Laney Barhaugh were collectively elected by acclamation as President, Vice President, and Secretary, respectively, with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

A roll call was taken for the purpose of electing a Treasurer with Andrew Degerstrom receiving 11 votes and Brian Milavitz receiving 0 votes. Andrew Degerstrom was elected Treasurer.

### Treasurer's Report



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Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the May 2021 Finance Report, highlights include:

Total assets of \$71,141.36, total liabilities of \$9,323.89, and net assets of \$61,817.47 as of April 30, 2021.

Total of \$15,164.27 in expenses and \$27,480.89 in deposits for the period of February 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

\$24,502.15 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (NRP Phase II Implementation) as of April 30, 2021.

\$4,382.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (NRP Home Security Grants) as of April 30, 2021.

\$18,440.06 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (NRP Sustainable Practices) as of April 30, 2021.

\$44,598.75 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of April 30, 2021.

Degerstrom also reported that due to pending application with the IRS to be granted status as a 501(c)(3) organization, EIRA will be filing for an automatic 6-month extension for the filing of form 990-EZ for Fiscal Year 2020.

The following action were taken regarding agenda item 6:

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

### Finance Committee

The following action was taken regarding agenda

item 7:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-17: resolved that the following board members are appointed to the Finance Committee for the 2021-2022 board term: Andrew Degerstrom (Chair), Erik Anderson, Brian Milavitz, and Larry Lamb. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

### Neighborhoods 2020

President Emma Erdahl asked for board members to join a special committee to review EIRA's policies and bylaws to make sure they meet the requirements for the City's new Neighborhoods 2020 program. If any of EIRA's policies or its bylaws do not meet the Neighborhoods 2020 requirements, the committee will make recommendations to the EIRA board. Erdahl, Anderson, and Degerstrom agreed to participate.

### Staff Report

Neighborhood Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following report:

Egan has been recruiting neighbors to participate in focus groups as part of EIRA's Strategic Planning Process.

Will be reviewing concepts for EIRA's logo refresh created by Brandography on May 19, board members are welcome to attend.

### NRP Committee:

NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson gave the following report:• Erlandson reached out to Park Board Commissioner Meg Forney regarding the shade structure for Joanne Levin Triangle Park.

• Erlandson will send a letter to Park Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill regarding the shade structure.

### EIRA Conflict of Interest Policy

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom announced that once EIRA concluded on page 12

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**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization**

**By Carissa Brown**

**(KNO) Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:30 pm on June 7, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

**Board Members present:** Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Melinda Platt, Jim Barnett, Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, Lana Baggenstos

**Board Members not present:** Courtney Kiernat, Kyle Leier

**Others present:** Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, Marc Holtey, Robin and Jack Conn, Elizabeth Shaffer, Jim DeBilzan, Jonathan Heathcote, David Schaezner, Carissa Brown

**Approval of Minutes**

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the May 3, 2021, meeting minutes. Jim Barnett moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

**Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman**

The next Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, June 30, with Senator Scott Dibble and Rep Frank Hornstein. Lisa Goodman's office is planning a Lunch with Lisa tour of the new Minneapolis Public Service Center building in July or August.

Mask mandate has been lifted by the mayor – nearly 80% of all Minneapolis residents 15+ have been vaccinated. Vaccination clinics continue, and those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to continue wearing masks.

Under the city's emergency rent and utility assistance, owners and renters can apply for up to 16

months of assistance. Dial 211 for more information.

Redistricting Advisory Committee – if an interest in serving apply by July 24 online at the Charter Commission's Web site.

**Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies**

21st St. Crossing: David is working on response to road surfacing and dust concerns – he appreciates the feedback.

Concrete pours occurring tomorrow, and David will notify the community this evening.

Cedar Isles Dean / Tunnel area: To keep this moving, they will begin hauling materials through Sunset Blvd off France due to space and timing constraints. This will allow the project to keep making progress on the tunnel.

**Public Comments**

Park Board Updates from Elizabeth Schaffer and Will Stensrud: There are workforce shortages among mowers, lifeguards and maintenance assistance.

Will Stensrud responded to a question regarding Park Police presence at E Cedar Lake Beach. They have a daily presence schedule on the beach from late afternoon through the evening. Lieutenant Noble has assumed that KNO dollars will not be used on additional patrol presence this summer. Will plans to initiate further discussion via email.

**KNO Officer Nominations and Election**

The following individuals were nominated and elected to the following officer positions:

Chair: Mark Brown

Vice-Chair: Jim Barnett

Treasurer: Jeremy Nichols

Secretary: Matt Spies

**Treasurer Update and Annual Report Review, Matt Spies**

Annual report of Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2021

Net Operating income for 2020: \$884, Primary source of income is grant from the city just over \$22,000)

There is a donate feature on our Web site that links to PayPal, and the executive team will work to make that more prominent.

Administrative cost is large part of the budget, which will increase based upon administrative requirements imposed by the city

Current surplus in excess of \$37,000. In addition, there is \$35,000 from the City of Minneapolis that has not been spent. Those dollars will sunset if we do not spend them before the launch of Neighborhoods 2020. The board has previously discussed using a community grant-making program to use these funds.

Jeremy and Matt will present a preliminary budget at next month's meeting and the board will approve the Annual Report and Budget after reviewing and discussing both together.

**Activities and Engagement Updates**

**Coordinator updates, from Amanda Vallone**

Amanda has purchased Kenwood coffee mugs for

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It is finally summertime  
And the cruising is easy,  
It seems by this time  
The wind is blowing & breezy!

The pandemic is going down  
The masks are coming off,  
We seldom see a frown  
And only a few folks seem to scoff!

The year is half over  
The freedom lifts our spirits,  
People are coming out from under cover  
And changing many old habits!

My best sense  
As we reopen our doors,  
People are through being tense  
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**East Cedar Lake Beach 2021 Events and Engagement, Will Stensrud**

**Summer events at the Beach:**

Yoga at the Beach: Thursday evenings and Friday afternoons

Hidden Acoustics Series: Can be done with fewer restrictions

Lieutenant Noble is interested in doing a grilling event at the beach again this year. Currently looking at Saturday, July 10.

Longer-term: Thinking about how we support sustainable growth at the beach, especially as the SWLRT opens. The board discussed establishing a separate East

Cedar Lake Beach sub-committee on this topic.

**Community Music Event Concept, Jim Barnett**

Jim proposed an outdoor music event for Summer 2022 that brings various religious organizations from across the community to perform with a goal of community-building. Jim will pull together a committee of board members to address some initial questions and concerns, including:

Can we use this as an opportunity to reciprocate and attend events in North Minneapolis?

What will the full cost of this event be? And to what extent can city money be used?

How do we ensure that there is a diversity of groups and religions represented?

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 12, 2021, via GoTo Meeting.

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committee rosters have been updated he will be sending out annual Conflict of Interest Statements for completion and signature via DocuSign.

In accordance with EIRA Bylaws Article IV, Section 14, the remainder of the meeting was held in closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

**Closed Session**

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 12:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-18: resolved that EIRA President Emma Erdahl may authorize the hiring of seasonal, part-time employees for the Farmers Market. Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Lamb. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

13 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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