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CITY SEEKS INPUT ON HENNEPIN AVE RE-DESIGN BY APRIL 16

By Janet Hallaway

The City of Minneapolis is re-designing Hennepin Avenue, from the Douglas Avenue intersection on the North end, all the way to Lake Street. Construction, originally scheduled for 2022, has been shifted to 2023 and 2024, and the City expects a final approved layout by August, 2021. The multi-phase project is now open for public comment on the city’s website through April 16.

What’s up for grabs? A lot. Two proposed options address adding bike lanes on both sides of Hennepin or in an alternative spot off Hennepin, designated lanes for new Bus Rapid Transit, a central median to slow traffic, allowances or eliminations of left-hand turns, and keeping or eliminating parking.

“Now is the time for residents and businesses in Lowry Hill, East Isles, and Lowry Hill East to speak up about what’s most important,” said Fran Davis, Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Member. “These neighborhoods are directly impacted by the proposed changes; and public feedback is essential if the city is to have a balanced approach to transportation.”

Both plans have been developed to meet city policy goals around transportation. And, the planners admit there are a lot of competing interests in the corridor – local businesses, neighborhood residents, urban transit needs, climate change. There’s not enough space in the 88-foot right-a-way to accommodate all interests so it’s important the public speak out about what’s important.

Word of caution: if you’re an urban planner, you might be able to decipher what’s being proposed by examining the renderings of Option 1 and Option 2. If you’re not, the 30-minute video “virtual open house 3” is a better way to grasp the scope of changes.

There’s also a survey on the city’s website about the project. However, without broader context about the

Hennepin Avenue Streetscape



Photo by Dorothy Childers

project, some residents have expressed concern about how answers will inform the final plan.

Visit the city website here: minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/Hennepin-ave-s

Share your comments on the plan, the process, and at the survey with your elected Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association representatives at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org

The Mugo Pine Lives On by Kobi Conaway

The board of Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is excited and cautiously optimistic to announce an ongoing effort to cultivate seedlings from the iconic mugo pine located at the top of the Seven Pools. We’re working in partnership with Kurt Herke of Phillips Garden who has agreed to take on this multi-year project out of a love of gardening, an interest in conifers and historic preservation.

In February, Kurt collected over 30 cones from the mugo pine and from those cones, he was able to extract

24 seeds. For now, those seeds live in a paper bag in his desk and are so small they would fit into a teaspoon.

If all goes well, the seeds will be planted in about a month. To get the seeds to germinate, Kurt will first soak them in water for 24 hours, drain them and then refrigerate them for about four weeks to create a ‘cold stratification period’. Afterwards, the seeds will be sowed in 3” containers and we’ll watch and hope for germination in 10 to 14 days. If germination of any of the 24 seeds is successful, we will need to be patient. It will take a few years until our baby mugo seedlings grow to a size that can be planted in the ground.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park is grateful to Kurt for taking on this a multi-year project. He assures us we’ll get regular updates and photos!

Lunch with Lisa

No Lunch with Lisa in March. April event will feature representatives from Avivo on Wednesday, April 28, 12-1

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 monthly minutes.

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Calendar for Holy Week at Saint Paul's Church (Episcopal) with dates for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day, including times and preachers.

Friends for Lisa Goodman

We are only a few weeks away from the beginning of DFL Caucus registration! We're very excited to be launching our phone bank program this week to recruit more caucus-goers and delegates for Lisa!

Minneapolis Uptown Rotary Benefit for Children

COVID ended Uptown Rotary's annual gala but it didn't end the need to help children. Minneapolis Uptown Rotary is determined to continue supporting organizations that help children in our community and abroad.

Proceeds Benefit Jefferson Community School Every Meal (formerly known as The Sheridan Story) Joyce Uptown Food Shelf; Ready, Set Smile; Haiti a Outreach; Prizes; Breezy Point Escape

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North Shore State Park Tour There's no place like Minnesota's North Shore for a summer getaway. Stay at the beautiful MacArthur House Bed & Breakfast in Grand Marais with a \$300 gift certificate; dine at the nearby Cascade Lodge & Restaurant in nearby Lutsen using a \$100 gift certificate, stop by Grandma's in Duluth armed with another

\$100 gift certificate and visit one or more of the spectacular state parks in the area with a complementary Annual sticker where you can take a hike and be on the lookout for our avian friends using a State Park Bird Book.

Twins Trifecta The best prize for any Twins fan! This exciting package includes: Two tickets in the Delta Sky Club (dates to be determined); Four tickets in the dugout area (dates to be determined) (donated by Kraus Anderson); two tickets in the dugout area (dates to be determined) (donated by Wells Fargo)

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Hasselmann Family Farm Experience Located one hour from the Twin Cities in Western Wisconsin, enjoy a relaxing day out of the city in a peaceful rural environment that includes bee keeping and maple syrup production. We will customize your day trip experience based on group size (no more than six please) and interests. You can also choose to spend a night on the farm camping.

Individual prizes: 0-minute massage at Function Massage & Acupuncture in St. Louis Park (value \$125 each) Three available so there will be three separate winners; Two VIP tickets to the MN Landscape arboretum; Maui Jim brand nonprescription sunglasses valued at \$150 each. Two pairs available so there will be two separate winners (donated by Greenway Vision)

Where we are Now By Jean Deatrick, Editor

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We are grateful for your support to keep our neighborhood newspaper alive in these difficult times for small newspapers and all newspapers. Thank you all of you. And please keep your articles, photos, and advertisements coming. Thank you.

The Park Stewards Program allows volunteer groups or individuals to restore, maintain and beautify gardens and natural areas within Minneapolis parks. A Minneapolis Park contact person will help with any questions/concerns, individual and group support as well as resource sessions with other Park Stewards. Recognition and prestige comes with being a Minneapolis Park Volunteer! Contact Sherry Brooks at sbrooks@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-313-7778 for more information. Please neighbors and friends. We need to work with the Park Board rather than against them. Someone trimmed a bunch of trees and left the trimmings on the lake. If they aren't removed soon, they'll end up on the bottom of Cedar lake. Also someone pulled buckthorn without a stewardship agreement and left it stacked on the ice in areas not easily accessible for debris removal.

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Meet Your Neighbor

Craig Wilson interviews Todd Smith, a business owner along Hennepin Avenue, about his concerns related to the City's redesign of the Hennepin Avenue commercial corridor.

What is your concern about the City of Minneapolis' (City's) attempt to redesign Hennepin Avenue? I appreciate all the outreach efforts City staff and consultants have done in regard to planning around the redesigning of Hennepin Avenue. However, many residents and businesses remain concerned about the unintended consequences this redesign and reconstruction might have on small businesses located on the corridor, such as removing all street parking in favor of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and bike lanes. We have seen what happened to the redesign of Hennepin between Lake Street and 31st in Uptown—the loss of street parking has correlated with the loss of many businesses. Unfortunately, the bike lanes that were installed seem to have become loading and unloading zones for people running into stores, Lyft and Uber drivers, food delivery services, and mail deliveries. This now causes traffic to flow into oncoming traffic because road lanes are so narrow. I'm afraid the City will make the same mistakes, or we'll end up with an even worse scenario like massive red BRT lanes that are used infrequently and that become loading zones and speedways for cars passing on the right.

What works and what doesn't work with the project? I recognize and agree with many of the goals this project aims to address such as single traffic lanes with a shared turning lane, enhanced pedestrian experience, rapid bus lanes, etc. They are all worthy ideas. I'm an avid biker too and support bike lanes in appropriate places. The challenge is that the corridor is narrow and limited in what it can support—so we have to make tough decisions. I'm deeply concerned about the loss of street parking. At the virtual open house on March 9th, as with all previous presentations, parking particularities were not addressed. In fact, proposed design concepts eliminate all street parking along Hennepin Avenue.



Short term parking for local businesses is key to a successful and vibrant commercial corridor. With all the challenges to Hennepin Avenue businesses in 2020, such as the pandemic and social unrest, I fear that removing parking access to businesses will make it impossible to operate successful businesses on Hennepin Avenue, especially ones that lack surface parking lots.

How can parking work? Curbside demand varies tremendously block by block throughout Hennepin. We recognize that some parking is going to be eliminated—but we believe these decisions need to be made very strategically. This needs to be done working with business owners. This could be a win-win scenario if thoughtful and comprehensive.

Do you feel the business community been adequately engaged? In Phase 1 of the Hennepin Avenue reconstruction from Lake St to 36th Ave S, it was a shared consensus amongst businesses that our input was not requested and subsequently discounted when at a late date the issue was pushed. I'm hopeful that won't be the perception with this phase and, in that spirit, business owners have officially asked to have a meeting between businesses and City staff and consultants. We really want to be at the table.

The design concepts put forward by the City suggest that Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a given and that parking is eliminated under both scenarios. It appears as if the real choice is between bike lanes with a large sidewalk or a really, really large sidewalk without bike lanes? That's correct. It appears as if the City has decided to replace parking with red BRT lanes. My concern is that while BRT lanes would be great, they will serve people moving through the corridor on a more regional scale and not necessarily the neighbors who live, work, shop or eat up and down the corridor. Given the limited space, I'm not sure we're able to host BRT lanes and maintain successful businesses.

What else is missing from the City's design concepts? Providing bump-outs to enhance the pedestrian experience, slow traffic, and create parking nodes seems reasonable and achievable but this isn't adequately addressed in either proposed concepts. The City seems more concerned with planning on a regional scale versus a neighborhood scale. The City and Hennepin County prioritized the region with SWLRT—now they seem to be saying the same for Hennepin Avenue with the BRT playing a "critical role" in the region's transportation network. The problem is that when businesses fail, many local residents will get in their cars to drive to the suburbs for services. How will this affect the regional transportation system as well as our local tax base and desirability to live in Minneapolis and pay

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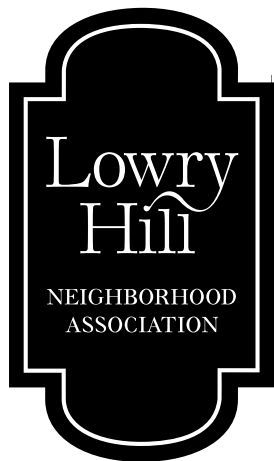
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Don't miss the next
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Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Hennepin Ave. Re-Design - Your Input Needed by April 16

The City will reconstruct Hennepin Ave. from Douglas to West Lake Street in 2024. What's at stake? Biking? Parking? Walking? Neighborhood vitality. Project goals include:

- Consider adding bicycle lanes. Improve sidewalk and intersections for all users.
- Create space for improved transit stops METRO E Line Bus Rapid Transit.
- Replace aging traffic signal and stormwater infrastructure.
- Maintain and improve mobility for transit and motor vehicles.
- Meet the City's transportation and climate change goals.

Your feedback is needed by April 16 on proposed plans.

Visit: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/hennepin-ave-s/>

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Safety Tips – Keep Your Car Safe

There has been spike in carjackings and theft of catalytic converters, in our communities and nationwide. Here are a few tips to keep you and your car safe:

Auto Theft Prevention – auto thefts always increase with the colder weather.

- Never leave your car running and unattended. A cold car is better than no car.
- ALWAYS take your keys and/or FOB with you. DO NOT leave your keys in your vehicle even if you are in an access-controlled parking facility or your own garage.

Avoid Catalytic Converters Theft – they can be sawed off vehicles in a matter of minutes.

- Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas. Add additional security lighting where needed.
- Set your car alarm to be more sensitive to detect tampering.

Sign up for the LHNA email newsletter at lowryhillneighborhood.org

**Minneapolis Police Department
 IMPORTANT THEFT PREVENTION TIPS**

Across the Twin Cities, there has been an alarming rise in Car Jackings, Auto Theft and Theft from Motor Vehicle, which includes license plates and catalytic converter theft.

The Minneapolis Police Department urges you to remain vigilant to any suspicious activity around your car. Suspicious activity may include people walking or driving up and down the street, alley or through garages/parking ramps and surface lots. Behavior may also include looking closely at vehicles or crawling underneath them.

Please Call 911 to immediately report locations and the descriptions of suspicious individuals and/or their vehicles.

- Catalytic Converters
- Converters can be sawed off vehicles in a matter of minutes. Vehicles with a higher ground clearance, such as AWD trucks, SUVs and mini vans are especially vulnerable.
- Whenever possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas. Add additional security lighting where needed.
- Install video cameras where you park.
- Etch or engrave your License Plate number and/or VIN onto your Catalytic Converter.
- Spray paint your converter with brightly colored, heat resistant paint. This could help in making it easily identifiable at a scrap yard.
- Set your car alarm to be more sensitive to detect tampering.
- Install an aftermarket anti-theft device. These are designed to make it more difficult for a thief to remove the converter. Several different versions are available through Auto Parts stores and online.
- Talk to your mechanic or vehicle dealership for anti-theft devices specific to your vehicle make and model.
- If you are a business that operates a fleet of vehicles, consider securing them in a yard with high, locked fencing. Again, higher ground vehicles are more vulnerable to Catalytic Converter theft.
- Auto Theft and License Plates
- Auto Theft Prevention has been a citywide focus. Never leave your car running and unattended. A cold car is better than no car. ALWAYS take your keys and/or FOB with you. DO NOT leave your keys in your vehicle even if you are in an accessed controlled parking facility or your own garage.
- Because 70% of vehicles are still being stolen with keys or FOBs in the vehicle, thieves are also stealing license plates to put on stolen cars. Check the front and back of your car frequently to make sure your plates have not been tampered with.
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property taxes?
What's your hope for the future of this project?
 Moving forward, looking at the needs and uses along the corridor with insights from ALL stakeholders INCLUDING businesses, would be really helpful. It would be awful to go through this whole effort and end up with Fed Ex trucks and Uber Eats drivers blocking rapid bus lanes as an unintended consequence similar to the bike lanes on Hennepin Avenue between Lake St and 31st. The property taxes that commercial properties contribute is significant. When businesses fail, that tax basis will erode to the detriment of us all. This includes property taxes when neighborhoods become less desirable to live in. There are a lot of desires and competing uses that would like to be placed on Hennepin Ave, and unfortunately there just isn't enough space. It just takes one person to put on their flashers to run in to grab some Thai takeout to bring traffic to a standstill. I recognize I'm just acknowledging the harm here. It would be nice to have some measurable outcomes from the first phase of reconstruction on Hennepin Avenue between Lake St and 31st Street, but despite frequent requests, no one has been able to provide any quantifiable information on increased pedestrian or bicycle use or the success of businesses. Does it even exist? Who knows? Bottomline, we all want to make Minneapolis a great place to live, commute and SHOP! Let's be smart about how we balance these desires and really ask ourselves what's proven to be successful.

that was just stolen. Make sure the plates on your vehicle are indeed yours. It is possible you could be pulled over by law enforcement in a felony stop because a swapped plate matches that of a stolen vehicle.

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 Call 311 to access the name and email of the Crime Prevention Specialist serving your area.



**CORNER OF
HENNEPIN/FRANKLIN LIGHTS
UP WITH WONDER**

By James P. Lenfestey

Burch's restaurant is dark. Anderson Cleaners closed up shop. Thankfully Kenwood Barbers, Sebastian Joe's and Patina remain robust in our little commercial corner of Covid world. Add to them, beginning late in the week of March 8, a stunning magic show, or better yet, a court Jester's show, free and open for your amazement inside the former Anderson Cleaner's shop at the corner of Hennepin and Franklin Avenues.

The brainchild of Court Jester Billy Baird, with the generous fealty of Mike Pellizzer, Duke of Seb Joes, the empty space at this prime commercial corner has been filled with a cast of characters who must be seen to be described.

The Pellizzers, certifiably the nicest people/ landlords on the planet. let Anderson's out of their lease given the circumstances. Enter Billy Baird, the "floor guy," an artist specializing in wood floors but open to all, including tough as rock terrazzo. The Pellizzers have employed Billy's services for years as they restored houses and offices, so booked him to fix the terrazzo floor once Anderson's moved out, which he did beautifully. One evening after work Billy brought in one of his people who had gathered in his house with him over the years. When Mike saw the new tenant, he was amazed, and encouraged Billy to bring in some more of his friends. Suddenly the space was lit up like a burlesque theater set with ten or fifteen characters from Billy's fascinating life and irresistible imagination. "This is my whole house. My house is empty now," Billy smiles.

"The House Whisperer."

Billy calls himself "the house whisperer," and also a jester. "I've always been a jester," Billy says, dressed like a colorful ice cream salesman, "but didn't know it. " His

father is a preacher, mother a playwright. Billy grew up in the western suburbs working with costumes and theater sets and in plays his whole life.

"I find theater helps people process, find not only their own role but others, helps them through. After all", Billy says, "we're all pretending to be normal. My whole life I've been given grief for being me. When Covid, hit, I said , 'I'm going for it.' America is based on creativity. We need to get back to it."

One of Billy's characters is a shrine to his grandfather, Dr. Robert Good, the world-famous Minnesotan remembered as the father of modern immunology who performed among many medical magic tricks the first successful bone marrow transplant. Another character is Billy's homage to a homeless person. Another praises Seb Joes. Another is... well, you will have to see.

If you need Billy to refinish your floors, contact williampbaird@gmail.com. If you want to rent an office or this prime corner space, contact Mike Pellizzer at Sebastian Joe's.

Meanwhile, when you stop at Seb Joes, in addition to laying in your orders of the best ice cream this side of Cuba. e.g. Minneapolis Vanilla, Salted Carmel and any of the other heavenly flavors, plus delicious soups for lunch and delicious baked goods for breakfast and lattes and fresh ground coffees all morning and afternoon... take a bit of extra time to stroll to the corner and look in the windows and be amazed. The remarkable characters relaxing there will brighten your day, your week, your life. Delight is all the pay Billy desires.

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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

A local character and Billy



Billy with Tigger



Billy Baird's Exhibit



Billy Baird and Mike Pellitzer of Sebastian Joe's



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THE KENWOOD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Tilting at Windmills in a Lamborghini NEIGHBOR RAY HARRIS

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

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

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

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

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



Ray Harris

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New Opportunity for Young People with Autism and Their Families

In communities worldwide, Rotarians and Rotaract members work side-by-side to take action through service. Rotary Clubs in the Twin Cities area are forming a new Rotaract club. Rotaract clubs bring people ages 18 years and older together to develop leadership and professional skills, exchange ideas with leaders in the community, and have fun through service. This new Rotaract Club will be cause-based and have autism as its focus. It will be called the Kaleidoscope Rotaract Club. The club is designed for individuals with autism and their families and will provide a platform for individuals with autism to connect, lead, and serve.

Here are some essential details:

Kaleidoscope Rotaract Club meets twice a month at 11 am on the first and third Friday of every month on Zoom. Time is subject to change based on members needs.

The club will focus on service, awareness, and connection. We aim to help those with autism and their families with resources and fellowship.

We will encourage young leaders on the spectrum to take leadership roles within the club.

We invite you and anyone who might be interested in learning more about and joining this club. Contact Lloyd Campbell for more information at lloydwcampbelljr@gmail.com

Peris Hill is Going Vertical!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Peris Hill is a four-story affordable housing community that includes and supports youth aging out of foster care. It is slated to open November, 2021, near the corner of Hennepin and Franklin Avenues. Learn more at perishousing.org.

Hennepin Library is now fine-free,

Our libraries are a vital resource intended to serve all residents of Hennepin County. This year, we're embarking on an effort to reach even more of our community.

To achieve this goal, we are ending fines for overdue materials and providing all library cardholders with a fresh start.

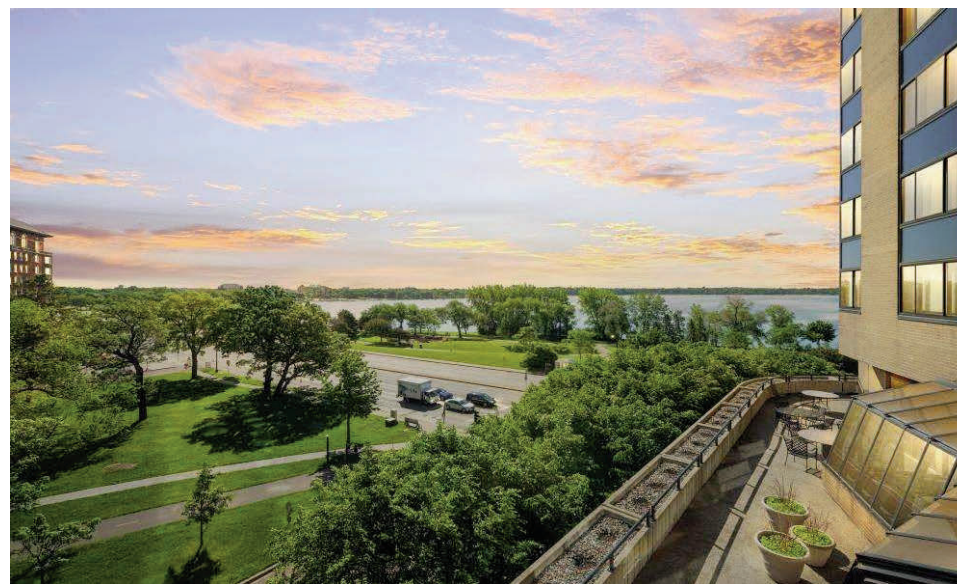
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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Rosanne Halloran

Board members present: Chair Mary Pattock, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Treasurer Kevin Johnson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, Claire Ruebeck, Interim Coordinator Amanda Vallone. Invited guests: Met Council SWLRT Outreach Coordinator David Davies, CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson, and Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Specialist, Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations Dept.

Call to order: Mary Pattock, Chair

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The board approved the minutes for the February 10, 2021 meeting.

Report: Minneapolis City Council Ward 7, Lisa Goodman
March Lunch with Lisa is cancelled; in April it will feature the AVIVO Village project in North Minneapolis, an interior, tiny home community alternative to outdoor encampments. (<https://avivomn.org/>).

Guest Report: MPD 5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell, also part of team Operation Safety Net, logistics and military liaison:

Crime rose overall 20% in Minneapolis last year. CIDNA had no violent crimes, 12 property crimes, 1 burglary, 11 thefts of cars; there was an uptick in auto thefts throughout the 5th precinct (CIDNA had 2). Auto thefts occur more frequently when owners leave their car running while doing an errand or warming up the vehicle. Catalytic converter thefts are rising. Leaving valuables in open view in a car invites thefts.

The MPD has multiple teams dedicated to safety during the Derek Chauvin trial, including quick mobile response teams, firefighter assistance and prevention of property damage teams. There is no significant intelligence about outside agitators at this time. Estimated trial timing is 2 to 3 weeks for jury selection, 4 weeks for trial, with a verdict anticipated at end of April or beginning of May.

Extra law enforcement, including National Guard, is being called in, particularly during the time of verdict, to assure that peaceful protests can take place but not destructive behavior. Safety teams will be deployed throughout the city to deter unlawful behavior.

Traffic will be re-routed when necessary, minimizing major disruptions in traffic flow. Curfew decisions will be made by the mayor and the governor. No protesting on highways will be allowed because it is extremely dangerous.

Public should report suspicious activity by calling 911 or 612-348-2345. The City has a "Trial support and safety" website accessible from the city homepage at <https://www.minneapolisismn.gov>

Appreciation was extended by all present to Inspector Blackwell for her service.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Plymouth Church has asked if CIDNA wants to co-sponsor with other neighborhoods a city council candidate forum. The Board decided it doesn't have the bandwidth to cosponsor but could promote such an event in its newsletter.

Rosanne Halloran, Search Committee Chair for CIDNA Coordinator, reported that the committee had 16 inquiries and is interviewing two finalists. The goal is to have a new coordinator hired by April 1.

CIDNA Annual Meeting will be on May 12, 2021.

Suggestions for a featured speaker are welcome. Board retreat will be held in June.

Report: Treasurer, Kevin Johnson

Robert Thompson, CIDNA's accountant, said CIDNA is healthy financially. Last month there was income of \$1600, expenses of \$964, and the current bank balance is \$27,000.

Guest Report: Jack Whitehurst, Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations Dept (NCR):

A steering committee including NCR Director David Rubedor, NCR policy specialist Steve Gallagher, city budget director, city coordinator, and council members Gordon, Cano, Reich and Cunningham meet frequently to discuss funding for neighborhood organizations (NOs). They are considering various funding options for the City Council to consider in April. One would increase total citywide funding by \$3 million starting in 2022, guaranteeing each neighborhood a minimum base of \$25,000. Otherwise, under the new Neighborhoods 2020 system, CIDNA funding would drop substantially from its current \$26,000. Under a new "Citywide Neighborhood Network Fund" CIDNA would receive basic funding of \$20,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 in succeeding years, and have the option to apply for additional funds under the new Equitable Engagement Fund (for working on equity), Partnership Engagement Fund (working on equity with a community organization), and Collaboration and Shared Resources Fund (merging to some extent with another NO). We will have more information in a few weeks.

CIDNA earmarked \$20,000 of Community Participation Program (CPP) funding to the Cedar Lake South Beach for unfinished elements of the renovations at that site (e.g.,

canoe racks, public art), however, the money has not yet been formally contracted. The Environmental Preservation Committee will prepare a recommendation for the board. If the \$20,000 is not under contract by Dec. 31, NCR will move it to the new Equitable Engagement Fund. CIDNA also needs to contract the Propel funds, possibly again to Propel; the Executive Committee (board officers and committee chairs) will prepare a recommendation for the board.

At this point Mary Pattock had to leave and Tim Sheridan took over the meeting.

Report: Interim Coordinator, Amanda Vallone

The regular March E-News had a 53% open rate; Monday's special trial-safety update so far has a 50% open rate. CIDNA has 98 followers on Facebook.

Southwest area Neighborhood Organization coordinators met on March 4th. 1) They discussed weekly NCR trial-related meetings; each neighborhood should send a representative. 2.) Carlson Graduate program offers a volunteer consultant for a 10-week program to assist nonprofit organizations on strategic planning. 3.) Summer events are tentatively planned with the understanding they could be cancelled or strictly restricted. 4.) Hybrid models are being used for some annual meetings.

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

Cement pour in tunnel floor has been tentatively pushed to the week of March 15. For firm date see <https://metro-council.org/Transportation/Projects/Light-Rail-Projects/Southwest-LRT/Construction.aspx>

Freight tracks are monitored carefully to keep site safe and secure. Excavation starting at north bridge in a few weeks, depending on ground thaw.

The Met Council will not know until summer the amount of their previously announced cost increases, which they said were due to 1) encountering soil conditions they were not prepared for, 2) a better understanding of the Bryn Mawr wall construction, and 3) undetermined delay in the project announced.

A project worker was found unresponsive in construction area and eventually died due to a personal medical situation unrelated to workplace activity.

Report: Neighborhood Safety Committee, Stephen Goltry

Sidewalks are clear of ice and snow at Lake Street area north of Bde Maka Ska. Stephen suggested a bike lane in that area as bikers are using the sidewalk and creating a hazardous situation for pedestrians.

Report: Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Teen engagement ideas: CIDNA Instagram page; Neighborhood Zine workshops; connect with Stacia Goodman about leading a community mosaic project in the neighborhood with teen pARTicipants. A Call for Teens will appear in the upcoming HLP to engage them in youth community projects.

Take a Look at CIDNA (TLC) Facebook themes are:

March - Melting Marvels (The beauty, uncovered treasures or mess you find when the snow melts.)

April - Beautiful Birds

May - Favorite Flowers

June - Summer Sandals (your favorite pair, on or off your feet)

Report: Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck

Park Siding Park Stewardship agreement with Minneapolis Park & Recreation (MPRB) will be renewed. Volunteers are invited to help maintain the park on the third Saturday of each month, May-Sept from 9-noon. Rain date is the following Wed evening at 5:30. A new volunteer stewardship agreement will be established for cleanup of Cedar Lake South Beach at the beginning and end of seasons.

Cedar Lake South Point Improvements: Karl Hahn with Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) gave a shout out to Sherry and Marcia for support, and Keith Prussing. 362 volunteer hours in 2020 related to buckthorn removal and understory seeding/planting, lake view is much improved. CLPA donated \$2,716 and anonymous donations were \$1,100. Native seeds have been donated to improve lakeshore stability. Restoration work is with bird habitat in mind. CIDNA is a community collaborator with CLPA.

MPRB Cedar-Isles Master Plan: There hasn't been a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting since the last CIDNA board meeting. An online Open House was held to discuss encroachments on park land and how they relate to the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles (Cedar-Isles) Master Plan. Request for clarification of next steps in project has been made to the MPRB Project Manager Emma Pachuta. CAC Alternate, James Reid, reported that design will be the likely next step. Water quality continues to be a priority.

MPRB "Parks for All" Comprehensive Plan: CIDNA

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Board Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021

Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order by president Jennifer Breitinger at 7:05 P.M.

Board members in attendance: Jennifer Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Toni D'Eramo, Chas Scheiderer, Justin Baylor, Vickie Gilfillian-Bennet, Kathleen Bottini, Fran Davis, Janet Halloway, John Lillihei, Thomas Regnier, Sue Westerman, Craig Wilson

Also attending: Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Inspector Katie Blackwell, 5th Precinct Minneapolis Police Department, Courtney Kiernat for the Peris Hill Project, Elizabeth Shaffer for Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, George Montague, Rick Oullette and Miriam Siegel.

Lisa Goodman provided a city council update. There will be no March lunch with Lisa; the April meeting will feature Kelley Matter, CEO of Avivo, presenting the Avivo Village Project. The Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project is being planned. Interested parties can get information from the city's website and provide feedback on the website. Franklin Avenue will be resurfaced this year between Hennepin and Penn Avenues.

Inspector Katie Blackwell discussed criminal activity in the area. She also described the safety precautions that are being undertaken in anticipation of the Chauvin trial. Both Inspector Blackwell and Lisa Goodman encourage residents to use the city's informational website to learn about safety precautions for the trial

(<https://www.minneapolisismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>).

Board Member Update- Due to a resignation we have one board opening. George Montague will fill the single board opening.

Courtney Kiernat, representing the Peris Hill Project, explained that we will be seeing weekend construction activity as they try to make up for lost time due to severe weather last month.

Elizabeth Shaffer, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, announced there is sufficient funding to replace the pathways in the park. The current path has numerous broken and missing bricks, making the path treacherous. The pathways will be reconstructed coincident with the Seven Pools.

Treasurer's Report- Toni D'Eramo reported LHNA has fulfilled its commitment to Green Minneapolis for 2021. Toni also attended an informational meeting that covered the transition to the new neighborhoods funding program.

Toni spoke with an accountant who has experience with

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encourages residents to submit comments, due by July 18. MPRB Policy Tracker related to the MPRB Parks for All has recently been provided by MPRB Project Manager Carrie Christensen. CIDNA is writing a comment to submit.

Water quality at Cedar Lake: Algae bloom remains a concern. Ad hoc community workgroup continues to explore environmental stewardship solutions. MPRB planner Adam Arvidson wrote a summary of the committee's work that identifies possible initiatives. Topics include drainage basins maintenance, alum treatment, and water quality testing and communications.

Legacy of Nature Alliance: Advocacy initiative to support SF 1312 to prohibit toxic neo-nicotinoid and chlorpyrifos pesticide use in protected Wildlife Management Areas.

Report: Communication Committee, Dean Kephart
Neighborhood Survey is on Survey Monkey and set to go. A postcard sent CIDNA-wide will direct residents to the survey. Postcards tentatively scheduled to arrive at addresses by end of week of March 14. Branding and website redesign will be a summer project.

Report: Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

Evan asked the City to resume sending CIDNA land use notices.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send requests to participate to info@cidna.org.

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

East Isles Residents Association

By Jenna Egan

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Lancy Barhaugh, John Erlandson, Rod Lauture

Staff Present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests Present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7
Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Support Specialist, NCR
Welcome

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

Council Member Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following

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financial reporting for other neighborhood organizations, and recommends we hire her.

A motion was made to hire Rachel Ireland for one year to provide appropriate monthly and annual reports.

Motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Environmental Committee- Craig Wilson reported we were not successful in obtaining the grant for the Educational Event and Cleanup of the Hennepin-Lyndale median. He is confident we can still conduct a cleanup event around Earth Day 2021. Craig mentioned we will need some funds for publicity and supplies.

A motion was made to authorize Craig Wilson to spend up to \$500 for the Earth Day event.

Motion was seconded and approved.

We discussed planning issues related to the Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project. Craig advocates we send a postcard to all Lowry Hill residents describing the redesign of Hennepin Avenue and where to get information. This is one of the most impactful projects on the residents of Lowry Hill in years. Craig, Janet Holloway and Toni D'Eramo will provide content.

A motion was made to authorize spending of approximately \$1000 for the mailing of a post card to all residents regarding the Hennepin Avenue project.

Motion seconded and approved.

Historical Committee- Nothing to report.

Zoning- Nothing to report.

Crime and Safety Update- Sue Westerman holds a crime and safety meeting on alternate weeks. Members of the Crime and Safety Committee will attend an upcoming 5th precinct roll call and provide food and refreshments.

The committee will focus on increasing communication in the neighborhood during the upcoming trials to assure the dissemination of accurate and timely information that will dispel rumors.

Events Committee- Justin Baylor reported the committee will work with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park regarding the anticipated August park reopening.

Communications and Outreach- Next month's Hill and Lake Press ad will include safety tips.

We discussed the prospects for an annual meeting. Bob Hinck will lead a group that will organize a virtual annual meeting for May. We will use the meeting as an opportunity for fundraising. We did virtually no fund raising in the last year.

Next meeting is April 6 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

announcements:

Officers from the Minneapolis Police Department and deputies with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Violent Offender Task Force teamed up recently with air support from the Minnesota State Patrol to target groups of individuals responsible for the on-going number of violent robberies and car jackings in parts of South Minneapolis. The three-day joint operation, which took place Jan. 26-28, resulted in 46 arrests, including 69 felony level charges. Law enforcement recovered 15 firearms and 12 stolen vehicles. Six of the vehicles were occupied at the time officers and deputies seized the vehicles.

Gov. Tim Walz has issued an executive order authorizing the Minnesota National Guard to provide public safety assistance to Minneapolis and Saint Paul during the upcoming trials of the former officers involved in the death of George Floyd. Members of the Guard will be visible and available as needed as public interest increases surrounding the trials. The Government Center and Courthouse will have the National Guard present.

Beds and shelters are available for singles and families. All are COVID compliant. To learn more visit <https://www.simpsonhousing.org/our-programs/adult-shelter-connect-simpson-shelter/>

The Avivo Village is providing tiny homes to 25 people. There will be 100 units available. To learn more - Avivo Village - Avivo (avivomn.org)

Minnesota Housing is in the process of setting up the new COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance program

(<https://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/covid19emergencyrentalassistance>) that will provide direct rental assistance to help individuals and families pay their rent, as well as assistance to landlords and property owners to pay their bills. To receive updates on this pending new program, please sign up for our COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance eNews list at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1935816/25709/t>.

Rental Assistance - as result of a new effort from the federal government from an appropriation 10 million dollars will be available to, 90% must be used for rental and utilities. Tenants will be able to seek assistance themselves.

Discussion - two conflicting Charter Amendments on the ballot this fall. 1. To form a public safety department. 2. Separate power between City Council and the Mayor's Office. If both amendments pass, the courts will decide.

Discussion of repayment of Mutual Aid - no one has been reimbursed for mutual aid. Public civil unrest and first responders from other cities for Minneapolis generally will not be reimbursed, but funds are available.

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

Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Support Specialist, NCR
Jack Whitehurst gave the following presentation on Neighborhoods 2020:

1) Neighborhood Network Fund (base level of funding for all neighborhoods)

2) Equitable Engagement Fund (varies for each neighborhood)

3) Partnership Engagement Fund (neighborhood based, working with various community agencies)

4) Collaboration Shared Resources Fund (neighborhoods that want to achieve more economies of scale)

New funding types and amounts to make neighborhoods more equitable due to changing demographics and income.

Requirements for Neighborhood Recognition - there are new policies and procedures. There will be templates to assist neighborhoods in meeting new requirements.

Membership requirements will need to include business owners. EIRA's current bylaws do not allow for.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting on January 12, 2021. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

President's Report: Emma Erdahl, President

Present Emma Erdahl gave the following report:

EIRA Annual Meeting scheduled for April 13, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom, currently do not have the date for Neighborhood Day, therefore we will keep our EIRA Annual Meeting date. Have reached out to public officials to attend.

Position vacancies - secretary and chair of Outreach & Nominations committee.

Board nominations are being accepted. Please consider running again and encourage your friends and neighbors to nominate themselves.

Neighborhood Coordinator Report

Actions via Unanimous Consent

Jenna Egan read into the minutes the following actions taken by the EIRA Board via unanimous consent since its last meeting:

Resolution 2021R-05 (adopted on January 22, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA approves a Request for Proposals form Strategic Planning Consultants and authorizes its release.

Resolution 2021R-06 (adopted on January 22, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA approves a Request for Proposals from Design Consultants and authorizes its release.

Resolution 2021R-07 (adopted on January 27, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA approves Independent Contractor Agreement no. 2021C-01 with Jenny Breen, for her appointment as Farmers Market Manager.

Resolution 2021R-08 (adopted on January 27, 2021):

Resolved that EIRA recommends to the City of Minneapolis that it approve an Application for Demolition of Historic Resource for the single-family dwelling located at 1647 W 26th Street based on the following findings:

The property is not eligible for Landmark Designation under §599.200 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

The property does not retain its historic integrity.

Further resolved that the Chair of the Built Environment & Transportation Committee is authorized to write a letter to that effect.

Staff report

Neighborhood Coordinator Jenna Egan gave the following report:

East Isles Trivia Night is Monday, March 29th at 7 PM via Zoom.

Strategic and Design RFPs sent out to potential companies, some of the companies would like to meet with board members to learn more about what the board is looking for.

Annual Meeting ad will be in the February edition in the Hill and Lake Press.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom gave the following report: February 2021 Finance Report

Highlights of the February 2021 Finance Report include:

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\$1,474.95 in expenses and \$1,707.43 in revenue for the month of January 2021.

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

\$24,502.15 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (Phase II Implementation) as of January 31, 2021.

\$4,382.25 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (Home Security Grants) as of January 31, 2021.

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

\$58,692.35 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program) as of January 31, 2021.

The following action was taken regarding item 7a:

Motion to approve the February 2021 Finance Report, attached as Exhibit D. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Finance Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom will send out via docusign for unanimous written consent. Two of three reports are duplicates from last month.

Built Environment and Transportation (BET) Committee Report: Andrew Degerstrom, Chair

BET Committee Chair Andrew Degerstrom gave the following report:

Heritage Preservation Committee approved the application for Demolition of Historic Resource for the single-family dwelling located at 1647 W 26th Street (see Resolution 2021R-08). There is no decision on whether the house will be demolished, the application was submitted as interested buyers were inquiring whether the home could be demolished.

February BET Meeting includes:

Bde Maka Ska Refectory Rebuild project: Daniel Elias, Minneapolis Park & Recreation

2021 Improvements at The Mall: Colleen O'Dell, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Application for a variance from front yard setback requirements for the construction of a porch and stairs for the two-family dwelling located at 2833 E Lake of the Isles Parkway: Ellen & Jim van Iwaarden.

Discussion Items

2021 Wine Tasting

South Uptown has saved the date and asked if EIRA would be interested in participating. It's a big fundraiser for South Uptown, ECCO, LHENA, and EIRA.

EIRA Board Secretary

Eric Barstad has resigned his position as EIRA Secretary, leaving that position vacant. Laney Barhaugh expressed interest in assuming the role of Secretary.

The following action was taken regarding item 9b:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-09: Resolved that Laney Barhaugh is appointed to the position of Secretary for the remainder of the term. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Erlandson. Motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Housing Committee

Laney Barhaugh recommended adding an ad hoc housing committee. Laney will reach out to EIRA board members to see who is interested in joining. If the committee wants to become a permanent committee, there will have to be a vote. Also, all committees will be reviewed in May.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.



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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

(KNO) Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes was called to order at 6:32 pm on March 1, 2021 by Board Chair Mark Brown. The meeting was held via GoTo Meeting due to COVID-19.

Present

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

Board Members not present: Kyle Leier, Angie Erdrich

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown, Larry Moran, Elizabeth Shaffer, Jody Strakosch, Klaus Kohlmayr, LaLeeta Bilbro

Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the February 1, 2021, meeting minutes. Jack Levi moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

No Lunch with Lisa in March, April event will feature representatives from Avivo on Wednesday, April 28, 12-1

Preparations for upcoming Chauvin trial: The city held a Public Briefing on March 1: Public Safety Plans and Preparations. A number of resources are available to keep community members informed:

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<https://www.facebook.com/cityofminneapolis>

<https://twitter.com/CityMinneapolis>

Follow "Operation Safety Net" on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/MNOOperationSafetyNet>

<https://twitter.com/MinnesotaOSN>

<https://www.instagram.com/mnoperationsafetynet/>

City News Web Page: <http://news.minneapolismn.gov/>

Link to Minnesota Courts Page:

<https://www.mncourts.gov/media/StateofMinnesotavDerekChauvin>

City is hosting 2 online open houses for Hennepin Ave. S. Reconstruction March 2, 4-5pm – she will send links

The city continues to host online events regarding transforming community safety, with a focus on reforming law enforcement response and protocols

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies

David will be delivering flyers in the neighborhood in the next week regarding the timing of concrete pours, which will result in extended days of extensive truck traffic.

There will be limited pile driving for a few weeks in late March or early April along the channel. David will keep the community updated.

Public comments

Elizabeth Shaffer

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park have succeeded in raising \$300K for the Seven Pools renovation project, which will start in March – thank you to the Kenwood community for contributing to this effort.

Elizabeth is committed to continuing to build communities around city parks, and has decided to run for Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner for District 4.

Community engagement

KNO Board members and community volunteers have delivered surveys to all community members via door-hangers. 37 responses have been received thus far.

Safety is the biggest open-ended concern expressed by those who have responded thus far.

Final results will be discussed in future meetings.

Safety communications

The board discussed the upcoming trial and the community's concerns regarding safety during these times. See City resources above for sources of news during this time.

Mark updated the KNO Board regarding on-going con-

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Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

Covid-19 Quiz*

Choose the best answer

1. Ed and Renee Felker (both double-vaxxed) have invited you to a mask-free outdoor winter barbecue in their carport! You will...

Decline. Rumor has it that Felker is now sporting a goatee that makes him look even more like a serial killer

Decline. Felker's identical twin brother had Covid! Granted, they are estranged and he lives in Akron, but you can't be too careful.

Decline. You are down to the last three episodes of Sea Hunt and you want to see if Lloyd Bridges can escape the coral reef without getting the bends.

Decline. You are not ready to mix with humans.

Decline. You feel like a social virgin and you want your first time to be more special.

2. Without Covid-19 I would not know...

What my grandchildren look like at 20 miles per hour.

How many mosaic tiles I have in the blue bathroom (1,416)

That I can live without sports and \$160,000,000 is a lot to pay for a 26-year old injury prone anti-vaxxer who can throw a football 70 yards.

What Ice Road Truckers think of the idea that no two snow flakes are alike.

The decor of celebrity dens and how many copies of their own book it is proper to display.

3. Our nation's youth will...

Never again look forward to Spring Break

Hopefully have stories to bore their grandchildren with about Zoom classes, Tik Tok, and trying to tell who is cute with masks on.

Never get hooked on phonics, cursive, Esperanto, long division, music appreciation, or the metric system.

Refuse to take instruction from teachers like Ms. Alda Clements (AP Bio) who are not influencers and have less than one million followers.

Forever blame us for not protecting Maw Maw and Poppy Jack.

4. In March, 2020 Dr. Anthony Fauci made a cautious comment that the efficacy of masks for the general public was not yet established and that our limited supply should be reserved for front-line healthcare providers.

A. Fauci's next 11,000 statements urging mask use, made after more research (and more masks) can be disregarded because he once said "No masks."

B. If the President calls you a "nut job" then you are.

C. Because the scent of science is in the air and the CDC is providing us cautious hope, Dr. Fauci no longer needs a food taster.

D. In hindsight Easter 2020 was too optimistic a deadline for the virus to just blow away.

E. Mike Pence only wore a mask when he was alone with a woman other than his wife.

5. If we have learned anything in the past year, it is that...

A simple life-saving, public health precaution can become not only a first amendment rights issue, but a twisted symbol of virility and patriotism that has caused an increase in serious illness and death.

Mask-refusing anti-vaxxers are often gun rights proponents, Stop the Steal advocates, and climate change deniers who are fearful of blood guzzling pedophiles in high places.

While possible to order ala carte from choice "B" (above), it is tempting to buy the whole package, as it flows together into a unique world view.

We desperately need outer space visitor Michael Rennie from The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951 version, not the remake) to come to Earth and scare us straight!

There are 438 ways to prepare beans, and after six months they all taste the same.

6. The benefits of Covid-19...

Another year of not having to sign up for the Twin Cities Marathon, the Iditarod, or community ed. classes on bee keeping at Southwest.

Not having to be subjected to the Fogerty family travelog and endless anecdotes of their fortuitous meetings with Haile Selassie's nephew in Nepal, and Leigh Stephens, former lead guitarist for Blue Cheer, in Homer, Alaska.

Napping is almost patriotic. I am sheltering in place, not spreading the virus! There is a level playing field. No one except marauding scalawags with a death wish are having more fun than I am

Plowing my travel budget into premium TV apps like Acorn, Disney Plus, HBO MAX, Netflix, PBS and the like.

No downtown all-night clubbing, Belgian Waffle festivals in Shakopee, mosh pits, imitation luaus, or one-man experimental puppet shows at the Raisin's Edge.

Bonus

7. Explain contact tracing. (Use additional sheets as necessary)

*This is not to mock or minimize the damage of the last year. The suffering from loss of lives, illness, thwarted education, depression, drug use, unemployment, economic, and social upheaval is imbedded in the minds of everyone from young children to fragile seniors. My target is the ham-handed attempts to politicize a deadly scourge that remains a threat us all.

Tom H. Cook is deeply fortunate, grateful, and delighted to be almost back with you.

He and JoAnne (the editor) have each had two shots but remain reluctant to leave their zip code. Funny line I heard: Trump has entered his Fat Elvis stage. He is bloated, snarling, and only doing his greatest hits to a fawning but dwindling crowd.

Exciting news from Megan Bacigalupo. "Had to share! Reader's Digest -Picked up my turkey story and is publishing an edited version in the April Edition." Hill and Lake Press published her story last year. Megan is a life long resident of Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods. Congratulations Megan!

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versations with Sue Westerman, Chair, Crime and Safety Committee of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association. A next step could be identifying those in the KNO community who are block leaders.

Updates regarding spring newsletter

Amanda reported that KNO's spring newsletter will mail on March 15. Articles to include details regarding our spring tree planting event, an update from Marc at Kenwood Rec, summer beach schedule, and interview with the new owner of The Kenwood.

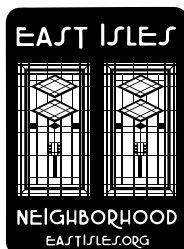
Neighborhoods 2020

A sub-committee of the board has met to review this initiative and the requirements for continuing to receive available funding. More detail should be available in the coming months. Treasurer Matt Spies is working with the KNO's accountant to get better reporting in preparation for this initiative. He provided a monthly financial report via email to board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 5, 2021, via GoTo Meeting.

Minutes submitted by:Carissa Brown

Approved by:The Executive Committee



EAST ISLES ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the East Isles Residents Association Annual Meeting First-time attendees encouraged! This is our opportunity to gather together as neighbors and select leaders for the coming year. We will be meeting virtually over Zoom again this year.

Agenda highlights:

- Hear from your elected officials, including Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Park Board Commissioners Jono Cowgill and Meg Forney, Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene, State Representative Frank Hornstein, and more
- Improv comedy performance by the Theater of Public Policy
- Learn about what the organization has been up to this past year
- Bylaws amendments to meet requirements for City funding
- Vote (or run yourself!) for the Board of Directors

Visit eastisles.org/meeting to register and learn more.

Tuesday
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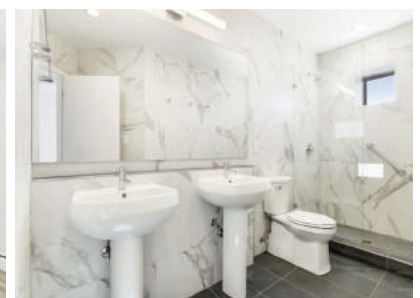


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