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ARGUMENTS for CITIZENS’ PETITION

5-14-2019

By George Puzak

We citizens respectfully request that Governor Walz impose a moratorium on tree-cutting in the Kenilworth Corridor until the FTA commits to a full Federal Funding Grant Agreement of \$929 million for SWLRT.

Because federal and local funding of SWLRT is highly uncertain, destruction of this urban forest would be reckless and irreversible.

Although Met Council is counting on the FTA’s Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) to fund about 45% of the project’s current \$2.1 billion cost, the FTA has NOT invited the Met Council (MC) to apply for a FFGA. FTA’s delay in issuing an invitation is very odd.

FTA will not issue an FFGA invitation while LPA’s lawsuit is pending in the federal Court of Appeals.

FTA fears the uncertainty and legal issues of the Met Council’s Phase 2 Agreement with BNSF. While the Met Council completed a Phase 1 Agreement with BNSF (about the corridor protection barrier/wall), it has NOT completed the Phase 2 Agreement with BNSF. The timeline and costs of the Phase 2 Agreement are unknown. This could be SWLRT’s Achilles’ heel.

BNSF demanded that MC include NorthStar Commuter Rail in the project. BNSF requires that current storage tracks for NorthStar Commuter Rail be moved at least 1,800 feet west onto property directly above Bassett’s Creek Tunnel and the tunnel must be rebuilt to support the commuter rail cars.

If MC doesn’t complete the Phase 2 agreement with BNSF, FTA will not invite MC to apply for a FFGA. Even if MC does complete the Phase 2 Agreement, FTA may not invite MC to apply for a FFGA because of legal risks. FTA is concerned that Hennepin County/Met Council never included NorthStar Commuter Rail in SWLRT’s 2009 scoping document; it never included NorthStar Commuter Rail or the Bassett’s Creek Tunnel in the DEIS, the EIS or Supplemental EIS. FTA focuses on process. The FTA may not invite MC to apply for a FFGA because of legal risks that these omissions violate NEPA.

Freight rail agreements are highly uncertain and the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) must approve the Phase 2 Agreement before the FTA will proceed.

Since the State of Minnesota is not funding SWLRT’s construction, operations, or maintenance, Hennepin County must bear the entire non-federal portion.

FTA is concerned about Hennepin County’s financial position. The County must pay at least 55% of SWLRT’s construction plus all SWLRT’s future operations and maintenance. Hennepin’s financial obligation will likely be more than 55% of the project’s construction cost because federal funding is capped at \$929 million.

In addition, Hennepin County has not updated its agreement to fund contingencies and cost overruns. FTA will not allow Hennepin County to rely on contingency money to fund cost overruns. Hennepin must agree to pay cost overruns and it has not committed to

KENILWORTH TRAIL CLOSES



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Signs showing the closure of the Kenilworth Trail appeared on Monday, May 13th, while workers were unloading and placing rail segments in St. Louis Park for the Southwest Light Rail Transit project. This portion of the trail will be closed for two to three years. 2,845 people signed a petition asking Governor Tim Walz to delay cutting down more than 1,000 trees until \$929 million in federal funds are certain. The petition was delivered to Governor Walz on Tuesday, May 14th.



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this agreement yet. Hennepin appears to be hiding this omission.

The FTA has only issued a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) to the MC to begin surveying, tree-cutting and site preparation; it has NOT issued an LONP for the \$150 million Systems Contract. Systems include communications, signaling, power, and fiber optics. FTA won’t fund systems and other project components until the lawsuit, freight-rail agreements, and local funding are completed.

Unlike previous federal administrations, the Trump administration is chaotic and unpredictable. It’s also shown a willingness to force states and local governments to fund their own projects.

For all these reasons, Governor Walz should impose a moratorium on tree-cutting in the Kenilworth Corridor until the FTA commits to a full Federal Funding Grant Agreement of \$929 million for SWLRT.

Fire Ravages Iconic Landmark



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The Minneapolis Park Board Pavilion at Bde Maka Ska/Lake Calhoun which housed "Lola on the Lake," was destroyed by a fire during the early morning hours of May 15, 2019. It's been determined that a lightning strike did not cause the fire. A criminal investigation is now under way. Plans are to tear down and rebuild the structure. In the meantime, the restaurant operated by Louis King plans to re-open by selling his menu out of food trucks at the site. The Wheel Fun Boat and bike rental building will remain open, as well as the new fishing docks and the boat launch.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD-

- CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
- EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
- KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
- LHNA: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
- Kenwood School Rummage Sale, June 7
- Summer Solstice South Cedar Beach June 23
- Farmer's Market opens June 13 in Uptown
- Jewish Choral June 2
- Celebrate new public art along the shores of Bde Maka Ska on June 8 at 10:30 a.m.
- Kenwood Community School will celebrate its Cedar Lake School Forest, Friday, May 24 at 10:15am.

Park Siding Park Gardening

Saturday, June 22
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.
Join CIDNA's volunteer gardening team. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided. Help is needed all season, so mark your calendar for the following Saturday mornings: July 27, August 24 and September 28. Details at www.cidna.org

Green Committee at Kenwood Elementary is planning Kenwood's annual rummage sale, which will expand to include a "green fair" this year with tips on public transit, recycling, a repair clinic, etc.

The fair/sale is scheduled for Friday, June 7th

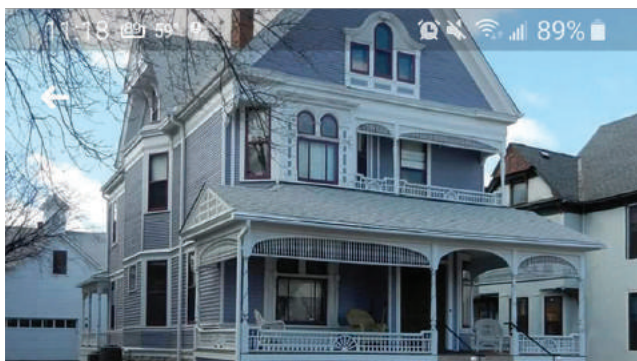
CIDNA's Summer Solstice Celebration

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, June 22nd 6:00 - 9:15pm
Rain Date will be Saturday, June 23rd
Join us on the newly renovated South Cedar Beach for the longest day of the year! Pack a picnic, bring your family, neighbors or just yourself. CIDNA will provide lemonade and sweets as well as some fun strolling entertainment and live music to entertain all ages. Participate in a new Solstice tradition we are starting here by our beautiful Cedar Lake beach.

TWIN CITIES JEWISH CHORALE Announces Concert on June 2, 2019

The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale (TCJC) celebrates Minnesota composers on June 2, 2019 at Shir Tikvah Congregation in Minneapolis 4:00 PM. The program will include new and rarely heard choral compositions. Tickets are available at the door at \$15 regular admission, \$10 for seniors (65+) and students. Group discounts are available by emailing details of the request to twincitiesjewishchorale@gmail.com. Gary Wolfman, Director, conducts the Chorale and Lynette Eastwold is the accompanist.

T. P. Healy Birthday Party



MAY 19 T.P. Healy Birthday Party
Event for T.P. Healy, Master Builder: King of the Queen Anne · Hosted by Trilby Busch



Anders Christensen, T. P. Healy, president of the Healy Project and TigerOx Painting and Heather Deatrack of Hill and Lake Press enjoying the Healy party.

Healy fans celebrated Theron's 175th birthday at his celebrated Bennett-McBride House (1891) with cake and a hearty Happy Birthday. This house is Healy's best-preserved Queen Anne in the Healy Block Historic District, complete with original (and rehabbed) barn. Both interior and exterior are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. (Healy was born May 14, 1844 in Round Hill, NS, Canada.)

Celebrate new public art along the shores of Bde Maka Ska on June 8 at 10:30 a.m.
The City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) are pleased to announce the dedication of a new gathering space and public artwork at Bde Maka Ska on June 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Festivities will include music, comments from descendants and artists, refreshments provided by The Sioux Chef and activities for the whole family. The event will take place rain or shine along the southeast shore of Bde Maka Ska, just south of the parking lot at W 36th Street and Richfield Road.

Lowry Hill resident and food entrepreneur Andy Wright of Acme Organics (andy@acmeorganics.us) announced that his Minnesota BBQ Sauce placed third at this year's American Royal BBQ Sauce World

Series of Barbecue® Contest, the most prestigious of such contests in the world. His three flavors of Triple Crown Organic BBQ sauce can be found at Lunds, Coops, HyVee, Whole Foods, and Cub.



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Meet Your Neighbor Elizabeth Shaffer

Craig Wilson: Where did you grow up and attend school? I grew up on a 150-acre hobby farm in Buffalo, Minnesota where my parents still live today. I attended Wheaton College and the University of Illinois, getting a master's degree in education.

Why did you choose Lowry Hill to raise your family? My husband and I loved the historic homes, access to parks and proximity to downtown. We wanted our children to have an experience of urban living and engage with the richness of our environment. It is also a bit sentimental because we can see our very first apartment in Lowry Hill East (a.k.a., "the Wedge") from our third floor window.

How did you get involved in the rebuilding of Minnehaha Academy? Two of my children were in the school's parking lot after cross country practice when the explosion occurred in August of 2107. As a community, we were facing a crisis...two weeks away from school start with no school, loss of beloved staff members and students/staff with physical and emotional trauma. So I did what many others in our parent community did...step up. I helped pair each faculty/staff person with a primary parent volunteer with a similar skill set or personality for the purposes of support. These parents then utilized greater networks within the Minnehaha community (teams or activity groups) to get needs met. We had people helping set-up networks in the retrofitted school space, putting togeth-

er desks and chairs on Labor Day weekend, bringing meals to faculty families affected by the blast, and emailing continual words of encouragement throughout the whole process. Coming full circle, many of the same people who volunteered to help two years ago are now helping move their same faculty member into our brand new building this August.

What is Friends of Thomas Lowry Park? At its heart, FTLP is a group of community members who are dedicated to the tender care of Thomas Lowry Park under the direction of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Our board members contribute yearly to help pay for the biannual urn plantings, irrigation repairs and landscape replacement needs. FTLP also coordinates the volunteer gardening in the park.

Why is there an effort to save the Seven Pools? Seven Pools is the signature feature of Thomas Lowry Park, a series of cascading pools down the center of the park. Due to its age and the condition of the concrete, Seven Pools is in a state of substantial disrepair. The pools have been patch repaired at various points through the course of the past 100 years and it is no longer financially prudent to continue investing in this type of temporary solution. A decision needs to be made about its long-term viability. This past February/March, MPRB released a concept drawing that considered the option of filling the current pools with sand, most likely from the approach of cost con-

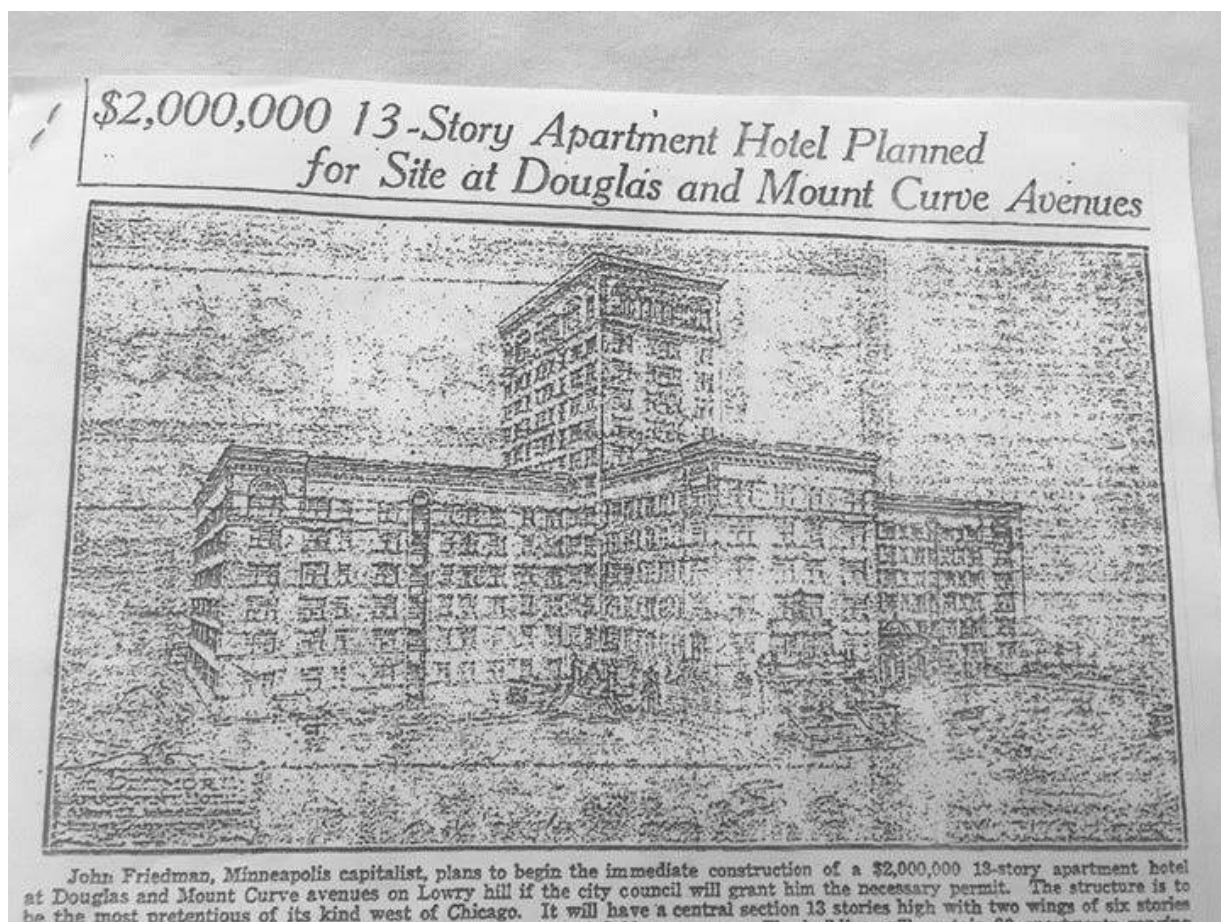


tainment. Residents of Lowry Hill, in addition to the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, disagreed with this solution. We believe that at this critical point in time, we can together "Save the Seven Pools" for the future generations, for the next 100 years.

What's the history of the Seven Pools and what's needed to repair them? In the year 1922, the triangular parcel of land that is now Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools was slated for a 13-story commercial development. Lowry Hill residents were concerned and organized to petition the park board to purchase the land for a city park. The park board responded, passing along the land and development costs to area residents over the course of 10 years. Most likely due to the high value of the land and commitment of area residents, Phelps Wyman was hired to develop a premier design for the park, under the direction of park superintendent Theodore Wirth. This historic design has been unaltered since 1922. Seven Pools and Thomas Lowry Park was born out of the sacrifice and generosity of Lowry Hill residents from its inception. We are now being called upon to build on this legacy as we hope to rebuild the Seven Pools. FTLP needs to raise \$250,000 to get the pools rebuilt, but has a larger goal of \$350,000. Any additional funds raised beyond what is needed for the pools will be spent on other needed improvements in Thomas Lowry Park.



"Why is there an effort to save the Seven Pools?" Pictures of pools' deterioration at Thomas Lowry Park.



HENNEPIN THEATRE TRUST ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLIC ART PROJECT ALONG HENNEPIN AVENUE

Portraits by renowned Minnesota artists featuring people who make the Hennepin Theatre District vibrant and unique will adorn buildings from 5th to 10th Streets

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I have worked in early childhood for almost 40 years. When I first started I worked in the Cedar riverside neighborhood with low income parents. Most of our parents were on CCAP funding. The irony was, I myself was a low income parent. I was fortunate to receive a United Way scholarship or I would not have been able to afford the cost of child care. Have things changed very much? There is still a long waiting list for CCAP. Staff who work at the center I direct cannot afford child care, since the wages are so low. And now some of the State Representatives have suggested staff should not being eligible for CCAP funding at their center, and they may just end CCAP altogether! Do we really want to end the achievement gap for children of color, or do we just give lip service to that? Do we want to help women move forward working in a field that needs caring, qualified people, or do we want them to stay at home with their children and live on assistance? Let's not kid ourselves-much of this talk is based on veiled islamophobia. It's our job to welcome all children and families to this land of liberty and help them to move forward. CCAP and quality child care are important to that goal and we need to do everything we can to fully fund child care subsidy in Minnesota.

Lynn Hoskins,
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Minnesota Food Truck Festival Kicks Off June 23 in Uptown

When: Sunday, June 23 from 11am-9pm
Where:Uptown: On Hennepin Avenue from Lake Street to 32nd Street, and on 31st Street from Humboldt Avenue to Girard Avenue
What Else: The Uptown Food Truck Festival debuted in 2013 and has grown to be the largest Food Truck Festival in the Midwest, with more than 65 food trucks. Food offerings will range from Poke Bowls and Bahn Mi to meat pies and Uptown favorites, Tin Fish! The non-food trucks will offer on-trend fashion, men's grooming services, music, and the Mobile Escape Room trailer.

Other activities include life-size Jenga, mechanical bull, bean bag toss, Henna Tattoo Artists and a Psychic Tarot Reader. There will be live music and DJs on two stages. The entertainment lineup includes:

- 11am-2pm Shirts & Skins
- 2:30pm-5:30pm Junk FM
- 6pm-9pm You Oughta Know

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To:Concerned Minneapolis Citizens Re: Shoreland Overlay District

By Erik F. Storlie, PhD, efstorlie@gmail.com

The City Council approved, as expected, the Minneapolis2040 plan. And now a developer pushes a ten-story complex at Lake Street and James—yet another violation of Shoreland Overlay District (SOD) restrictions. These restrictions (extending 1000 feet from lakes and 300 feet from rivers and streams) limit the height of new construction to two and one-half stories, preserving access to light and air, as well as protecting existing vegetation and tree canopies.

Unfortunately, SOD restrictions have been routinely ignored, notably around the northwest shores of Bde Maka Ska, where multi-story apartments and towers now severely compromise sight lines, block the sunlight available to neighboring areas, and multiply hard surfaces, exacerbating storm runoff flows.

These tall buildings block the full force of our cold northwestern winds, reducing cooling from contact and evaporation. A further cause of lake (and urban) warming is the loss of tree canopies that overtop roof lines. The SOD limits on height and protection of surface vegetation safeguard these canopies. Trees are natural air conditioners. They block sunlight from roofs and hard surfaces, even as they sequester carbon and release oxygen and moisture. Unfortunately, despite strong opposition, two more towers are in the works.

We have renamed the lake, honoring its Dakota history. Should we not also protect it from environmental degradation?

Last autumn, as citizens raised concerns about the 2040 plan, Park Board Commissioner Meg Forney informed me that "While I served on the Planning Commission as the MPRB appointee, I expressed the need for the SOD. Our now Council President stated that 'We, at the Planning Department, regard the SOD for rural areas only.'"

Forney noted further that, after having left his office as Assistant Superintendent of Planning, Bruce Chamberlain objected to the SOD as "draconian."

In a meeting with constituents, Park Board Commissioner Jono Cowgill would not commit to the

SOD height restrictions.

And at a Ward Ten public meeting, City Planner Heather Worthington referred to concerns about the loss of green urban spaces as "white pastoralism."

But the demonstrated health benefits of natural environments belong to persons of every color, origin, and class. Our parks, lakes, and waterways are essential, especially for the economically disadvantaged—folks who have little choice but to live under crowded conditions, working too many hours in the day, surrounded by concrete and pavement, and with little access to earth, lakes, trees, and sky. When a city protects these, it honors a social obligation owed to all. Every child has a right to such spaces.

Why such hostility to the SOD's protections? Removing them creates neither racial equity nor any significant number of new affordable homes or rentals—but has highly significant and irreversible impacts on lakes and waterways.

Such attitudes are dismissive of our jewel of a park system (its lakes the centerpiece), dismissive of the tremendous struggle over 150 years to develop and protect it, and dismissive of the reality that every loss to its integrity is permanent.

Short-term thinking caused the sale in 1952 of 32 acres of Theodore Wirth Park adjoining Brownie Lake to Prudential Insurance for \$200,000 (a steal at \$1,850,000 in current dollars). The Park Board was squeezed by politicians and business leaders. Those opposing the sale must be anti-business—even communist! (The current loud whisper: any opposing 2040 upzoning are racist.) A pristine oak-savannah terminal moraine was leveled.

At Brownie I now see muddy banks and green, stagnant water, a legacy of thousands of tons of earth bulldozed from steep hilltops and dumped close above the shoreline for a parking lot. Stretches of the lake bottom rose above water level, requiring extensive dredging. Natural springs dried up. A massive concrete structure rose, towering over Brownie and Cedar—now an empty, derelict office building.

Once Cedar and Brownie were crystal clear, spring-fed, the beaches sandy and clean. Now both tend toward green with algae blooms covering sandy shallows and disrupting sunfish nesting areas.

Minneapolis residents must resist those who would sacrifice our parks for financial or political gain. Every loss to the SOD is a loss to the integrity of our parks—and every loss is irreversible, just as the loss of 32 acres of Wirth Park has been irreversible—and just as every sight line lost and every acre of lawn and tree canopy lost to concrete, tarmac, and new construction will be irreversible. Minneapolis has a park system recognized as second to none in the world. It is an invaluable legacy for the future—for people of every economic status, every color, and every origin.

Dear Ms. Deatrick,
This is just a note to Thank You and your staff for all the work that you do. The coverage of the Kenilworth Corridor
And the SWLRT Fiasco has been Outstanding! A special Mention and Thank You goes to Michael Wilson. His contributions and his writing have been stellar!
Several times we have quoted the HLP in a variety of correspondence. Great Factual Information and Articles!
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By Mrs. Coyote: Susan Lenfestey

Well, that was fun!

I'm talking about Wordplay, the Loft Literary Center's hugely ambitious and hugely successful book festival that took place over Mother's Day weekend on the streets and parking lot surrounding Open Book on Washington Avenue.

For a city known as one of the most vibrant literary scenes in the country, we were long overdue. Austin, Texas, has had a Texas-sized book festival since 1995, the brainchild of Laura Bush. And Brooklyn, natch, has had one since 2006.

A book festival has many venues, sort of like a rock festival, only with writers not rockers, and you can actually hear the words. There are multiple authors on multiple stages, in conversations with each other or on panels, focusing on a common thread.

This was the Loft's first venture into the crazy mashup of a book fest, and they went full out.

Did I mention rock stars? For starters, they kicked off the Wordplay weekend on Friday night with a sold-out performance at First Ave by the Rock Bottom Remainers – a loosely knit cover band whose members include – wait for it – Stephen King, Amy Tan, Mitch Albom, Scott Turow, Greg Iles, Mary Karr, Dave Barry and Roy Blount Jr.

Stephen King, on lead guitar and vocals, rasped out old songs, I mean my era old songs, like Teen Angel, with his tongue often firmly in cheek. Amy Tan strutted the stage in a menacing get-up of black Lycra

singing Nancy Sinatra's one hit wonder, These Boots Are Made for Walking. And, of course, there was the obligatory nod to Prince. After three encores, the band still seemed every bit as reluctant as the audience to let the evening end.

The next morning thousands of people, including me, flocked to the festival grounds, where there were five outdoor stages and three indoor ones, including the performance hall at Open Book and two stages at the Guthrie. They were all in play, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both days.

Besides the stages there were expo areas where publishers of every genre of book could be found, next to coffee brewers and truffle makers. There were vendors promoting advanced writing programs, solar energy or offering one minute massages. There was an entire expo and stage devoted to children's authors and their books, with writing and art games for the children who read them.

There were food trucks, and tables where weary book lovers could plunk down and eat their burgers, burritos or noodle bowls with a chaser of Finnegan's beer while deciding which event to attend next.

It was like the state fair, but with writers and books instead of kids and cows. My egg roll was even on a stick.

And then — there were authors. More than one hundred of them.

Along with the megastars of the publishing world,



Amy Tan and Mary Karr

the afore mentioned members of the Rock Bottom Remainers, there were Pulitzer prize winners including Jared Diamond, (Guns, Germs, and Steel) and poets Gregory Pardlo and Natasha Tretheway — who is also the former US poet laureate.

In fact, every author had awards and honors trailing after their names like star dust. Novelists Laila Lalami and Tommy Orange, environmentalist and founder of 350.org Bill McKibben, poet Ross Gay, memoirist Dani

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The House Doctor

Long-time Lowry Hill East resident Connie Evingson, accompanied by the Parisota Hot Club, performing at a brand new music space in town, Nord Social Hall, the latest addition to the French Meadow Bakery and Cafe, at 2610 Lyndale Avenue So. To launch the intimate concert venue, French Meadow is hosting an ongoing series of jazz, blues, and hot club swing, MUSIC MONDAY with Connie Evingson, every other week. For more information, visit www.frenchmeadowcafe.com



Photo by Dorothy Childers

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Hennepin-Lyndale Crossroads



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Exciting event June 9 and June 10 Support the Hennepin Lyndale Crossroads and enjoy new restaurant neighbor PS Steak

The Hennepin Lyndale Crossroads is a primary gateway for Minneapolis and a nexus for some of the region's most important institutions and civic spaces. In 2015 the Lowry Hill and Loring Park neighborhoods united with the adjacent cultural institutions to highlight the need to transform the bottleneck into a greener,

more pedestrian friendly area. The involvement of the neighborhoods and partnership with Green Minneapolis brought MNDOT, the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to contribute significant resources to create and plant the medians. In return, the private sector partners formed

a coalition to fund ongoing maintenance of the landscape investment.

This remarkable public private partnership is a great demonstration of the impact united neighbors can have in improving their community. Green Minneapolis is the non-profit conservancy enhancing the vitality of down-

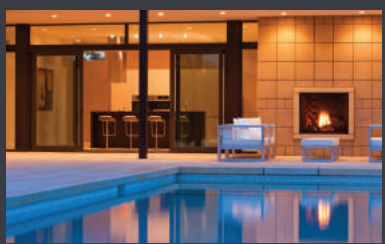
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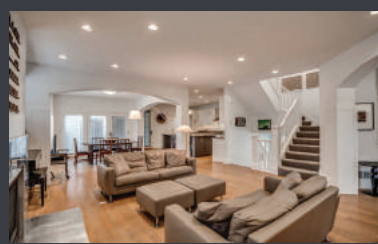
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town Minneapolis through parks and greening, which includes fundraising and maintenance of the plantings on the Hennepin Lyndale Crossroads. The project needs your involvement and support to continue this initiative this summer. With additional neighborhood investment we can ensure the municipal commitment continues; MNDOT will contribute over \$100,000 to landscape the southern median, to mitigate longstanding safety issues in that area.

Your new restaurant neighbor, PS Steak at 510 Groveland, has offered a tremendous opportunity to enjoy an evening out while benefitting this important public realm initiative. Dine and drink at PS Steak on June 9 or June 10, and PS Steak will donate 5% of the proceeds toward the project. Enjoy PS Steak's amazing food creations including a pork schnitzel Star Tribune restaurant critic Rick Nelson cites as "a thrill to behold", and try the excellent craft cocktails, wine and craft beer.

Join your neighbors, support a great new restaurant, and generate funding for maintenance of the Hennepin Lyndale Crossroads. Make your reservation today!

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Shapiro, and a raft of stellar locals including Marlon James, Julie Schumaker, Lorna Landvik, Ed Bok Lee, David Mura, Mary Moore Easter, Dobby Gibson, and HLP neighbors Beth Dooley and Heid Erdrich to name just a few.

(For the whole lineup go to <https://loft.org/wordplay/wordplay-lineup>.)

The biggest difficulty was narrowing down the choices. I missed many authors I had hoped to hear, but then loved the ones that I did. Okay, in truth, one of my favorites turned out to be dull as dust, perhaps the fault of the interviewer.

I could fill these pages with detail on all of them, but here are a few nuggets.

• Stephen King on the outdoor Target stage, with a Jumbotron projecting him larger than life against the appropriately creepy backdrop of the US Bank stadium, was highly entertaining and adroit at slinging political arrows.

• The conversation between Amy Tan and Mary Karr was like a stand-up routine, with each one vying for who had the more difficult mother. Amy Tan: "My mother was suicidal, every day she talked about killing herself . . ." Mary Karr: "My mother was homicidal. Every day she talked about killing me!"

• Bill McKibben, who always manages to talk about climate change with a glimmer of hope and humor. Changing our own consumption habits is a nice thing to do, but we'll only get significant carbon reduction when we join together in mass movements. "We should find it a bit embarrassing that 4th graders are striking in the streets while the grownups do nothing." He added 350.org is planning massive protests on the climate catastrophe for next fall. Stay tuned.

So, many thanks to the Loft, and to the sponsors of Wordplay for this most wonderful weekend. It was a perfect way to spend Mother's Day — and the fishing opener. I celebrated the wonder and diversity (and horror) of mothers, and the great satisfaction of dropping a line into deep waters and landing a great book.

And yes, they plan on doing it again in 2020.

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Purple Martins are flying in and much to their delight, new digs appear ahead in the soft evening light. The Burgeon Poet

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East Isles Residents' Association

Respectfully Submitted by Molly Fleming EIRA Coordinator

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Mike Erlandson (Vice President), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Ellen van Iwaarden, Steve Havig, Andrew Degerstrom, Mackenzie Nelson, John Barnett, Emma Erdhal, Julia Curran

Board alternates present: Kate Svitavsky

Members and alternates not present: John Morrow, John Grochala, John Erlandson

Staff: Molly Fleming

Guests: Council member, Lisa Goodman, and Artist, Travis (No last name given)

Welcome & Call to Order: 7:04 p.m. Mike Erlandson, EIRA Vice President

Officer Elections:

The roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were up for election. After a brief explanation of the roles and what they entail, as well a discussion of the possibility of contracting a bookkeeper to lighten the load of the incoming Treasurer, the elections were held.

President: Ellen van Iwaarden was nominated by Andrew Degerstrom. She was elected by unanimous voice vote

Vice President: Mackenzie Nelson self nominated for this position. She was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer: Andrew Degerstrom was nominated by Debbie Gold. He was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary: Debbie Gold was nominated by Mackenzie Nelson. She was elected by unanimous voice vote.

From here, these minutes will now reflect the new officers in these positions. Ellen van Iwaarden, President, took over as chair of the meeting.

Councilmember Goodman's Report

Lisa Goodman reported that the Lunch with Lisa in May will be on the same topic as the April Lunch, the Transportation Action Plan. This will take place on May 22nd at the Minneapolis Saint Thomas Campus. The June Lunch with Lisa will be a bus tour of new developments in the city. She also reported that there is a new city policy of random housing inspections. This is in response to people feeling uncomfortable reporting their neighbors. Finally, she wanted to highlight an event happening on May 18th called Doors Open Minneapolis.

Board member Steve Havig asked Lisa Goodman what could be done about excessive noise coming from The Mansion at night. This was a topic that a community member had wanted to bring up during the Open Forum section of the meeting but was unable to make it. Lisa Goodman said the Mansion is not in her ward, but encouraged people to call the owner, Steve Hark, at 612-444-3211 or 911 if they feel the volume is too loud late at night.

Committee Reports NRP

Mike Erlandson, Chair of the NRP Committee, discussed a plan modification that was put forth for a vote to move \$21,000 out of other accounts into Sustainable Practices. This proposed plan modification had been posted on the EIRA website for over 21 days. After some discussion, this plan modification was passed by a majority of the members present, with Debbie Gold abstaining. Mike then discussed a request made by Bridge for Youth for a letter supporting a grant application they are writing. This was approved by the board, with Mike saying he would draft a letter and send via email to the board for approval.

Finally, Mike brought a discussion to the floor for another plan modification to be voted on at the next meeting to put program income from Residential Housing Program loans and Affordable Housing Program loans into Public Space Improvements so that

projects like removing invasive species from the Lake of the Isles shoreline, putting in more benches, or funding a shade structure for Joanne Levin Triangle Park can continue. The board agreed to discuss the plan at the next meeting, after the 21 day notice period to the neighborhood had passed.

Social Committee

Kate Svitavsky volunteered to become the Social Committee Chair. Zoning and Land Use/Transportation

The Zoning and Land Use and Transportation Committees jointly met on May 8 to discuss the potential merger of the committees previously discussed at the

Annual Meeting in April. Based on the discussion from that meeting, Andrew Degerstrom, chair of the Zoning and Land Use Committee, offered the following motion:

Merge the existing Zoning & Land Use and Transportation Committees into a new, single committee.

Temporarily name the new committee the Transportation & Land Use Committee.

Direct the new Transportation & Land Use Committee to report back to the Board by no later than July with recommendations for a permanent committee name and a new committee description.

Motion passed unanimously.

The joint committees also discussed concerns about pedestrian signals crossing Hennepin Ave at Uptown Transit Station, 27th Street, and 25th Street being button actuated and not automatic. Based on that discussion, Andrew Degerstrom moved that the Board write a letter to the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department requesting that pedestrian signals at the previously mentioned intersections be switched from button actuated to automatic, emphasizing the intersection at Uptown Transit Station as being the higher priority of the three. Motion passed unanimously.

Some additional announcements were:

1721 Lagoon Ave, which is the 3 story fourplex on Lagoon that we approved a letter of support for at our March meeting, was approved by the Planning Commission on Monday night on consent.

3021 E Calhoun Pkwy, a three story residential building with 17 dwelling units (mix of apartments and condos), was approved by the Planning Commission on Monday night. If you recall, back in February ECCO's Livability Committee chair requested that EIRA vote to oppose a previous iteration of the project. At our February meeting, we decided not to take any action, mainly because between the time we got the request and our February board meeting, the developer decided to meet with the neighborhood and work on changes to the project. ECCO was supportive of the final proposal that the Planning Commission approved.

The Transportation & Land Use Committee will be trying out a Transportation & Land Use Book Club. We encourage anyone who is interested to participate, regardless of whether they are on the Committee or not. Our first book will be Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution by Janette Sadik-Khan and Seth Solomonow. We will be discussing the book at our July committee meeting on Tuesday, July 16. <http://www.jsadikkhan.com/streetfight-the-book.html>

If you are interested in learning more about the METRO B and E Lines, attend Metro Transit's open house next Wednesday May 22, 4-6:30, at Walker Library. There is no formal presentation, so come any time

<https://www.facebook.com/events/582326172250651/>

Outreach and Nominations

Emma Erdahl volunteered to become the chair of the Outreach and Nominations Committee.

Farmers Market

Debbie Gold, Director, shared that she just received a new sponsorship for the market from the YWCA. She

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amy Noble

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) was held on May 6, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Approximately 100 neighbors attended the meeting and enjoyed dinner while meeting new friends and socializing with old friends. Many children enjoyed their time playing soccer and face painting was provided by ArtRageous. Although the weather was a bit chilly, the KNO board was very pleased with the strong turnout for the annual meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at future meetings and at next year's annual meeting.

CM Lisa Goodman welcomed the attendees and thanked the KNO board for their service. Information was shared on an upcoming community event, Doors Open Minneapolis, which will take place on May 18-19, 2019. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa's office.

Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene was also in attendance and made brief remarks, thanking the community for coming together and supporting the neighborhood organization.

Shawn Smith, KNO Chair, shared KNO's continuing priorities and reviewed how the KNO board has supported these priorities over the past year. This included continued, positive programming at East Cedar Lake Beach, responses to the city on the 2040 Plan and SW Neighborhood Parks Master Plan, support of the Kenwood School, and continued communication regarding SWLRT. Shawn introduced current board members and recognized two board members who are stepping down from their board positions,

Vice-Chair Jeanette Colby and Carl Goldstein. Shawn introduced Aria Christenson who is seeking a position on the board. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slated board members and the neighbors voted in favor with no dissents.

The board is always seeking new members and volunteers. If you are interested in serving or volunteering your time, please contact Shawn Smith.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 7:00 PM. Following the formal portion of the meeting, many neighbors lingered to socialize with friends and to enjoy the food provided by KNO until 8:00 PM.

Action Between Meetings - All

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

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

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

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on June 3rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, May 8, 2019

The annual meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. 65+ residents attended.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Mary Harlow, Barbara Lunde, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone.

Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Lowell Berggren, Vern Vander Weide.

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The board approved a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 2019 meeting.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

CM Goodman said she has been an opponent of Southwest LRT and is advocating to wait to remove trees from the Kenilworth Corridor until federal funding is secured.

Doors Open Minneapolis is a free event that offers behind-the-scenes access to buildings in the city on May 18-19.

Lunch with Lisa: Wednesday, May 22, Noon at St. Thomas University. The topic will be the Transportation Action Plan. The June event will be a bus tour of downtown development projects.

Sign up for the Ward 7 e-newsletter; contact 612-673-2207.

Amelia Huffman, Inspector, Minneapolis Police Department, 5th Precinct

Inspector Huffman, a 25-year veteran of the MPD

and CIDNA resident, is the new Inspector of the 5th Precinct. She encouraged residents to attend the 5th Precinct Open House, Tuesday, May 14, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 3101 Nicollet Ave S.

Chair's State of the Neighborhood Report, Mary Pattock

Mary said a major purpose of the annual meeting is for the board and public officials to be accountable to residents.

She noted some things had not changed between 1975, when she was a founding member of CIDNA, and now: CIDNA remains an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and the neighborhood still faces development pressures.

CIDNA faces challenges in three main areas:

Demographic: How do we engage new residents in CIDNA, a growing neighborhood?

Environmental: How do we develop CIDNA without destroying its natural beauty, which makes the neighborhood a target for development? In line with CIDNA's mission statement, which pledges CIDNA to be good stewards of the natural environment, CIDNA has addressed:

Minneapolis 2040 by advocating for regulations that protect the lakes (Shoreland Overlay District) and green spaces.

The Park Board's Southwest Service Area Master Plan, by urging the Park Board not to overbuild the neighborhood parks, based on feedback from neighbors.

Traffic Safety by monitoring streets and trying to make them safer.

Southwest LRT (for which federal funding is uncertain. The Trump Administration has stopped giving full funding agreements to this category of transit projects)

By recruiting local and state elected officials to ask Governor Walz to spare the trees in Kenilworth Corridor until funding is assured. We don't yet know what the governor will decide. Clear-cutting of some 43 acres of forest and meadow in the Kenilworth Corridor

is scheduled to start around May 13.

By supporting the Calhoun Isles Condo Association concerns about constructing the SWLRT tunnel 18 inches from their high-rise building.

By addressing the safety of co-location of LRT trains right next to freight trains that carry explosive ethanol.

By holding joint CIDNA-Kenwood Neighborhood Organization community meeting where residents could ask questions of the Met Council about construction. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled.

Organizational: How will CIDNA maintain organizational and fiscal integrity in the face of City of Minneapolis proposals (Neighborhoods 2020) to reduce funding and take control of many neighborhood organization functions? CIDNA has joined other neighborhoods in protesting these proposals.

Other CIDNA activities include:

Grand reopening of the renovated Cedar Lake South Beach last August. Special thanks to Claire Ruebeck.

Beach Clean Up Crew at South Beach headed up by James Reid.

Fourth annual May Day basket-making event for residents of Jones-Harrison, organized by Amanda Vallone. Thanks to Indulge and Bloom for donating all of the flowers.

CIDNA Garden Group tends the Park Siding Park gardens.

First annual Summer Solstice celebration; thanks to organizer Amanda Vallone. It will be held this year Friday, June 21 at Cedar Lake South Beach.

CIDNA participates in the annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Thanks to Rosanne Halloran for representing CIDNA. This year's event will be on Thursday, October 10.

CIDNA Fall Festival; thanks to Elaine May for serving as chair.

Annual Ice Skating Party, which we sponsor in January with the other Lake of the Isles neighborhoods.

Communicating with residents via the CIDNA e-newsletter.

Contributing to the Hill & Lake Press – both financially and with writing talent of members, including Mike Wilson.

Looking forward, we need to:

Engage more members

Ensure financial stability

Create a long-range plan

Continue to be an advocate with government

Continue to offer community-building opportunities

Coordinator's and Treasurer's Reports, Monica Smith

Monica Smith shared an overview of her responsibilities as the part-time, paid coordinator.

Treasurer's Report: CIDNA's annual budget is \$37,000; expenses are paid for by a combination of funds reimbursed through City programs and CIDNA money raised through fundraising (unrestricted funds). The current balance of unrestricted funds is \$17,400.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

This is a joint committee of CIDNA and West Calhoun Neighborhood Council advocating for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along the busy Lake Street corridor. The committee is monitoring the pedestrian areas around the construction site at 3100 W Lake St.

NRP Committee, Claire Ruebeck

CIDNA's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) has a history of connectivity with the parks and civic engagement. The original playground at Park Siding Park and the recent renovation of Cedar Lake South Beach are examples of the use of NRP funds. New committee members are welcome.

Land Use & Development Committee, Evan Carlson

There are currently no proposals for new develop-

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has also completed the process to secure the banner rigging over the intersection of Hennepin and Lake Streets on some crucial dates to promote the Farmers Market. The banner is currently being printed. She reported that the pre-season vendor meeting was a success.

Finally, she showed the board the new hats for the Farmers Market, and noted that lawn signs will be coming soon.

General Items

An artist named Travis came to the meeting to present on a project of his he would like support for. The project uses images he took with verbal consent of people experiencing homelessness. The title of the project is "Homeless or Homebody?". In his words, the aim of the project is to make people guess who is a person experiencing homelessness and who is not, with the surprise twist that everyone in the photos was, at the point the photo was taken, experiencing homelessness. The proposed sight of the photos under the Hennepin Ave Bridge on the Midtown Greenway. The photos will be printed and blown up large, and put on the wall using a paste made of flour and water. The board expressed many concerns over this project. The optics of this project, with the photos being displayed under a bridge without context, did not appeal to anyone. Travis explained that there would "probably" be QR codes or a url that people could look up and the context would be revealed there. There was also concern that the artist was perhaps not the right person to document this. One board member posed the question: Why did he not give the camera to the people he was trying to document so that they could tell their own story?

Another board member expressed concern that he had spoken about attending several meetings with neighborhood organizations and elected officials, but had also stated he did not have time to speak to people currently experiencing homelessness about their reac-

tions to his project and vision. Others agreed they found this troubling. Overall the board was not ready to approve this project. A board member who has strong ties to Simpson Housing Services said he would be seeing people associated with that organization soon and would ask them if they had heard of the project and how they felt about it and would report back to the board so that further discussion could take place.

EIRA Coordinator, Molly Fleming, reported that she will be updating the website to reflect the new board. She asked for headshots and bios from everyone. She also reported that she will be out of office from May 17th through May 28th, returning to work on the 29th. Molly also gave a brief update about the current status of Neighborhoods 2020. The board asked that she bring Conflict of Interest Forms for the new board to fill out at the next meeting.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Ellen van Iwaarden, President, made the following announcements:

Thank you to our outgoing board members Peter Mason, Amy Sanborn, and Brad Ash for their outstanding service to the neighborhood.

Also thanks to Brad Ash and Mike Erlandson and Amy Sanborn for their service as President, Vice President, and Treasurer last year.

The Earth Day clean-up at Lake of the Isles on Saturday, April 20 was well-attended and thanks to all in the neighborhood who came out and helped. A special thank you to Brad Ash for organizing and leading the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. EIRA invites all residents to participate. Should you require an accommodation to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at info@eastisles.org.

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ments in the neighborhood. The board asked the Land Use Committee to look into the Missing Middle and Market Rate Tax Increment Financing (TIF) programs. It was concluded that neither program is likely to affect CIDNA. Affordable housing in this context generally does not refer to the housing itself. It refers to building market rate housing and using subsidies to help it be more affordable. We do not have a TIF district, and even though that could potentially change, the structure itself would likely not be different because of the program.

Election of Board Members

The following slate of returning and new board members was approved: returning board members Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Barbara Lunde, Mary Pattock, Taylor Pentelovitch, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone; new board members Gabriel Andrews, Clem Foltz.

Met Council Member Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, District 6

Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson was appointed to the Metropolitan Council by Gov. Tim Walz in March 2019 representing District 6, which includes a portion of Minneapolis and nearby suburbs. Her committee assignments are: Community Development; Transportation; Metropolitan Parks and Open Space; METRO Blue Line Extension, Southwest LRT Places.

Atlas-Ingebretson grew up just north of CIDNA and feels a connection to the neighborhood. She believes in radical transparency, the capacity to connect, and public participation. Her top issue is equity.

Her concerns around SWLRT: mitigating noise and vibration and responding quickly when issues arise; safety issues and responsiveness; honoring the relationship to nature; and the loss of trees.

Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene, District 3

Marion Greene serves as board chair and represents District 3, which includes St. Louis Park and parts of Minneapolis. The county has a \$2.4 billion budget, most of which is for health and human services.

Senator Scott Dibble, District 61

Senator Dibble serves on three Senate committees: Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance, and as the ranking minority member of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.

The legislative is in the final days of this session. The big issues are taxes, spending and the bonding bill.

Representative Frank Hornstein, District 61A

Rep. Hornstein is the chair of the House Transportation Committee. He is working on issues related to SWLRT and rail safety and advocating to raise revenue for roads/bridges/bus rapid transit.

Panel of public officials

The Trump Administration has been blocking transit projects around the county. Dibble, Hornstein, Greene and Atlas-Ingebretson said they would not support the project without federal funding. The timeline for the federal funding is unknown.

Dibble and Hornstein said they wrote Governor Walz asking him to halt deforestation in Kenilworth until full funding for SWLRT was assured; Atlas-Ingebretson said she had signed the petition to that effect. Greene said she would sign the petition.

Dibble and Hornstein have introduced bills regarding Calhoun Isles Condo Association to settle the dispute with Met Council over the vibratory impacts and legal fees/technical support.

Residents raised safety concerns about freight rail operating in the Kenilworth Corridor during SWLRT construction and traffic congestion when Cedar Lake Pkwy closes for construction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.



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Lowry Hill Residents Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Board Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2019

Kenwood Recreation Center

Meeting called to order at 7p.m.

Board members present include Michael Cockson, president, Craig Wilson, Bob Hinck, Chas Scheiderer, Krishna Dorney, Jennifer Breitingner, Justin Baylor, Kathleen Bottini and Lee Switzenberg.

Others Present: Inspector Kathy Waite of Minneapolis Police Department, Beth Schaffer, Jeanne Scheiderer

February Minutes Approved

Community Update - City Councilwoman Lisa Goodman forwarded some announcements to Michael. The next lunch with Lisa is April 24 at St. Thomas to discuss the Minneapolis Transportation Plan and Vision Zero Initiative. Leaf, brush and yard clipping begins April 8. There are five upcoming community workshops to discuss the future of transportation; they can be found on the city website. Lisa is soliciting for people interested in open positions on Minneapolis boards and commissions; these can also be found on the city web site. The city's web site also has a listing of several festivities and fan events concerning the Final Four.

Treasurer's report:

Balance as of April 1 was \$9,370. Toni had prepared the Community Participation Program 2018 annual report report, and it was distributed to board members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion Passed.

Crime and Safety:

Lee Switzenberg introduced Inspector Kathy Waite, Commander of 5th Precinct. The Inspector described the open house scheduled for May 14 from 5 to 7 pm and encouraged people to squeeze it in, even if they are attending the LHNA annual meeting. Our new police liaison, Jessica Kloss is expecting to attend our annual meeting. Jessica has 20 years experience with 911.

Property crime is up in the area, mostly theft from autos and auto theft. With the winter weather people sometimes leave cars running with keys in them; this is one of the biggest causes of theft. Remember to report incidents to the police and if people are discussing incidents, ask them if they reported it to the police. The police plan their patrols based on actual crime stats. If they are unaware of a crime they can't increase their presence in the area.

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

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

Inspector took several questions from board members.

Events:

Justin Baylor, events chairman, reminded us of the upcoming walking tours for Lowry Hill residents. The Historic Lowry Hill Walk will be Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. to noon. The Historic Lake of the Isles walking tour will be Sunday, June 2 from 2p.m. to 4p.m., rain or shine. Suggested donation for the walks are \$10 person and \$25 per family. Make your reservations and find details at lowryhillneighborhood.org.

Motion made by Justin to donate up to \$500 to Alliance Housing in matching funds for the Historic Walking tour. Krishna Dorney made a similar motion to match funds up to \$500 for the Lake of the Isles Walk to be paid to Preserve Minneapolis. Motions seconded and passed.

The 2019 Annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at the Walker Art Center from 6:00 to 8:30p.m. Chas passed out a model menu for the Annual Meeting. Bob Hinck made a motion to allocate \$2500 for the expenses of the meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Michael Cockson will draft a letter to the residents explaining the agenda and meeting. Craig and Justin will work with Data Mail to send the letters to residents. Letters will be sent 30 days in advance of the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Speakers:

Mary Ceruti will speak about the Walker. We are still planning on City Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Minnesota Representative Frank Hornstein, Minnesota Senator Scott Dibble, County Commissioner Marion Green and possibly Jono Cowgill, Park Board Commissioner District 4. Craig and Beth Schaffer will speak 4 to 6 minutes about the Seven Pools.

Craig Wilson suggested we focus on the things we worked on in the last year. The most notable being Hennepin Lyndale and the allocation of the NRP funds for Thomas Lowry Park. Also, we should have Beth Schaffer, president of Friends of Thomas Lowry Park to discuss the Thomas Lowry Park project or even Carlos from the design firm to discuss the study we had commissioned.

Justin and Jennifer will man the welcome table. We will also have a table for the police.

We hope to encourage more residents to get involved, especially renters.

We discussed additional logistic items related to the Annual Meeting.

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Board Vacancies:

Clint Conner and Michael are cycling off of the board. Craig Wilson, Lee Switzenberg and Sam Ellingson will run for another term. Krishna is planning to market his house and may be moving next year. He may need to resign from the board later this year when his plans have been formed.

Motion made to nominate Craig Wilson, Lee Switzenberg and Sam Ellingson for the LHNA Board. Board Election will be at the Annual Meeting. Motion seconded. Motion Passed.

Also Tom Huppert has expressed an interest in rejoining the board. He would be a great addition, especially in efforts to attract renters to the board and activities of LHNA.

Historical

Committee Chairman Krishna Dorney mentioned we previously discussed having a description of Historical Designation options at the Annual Meeting. Craig and Krishna will send a short synopsis to Michael concerning historic designation that will be discussed at the annual meeting.

New Business:

In our February meeting Lowry Hill neighborhood residents approved a plan modification to reallocate City neighborhood funds to support one large project in Thomas Lowry Park. Craig Wilson explained that the City has now approved our reallocation of funds from the various sources to NRP Phase II Park Improvements and CPP Phase III Public Realm Improvements. We now need to allocate the funds to the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park specifically for the Seven Pools project. The funds will continue to be held by the city until spent. Up to \$10,000 can be used for planning purposes and upfront costs. Since a total of \$600,000 is needed to complete the project funds must be raised to get to the \$600,000 total. Discussion ensued regarding timing of the fund raising efforts by Friends of Thomas Lowry Park and deadlines to fund raising. Beth Schaffer, president of Friends of Thomas Lowry Park described the fund raising program. A motion was prepared and made by Jennifer.

Motion:

Allocate \$300,000 in Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds to the efforts of Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP) to reconstruct the nearly one hundred year old Seven Pools at Thomas Lowry Park from sources as outlined in David Rubedor's NRP Plan Modification Approval Letter to LHNA dated March 20, 2019.

The motion was amended with the following addition: If Friends of Thomas Lowry Park has not completed the fund raising and signed a contract by June 1, 2020 the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Neighborhood Association has the right to revisit the allocation.

Motion was seconded. Craig Wilson and Kathleen Bottini abstained since they serve and the FTLP board. Motion passed with the claw-back amendment.

Propel Non Profits Proposal:

Kate Barr made the presentation last month. The concept is we provide funds through a loan to Propel for them to lend to an affordable housing entity. It gives LHNA an opportunity to help affordable housing and to get the funds back and reuse them. Bob Hinck made the following motion.

Motion:

Allocate \$94,500 in Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds as an affordable housing loan to Propel Nonprofits as outlined by executive director Kate Barr in a letter to LHNA dated March 27, 2019 with sourcing from the NRP phase II housing program strategy.

Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Craig mentioned we still have approximately \$100,000 remaining in NRP funds which we will need to consider at a near future date. There may be requests \$20,000 for seed money for art installation under I94 for the corridor linking the Basilica and Dun-Woody. Also, some improvements around Spring Lake may be considered.

Next meeting is May 8, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

...Trump should have 2 yrs added to his 1st term as pay back for time stolen by this corrupt failing coup.

—Jerry Falwell Jr. tweeted 5/4/19
(re-tweeted by president 5/6.19)

I generally ignore the words of the scion of narcissism and nepotism, particularly when they reflect a not so subtle racism and smug superiority wrapped in biblical homilies and the American flag. Rather than slave reparations, or the return of art looted during World War II, Falwell the Younger sees another injustice and wants to rectify it by extending the president's term. Because of the fake/lying media, the pesky rule of law and spurious witch hunts, the president has been unable to devote his attention to "The Dreamers" (he loves 'em), infrastructure (we need it), the environment (strip mine the Boundary Waters), healthcare (who knew it was this complicated), and education (let's get prayer back in public schools).

Falwell is most likely just being wistful and sycophantic. He must know that the Constitution, as battered and toothless as it is becoming, would not allow the president "extra time" to continue bringing us to the brink of war, caging innocent children, selling off our natural resources, deepening divides between Americans, straining the patience of our allies, and embarrassing us on the world stage.

In the great film *Lost in America* an enraged advertising executive (played by Albert Brooks) bursts into his boss' office when he doesn't get the promotion he feels he deserves. Screaming, threatening, hectoring and cajoling as only Brooks can, he demands back the time he has spent with the agency. An injustice has occurred and he wants what is right. He wants his years back!

I would like the last three years of my life back. The liver spots and ear hair would have happened anyway, but I didn't used to dread the news and feel ill when I went online or opened a newspaper. I am sure there were good days in the 1930s when Babe Ruth hit a couple of 'dingers', but there was a pall. During the Great Depression if you weren't out of work, your neighbor or your brother-in-law was.

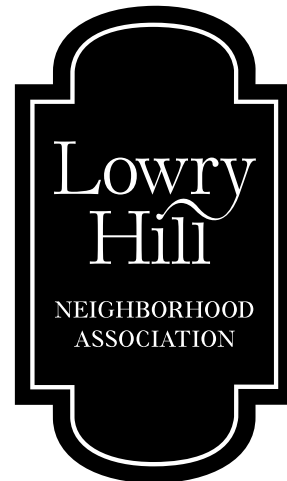
Today there is a spiritual bankruptcy, unending dark-nights of the soul. I am housed, fed, clothed, insured and grateful. I also feel appalled, complicit, and disgusted by the lack of moral and political leadership. I used to enjoy kibitzing with friends about politics and current events. Now eye contact is avoided. Normal rules and convention do not apply. There is gallows humor (I hear he wants to hijack the Fourth of July). We play the game "Two years ago did you think it would be better/worse or about like this?"

The old saw about this being a test of our democracy, and a warning that we must not take our freedoms for granted, and this struggle will provide a catharsis and bring us together as a country is tripe! This is not some civics lesson for the dwindling middle class. There are scores of migrant children separated from their families with no incentive or systematic way to reunite them. These babies are growing up without an attachment to a significant adult. We know how crucial bonding is in the first three years of life. With a twist of self-fulfilling prophesy, our governmental abuse and neglect may render some refuges more likely to become the marauders the president claims they are. Pollyanna and Mr. Smith have left the building. There are no profiles in courage; the adults have feet of clay.

I feel like I am in seat 57-F on a very long flight. We must be on automatic pilot because the captain is running up and down the aisle with his underwear on his head screaming that this is the greatest flight in the history of aviation and if he had been at Kitty Hawk he could have easily flown further than the Wright brothers! We are in the grips of an autocratic madman who lives to enrich himself and his very small circle of family and friends. We are Argentina without the tango.

Tom H. Cook is an angry old man who delights in kids playing on his lawn, but is bothered that Tyler McGaughey, an attorney for the president, is married to Attorney General William Barr's youngest daughter.

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association would like to thank all residents who came to the 2019 Annual Meeting. We had a great evening and appreciate your support.



Still want to donate? Send checks to LHNA P.O. Box 3798, Minneapolis, MN 55403 or donate online at lowryhillneighborhood.org.

Lake of the Isles History Tour June 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Learn about the history of the homes and residents. Donations support Alliance Housing. Visit the LHNA website for details and sign up info.



Save the Date: July 16, 2019 Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social!

Join us July 16th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for free ice cream and root beer floats. Thomas Lowry Park, 900 Douglas Ave S.

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.

Kenwood Community School will celebrate its recently designated Cedar Lake School Forest, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, on Friday, May 24. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will walk to the forest throughout the day to participate in brief ceremonies, followed by grade level activities that honor the wildlife and vegetation in the forest. The official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place at 10:15 near the water pump inside the park.

The Kenwood PTA Green Team and the entire Kenwood Community School would like to thank the many people and organizations who have made this day possible, and the many community members who gave of their time, and most especially to Kenwood alumni family and community mentors, the Erdrich/Patel family. Kenwood proudly becomes the fifth Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Minneapolis Public School partnership site.

EAST CEDAR LAKE BEACH SUMMER HAPPENINGS

YOGA THURSDAYS
Join us every Thursday starting June 13th 7pm for Sunset Yoga with Melissa!

FAMILY BEACH OPENER, BBQ AND DRUM JAM
Saturday, June 8th 3:00-5:30pm
Celebrate the start of summer at East Cedar Beach and bring your family for a fun afternoon of drum circles with Brother Ghana, a summer-themed Creation Station from Artrageous Adventures, and grilled hot dogs sponsored by the Park Board Patrol.

FAMILY PIRATES & MERMAID FEST
Saturday, July 13th 3:00 - 5:30pm
Ahoy, Mates! You won't want to miss this fun afternoon of pirate and mermaid themed activities, including pirate tales, parrot puppets, a visit from the Cedar Lake mermaid, and snacks of Pirates' Booty and Mermaid Lemonade.

FAMILY SUMMER LUAU
Saturday, August 17th 3:00 - 5:30pm
Come out and celebrate the end of summer with family and neighbors at a luau style beach party, complete with a limbo stick, luau-themed arts and crafts, poi dancing, and tiki photos.

HIDDEN ACOUSTICS SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
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Sunday, May 26, 3:00-4:15PM - Foreshore Quartet (Jazz)
Sunday, June 23, 3:00-4:15PM - Gypsy Mania Hot Club Quartet (Jazz)
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