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## Tree planting event at Hidden Beach on May 12th

Organized by Dr. Angela Erdrich and Melinda Platt, SWHS student and KNO member

The Kenwood Neighborhood Organization and the Cedar Lake Park Association teamed up on May 12th to replenish the forest ecosystem in Cedar Lake Park. Community volunteers including Southwest High School students planted 100 native trees (birch, cedar and juneberry). On May 19 they will plant native ferns and remove buckthorn.

Ojibwe elder and honored guest, Richard Crow Wright, grounded the group with an opening blessing. Mr. Wright is planting trees to honor his mother who planted a cedar forest on Onigum Island on the Leech Lake reservation.

Mr. Wright is spreading the word about the importance of planting native plants, trees and shrubs because insect larvae/caterpillars are specialized to eat only native species and humans are dependent on insects for survival.

The trees were obtained from the Kenwood Elementary Green Team through tree-planting events.org and planted in the Kenwood Elementary School DNR forest. Baltimore orioles were singing happily in the tree canopy and watched over the volunteers as they worked.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

**Native Tree Planting in Cedar Lake Park. An opportunity to replenish a native forest ecosystem.**

**Honored Guest: Richard Wright, Leech Lake Ojibwe elder will plant in honor of his mother who planted a forest on Onigum Island. Enjoy Richard's story. Go Native for the Insects!**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZnpYwVtM5Q>



Richard Crow Wright states about upcoming planting on Wednesday 5/19

“I will use asema and ask Creator for a blessing on our group, our challenges of life, our accomplishments, it will be a good day.

## Trees 🌲 By: Alex Rennie, Magnolia Thompson and Hank Harp We are fifth graders at Kenwood Community School.

### Tree-Plenish

Tree-Plenish (<https://www.tree-plenish.org/>) is a national organization that was first created by high schoolers in Massachusetts who saw how much paper their school was using. They wanted to help their school be more sustainable and balance out the resources they were using. Tree - plenish does that through student - led events where they plant trees. It was introduced to Kenwood by a Kenwood parent and Kenwood Green Team co-chair Margerie Hegstrom. In 2018-2019 our school used 258,700 individual pieces of paper. Each tree is about 10,000 sheets. We set a goal to plant fifty trees around our community to try to balance out the school's paper usage.

### Why paper usage is important

Trees are being cut down every day, and one of the main reasons for it is paper. Online estimates range from ten to twenty five percent of global deforestation is to manufacture paper and paper products. We need to plant trees and be more sustainable to balance out all of those trees being cut down. Being more sustainable with paper and planting a tree can make a big impact on the world. Trees also absorb carbon to grow and that makes them helpful with the climate change crisis.

### Why should kids care about the environment?

The reason why kids should care about paper usage and the environment in general is because this is the world we will grow up in and live in our whole lives. This is also the world that our kids and their kids and their kids will grow up in. Kids are going to be the ones who make the changes to the world, we're the ones who are going to find a solution to this climate change crisis.

### Why are WE doing it

We really liked the idea when we heard about it, and it was shocking to hear how much paper our school used in just one year! Tree plenish sounded like a great idea. it also doesn't really have a down side. It's helping the earth. It's doing good for the community. It's just fun to plant and watch trees grow.

### About the event

Neighborhood families signed up to have fifty four trees planted in their yards. The Kenwood Neighborhood Organization donated \$500, enough to purchase one hundred trees. Kenwood 5th graders and their families planted the trees. Eighty eight additional trees were procured to replenish a native forest ecosystem in Cedar Lake Park. Kenwood Neighborhood Association, Southwest High School Honor Society and the Cedar Lake Park association have organized this event. Honored guest Richard Wright, Leech Lake Ojibwe elder, will plant a tree in honor of his mother who planted a forest on Onigum Island. Dr. Angee Erdrich purchased an additional twenty trees for a native planting project.

**Planting the trees was easy.** We tripled our planting goal! We hope we do this Tree-Plenish event again. See more about Hidden Beach Tree Planting on page

This issue features many photos from the Hidden Beach tree planting. See more on pages 4, 5, 7, and 12. Also, Neighbor page 3; Urban Coyote page 5; Neighborhoods page 8-10



## Lunch with Lisa

### Lunch with Lisa: May 26, 2021

Please join us for our virtual Lunch with Lisa

This month our special guest is Mary Altman, our City guru on all things Public Art. Mary will share on public art in Ward 7 including a sneak peak of the public art in the new city service building along with information on the current status and future of the mural art associated with George Floyd.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (12:00 – 1:00)

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

For those that experience problems connecting through Teams, we are providing some basic instructions below!

If you would like to call into the meeting, the phone number is 612-276-6670 and the code to connect to our meeting is 779778531#

Hearing that people have had issues joining Lunch with Lisa, we are sharing the following instructions to help get everyone connected and into the meeting.

When you open the link you are asked if you want to download the Teams App or to "continue on this browser". Click "Continue on This Browser". You will then be asked to allow the computer to access your camera and microphone. Click "Allow" and you will be connected to the meeting.

If you are using a mobile phone to participate, you need to download the Teams App from the mobile app store.

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

judy.sherin@minneapolisismn.gov  
or call at 612-673-2207

### CIDNA Garage Sale Weekend

Friday, June 4th & Saturday, June 5th 9am - 5pm

Come join us June 4th and 5th for the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood wide garage sale!

Friday, June 4th from 9:00am to 5:00pm Saturday, June 5th from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Register using below link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WV9FPN3>

Registration gets your address on the master list and map!

(Participants can pick up paper copies of the map, and a limited number of garage sale signs to put in your yard! Pick up from Kristin's front porch – address will be emailed to all participants

The sale will be advertised on Facebook, Craigslist, NextDoor, and throughout the community.

Registration ends Monday 5/24! QR code will be posted for mobile access to lists as well!

Contact: Kris.r.dolphin@gmail.com for questions!

If you plan to participate you are also welcome to join us at ARTrageous Adventures on Thursday, May 27th from 6:30-8:30pm to decorate a garage sale sign to market these sales in the neighborhood. Please RSVP by emailing Kris.r.dolphin@gmail.com

## Neighborhood Meetings

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

### Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles

#### Outreach Collection Saturday

22 May 2021 – 10:00am-4:00pm

future dates: Jun 26, Jul 24, Aug 28, Sep 25

Thank you so much for thinking of your neighbors -locally and throughout the world- during this time of need! We will be checking all donations at the curb (we just don't have the staff to distribute or dispose of unrequested items to even more locations), so please check carefully before you donate to save time as you drop off.

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

**Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church Food Shelves** no used, opened, or expired items, please! • cereal • peanut butter • granola bars • rice • dried and canned beans • canned meats • tortillas (flour or corn) • salsa • sugar • tapioca • spaghetti or pasta • marinara sauce

### Youth Link and Saint Stephen's Outreach • 1-2

person tents • adult sleeping bags • tarps • backpacks • ponchos/rain jackets • adult shoes • full/queen "bed-in-a-bag" • towels, sheet sets (labeled with size) • diapers/pull-ups (newborn to adult) • bus passes/tokens • gift cards for fast food, gas (\$5-10 preferred) • cell phones, calling cards • packs of bottled water • new travel-sized toiletries • new household supplies, cleaning products • new packs of plain t-shirts, socks, and underwear

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### Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrick, Editor

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

We are grateful for your contributions, your ads, your many kind and supportive emails, and your phone calls. We are living in stressful times. And please keep your articles, photos, and advertisements coming. Thank you.

And thank you Fran and Barb Davis for your continuing support of Hill and Lake Press through your beautiful advertising and your contributions.

We need Lisa Goodman to continue her leadership for the Seventh Ward and the City of Minneapolis. We support Lisa Goodman.

Dear Editor: There are good cops, and there are cops that are lesser so. Frank Serpico found this out the hard way in New York. Does the MPD have an office of internal affairs? If so, why did they take so long to do their job regarding Derek Chauvin? Umpteen complaints were on Mr. Chauvin's file before he kneeled on George Floyd. The MPD failed Derek Chauvin long before Mr. Chauvin failed the MPD.

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### DFL

As I'm sure you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused food insecurity to increase sharply. That's why the DFL Party is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to give away boxes of fresh produce, meat, and milk to folks in need as part of their Farmers to Families program.

DFL staff and volunteers will give away 40,000 lbs of food to Minnesotans this Sunday, 5/23 in the parking lot at DFL Party HQ - 255 Plato Blvd in St. Paul! We'll get started at noon and distribute as long as supplies last.

If you're struggling during this pandemic and would benefit from some nutritious food, please come by on Sunday. If not, please forward this email and help spread the word!

After 40 years of being a Barber at Kenwood Barbers, Steve is retiring. His last day of work was last week. Steve has been more than a Barber over the years and has also developed a sense of community and friendship for all who entered the Barber shop. Everyone loved and respected him and loved to share jokes, stories, joys and sorrows. He will be missed by his many friends and customers.



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### Meet Your Neighbor Zach Schultz

Craig Wilson interviews Zach Schultz, the manager of Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman's campaign, about growing up in Madison, a life in politics and the demystifying of the virtual DFL endorsement process this spring.

**What was it like growing up in Madison, Wisconsin?** I loved my time in Madison, an old adage about Madison is that it has the atmosphere of a big city and a small town all at the same time. It also gave me the opportunity to be exposed to the political scene at a young age. Living in a capital city gives a great amount of political exposure, and Madison had everything from a great university to a very active political life.

My interest in politics started at a younger age. It all started with my grandfather, who was a social worker in Madison. He taught me at a very young age the value of public service and how important it is to have a role in your community. I began paying closer attention to politics during the 2008 election when President Obama was elected. After that, I became much more active in politics and advocacy. The first time I really became intimately involved was 2011 during the Act 10 labor protests in Madison. Governor Scott Walker aimed to take away collective bargaining rights from important public sector workers like teachers. I helped to organize my high school's walkout in protest of taking these rights away.

**What are some campaigns you've worked on in the past?** My first campaign that I worked on was as a volunteer in 2016. I volunteered with Russ Feingold and did some GOTV for the Clinton campaign as well. I also worked in DC to create economic policy content for some high-profile Democratic races in 2018. My first campaign job was managing Bonnie Westlin's 2020 run against Sen. Warren Limmer in Maple Grove.

**What brought you to Minneapolis?** I lived and worked in DC for about 3 years and decided along with my partner that we wanted to move back to the Midwest. We decided on the cities because we would be close to

her parents and I would have a great deal of political opportunity. We have loved our time back and even though the pandemic has taken a year away from us, we are excited to explore Minneapolis as it opens up.

**So what's going on with the DFL endorsement process this year, it's pretty confusing?** I was fairly confused the first time it was explained to me as well, however, with time it has become much easier to understand and explain. The basic idea of this year's Caucus was to take a traditional caucus and convention process that would last 2-3 days and move it all online. The DFL endorsement process began April 1 where residents would use an online form to register for their precinct caucus. People had from April 1- 30 to register. Upon registering, people would receive a postcard to confirm their address. This basically ensured that a real person who lives at an address in their Ward and Precinct signed up. This entire first part served in place of the gathering process for a regular caucus where people would sort themselves into subcaucuses. Upon confirmation, the DFL sent out delegate ballots via email so that people could vote for delegates in their highest viable subcaucus. Essentially, supporters of each candidate vote for who should represent their group in the next stage. Once delegates are elected, from June 2nd through 8th these delegates will vote via an online ballot for who should receive the DFL endorsement. A candidate who secures 60% of delegate votes will be endorsed by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. If no candidate hits this 60% threshold, there will be no endorsement in that race.

**What's the difference between the ward and city conventions and when are they exactly?** The difference is only in the candidates who are running and who is able to vote for endorsement in each race. For example, in the Ward convention, people will be selecting only City Council Candidates for the DFL endorsement in their Ward. For the City Convention, people will be selecting candidates for Mayor, Park Board and Board of Estimate & Taxation to decide who wins the DFL endorsement in



each of those races. The Ward Conventions are taking place June 5-6 with the Ward 7 convention occurring on June 5 at 5pm. The City Convention will be taking place on June 12.

**How do people become delegates?** Unfortunately, if you did not register and confirm your registration for the Caucus, there is no longer an opportunity to become a delegate. To become a delegate, you needed to indicate that you wanted to run as a delegate on the registration form, confirmed your registration, and then, during the delegate election period, be elected by the subcaucus, or group of candidate supporters, that you have indicated support for.

**How will the conventions be run? On a Zoom call?** Both conventions are being advertised by the Minneapolis DFL as "online infotainment sessions" where each Ward will be given an hour on June 5 or June 6 to have this infotainment session. These sessions will be Zoom events that are broadcast on Facebook Live and Youtube. They will consist of 5-minute speeches from each candidate and a forum where questions sub-

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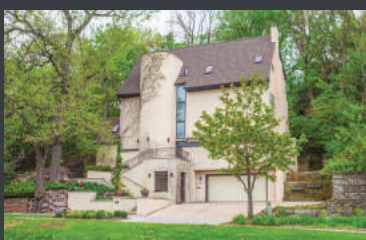
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**Our Lakes are in trouble.** As a longtime Lake of the Isles resident, I am very troubled by the lake's current poor water quality. Milfoil, algae blooms, and pond scum are spouting up everywhere, including several "Dead Sea" zones in the middle off the lake. (Lake Harriet has similar issues.) These problems have been growing in recent years, but we've never seen so many weeds so early in the year: the situation this May resembles a typical August. Boating, kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding are all threatened, not to mention swimming. Global warming/mild spring, low water levels, and phosphorous runoff from fertilized lawns are likely to blame.

Minneapolis Park & Rec Board is currently developing a multi-year plan for this area. It rightly prioritizes equitable access and sustainability. Here's hoping that the MPRB (along with DNR) also focus on WATER QUALITY, else Lake of Isles will soon revert to its original marsh/swamp state.

**Mark Greene**

**ARTrageous Teen Park Grant Workshops & Show Thursday, June 4th 6pm @ East Cedar Lake Beach**

ARTrageous Adventures applied for a Community Collaborators grant from the MPRB to engage resident youth ages 10-17 in what they see the vision of the parks to be years from now. Amanda Vallone with the help of High School students, Melinda Platt, Mary Polydoro and Zoe and Azalea Fustgaard are assisting in this effort. "I felt it was important to open the discussion to the next generations of park users. These kids are already enjoying these parks and lakes and just may have some good insight and perspective of what they think parks should look like in the future." said Amanda Vallone owner of ARTrageous Adventures in the Kenwood neighborhood and a CIDNA resident and board member.

The idea was to engage a group of volunteers ranging from 10 to 17 years old in a series of four workshops each focusing on the arts. In each workshop a different guest artist led the group from observational drawing to theater improv and creative writing and painting. The focus of each workshop being the vision of Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles which is going through a master planning process through the MPRB.

**Joan and Walter Mondale taken outside St. Paul's Church after they voted in 2002.**



**Dorothy Childers, from HLP Archives**

Wonderful citizens Walter and Joan Mondale lived for many years in our neighborhood. We are fortunate to have known them and applaud Walter for his hard work on behalf of our country. We miss him.

Funeral services for Walter Mondale, the former vice president from small-town Minnesota, are planned for September of this year, according to his family. The family said there will be two public memorial services: one in Minnesota, and the other in Washington D.C. More dates and details will be shared in the coming months.



**Amanda Vallone and Melinda Platt painting in the woods.**

**SWLRT**

- Private development work is occurring next to Southwest LRT construction along Abbott and Chowen Avenues. The private developer is piling in the area, which will be ongoing this summer. They are also conducting utility work along Abbott and Chowen Avenues adjacent to the rail corridor. By the end of May, the developer will be closing this section of road to traffic. The closure will then transition into Southwest work.
- Sheeting installation for the West Lake Street Station using a vibratory hammer is ongoing and expected to last until the week of May 17. Excavation activities to follow.
- Excavation activities continue for the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel, progressing in the direction of Cedar Lake Parkway. Continue to expect construction equipment hauling materials through the corridor. As part of this work,

divers continue to inspect the excavation below the water line during the extended hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on weekdays. The next tremie pour is anticipated to occur near the end of May.

- Construction of the LRT bridge at the Cedar Lake Channel continues with concrete and deck work throughout the summer.
- Pile driving continues near Van White Boulevard for the new Luce Line Trail bridge. The old bridge that connects the Luce Line Regional Trail between Bryn Mawr Meadows Park and the Cedar Lake Regional Trail is scheduled to be demolished in June. More details to follow.
- Construction activities to advance the LRT bridge at Glenwood Avenue continues. High-vibration sheeting installation and pile-driving will be ongoing in this area for most of the summer. Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and North 12th Street remains closed. See detour map here.
- Saturday work is expected in the freight rail corridor between Glenwood and Highway 94.
- Along Border Avenue and Holden Street, expect traffic lane and parking impacts as multiple utility companies perform relocation work.

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THE URBAN COYOTE

REDEEMING MINNESOTA'S SOUL: SINCLAIR LEWIS AT THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By James P. Lenfestey

Minnesota swings well above its weight in nearly all categories of civilization that matter, certainly in readers and writers. Marlon James is our latest Top Dog, winner of the Man Booker Prize, Louise Erdrich most recently added the Aspen Book Award to her collection, and St. Paul expat Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* is regularly named the greatest novel of the last century. So I was surprised to learn when visiting the new Sinclair Lewis exhibit at the Minnesota Historical Society in St Paul that he was not only the Biggest Literary Deal of his day, but that he could rate that accolade today. Name another writer, then or now, pictured twice on the cover of *Time* magazine, a three-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, the first American to do so, who received his award in the company of Albert Einstein. Yes, that Albert Einstein, whose reputation has not been eclipsed as Lewis' has been. Until now.

I had always thought Sinclair Lewis hated Minnesota, his small-minded birthplace. That after satirizing stuffed shirt small-mindedness in his iconic "Main Street" and "Babbitt," he decamped like "Main Street's" heroine Carol Kennicott to the Big City and never returned.

Wrong! Though his hometown of Sauk Center bristled at its portrait as "Gopher Prairie," he returned often and loved his time there, and during his successful career and two marriages lived in Mankato, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Minnetonka and vacationed on the North shore and camped in the north woods.

According to exhibit curator Patrick Coleman, "More than half of his novels take place in the Midwest or some fictional Minnesota town, and this is where he ran to, where he felt like he was at home." And where he chose as his final resting place.

Along the way Lewis was a novel-writing machine, typing so hard and long he taped his fingers, twenty-five novels plus countless articles and short stories, several plays and numerous film adaptations, his works translated into dozens of languages, as the exhibit reveals with an enormous wall of his books. "Main Street" was a publishing phenomenon in the 1920s. Although banned by the small minds of rural Alexandria, it sold over two million copies worldwide,

a pioneering feminist work that clearly touched a global cord. A professed feminist, Lewis' later novels anticipated and satirized what could be today's headlines, presciently taking on racism, a pandemic, and Fascism in "It Can't Happen Here." After D.... T....'s calamitous election, it surged to the top of Amazon's best seller list. And on January 6th, it nearly did happen here!

Most of what else I knew of Lewis aside from "Main Street" and "Babbitt" was from the film "Elmer Gantry" based on his novel of the same name, with Burt Lancaster in the lead as the corrupt evangelical preacher. Think of Jimmy Baker, Jim Jones, Jerry Falwell and others in today's own large cast of corrupt "religious" mountebanks.

The great surprise of reading "Main Street" was what a feminist story it is. Carol Kennecott works to bring culture and liberalizing ideas to Gopher Prairie, and meets a wall of self-satisfied distrust, so she decamped to St Paul to liberate her life, not dissimilar to today's rural-urban divide, our cities filled with rural refugees seeking the oxygen of creativity and free thought. The novel is a feminist proclamation against blinkered minds. And who wouldn't leave a town like today's tiny Alta, Wisconsin, which I drove through last week, the church marquee proclaiming, "The Devil doesn't care what good works you do!" Or Karlstad, Minnesota in rural Kittson County, population 794, whose church proclaimed this unnerving certainty, "The Bible said it. I believe it. That's final!"

As the COVID-19 pandemic finally releases its ghoulish grip on the neighborhood, schools, city, state and nation, readers should liberate themselves by ven-

turing to St. Paul's Minnesota History Center to take in the astonishing breadth of this writer's career on the right side of history. While there, visit the exhibit in the gallery next door, portraying real, not fictional, women who, like Carol Kennicott, helped make Minnesota the mecca of civil society it still is, despite ongoing urban imperfections.

**POSTSCRIPT:** The first Page One Award for excellence in journalism I ever received while working at the Star Tribune editorial board was for a very small issue that I thought was consequential. The state highway Department planned to widen state highway 21 through the heart of Sauk Center, Lewis' birthplace and the fictional Gopher Prairie of "Main Street," to accommodate the flood of grain and livestock trucks heading to market from the region's booming turkey-processing economy. We argued that progress generally should not be impeded, but in this particular collision between history and efficiency, the most famous and historic of all Main Streets should be saved.

Here is the backstory of that editorial, a scoop for the Hill and Lake Press! How did I know anything at all about the real Main Street in Sauk Center? Because I had joined a book club that specialized in novels, and one of the members Rob Rulon-Miller recommended that we read "Main Street" and drive up to Lewis' hometown to discuss it. So we did, which is why I knew not only this Lewis masterpiece but also its actual Main Street location and had discussed the city's traffic dilemma with concerned citizens. So in reality my book group saved the iconic Main Street. Or tried.

Neighbor from page 3

mitted by delegates are asked to each candidate. The City Convention will essentially be the same thing but will take place a week later and have candidates for citywide office including Mayor, Park Board and Board of Estimate & Taxation.

Are you interested in running for office at some point?

Haha! I would never say never, but I have no plans at this point to seek office. Right now, I am more focused on ensuring that our wonderful, hard-working, and extremely committed City Council Member, Lisa Goodman, is re-elected.

Tree-Plenish program



Marjorie Hegstrom (left), Kenwood parent and green Team co-chair, who brought the Tree-Plenish program to Kenwood Community School. Her assistants, Leah Harp, Kenwood/Anwatin mom and Future North High School Polar mom, and Hank, fifth grader, are ready to distribute trees to families for planting.

Photo by Dorothy Childers



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### DIY Earth Day Cleanup at Lake of the Isles



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Earth Day Cleanup was different this year. Residents were encouraged to participate anytime in April by volunteering to help pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and watersheds. "Choose your day, time, and location and head out and do it!" Long-time East Isles residents Jim and Sally Novotny helped clean the shore of East Lake of the Isles on a cool Saturday morning in April.



Neighbors joined to clean up Dean Green and build community. If you're interested in joining us, look for posts on Next Door or email [pschmitz2806@gmail.com](mailto:pschmitz2806@gmail.com)

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## Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

By Rosanne Halloran

### Annual Members Meeting Minutes, May 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Online via Zoom

Board members present: Chair Mary Pattock, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Dean Kephart, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone and CIDNA Coordinator Michael Jon Olson.

Absent: Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Treasurer Kevin Johnson

Invited guests: Lisa Goodman / Minneapolis City Council Member - Ward 7,

Marion Greene / Hennepin County Commissioner - District 3, and CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson. About 25 community members were also present.

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

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The board approved the meeting agenda and the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Mary welcomed attendees and invited them to consider running for board membership later in the meeting.

She welcomed CIDNA's new coordinator, Michael Jon Olson, who comes to CIDNA with extensive neighborhood organization experience and management skills. He reviewed the Zoom meeting protocols with attendees.

#### Financial Report / Robert Thompson, CIDNA Accountant

Robert said CIDNA is financially healthy. In addition to ongoing City funding, we have access to \$18,000 previously contracted but unspent, which must be spent by the end of December. Our loan to Propel for affordable housing was paid back; those \$134K Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) dollars can be used again for housing or other projects allowable under NRP legislation.

#### Annual Report / Mary Pattock, Chair

CIDNA made substantial progress in community engagement this year, due in part to Communication Committee activities, including the "Take a Look at CIDNA" Facebook project, and the neighborhood survey, which has nearly 200 responses so far. The Committee plans to redesign the CIDNA website. In addition, CIDNA used grant money to increase participation in the U.S. Census, especially among renters and seniors, which in turn gave the organization greater access to residents of multiple dwellings, a long-time CIDNA goal.

Our financial outlook has stabilized, at least for three years, because the City Council decided not to defund stable neighborhoods, but to continue funding all neighborhood organizations at a subsistence level and provide additional funding to stressed neighborhoods.

The Environmental Preservation Committee continued to advocate for natural park assets and resist overdevelopment, in line with expressed neighborhood preferences. It continued CIDNA's Park Siding Park stewardship commitment and entered a new stewardship program for Cedar South Beach.

The Land Use Committee monitored building variation requests. In the context of changes resulting from the Minneapolis 2040 Plan, it supported measures to preserve the urban tree canopy, support affordable housing, solar energy, and creation of a buffer between houses near Lake Street and nearby commercial area.

The Social Committee remained active with virtual events during the pandemic, including census-promotion, CIDNA mArt, and May baskets for Jones Harrison residents.

The Safety Committee focused on making the Lake Street area a "friendly neighborhood walk," despite construction.

Mary thanked and congratulated the board, committee chairs and community volunteers for their work throughout the year

The full report is posted at [www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org).

#### Report: CIDNA Survey Results / Communication Committee

Communication Committee member Ben Suker reported on the neighborhood survey results (posted at

[www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org)). The survey has so far received 192 responses — an excellent return — and will remain open for a while at [www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org).

Survey results will be used to determine CIDNA priorities and community activities.

Top priorities identified in the survey include nature preservation, city services, crime prevention, road and path design, neighborhood events, racial equity, and exercise opportunities. Nearly two-thirds of respondents said they would be willing to donate money to support CIDNA priority projects. They offered dozens of specific suggestions, from scheduling regular walking times and routes, to welcoming new neighbors, and using our small parks, triangles and green spaces for yoga and tai chi.

Social Committee Chair Amanda Vallone noted that the CIDNA neighborhood garage sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5. An attendee expressed safety issues for pedestrians crossing West Lake Street.

#### Report: Lisa Goodman / Minneapolis City Council Ward 7

Council member Goodman expressed warm wishes and sincere gratitude to Mary Pattock, who will leave the CIDNA chair role in June after three years of service.

Lunch with Lisa on May 26 features Mary Altman, Public Arts Administrator at City of Minneapolis, who will speak on Ward 7 public art, including art in the new city service building, and an update on the future of mural art associated with George Floyd.

People needing rental assistance may be eligible for Minnesota's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance. To apply, visit [renthelpmn.org](http://renthelpmn.org) or call 211.

Lisa outlined the five possible charter amendments that could be on the November ballot dealing with rent control, public safety and governance, urging folks to be aware that they are still in process and final language isn't yet adopted. The three public safety and governance proposals so far are:

The Minneapolis Charter Commission's proposal to clarify the mayor's powers as executive and the City Council's as legislative.

The Minneapolis City Council's proposal to eliminate the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) as a separate department and make it part of a new Department of Public Safety, under the authority of the Council. It would drop the requirement that the MPD have a minimum number of officers.

The Yes 4 Minneapolis proposal (originated by petition) to replace the MPD with a new Department of Public Safety. The police chief would report to the Commissioner of Public Safety, Mayor, and 13 Council members.

Regarding the BP station development, an attendee learned at last night's West Maka Ska Neighborhood Council meeting that the project will continue as an 80 unit, 8-story condo building. A planning meeting will be held in July. Since the project is outside Ward 7, Lisa suggested that inquiries go to Ward 13 Council Member Linea Palmisano or to 311. If necessary, Lisa's office staff will be happy to assist.

#### Report: Marion Greene / Hennepin County Commissioner - District 3

Commissioner Marion Greene said the goal for unsheltered homeless people is permanent housing rather than temporary shelter. It is being addressed in partnerships with various government entities. She said, "We are in good shape," compared to last year. The county is working with the advocacy group, Street Voices for Change. She said shelters are open 24 hours a day, and offer increased staff and outreach, more space, storage, 3 meals a day, case management, and development of culturally specific shelters. In the last year, 12,165 people left homelessness, including 217 of the most difficult-to-house. 140 fewer children are in shelters compared to one year ago. Encampments are popping up but not to last year's extent. The prediction is that, due to funding for the shelter system and housing, the homeless numbers will decrease. More units of

housing will be built. Nonprofit partners have helped enormously; she urged attendees to consider volunteering for one of them.

Climate action plan: Commissioner Greene said Hennepin County is seeking a Climate and Resiliency Director. Hennepin County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Climate Action Plan, which:

Embeds consideration of racial disparities and injustice

Aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050

Aims to reduce vehicle miles more aggressively than in the rest of the state in order to reach the overall state goal

Prioritizes pedestrian, transit and bike transportation; many county roads are problematic.

Regarding the pandemic, she said the county was supporting residents and small businesses and recommended that people contact her office if they have suggestions or need assistance.

Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT): Hennepin County provides the lion's share of the local match of federal SWLRT funding. The Metropolitan Council and Star Tribune recently reported that the project will be over budget. Mary Pattock said that last October the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board, which approves SWLRT change orders and of which Commissioner Greene is a member, expressed concern that there was only \$183 million left in the contingency fund. Since then, Metropolitan Council announced that it needed an additional \$93 million for the Bryn Mawr wall and additional funds for secant walls, soil remediation and costs related to the project being a year behind schedule. Mary asked if this would exhaust the contingency fund and if the county had written a blank check to Metropolitan Council for SWLRT. Marion said it had not and went on to say she is committed to LRT as part of a multi modal transportation system. Asked whether there is a point at which the county would determine that the project costs too much, Marion said she didn't know. She said some of big items showing up now weren't included in original budget because of other transportation projects. She doesn't know how much money is left in the contingency fund but will email Mary Pattock about it next week.

Attendees expressed frustration about home disruption caused by SWLRT construction. Marion said design changes are unlikely at this point. There was discussion about maintaining the safety and health of residents along the route in the presence of contaminated soils. In response to an attendee's comment that this massive project's destination is an inactive downtown area, Commissioner Greene reported that there will be no sideling of the project due to current lack of commercial and business activity in downtown Minneapolis, as causal conditions are likely to change after the pandemic and SWLRT completion.

#### 2021-2022 CIDNA Board Election

The CIDNA Members elected the CIDNA Board for the coming year. New members Laura Cederberg, Laura DeMarais and Mike Siebenaler, will join seven returning members: Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Dean Kephart, Mary Pattock, Claire Ruebeck, Tim Sheridan and Amanda Vallone. Per CIDNA bylaws, "All Directors serve for a term of one year beginning with the first board meeting after the annual meeting" (June 9, 2021).

#### Closing Comments, Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. The next CIDNA Board Meeting, via Zoom, is at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

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



## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Organization

### Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2021

#### Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Breitinger at 7:06 PM.

Board members present include Jennifer Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Toni D'Eramo, Chas Scheiderer, Fran Davis, Sue Westerman, George Montague, John Lillehei, Craig Wilson, Thomas Regnier, Janet Hallaway, Justin Baylor

Our discussion was limited to preparation for the board meeting so we had no guest presenters.

Four guest speakers have agreed to speak at the annual meeting: 1) County Commissioner Marion Greene, 2) Minneapolis City Council member Lisa Goodman, 3) Minneapolis Police Department Katie Blackwell, and 4) Elizabeth Shaffer representing Friends of Thomas Lowry Park.

In addition, we discussed the upcoming redesign of Hennepin Avenue through the Lowry Hill area. This will be the most impactful change in the area in decades so we will also invite Becca Hughes from the city planning staff

to speak at the annual meeting.

We have communicated we will have the annual meeting via zoom in the last few months, but we will make an extra effort to notify all residents through a mailed invitation in addition to an ad in the Hill and Lake Press and emails from Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association. Jennifer Breitinger is completing the letter and Justin Baylor will make printing and mailing arrangements. We are asking people to register via Event Brite. As of the meeting we had in excess of forty registrations. We expect to have many more.

Janet Hallaway has agreed to chair the nominating committee. Board members Thomas Regnier and Craig Wilson are running for an additional two year term. Lee Switzenberg will be transitioning off of the board. We thank Lee for his service as a chair of the crime and safety and zoning committees as well as many other contributions. There is space for one more board member, and we may have a nomination for the annual meeting.

We discussed voting procedures and decided that

board elections have always been uncontroversial. We will ask for a thumbs up vote on Zoom. If the results are not clear we will need to count votes.

Treasurer Toni D'Eramo gave a quick Treasurer's report. The new bookkeeper is transitioning the reports well. We will have a detailed treasurer's report for the year available for the annual meeting. Toni has been working on a list of possible projects for us to invest our resources in during the next year. She will send her brain-storming list out to the rest of us. We all need to be thinking about meaningful ways to use our limited resources.

The city has arranged for templates for us to use to complete the Neighborhood 2020 requirements and guidelines.

Sue Westerman will supply Toni with the crime and safety tips to be included in the Hill and Lake Press.

We agreed to have a rehearsal of the annual meeting on May 13. It is noted that May 13 is not a meeting and no business will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

## Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

### (KNO) Board May 3, 2021

#### Opening

The Annual Meeting of the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board was called to order at 6:32 pm on May 3, 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, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, and Melinda Platt.

Board Member not present: Kyle Leier

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies, KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Valone, Jim Barnett, Carissa Brown, Ron Lotz, Courtney Kiernat, Klaus Kohlmayr, Colette Storme

#### Approval of Minutes

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the April 5, 2021, meeting minutes. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the minutes, and Matt Spies seconded. Motion passed.

#### Updates from Council Member Lisa Goodman

Wednesday, May 26, 12-1pm: Lunch (via Zoom) with Lisa will feature Mary Altman, Public Arts Administrator

Street sweeping is happening now. Most of the side streets are completed, Kenwood Parkway, Lake of the Isles Parkway, and Franklin coming up.

All community members are invited to join the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention in a learning lab on transforming community safety at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 6. Interested community members can register here.

Twenty Farmer's Markets will be opening for the 2021 season, with COVID safety measures in place. An interactive map and details regarding individual Farmer's Markets can be found here.

Minneapolis Aquatennial is back this year. Details regarding the July 21-25 are here.

Under the city's emergency rent and utility assistance, owners and renters can apply for up to 16 months of assistance. Dial 211 for more information.

Updates from SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator David Davies

This will be a quiet month in Kenwood: There is a break in concrete pours, and high vibration activity should be limited going forward. Light work will continue at 21st St.

#### Updates from KNO Communications Coordinator Amanda Valone,

CIDNA has asked whether KNO wishes to partner on a neighborhood garage sale. Those interested in participating or leading the charge should contact Amanda.

We will do a July ad in the Hill and Lake Press advertising late summer events.

Last week, Kenwood Kids created May Day baskets for Jones-Harrison residents.

KNO will advertise in the Hill and Lake Press in July for late summer events. The next KNO Newsletter will come out mid-June.

May Day baskets created by Kenwood kids last week for Jones-Harrison

The ARTrageous Youth Park Planning engagement

series started last Thursday for kids age 10-17. Upcoming events start at ARTrageous Adventures:

Thursday, May 13, 6-7:30pm: Walk to East Cedar Lake Beach, and improv workshop with Hale & Anthony from Graceful Monsters

Saturday, May 15, 2:30-4:30pm: Burnham Woods Clean-up and Creative Writing / Painting Workshop

Thursday, May 20, 6-7:30pm: East Cedar Lake Beach Creative Movement Workshop

#### East Cedar Lake Beach updates from Will Stensrud

There was a successful beach clean-up last Saturday – thank you to the neighbors who helped out!

Will and his team of volunteers will continue morning clean-up at the beach beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Benches and Adirondack chairs will be returning to the beach this year, along with beach chairs for kids.

#### Upcoming events

Art Rocks: Paint kits went out to Kenwood students last week, installation will be on display near East Cedar Lake Beach from May 22-May 31.

Hidden Acoustics events will begin starting in June.

Yoga at the Beach will be Thursdays at 7pm at East Cedar Lake Beach, with a possible expansion to Friday afternoon.

More details to come regarding possible family events late summer.

Angie Erdrich reminded the board of plans to partner with Cedar Lake Park Association and Southwest High School students to plan trees, bushes, native flowers, and ferns at East Cedar Lake Beach on May 12 and May 19.

Kenwood Neighborhood Survey from KNO Board Chair Mark Brown

Summary Presentation to the Community

Response to date: 101 responses, 65 with comments

Key concerns identified by the survey:

Crime and Safety is the top concern

Park Maintenance and preserving natural resources

Light-rail Impact

Desire for community togetherness and unity

Continued work to determine priorities for the coming year

#### Election of 2021-2022 KNO Board Members

The community voted to fix the number of board members to 18 (Will made the motion, Jeremy second, and the membership voted in favor. The Board will have the discretion to fill vacant positions not filled at this meeting Slate for 2021-2022:

Mark Brown, Jeremy Nichols, Matt Spies, Evelyn

Turner, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud,

Melinda Platt, Kyle Leier, Jim Barnett, Courtney

Kiernat, Lana Baggentos

The Board will elect officers at next month's meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Chair Mark Brown. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 7, 2021, via GoTo Meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Carissa Brown

Approved by: The Executive Committee

## East Isles Residents Association

By Jenna Egan

### EIRA Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

#### MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Eirk Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, John Erlandson, Rod Lauture

Staff Present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park Board, District 4 Commissioner

Meg Forney, Minneapolis Park Board, at-large Commissioner

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, District 3

Frank Hornstein, Minnesota House of Representatives, District 61A

Mike Erlandson, NRP Committee Chair

Debbie Gold, Farmers Market Committee Co-Chair

Steve Havig, Farmers Market Committee Co-Chair

Ellen van Iwaarden, Green Team Committee Chair

Other East Isles Residents

Welcome

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Lunch with Lisa will resume on April 28 at 12 p.m. via Zoom. Special guests are Kelly Matter and Emily Bastian from Avivo. They will be sharing an inside peek into the innovative and newly created Avivo Village, an indoor community of 100 secure, private dwellings, or "tiny houses," created to provide shelter to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

South Hennepin reconstruction public comment period is ending Friday, April 17. Reconstruction to start in 2024 and utility work to start in 2023.

Franklin Ave to Kenwood School construction starts in Summer 2021.

The Metropolitan Council will begin the East Isles Sewer Improvement Project in 2021. New sewer and storm pipes will be installed on The Mall and Humboldt Ave. They will present at the next BET Committee meeting.

Spring sweeping starts Tuesday, April 20, 2021. No parking signs to be placed on Monday, April 19.

The Office of Violence Prevention is in the process of transforming community safety. Learn more about the Transforming Community Safety Engagement Process Phase I at <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/4864/Transforming%20Community%20Safety%20Engagement%20Process%20Presentation.pdf>. Sign up for their Learning Lab at <http://news.minneapolismn.gov/2021/04/30/sign-up-now-for-transforming-community-safety-learning-lab-may-6/>.

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The City has awarded roughly \$1 million to seven community organizations to provide positive outreach and support services during and after the trials of the former police officers involved in the murder of George Floyd. These community organizations will support two-way communication between the community and the City, provide informal de-escalation, mediation, and conflict resolution if needed, and share information about existing City and community resources. Contracts will run through December 31, 2021 and work can begin once the contracts are fully executed.

Nine City boards and commissions have openings for appointments this spring. The City seeks applicants with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences representing the demographics of Minneapolis to strengthen the work of the City. Translation and interpreting services are available so all residents can participate. City boards and commissions have brought forward recommendations that resulted in renter protections, wage protections and a ban on a hazardous chemical in dry cleaning. Board and commission members in the City of Minneapolis help shape key policy decisions, give community-based input into the City's administration of services and supply valuable insights. People can apply through the open position pages linked below and stay up to date on vacancies, position descriptions and timelines at [minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings](http://minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings). Applications are open now.

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

City has new gap funding to help renters, families, workers, and small business owners. More information at [minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/gap-funding](http://minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/gap-funding).

Frank Hornstein, Minnesota House of Representatives, District 61A

### Representative Hornstein gave the following announcements:

Senator Dibble was unable to attend tonight.

People of Color and Indigenous Caucus have police accountability measure bills at the Legislature that Representative Hornstein and Senator Dibble are supporting. The bills have been heard in the House, but not in the Senate.

Representative Hornstein is the Chair of the Transportation Committee in the House and Senator Dibble is the ranking member on the Transportation Committee in the Senate. The House transportation bill includes economic opportunity, racial and climate justice, funding for public transit, biking, roads, and bridges. An example of transportation that includes racial justice is ReConnect Rondo ([www.reconnectrondo.com](http://www.reconnectrondo.com)).

METRO E Line bus rapid transit coming to Hennepin Ave, replacing local bus route #6 as the primary transit service in the corridor.

Representative Hornstein is a member of the House Climate and Energy Committee. He has a few initiatives including working on the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (garbage burning facility in the North Loop).



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Representative Hornstein has an interest in human rights and is working with Representative Samantha Vang (District 40B - Brooklyn Center) on addressing hate crimes and underreporting.

Contact information: [rep.frank.hornstein@house.mn](mailto:rep.frank.hornstein@house.mn) or call at (651) 296-9281

### Marion Greene, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, District 3

Commissioner Greene's aide, Laura Hoffman, gave the following announcements as Commissioner Greene arrived late due to a family emergency:

Hennepin County has many mental health resources for residents (<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/health-medical/mental-health-substance-use>).

Chauvin trial is taking place at the Hennepin County Government Center, which is currently only functioning as a courthouse. All staff and offices are working other buildings and at home to make it easier and safer. Commissioner Greene's two biggest priorities right now are protecting freedom of speech and right to assembly for those gathering to mourn George Floyd and Daunte Wright.

As the service center has moved out of Hennepin County Government Center, find alternative locations at <https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/facilities/service-center-info>.

Housing assistance and assistance for those experiencing homelessness in response to COVID-19 include renting hotels for those experiencing homelessness, increased access to shelters, increasing access to rental assistance, and increasing funding for shelters. County is continuing to look for temporary housing solutions for those that do not need intensive services.

Contact information: [laura.hoffman@hennepin.us](mailto:laura.hoffman@hennepin.us), [marion.greene@hennepin.us](mailto:marion.greene@hennepin.us), or call the District 3 office at (612) 348-7883.

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### Jono Cowgill and Meg Forney, Minneapolis Park Board, District 4 and At-Large

Commissioners Cowgill and Forney gave the following announcements:

Park Board focus is investing in young people and youth programming. Serving underserved youth during COVID through enhanced programs in North Minneapolis and Phillips.

Cedar Isles Master Plan (planning process), learn more at [https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park\\_care\\_\\_improvements/park\\_projects/current\\_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/).

The Park Board has voted to close some of the parkways to vehicle traffic this spring, including portions of Lake Harriet and East River Parkways.

Reduced speed limit to 20 mph around parkways and parks.

Earth Day is coming up and a variety of DIY activities are planned. Clean-ups planned around the lakes including Bde Maka Ska and Lake of the Isles.

Regarding encampments, the resolution that was adopted last year has expired and is no longer active. Staff is currently putting together protocols if needs arise. Housing is not part of the Park Board's mission. Commissioner Forney was involved in the Lake Harriet encampment, was able to get the people at that encampment into resourced housing.

### President's Report

President Emma Erdahl gave the following announcements:

The Board of Directors received training from its attorney, Jess Birken, in 2020. Training included topics ranging from fiduciary responsibilities, conflicts of interest, and running efficient meetings.

Board member and Vice President Erik Anderson updated the EIRA website, moving it from Wordpress to Squarespace, creating a new look and design.

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Board of Directors has decided to undergo a strategic planning process this spring/summer due to new funding sources and requirements from the City. EIRA requested and reviewed proposals to hire a strategic planning consultant and selected INspiring SIGHT.

EIRA is looking for feedback from East Isles residents to help in the strategic planning process to participate in one of its focus groups. For more information visit <https://www.eastisles.org/neighborhood-news/your-input-requested-east-isles-strategic-planning-focus-group>.

Brand refresh is planned for the current EIRA logo and style.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom gave a presentation to provide members with a general overview of EIRA's finances.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Committee

NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson gave the following report:

The Committee held two meetings to review how to best leverage NRP funding for the neighborhood.

Erlandson and committee member Erik Anderson both testified before the Minneapolis Park Board regarding improvements for Levin Triangle Park, including the placement of a shade structure that has been supported by the NRP Committee. The Park Board has yet to advance this project despite strong neighborhood support and support from EIRA.

NRP funds, made available by the City, are designed to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods. Examples of past EIRA NRP projects include park benches, trees, repairs and refresh of the Isles Warming House, public safety cameras along Hennepin Ave (completed this past year), park clean-up, and support for local institutions such as the Grace Neighborhood Nursery School and the Bridge for Youth.

Neighbors interested in joining the committee can email [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org) or Chair Mike Erlandson at [mikeerlandson@gmail.com](mailto:mikeerlandson@gmail.com).

**Outreach and Nominations Committee**

Outreach and Nominations Committee member Becky Accettura gave the following report:

Held a series of 4 neighborhood listening sessions. Topics included public safety, housing and homelessness, and local businesses. There was 188 total registrations, 111 unique registrations, and 11 guest speakers. Received generally positive feedback with some ideas for changes if the series continues.

Other projects included coordinating a fundraising mailing and organizing the 2021 Annual Meeting.

If neighbors have ideas for events or other ways to reach out to folks in the neighborhood, please join the committee. Contact [info@eastisles.org](mailto:info@eastisles.org) for more information.

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Built Environment and Transportation (BET) Committee

BET Committee Chair Andrew Degerstrom gave the following report:

The BET Committee has jurisdiction over all land use (new development, zoning applications, etc.) and transportation (street reconstruction, transit, bike/ped infrastructure, etc.) issues in the East Isles neighborhood.

Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Zoning items taken up over the past year:

2208 Irving Ave S - new two-family dwelling and associated land use applications

2841 Hennepin Ave S - new mixed-use development and associated land use applications

1647 W 26th St - application for Demolition of Historic Resource for single family dwelling

2833 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy - variance for construction of a new front porch for a two-family dwelling

Hennepin South Reconstruction Project - EIRA believes it can best serve its residents by partnering with the City on engagement and disseminating information and as such, does not plan to take a position during the engagement phase of the project. Comment period for this round of engagement ends Friday, April 16. Visit the project website to watch a video recording of the virtual open house, view the design options including a summary document, and provide input using the interactive map and/or filling out a survey. Project website: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/hennepin-ave-s/>. Project contact: [hennepin.south@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:hennepin.south@minneapolismn.gov).

Greenway to Hennepin Ave trail connection, adopted as part of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan plans for The Mall, planned for Summer 2021. Details include:

Replace sidewalk (Humboldt to Hennepin) with multi-use trail (pedestrian and bike)

Add drinking water fountain

Add map/directional signage

Improvements to the existing regional sanitary sewer system will be made along The Mall between E Bde Maka Ska Pkwy and Humboldt Ave; new sewer pipe will be

installed along Humboldt Ave between 27th St and The Mall. Construction to begin late summer/early fall of 2021, end in December 2022.

Farmers Market Committee

Farmers Market Committee Co-Chairs Debbie Gold and Steve Havig gave the following report:

Finished 3rd season in 2020.

Revenue in 2020 was \$24,265.

Budget for 2021 is approximately \$42,000.

The Farmers Market generates the most revenue of any EIRA sponsored event.

Revenue comes from 25% CPP and NRP funds, 35% vendor fees, and 35% from sponsorships.

Implementing market tokens in 2021 for those who do not have cash or want to use EBT.

Music will be back at the Market this year.

Looking for sponsorships for the 2021 season.

Green Team

Green Team Chair Ellen van Iwaarden gave the following report:

The EIRA Ice Cream Social in 2020 was streamlined with the Super Sale this year due to COVID.

The Super Sale had over 50 neighbors participate this year.

Adopt-a-Greenway Clean-Up had over 14 neighbors attend and pick-up trash.

Earth Day Clean-Up is scheduled for April 24 - <https://www.eastisles.org/events/earth-day-clean-up>.

Explanation of Recommended Changes to the Bylaws and Board Elections

Bylaws Amendment

Board member and Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented an amendment to EIRA's Bylaws, required for continued funding from the City of Minneapolis.

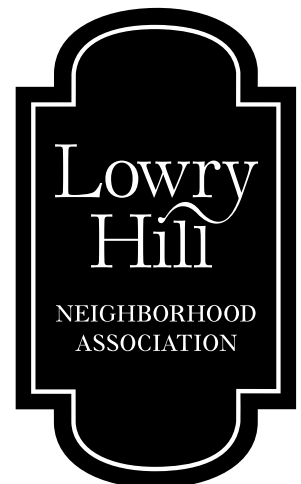
Board Elections

Voting via online ballot will remain open for 24 hours. Candidates for the Board were given 30 seconds each to introduce themselves.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

See <https://www.eastisles.org/> for additional EIRA news.

**The Lowry Hill  
Neighborhood Association**  
would like to thank all residents who  
attended the 2021 Annual Meeting.  
We appreciate your support!



Still want to donate? Send checks to LHNA P.O. Box 3798, Minneapolis, MN 55403 or donate online at [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org).

**Monthly LHNA Board Meeting**

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

All residents are welcome to join us. 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](mailto:lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org).

**Safety Tips — Keep Your Home Safe**

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

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

Sign up for the LHNA email news at [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org)

**Southside Spring**

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### Hidden Beach and Lake Cleanup



Photo by Dorothy Childers  
Guest at Hidden Beach



Patty Schmitz :  
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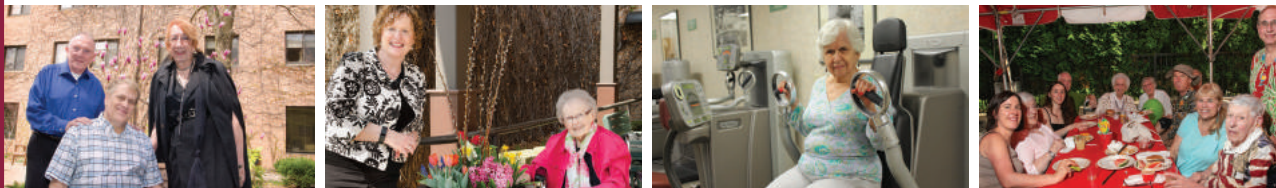
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