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Craig Wilson celebrates 50 years at his aunt's beach house on Oahu, Hawaii.

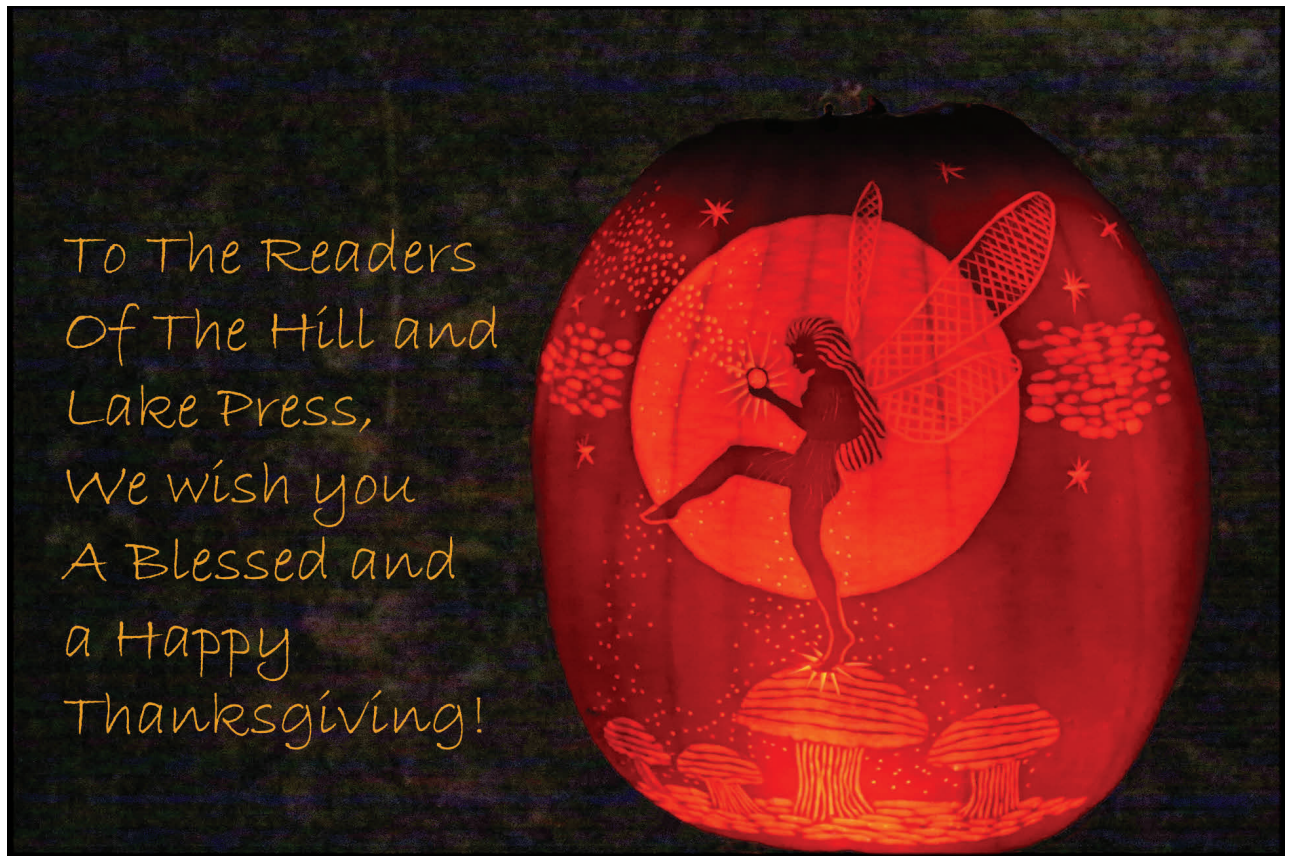
Happy Thanksgiving to all our advertisers, supporters, neighbors, and friends.

Contratulations to our friend Lisa Goodman who won reelection for her competent unceasing work for the Seventh Ward.

Also, congratulations to Elizabeth Shaffer and Meg Torney for their elections to the Park Board. In Meg's case it was a reelection. Elizabeth worked hard and we commend her for it.

We are so grateful for our many advertisers and supporters who keep our neighborhood paper alive and well. Thank you.

Jean Deatrck, Editor



Pumpkin Carvings by Greg Froehle

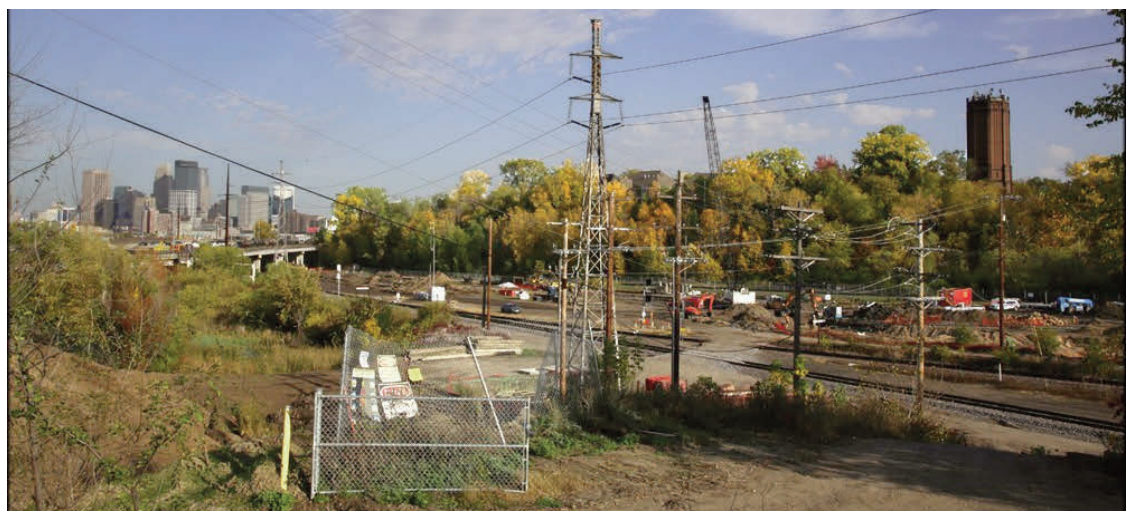


East Isles Halloween Parade

Photo by Dorothy Childers



Photo by Harvey Ettinger



Advancing progress on SWLRT

Photo by Dorothy Childers

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. We can again socialize, but please be careful and wear masks when indoors.



Loppet Foundation's Winter Festival Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Registration is now open for the Loppet Foundation's City of Lakes Loppet Winter Festival, to be held February 5-6, 2022. The multi-day winter festival has become a Minneapolis staple for celebrating the wonder, adventure, and fun of the winter season in Minnesota.

Most of the City of Lakes Loppet Winter Festival events will be centered in Theodore Wirth Regional Park on the border between North Minneapolis and Golden Valley. The weekend-long festival includes events and races for all ages, abilities and interests, including skiing, fat tire biking, skijoring, snowshoeing, the Luminary Loppet, Kubb tournaments and more.

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary

For more information, and to register for festival events, visit the Loppet Winter Festival website.



Jim Lenfestey Book Release at Kenwood Park

Photo by Dorothy Childers

by Laurie Savran

My friend Norton Stillman, owner of Nodin Press, invited me to a book launch of Jim Lenfestey's Season's of the Urban Coyote, a collection of essays and poems he wrote over a twenty-year period for the Hill and Lake Press. The outdoor event at Kenwood Park featured Lenfestey's poetry and prose and Sebastian Joe's ice cream, all of which were delicious. The weather that day was as glorious as it gets in October and even though a bit cold, the sun and collection of interesting people delighted everyone. Adding to that was an actual stuffed coyote that Lenfestey had acquired and was on display which gave Lenfestey an aura of a shaman.

About 50 friends and fans gathered and enthusiastically listened to Lenfestey muse about howlings on family, community, and the search for peace and justice. Lenfestey ended with an essay about forgetting, published in the Spring of 2021 and referring to the pandemic we have all experienced. He skillfully asked us all to forget the year 2020-21 and just at that moment I think we all did. It was a very Minneapolis-style event and community was indeed created that day. Signed copies of the book are available at Birchbark Books which sponsored the event.

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Meet Your Neighbor North High School Principal Mauri Friestleben

North Minneapolis. They'd both been inside and around Laney and they both acknowledged that even though their whiter children in whiter schools in whiter parts of Minneapolis enjoyed their school experiences - these Blacker children in this Blacker school in this Blacker part of the city seemed to be loving school, loving their teachers and loving their peers in a way that seemed worthy of storytelling. They started out doing bi-weekly stories on the news and by mid-year felt like they had a documentary on their hands.



I cried throughout "Love Them First." It was so moving. Where can people see it? They can stream it for free by visiting www.lovethefirst.com.

Yes. Amazon carries it and so does Youtube.

What motivated you to become a principal?

I originally went back to grad school to get my next degree in curriculum and instruction. Leadership kind of fell in my lap. I had advisors who felt like they saw something in me that others would follow.

Why did you move from elementary administration to high school administration when you left Lucy Laney to become the principal at North High School?

The short answer is God told me to. I was enjoying the fruit of hard labor at Laney; but I knew I was needed elsewhere. And I knew Laney was in good hands.

What are the most critical things for kids to flourish in school and out?

There is a confidence level that serves as a great foundation for children to succeed. It's an intangible. It resides within and propels a child to look around them and say "this is mine," "I was made for this," "I can do this," "I will succeed." This confidence and security is directly correlated with belonging and entitlement. Making sure a child feels deeply that they belong and that they are entitled to the world in front of them - are critical features to thriving.

How do you reach parents not comfortable coming to school for conferences, meetings for academic achievement for their children?

We go to them. No ifs, ands, or buts about it.

What supports are there for students who are not at grade level to successfully graduate?

This requires an intense amount of thinking outside of the box; but it can be done. The team of teachers has to be ready to rally around that student and approach their current state with humility. Many times earning credit needs to become the conversation over earning an "A." And then what we must do at that time is identify the critical academic standards needed to earn that credit and provide opportunities for that student to show mastery of those standards. Our job is to create, each quarter, more and more opportunities for those students (and their teachers) to structure that transition from grades to credit and from earning high GPAs for college applications to mastering standards to earn a diploma.

How are gifted and talented students supported?

My opinion isn't a popular one with parents who insist their children are gifted, but it is what it is: traditional gifted and talented diagnostics have been proven time and time again to be racially biased. I do not put much stock in them. As they serve to reinforce white superiority in America. But, there are plenty of reliable assess-

ments out there that will show how children excel in different ways.

All children will have areas that they excel in. Some children will swim better, some will do math better, some will sing better. The importance for us as the adults in their lives is to find where they excel and grow them in those areas.

At North, we have advanced opportunities for students who excel in Math, Dance, Science, Band, English/Language Arts, Visual Arts, Social Studies, Photography and Leadership.

Other than varsity sports—are there opportunities at North for students to play organized sports activities in the school like chess, debate, mock trial, theater, choir, band—having a sense of fun and belonging with friends?



*North High Polar track athletes and coaches
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Yes. Chess, Band, Robotics, Choir, Debate, Boxing, Dance, and Sewing are just a few.

How has the redistricting plan impacted North High School and North Minneapolis?

This school year was its first year of implementation and we have a number of students with Southside addresses. That hasn't happened in many years. There has been a history of North students who lived outside of North Minneapolis who chose to attend North - but this is the first year where North has students who lived outside North Minneapolis who did not choose, but rather were assigned, to North.

How is North High School working to increase enrollment among the newly zoned students?

When I arrived in August of 2019 there had been a significant decrease in 9th grade enrollment. So we hit the streets then. We focused on families in our 55411 zip code and solicited feedback around their desires. We heard a lot about high academic and social standards and worked hard to both address, and show we were addressing, their desires. We saw a huge increase in enrollment in August of 2020. That was prior to the CDD implementation.

Our goal is to continue those efforts. Regardless of the new zones. High academic and high social standards. We believe that by doing so, we will continue to trend upward.

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Neighbors

The year is almost over-
We are halfway through November,
I am sure we will find a way
To make it to Thanksgiving Day!

Our world has changed so much
With the COVID pandemic and such,
But I know the gratitude will stay
After the limitations fade away!

Now working in my fiftieth year
It's great to still be here;
Some younger members have joined my tribe
To be sure to perpetuate the business ride!

From what I know,
There are some ways to grow
Through the attitudes we sow
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The prestigious architectural firm of Hewitt & Brown hadn't included a clock in their 1925 drawings for the new Lowry Hill Congregational Church to be built on Lake of the Isles Parkway. They had, however, drawn a dramatic Gothic bell tower complete with gargoyles and angels. The old Congregational Church building atop Lowry Hill had been destroyed in a fire in 1922. Over the following 7 years, the church was designed and slowly erected on the northwestern edge of the Lake of the Isles and was dedicated in the spring of 1929. Unfortunately, when the Great Depression struck later that October, neither the congregation nor the Kenwood neighborhood had the financial resources to support the church or its significant mortgage. In the course of the next debt-ridden years, the

Meet your Neighbor from page 3

I went to high school in 1980s and was closeted and gay without any emotional support in school. How does North High School support broad diversity in the 2020s and protect kids from bullying?

It is my full belief that we treat each child like royalty. They are perfectly and wonderfully made. They are the center of who we are. Their success is our success. No less and no more. Creating an atmosphere where each student can A) wear their identity boldly and proudly and B) be loved unconditionally - are the tenets of who I am as the leader and who I shape my colleagues under and around me to be.

Additionally, creating the student leadership structure has been critical to our students' identities (elected representatives from each grade) along with our club structures where we've allowed and encouraged our students to start and sustain clubs (like Black Girls United and Genders & Sexualities Alliance).

What are opportunities for people in the Hill Lake community to get involved in North High School (giving to booster club pitch, tutoring, building extracurricular activities--how can our partnership support any of these things!!!)?

The Booster Club is a great one. If you have any North Alumni, getting involved in the Alumni Association. Donating to the new PTA.

Also, I have a vision of a Mentoring Program. Where North High students can have a mentor; either throughout their four years - or especially during their 11th and 12th grade years. This would be someone who might visit and eat lunch with them occasionally, keep up with their grades, help with college/post-HS decisions, etc. I have a staff member who's starting to figure out how to get this off the ground, but when he does - I'd love to have people ready to sign up.

The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association is hosting a Meet Your Principal Zoom call on Nov 22nd....

congregation dwindled in numbers and the building was left abandoned. Before its closure, the church had tried selling the remaining assets which included an expansive organ. In 1933, a Lutheran pastor named Dr. William Passavant Christy happened upon the boarded up building searching for the fabled organ. It had been removed, but even in its somewhat unoccupied, derelict form, Christy could see the potential of the church building and its wonderful location on Lake of the Isles. In 1936, the fledgling Lutheran congregation at the corner of 21st and Lake of the Isles Parkway was re-established as Lake of the Isles Church.

The Kenwood and Lake of the Isles neighborhoods have always been integral to the life of the church. In the 1940's when Dr. Christy returned to serve as the pastor of the church, he walked around Lake of the Isles and invited his neighbors to complete the interior of the church by donating stained-glass windows. The majority of the windows were given by neighbors who were not a part of the congregation. Their names can still be seen on the windows in the church to this day.

In the spring of 2021, when the vaccines against Covid-19 were becoming readily available, the Church Council at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church discussed how they would commemorate the hope for end of the pandemic. They decided first to have three new bronze bells forged at the Paccard Bell Factory in Annecy, France to ring out as a musical gift to the neighborhood. It was a recognition, that for many the church bells tolling the hour three times a day had been their only connection to an organized worship setting for the past 18 months. Then came a second thought, and a second gift. After discussing the possibility with a local architect who specialized in the historic integrity of renovation projects, the Church Council voted to add a clock to the bell tower itself. It was to be a gift of time to the walkers and passers-by around the lake. The Council insisted that if it was to be done, it had to be executed in the same style as the historic, Gothic tower and with little need for maintenance. Fortunately, the Paccard Bell Company had recently opened a clock division in South Carolina. So they were commissioned to create the clock.

On Sunday, October 31, a day known to Lutherans as Reformation Day, the present pastor at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, the Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug, bagpiper Michael Wieser, drummer Tom Madson, and trumpet players Derek Thorsteinsson and Ben Alle lead the congregation from the sanctuary to the church patio to dedicate the new clock and to hear the bells peal for their first time. The bells toll the hours regularly at 9:00, 12:00 and 6:00.

Please turn to page 9 to see related church photos of the bells and new clock.

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RENAMING CEDAR LAKE

By James P. Lenfestey

Been swimming all this luxurious fall in Cedar Lake with a few hardy pals, neighbor David Weiser plus recently retired pal Aussie Peter. We occasionally greet with delight the bobbing heads of neighbor Joccy Hale, wearing her glasses, accompanied by her sister Leslie's second bobbing head, plus a few others described below.

My only problem with this glorious fall exercise is the name "Cedar Lake," for which I have several complaints, and a plan.

The Park Board sensibly renamed Bde Maka Ska from Calhoun, restoring its early Dakota history, a fine success despite some public grumbling. And "Lake Harriet" has a flavor of mystery. "Harriet the Spy?" And Lake of the Isles, that drained swamp lovingly heaped with two islands by the pioneers of Minneapolis Parks, has music in its name, the long aaa of lake followed by the long iii and extended sibilance of sssss, excellent poetic diction.

But "Cedar Lake? It dies on the tongue, sans music, sans history, sans mystery, sans accuracy. Please, citizens, more poetry! More mystery! More history!

So the Urban Coyote is herewith initiating a contest to **RENAME CEDAR LAKE!** Suggestions should be addressed to The Urban Coyote at 1833 Girard Ave So, 55403 before Christmas. Judging will be by the critical ear and naturalist's eye and historical sensibility and cultural wisdom of the Urban Coyote himself, who delights in imagery and history and linguistics. Winner(s) will be forwarded to our fabulous new Park Board commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer for her first delightful headache. And if course to the CIDNA board. Prize(s) will be inscribed first editions of The Urban Coyote; Howlings on family, Community and the Search for Peace and Justice, published in October by Nodin Press. And a pint of Seb Joe's ice cream!

Potential winner(s) should keep in mind the following complaints.

Start with accuracy. A modest research trot revealed hardly ANY cedar trees in the lovely forest rimming the lake. Yes, there is a regimented planting of Red Cedar for a hundred yards or so along the path on the southwest end of the lake. But that's about it. Meanwhile, majestic COTTONWOODS rise everywhere along the shore. Native cottonwoods LOVE the lake's wet margins, rising to towering heights, with

shiny leaves that rustle magically in the wind. COTTONWOOD LAKE? Better, but lacks music. But take the hint. Maybe a Native name or a relative will pay off again.


Or consider the troupe of lively adults visiting Akerberg beach all season equipped with fire pit, coolers, dance music, a fragrant herb, and minimum clothing. My first sighting was a couple dancing samba on the shore, he a tall, dark, handsome Latin prince, she a glorious nymph wearing a thong apparently fashioned from a single silk thread, who delighted in her topless body, as well she should. Among the many benefits of their presence was an immediate rethinking of yet another legacy of dark-minded Puritan conquerors, shame of the human body. Park Board, is it not time to lift the topless prohibition, joining sophisticated beaches in France, Switzerland, Italy, and I believe Argentina and Brazil? "Rio de Minneapolis" anyone?

Happy renaming! Meanwhile, my pals and I will continue to swim in "Cedar Lake" as long as this spectacular fall allows. On Nov. 7, with the air temperature an astounding 63F, we plunged three times, pronounced the water temperature "Cold," the experience ecstatic.

THE END

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From Lisa Goodman

All of the results are in, and I'm so honored and happy to be ward 7's Council Member for another term! We won with 62% of the vote. It's clear that the people of Ward 7 appreciate proven, practical and progressive leadership on the city council.

I am grateful for the hard work, passion and enthusiasm offered every day by my incredible team of young staff and literally over 100 volunteers who knocked on over 10,000 doors made over 20,000 phone calls and as many texts, coordinated house parties, put up over 400 little pink lawn signs, and gave me so much personal and moral support. As a community of residents that are various shades of blue we should be proud of the young people working on campaigns these days.

These last two years shined a light on Minneapolis, and even though this last election was one of the most divisive in memory, I am still hopeful that we can come together for the future of our city on everything from public safety, to economic inclusion, affordability of housing, and climate change.

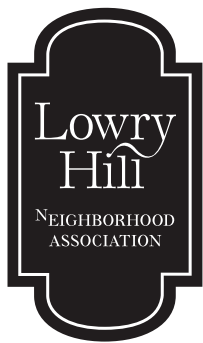
A new group of city council members will be working together to truly reform and transform our police, and I am so excited to work with this tremendous group of individuals on the council as well as community groups and stakeholders from all background and walks of life to accomplish this monumental task.

It's time to come together and work toward the common good for all of our neighbors. Whether you supported me or my opponents, I promise to show up for you everyday as your council member. I promise to ask the hard questions that need to be asked, and come together with the Mayor and the other Council Members and work to truly achieve the both/and approach to public safety.

It's going to be hard work but I'm so excited today for the future of our city.

Jazz in the Park October 22.

By Jacquelynn Brown



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• Lock your car doors when you are inside
• Travel in two or more if possible
• If you have a garage, do not exit the vehicle until the garage door is shut
• Most carjackings happen in broad daylight near people's home
• Ride-share drivers can also be targets and drivers should take extra precautions, especially if asked to wait for a passenger

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Nov. 22nd: Lowry Hill Residents Invited to "Meet Your Principal"

This fall, new Lowry Hill public school students started attending Minneapolis North Community High School. Join us on Monday, November 22nd at 7pm on Zoom to meet Principal Friestleben, Assistant Principal White and Coach Skoglund and discuss fund-raising efforts for the Booster Club. Zoom info on LHNA website.

LHNA to Contribute Funds for North High Polars Booster Club

Unlike area schools that have amassed and replaced equipment over time, North High track teams have virtually no equipment. The LHNA board will vote on a \$10,000 proposed contribution to kickstart the Boosters Club fundraising. Please consider making a year-end gift. Visit LHNA website for full story and how to donate.

Nov. 25th: Giving Thanks to Those Who Keep Our Neighborhood Safe

Each Thanksgiving to show communal gratitude, LHNA delivers delicious pies to police officers and firefighters on behalf of our residents. While we celebrate with family and friends, these dedicated service people continue to keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Tuesday, Dec. 7th: LHNA Board Meeting 7:00 pm

All residents are welcome, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Agenda and Zoom info will posted on the LHNA website prior to the meeting.

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Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

Submitted by Michael Jon Olson

CIDNA Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2021

DRAFT – NOT OFFICIAL

Attendance

Board Members Present: Laura Cederberg (Chair), Laura DeMarais, Rosanne Halloran, Mary Pattock, Claire Ruebeck, Mike Siebenaler (Treasurer), Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair)

Board Members Absent: Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, Amanda Vallone

Others Present: Lisa Goodman (City Council – Ward 7), Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Michael Rothman (resident), Robert Thompson (accountant)

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:01.

The agenda was approved without amendment.

The minutes of the October 13 board meeting were approved.

Reports

Ward 7 Office. Councilmember Goodman reported:

The mandatory SWLRT construction safety meeting will be held 6:00 – 7:30pm, Thursday, December 2.

The process for redistricting has begun. There will be several hearings over the next few months.

The 2022 City budget is available for review and comment. Online public hearings are scheduled for: 1:30pm, Tuesday, 11/16; 6:00pm, Wednesday, 12/1; and 6:00pm, Wednesday, 12/8. CM Goodman generally supports the Mayor's proposed budget. Her priorities include restoration of Lake Street, addressing homelessness, accelerating the repair of street lights, and public safety, including funding for the current class of 160 cadets.

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported that Mike S. rented a storage unit for CIDNA documents, materials, and other assets.

Communications Committee. Mary reported:

The committee will explore possibility of new

neighborhood street signage and banners to reflect updated CIDNA logo.

The committee met with Charlie Rybak from SW Voices who described the online newspaper's business format as for profit monthly membership revenue serving 24 Minneapolis neighborhoods west of I-35 and south of 394. The publication may add a print format in the future. SW Voices has no editorial platform at this time.

The CIDNA website rebuild is underway. Committee members are evaluating content to identify what will be included in the new website architecture.

Social Committee. It was noted that the Art Mart 2021 Stroll and Scroll event is planned for November 27, in conjunction with Small Business Saturday. The event will take place online and at the following CIDNA locations: Seed Café, The Foundry, and Taberna. Artists and makers are being recruited and can contact info@cidna.org for application information. Applications are due November 20.

Environment Committee. Claire reported:

The MPRB "Parks for All" 15-year Comprehensive Plan was adopted in October.

CIDNA's volunteer stewardships agreements with MPRB will be reviewed in early 2022 and will come to the board of directors with a recommendation to renew or modify.

The Cedar Lake – Lake of the Isles Master Planning project continues. The work is entering the design phase; however the Vision Statement and Guiding Design Principles are in still in draft form (https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-09-16_CIMP_CAC-5-Presentation_Final_Accessible-v4.pdf). CIDNA will develop a POV statement with an emphasis on protecting the natural environment, Joint Safety Committee.

Laura D. reported that members of the joint committee from Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Maka Ska will meet at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 15 at

Rustica to explore priorities and opportunities for collaboration (transportation, crime, personal safety, pedestrian safety, bike safety).

Financial Report. Robert Thompson presented the YTD financials. Main expenses in the last month were related to the Fall Festival event and payments to CIDNA contractors. Board members requested that NRP resources be identified in the financial reports.

Discussions

CIDNA Operations Manual Documents. Michael Jon asked board members to review the draft policy and procedure documents in the Operations Manual folder in the CIDNA Google Drive. The City of Minneapolis is requiring all neighborhood organizations to adopt these policies and procedures prior to receiving funding in 2022. Approval of updated policies and procedures will be an action item for the December board meeting.

CIDNA Committee Development. Michael Jon offered to draft "charters" for each committee, outlining the purpose and structure. It was noted that the Transportation and Land Use committees are not currently active but efforts to re-energize volunteers for these areas is underway. There was discussion about the need to clarify the boundaries between the Transportation Committee and the Joint Safety Committee.

CIDNA Membership. Laura C. said that she would convene a group to look at membership recruitment, with an emphasis on multi-unit residences.

CIDNA 2022 Budget. Laura C. will send budget worksheets to committee chairs.

CIDNA Board Training. Michael Jon noted that NCR staff are willing to do training for board members, but the board needs to determine the scope of and a date for a training.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Minutes submitted by John Lillehei, MD Secretary, LHNA Board

Date: November 9, 2021

Location; Zoom

Time to Call Meeting to Order after Quorum: 7:01 PM by President Charles Schiederer

Board Members Present: Charles Schiederer (President), Thomas Regnier (V.P), Toni D'Eramo (Treasurer), John Lillehei, MD (Secretary), Jacquelynn Brown, Vickie Gilfillian- Bennett, Fran Davis, George Monague, Tyler Ecklund-Kouba, Sue Westerman, Craig Wilson, Jennifer Wirick Breiting, Robert Hinck, Chad Harkin, Anne Nelson

Other Attendees: Lisa Goodman, Inspector Katie Blackwell, Patricia Frazier, Joe Wenker, Kathleen Gaskins, Barb Davis, Mary Bochnak, Miriam Segall, Kathy Low, Katie Severt

Minutes of October 5, 2021 LHNA Board Meeting

Motion carried to approve the minutes.

Minneapolis City Council Update

7th Ward Council Member Lisa Goodman gave a neighborhood Update. The legislative mandated Southwest Light Rail Safety Meeting is on December 2, 2021 at 6 PM. Street sweeping is completed. The final yard waste/leaves pickup starts the week of November 15th. 35 Groveland Terrace demolition is complete, and with a small variance, construction has begun on the 2- story, 4 unit building. The public hearings on the proposed City Budget will commence on November 16, 2021 at 1:30 PM. American Rescue Plan Funds will also be discussed.

Inspector Katie Blackwell addressed the recent 26 carjacking spree that targeted BMWs. The victims were either entering or leaving their cars, generally approached by more than one suspect, or pinned by another suspect car, lights off, generally when it is dark,

with often a gun displayed or implied. She emphasized that one should be smart, non -distracted and acutely aware of their environment as you enter or exit your car as these carjackings proceed rapidly. A Joint Task Force for carjacking was formed this week with the Police, Hennepin County Sheriff Office, and Hennepin County Attorney Office. Since it is a small group of suspects, juveniles and another group ages 18-20, are released quickly to the street, it is the goal to have one prosecutor that can charge these repeat offenders to prevent quick release.

Inspector Blackwell also stated there was a number of thefts from vehicles. Lock your cars and leave nothing in them.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Toni D'Eramo presented a summary of current LHNA funds and a projection of costs. For the period ending 9/30/2021, \$41,677.76 remains in CPP related funds.

Expected remaining expenses for 2021: \$10,000 for North High School Polar Booster Club for the Track Program, \$10,000 for Thomas Lowry Park/ Seven Pools Historic Plaques, \$5,000 for Lowry Hill Neighborhood Signage, \$4,200 repayment of an advance from the City, \$3,500 to prepay Hill and Lake Press for 2022 advertisements, 4th Quarter related expenses.

Events Committee Update

Events Chair Jackie Brown gave the update. The October 24th LHNA sponsored "Fall for Jazz" event in Thomas Lowry Park was a success with over 80 attendees. Many requested that this become an annual event. All enjoyed the October 31st neighborhood Halloween Trick or Treat event.

LHNA will be hosting, with Jackie Brown and Craig

Wilson as moderators, a Zoom 'Meet Your Principal: Virtual Community Building Event, on November 22nd at 7:00 PM. North High is now part of the Lowry Hill community secondary to redistricting. The meeting will showcase the North High Polars Track Program with guest speakers North High Principal Mauri Friestleben, Assistant Principal Steve White, and Track Coach Skogland.

All LHNA Board members will receive the Zoom invitation.

There are plans to have a future joint meeting event with the LHNA and Kenwood Association.

CPP (Community Participation Program) & Neighborhood Priorities Report

At our October 5, 2021 LHNA Board meeting with full support of the LHNA Board, Craig Wilson first addressed his vital work on helping the North High School Polar Track Program purchase much needed track equipment using CPP Funds. The request was for \$10,000.

President Scheiderer and Treasurer Toni D'Eramo worked with Bob Cooper (Manager NRP and Citizen Participation City of Minneapolis, Finance and Property Services Department) to rewrite the contract language to the allow use of LHNA CPP Funds for the North High Track Program or other future public institutions.

Motion Carried to revise the language of the Public Realm Improvements Priority to read: "Support projects that improve the public realm in and around Lowry Hill through targeted investments in landscaping, street furnishing, and related infrastructure."

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Projects may include, but are not limited to the Douglas Median Landscape Project and the Fremont Mount-Mount Curve Triangle Landscape Project. Funds may also be used for other improvements to other public spaces within the neighborhood. This may include increased signage and neighborhood improvements to our public spaces. Further, projects also may include support for public institutions, such as schools, that are part of the Lowry Hill Community.”

President Scheiderer stated that now that this motion has passed, and because it involves a change in language, it is legally necessary to provide a 21 day published notice before the LHNA Board can ratify this motion by a vote. That notice starts with these minutes and the posting of this carried motion on the LHNA website tomorrow November 10, 2021.

Therefore, LHNA Board members will receive electronic notification on December 1, 2021 to cast their electronic vote on this motion to make it official.

Craig Wilson, Neighborhood Priorities Chair revisited the Thomas Lowry/ Seven Pools Historic Bronze Plaques CPP funds request. At the October 5, 2021 LHNA Board Meeting, a motion was passed “for up to \$7,500 in CPP funds to be utilized for the installation of 2 bronze (or similar material) plaques that would provide historic context for Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools.”

Craig furthered that there is now a need for a 3rd bronze plaque to cover the unsightly Seven Pools water supply hatch and the general increase in the cost of bronze materials.

Motion carried to use up to \$10,000 in CPP funds for the creation and installation of 3 bronze (or similar material) plaques in Thomas Lowry Park .

Craig turned the discussion to funding the North High Polar Track Program and the newly formed North High Polar Booster Club. The need is for \$43,000 in Track Program equipment. Mark Tierney is also spearheading this North High School Polar Booster Club endeavor in the hopes of garnering community-wide financial support the Polar Track Program. The change in the LHNA CPP language will now allow the LHNA to fund the initial \$10,000 to North.

Motion carried to allocate \$10,000 in CPP Funds to the North High School Polar Booster Club for the Track Program.

Tyler Ecklund- Kouba,, Communications & Outreach Committee Member, presented an update on Lowry Hill Street signage. He displayed Lowry Hill sign photographs taken on a recent neighborhood pilgrimage with his dog. He counted 11, many worn with age and graffiti, and many not strategically located at the Lowry Hill Neighborhood entrance boundaries.

There has been Board discussion about better and updated street signage. Tyler presented a bid of \$2,950 from a sign company for the productions and installation of 21 new Lowry Hill Street signs. Board Members countered we should allocate more.

Motion carried to allocate \$5000 in CPP funds for the production and installation of Lowry Hill Neighborhood Signage.

Crime and Safety Report

Crime and Safety Chair Sue Westerman revisited Inspector Katie Blackwell’s crime update on the alarming number of carjackings and car robberies. She reiterated the importance of “ Know Your Neighbor”, be vigilant of neighbors, communicate with them, be aware of your surroundings, and keep your exterior lights on especially as our daylight wanes.

Zoning Report

Zoning Chair Fran Davis presented no new recent zoning issues. She emphasized that all should attend the Lowry Hill Peris Hill Open House on November 16, 2021 from 4 PM – 6PM.

Communications Report

Communications Chair Toni D’Eramo and



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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Matthew Spies

KNO Board - Below are draft minutes from the November meeting. Please advise of any changes ahead of our December meeting.

You can also note that final minutes are retained on our website (<https://www.kenwoodmpls.org/>)

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2021

Online Meeting

*** Draft for approval at December Meeting ***

Present: Mark Brown (Chair), Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Courtney Kiernat, Kyle Leier, Jack Levi

Absent: Lana Baggentos

Guest Speakers: David Davies (SWLRT Office), Inspector Katie Blackwell (Minneapolis Police Department), Katie Miller (Community Navigator, Procedure Justice Unit, Minneapolis Police Department)

1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes. Motion made by James Barnett, seconded by Jeremy Nichols, to approve October meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on Southwest Light Rail from David Davies. Mr. Davies noted that bridge and tunnel work continues throughout the corridor. He has no update on any increased cost or timing of tunnel and light rail at this time.

3. Public Safety Discussion with Inspector Katie

Blackwell and Katie Miller. Inspector Blackwell highlighted the increase in carjacking and aggravated assaults. The incidents have been sporadic around the city. Inspector Blackwell suggested using caution when picking up goods purchased via the internet. Meet in a well lit area under surveillance, such as a police building parking lot. Ms. Miler suggested being alert when walking. She noted whistles or other loud noise can help fend off an offender. You can also text message 911 if you don't want to be noticed reporting an incident. You can also register a Ring (or other surveillance) camera with the police to help identify perpetrators.

4. Neighborhoods 2020 Update from Mark Brown. Mark shared some received feedback from the city on the Equitable Engagement Plan. The plan as drafted is satisfactory in the eyes of the city reviewers. KNO will need to draft and/or update various policies and procedures. A draft of updated Bylaws will be circulated to the board.

Change in Fiscal Year. Motion made by Courtney Kiernat to align fiscal years in our bylaws to align with a calendar year starting on January 1. The motion was seconded by Will Stensrud. The motion passed. A full review of the updated bylaws will be presented at the December 2021 board meeting.

Matt

Her new novel is a ghost story set in a Minneapolis bookstore very much like Erdrich's own.

By Laurie Hertzler Star Tribune

Louise Erdrich's "creaky old" Minneapolis house might well have its own resident ghost, but she's not talking about it.

"It does," she said in a recent interview. "And that's all I'm going to say. I don't want to disturb this ghost. I feel like I really don't want to disturb things."

Fortunately her Minneapolis bookstore, Birchbark Books, is also haunted, and that ghost was one of the inspirations for her new novel, "The Sentence" (in stores Tuesday).

Erdrich had long wanted to write a ghost story that unfolds over the course of a year in a bookstore. But each time she started it, she got sidetracked by something else — most recently by the writing of "The Night Watchman," which won this year's Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

"I would start it, and then I would start it again, and then I would start it again," she said. "Finally I decided in 2019, this is the time."

She started writing on All Souls Day, Nov. 2, telling herself, "I will write through whatever happens in the next year and I will learn how to deal with what

President Charles Scheiderer discussed the annual requirement for all LHNA Board Members to sign the Conflicts of Interest Policy. It will be disseminated electronically to all Board Members for signature. It is the duty of Secretary John Lillehei to store them on file.

New Business

The Holiday season is a time to recognize the added stress to our Police Officers and Firefighters. It has been a Thanksgiving tradition to donate pies to them.

Motion carried to allocate \$300 from our LHNA discretionary account for Thanksgiving pies for Police Officers and Firefighters.

December LHNA ZOOM Board Meeting Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:00 PM

As there was no further business,

Meeting adjourned by Charles Scheiderer at 9:09 PM by a motion carried.

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

Have you totally lost your mind?

-Various friends, neighbors
and total strangers

After the passing of our treasured border collie Hannah (2006-21) and a mourning period of nearly a year, I began to yearn for a dog. I also wanted a companion for Tess, our ten-year old border collie. She, however, was beginning to enjoy the rank and privilege of being top dog. JoAnne (the editor) agreed with her, but was willing to consider a one- to three-year old female border collie. Catherine, a close friend on her own pup search, texted us a picture of a gorgeous candidate in Burbank. The owner had received many calls but would meet us. Tess, JoAnne and I immediately hopped in the car. There was a lively discussion on the way, centered around the dog's age (3 months) and gender, male.

"The Thunderbolt" is what we were looking for. JoAnne felt it instantly with Tess, and I with Hannah. This boy was cute, bitey, and not fully housebroken. In short, a puppy. We were smitten but that is a far cry from accepting "needle teeth" and middle of the night bathroom trips (although I am up anyway). We caucused. Tess was patient as he climbed on her, which we took for assent. JoAnne and I wavered. He was endearing but we were unsure. Finally I said, "I don't think I can leave without him." JoAnne (my joy for fifty years) knew we were at another major decision,

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we called in grade school 'current events.' Well, then the current events got so overwhelming that I couldn't even take notes."

"The Sentence" takes place between November 2019 and November 2020, and while it starts out screamingly funny, by mid-novel COVID-19 has swept the country, George Floyd has been murdered, and Minneapolis is in flames.

While those chapters have an intense, almost journalistic feel, Erdrich said she didn't write them as things unfolded.

"I was not equipped," she said. "I still haven't come to grips with what happened, even though I tried to in this book. I wasn't writing at all during that time. Who could do anything but pay attention?"

When she resumed writing she found it very hard to write about those events, so close to home, so intense and still so unresolved.

"In my journals, my writer's notebooks, I have a repeating, 'I can't do this, I can't do this, this is beyond me,' when it came to what happened with George Floyd. 'This is not in my wheelhouse. This is impossible for me.'

"I felt very small. Very inadequate to write about the enormity of what happened. So I also have these notes to myself: 'You can do it!' But that was sort of bravado. 'You can do it.'"

The 'Book Louise'

"The Sentence" is narrated by Tookie, an impulsive, funny, word-obsessed Native woman who has recently been released from prison (how she got there is explained in that screamingly funny first chapter). Now she works at a Minneapolis bookstore that is a lot like Erdrich's — owned by a writer named Louise who is about to head out on a book tour just as the pandemic begins sweeping the country.

Louise is a minor character, but her appearance in the book is like a lovely inside secret. She writes charming e-mails to the staff, lives in a creaky old house with a ghost that manifests itself in her attic writing room (where it helps her with her work) and ultimately cuts her book tour short when her daughters and her public-health-physician sister urge her to come home.

"I guess I have some things in common with her," Erdrich admitted.

The ghost that haunts the novel's bookstore is the ghost of Flora, a customer who died while reading a book. Tookie determines that it was one particular sentence that caused her demise.

"What I'm trying to say is that a certain sentence of

one far larger than a new refrigerator. Were we game for a new adventure [at our age]? She nodded that she was in. She held the pup on her lap on the way home.

Catherine raced over to meet the boy. I went for Band-Aids, as he had already greeted me. We all watched him play in the yard as we waited for a clue to his new name. I said he looked like the old ad for RCA. JoAnne said "RCA Victor!" Catherine said "Victor! That's it!" (Those of a certain age will make the RCA connection (no pun). I would like to say he gave us the cocked head stare of the original dog, but in truth he just kept eating grass, barking and bedeviling Tess.

Victor is a "borador". This is not some Hollywood thing. The accidental breeders owned a border collie and a lab and didn't neuter them. Victor seems to possess the best qualities of both breeds, border collie smarts and lab affection. While Tess often finds him a bother, when he is tussling with other dogs she will intervene on his behalf. He seems to grow and stretch out every day. He goes to puppy school, has a private trainer, and appears to be very bonded to us. He is playful, mischievous, and loving. He is a project and quite likely the last one we will take on, but he may keep us young.

Whether he looks like the original RCA dog, a terrier mix named Nipper, you can decide. But we have the nipped arms, hands and fingers to attest to at least one passing resemblance.

Tom H. Cook is simultaneously feeling very young and very old. Victor thinks JoAnne, Tess, and her new dog and human friends are just great.

A safe and happy holiday to all!

the book — a written sentence, a very powerful sentence — killed Flora," Tookie tells the character Louise.

"Louise was silent. After a few moments she spoke. 'I wish I could write a sentence like that.'"

Erdrich hoots with laughter recalling that scene. "Because so many writers would be like, yeah. And maybe I would, too. I never really asked myself that question. I asked the Book Louise that question."

One long sentence

"The Sentence," which has been longlisted for the 2022 Carnegie Medal, opens with an epigraph from Minneapolis poet Sun Yung Shin's collection "Unbearable Splendor." It reads: "From the time of birth to the time of death, every word you utter is part of one long sentence."



(RCA)

Victor

Louise Erdrich at Birchbark Books



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